

Develop a community garden tended by Fresno State students that is in close proximity to the food pantry.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

This idea seeks to address the following issues currently facing our Fresno State students:

- *Food insecurity
- *Lack of fruit and vegetable consumption
- *Lack of knowledge around preparation of healthy meals consisting of fruits and vegetables.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

A community garden tended by Fresno State students that is in close proximity to the food pantry

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

- *Feeds the students
 - *Gives students experience growing produce
 - *Gives students knowledge around preparation of healthy meals
- All resulting in healthy students who are ready to succeed academically.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

***This idea was scored by CAIFE alumni in conjunction with Idea 125. Please see Idea 125 for scoring rubric.**

Enhance the Student Cupboard by creating self-sustainability through building systems that produce food 365 days a year.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

The Student Cupboard is an amazing initiative that could be further enhanced by creating a direction toward self-sustainability. This effort could be initiated by creating a CSA or Community Supported Agriculture program that was designed and operated by students for students.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

Build systems that produce food 365 days a year, using progressive and innovated farming practices. We could seek to optimize and reduce water consumption, air pollution, transportation costs, and other inputs while providing our students food that is not only ultra-fresh but rich in flavor and nutrients.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

This would provide the entire campus community an unprecedented level of insight to where parking is on a moment by moment basis. This solution would also elevate the campus experience, allow better utilization of parking spaces, and provide data for analysis that would help with future parking improvements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Giving students the agency to produce food for the Cupboard would provide a system of engagement and community service that allows and encourages involvement from almost every field of study provided by this campus.