

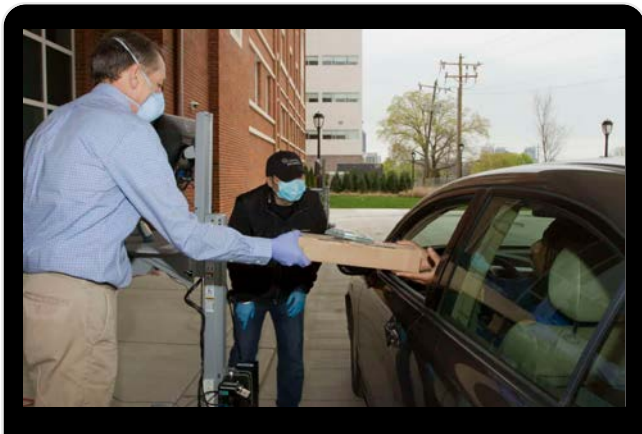


# A Snapshot of COVID-19 Outreach & Engagement Efforts by NCCC Members

During the COVID-19 pandemic, NC Campus Compact members have fully embraced their role as anchor institutions committed to leveraging their skills, knowledge, and resources to address challenging public issues. While each campus is engaged in multiple efforts, we highlight one activity per campus.

## Tech Support

With the shift to online instruction, schools have found creative ways to support faculty and students. Some have extended Wi-Fi access throughout their campus, creating drive-in hotspot access points in their parking lots or provided access to libraries and student resource centers (while maintaining social distancing). All our campuses have made every effort to assist students in need of devices.

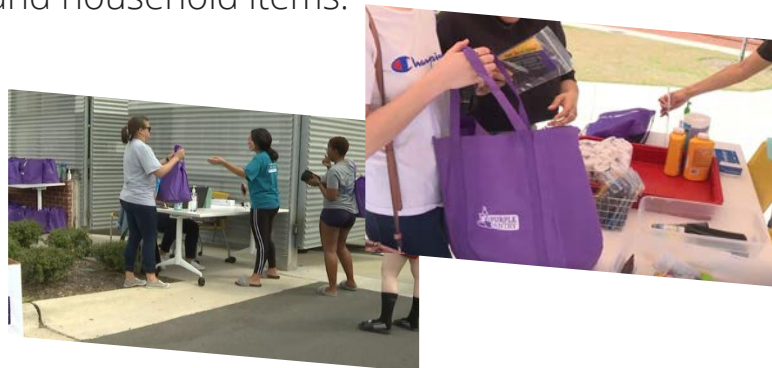


The Service-Learning Office at **Central Piedmont Community College**, in conjunction with the CPCC Foundation and Single Stop Office, disseminated 300 Chromebooks and Hot Spots to students and employees in need.

## Student Food Assistance

Through their food pantries, **Davidson County Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Fayetteville State University, Guilford Technical Community College, Meredith College, Methodist University, Piedmont Community College, UNC Greensboro, and UNC Wilmington** are addressing food insecurity by providing pre-packaged bags, allowing pantry visits by appointments, or providing e-gift cards to students to purchase food. **Guilford College** is providing fresh vegetables to students from their farm.

Between March 19-25, **East Carolina University** distributed a total of 201 Pirate Pack Emergency Kits through their Purple Pantry. They have now transitioned to a mobile pantry operation of the Purple Pantry, delivering Pirate Packs to students each Wednesday. Pirate Packs contain food, hygiene, and household items.



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**Bennett College** used funding from the Giving Tuesday Student Emergency Campaign to assist students who were unable to afford travel, who needed tech support for online classes, and who needed to purchase essentials. Lodging was also provided for students off-campus in partnership with a local Bed and Breakfast.

**NC State University** created an online portal to provide assistance for students to apply for a CARES Act Emergency Grant. For students who don't qualify for a CARES grant, the Pack Essentials Student Emergency Relief Fund is available. The portal also provides resources related to housing and food insecurity, employment opportunities, childcare, scholarships, interview clothes, etc.

**North Carolina A & T State University** established the Student Emergency Fund to provide small grants for students to assist with food, rent, travel and other basic necessities. Within one month the university had awarded emergency funds to 512 students in need.

