



**WILDCAT
PANTRY**

**Nourishing Wildcats,
Empowering Success**

Established in 2015 by Students, for Students



2025

**FALL
QUARTER
IMPACT REPORT**

WHO WE ARE



Mission

The Wildcat Pantry works to empower CWU students by removing barriers to essential resources that support holistic well-being. We do this by creating centralized access to free groceries, essential items, resource navigation, and educational programming that addresses systemic issues.

Vision

Every Wildcat has access to consistent and accessible resources supporting their holistic well-being, fostering confidence in fulfilling their basic needs and ensuring personal, academic, and professional success.

MEET OUR TEAM!



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Wildcat Pantry Coordinator



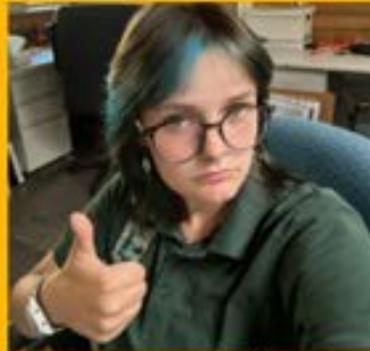
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A LOOK AT THE DATA

SHOPPERS REGISTERED

This fall we saw a decrease in the number of new shoppers utilizing the wildcat Pantry. With a majority of our new registrants being first year students who heard of us through friends or from orientation.

525 SHOPPERS

DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

We want to thank all of our amazing community members and partners for their continuous support. Donations are one of the many ways we support our students, and it wouldn't be possible without you!

553.21 POUNDS

TOTAL WEEKLY SHOPPERS

This quarter the pantry decided to register all instances that a shopper checks out under 1 visit for the week. This was to more accurately track shopper item limits. With this change in how we track shopper visits we estimate an increase of 38%

3,546 VISITS

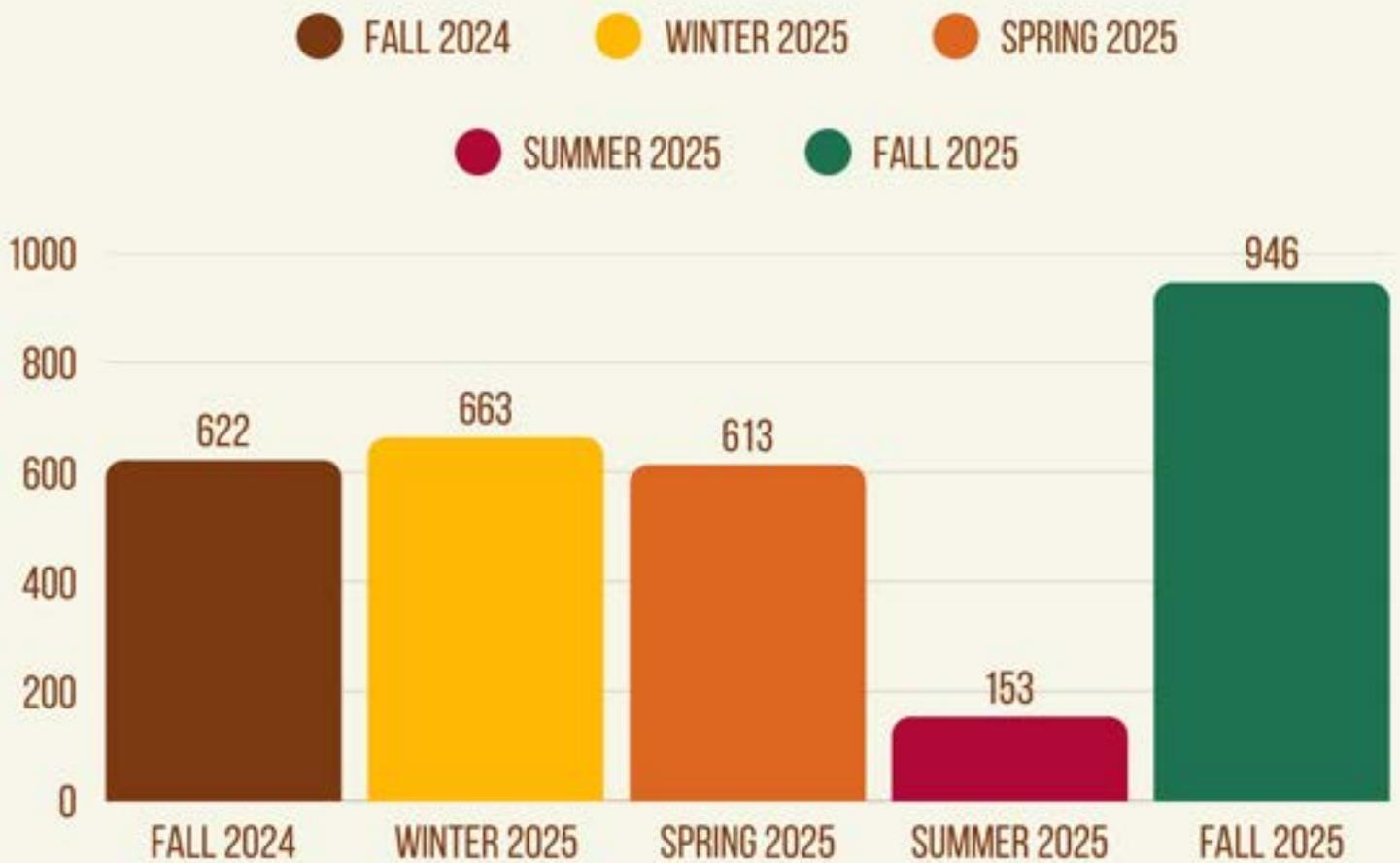
ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

Compared to Fall 2024 we have seen a 55% increase in the number of items we are distributing within the Wildcat Pantry.