**Winston-Salem State University** is providing Ram relief grants to students and their families who are economically impacted by the pandemic.

## Donations of PPE

NCCC members have stepped up to donate personal protective equipment or generate items to assist front line healthcare providers and essential workers.

**Alamance Community College** provided 300 surgical masks to staff members at Alamance County Department of Social Services. They donated 50 face shields and 100 isolation gowns to Peak Resources Alamance Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.

The **Campbell University** Pharmaceutical Education & Research Center made 300 four-ounce bottles of FDA-approved hand sanitizer to distribute to clinical faculty working on the frontlines.



**Lenoir-Rhyne University** loaned five hospital beds to Catawba Valley Health System.

The Physics and Design department faculty at **Queens University of Charlotte** launched a 3D printing project making protective shield masks. Over 230 masks have been made and delivered to healthcare facilities.

**Wayne Community College** contributed supplies, from its Allied Health programs and Science departments, to a local pediatric practice, a hospice center, and the Salvation Army for use in its community feeding efforts.

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Two music professors from **Brevard College** and **Western Carolina University** partnered to play and record pieces by Vivaldi & Bach, to share with local churches to fill the void of missing choirs during the Easter season.

**Elon University** has partnered with their local newspaper, the Burlington Times-News, to create a series of articles where faculty share their expertise with the community about navigating the virus. Topics have included avoiding coronavirus on surfaces and the possibility of getting COVID-19 again.

**UNC Charlotte** faculty have provided important commentary as part of a "What to Know" series. The pieces are available on the College of Health & Humans Services news site. Topics included staying active, suicide prevention, and eating healthy at home.

**Wingate University** is working with Rivendell Farms of the Carolinas to help populate and maintain current data from community partners to create a COVID-19 Emergency Food Access Map and a Farms and Farmers Markets Map. A team of students fluent in Spanish are translating the maps to make them more accessible.

## K-12 Support

The College Advising Corps at **Davidson College** places college graduates as full-time advisers in under-resourced high schools to support students as they navigate the college admission and matriculation. They have shifted entirely to providing remote college advising for partner high schools. Also, Davidson's student service leaders are providing remote tutoring for the LEARNWorks afterschool program at the Ada Jenkins Center.

The Office of Civic & Community Engagement at **Wake Forest University** launched a Virtual Tutoring program to match undergraduate and graduate students as tutors with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County K-12 students during school closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. They are also offering "Wake Reads" virtual story time and the Kids Cooking Coalition offers virtual cooking demonstrations and nutritional education. Wake Women in STEM has created online demonstrations on how to make a lava lamp and build a rocket.



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The A.C.T. Office at **Appalachian State University** has created a website listing online volunteering opportunities.

Prior to closing their on-campus food pantry, **Elizabeth City State University** donated over 400 lbs of food to the Food Bank of the Albemarle.

**NC Central University** students volunteer with the American Red Cross in Durham, to support the continuation of their operation as a blood product center.

**High Point University** AmeriCorps VISTAs are supporting the capacity of partner agencies by facilitating community volunteer matching; researching and applying for grant funds; and creating guides for volunteer safety.

**UNC Asheville** students have partnered with local nonprofit BeLoved, to fundraise, purchase and distribute tents to homeless populations in Asheville.

**UNC-Chapel Hill** School of Medicine student leaders partnered with the Office of Interprofessional Education and Practice to form the *Carolina Covid-19 Student Service Corps* to increase the capacity of health professional students to engage in service-learning to address the needs of health systems and communities across NC.

The CARE Resource Center at **UNC Pembroke** continues to serve the campus and community by providing food and emergency housing assistance.



**Wake Technical Community College** celebrated National Volunteer Week by sending thank you cards to first responders and healthcare workers in the Triangle.

The NC Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA at **Warren Wilson College** is assisting partner organization, Food Connection, with their hour tracking and distribution of surplus fresh meals from restaurants, caterers and institutions, to local feeding programs.



Nursing students at **Western Carolina University** are providing "Whee Love YOU" bags that include apples, oranges, potatoes, PPE masks, and notes of appreciation to individuals living in local low-income senior housing facilities.