30,320 ITEMS

COMPARISON

COUNT OF SHOPPERS FROM FALL 2024 - FALL 2025



**52% INCREASE IN SHOPPERS COMPARED TO
FALL QUARTER 2024**

FALL QUARTER SHOPPERS TOOK ON AVERAGE 14 LBS, 32 ITEMS, AND USED 55 POINTS!

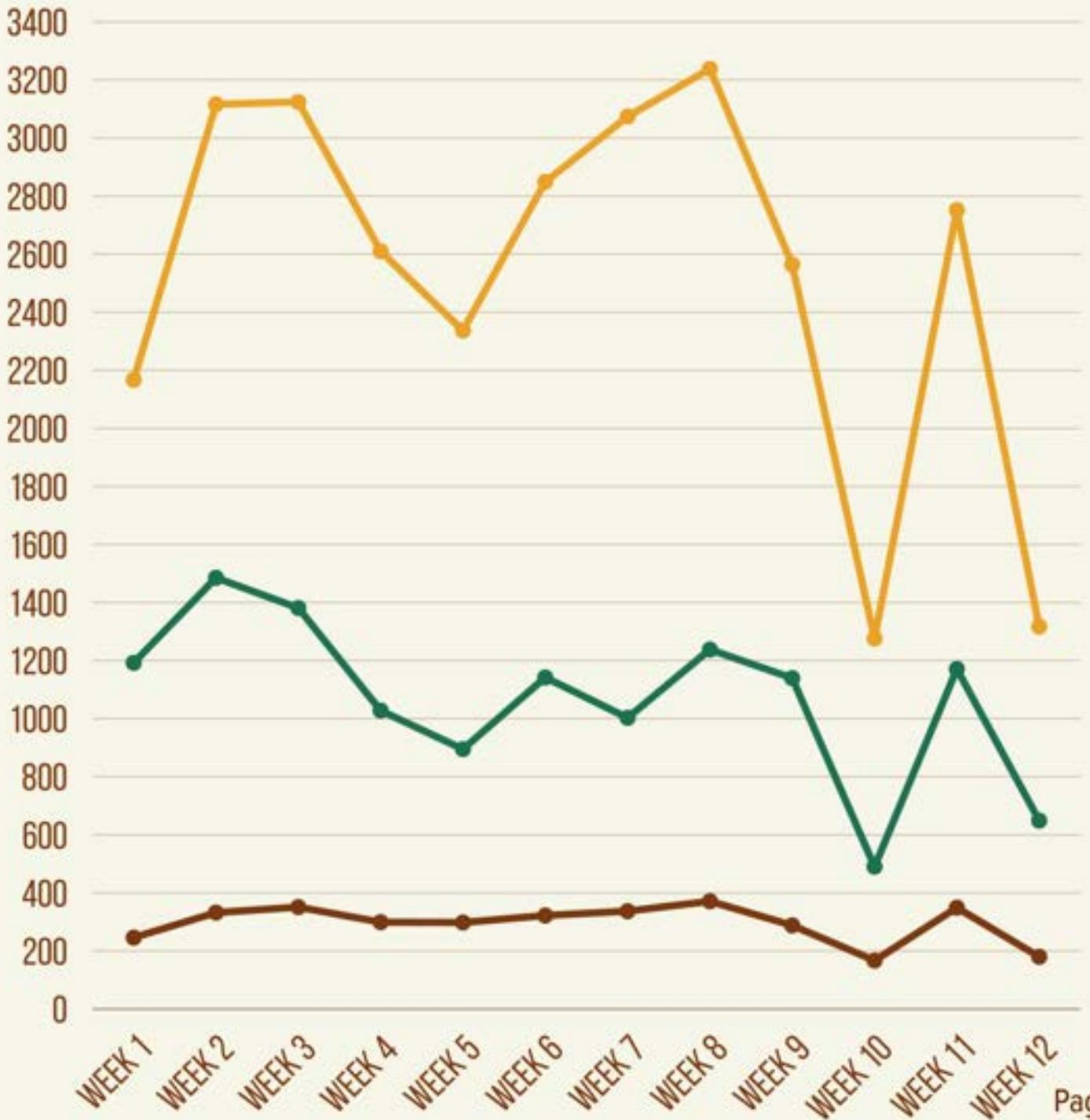
	FALL 2024	FALL 2025	INCREASE (%)
POUNDS DISTRIBUTED	8,916	12,815.02	44% 
ITEMS DISTRIBUTED	19,603	30,434	55% 
TOTAL POINT VALUE	29,192	51,654.5	77% 



NEW SHOPPERS	525
RETURNING SHOPPERS	421
TOTAL SHOPPERS	946

CLOSER LOOK

● # OF SHOPPERS ● # OF ITEMS ● LBS OF ITEMS



COLLABORATIONS

JUMP START



The past 2 years we've had the privilege of being one of the first departments that incoming Jumpstart students create relationships with. This year we held a workshop during the Jump Start Experience camp providing them with resources, who we are, a tour of the Pantry, and set up their

accounts in Pantry Soft. Later we regrouped at the Wildcat Farm, farm to table dinner where students could build their own snack packs to kick off their residence hall room pantries. In supporting Jump Starts mission of providing students with the resources necessary to be successful we held a small grab & go in their office providing students with access to hygiene products and nutritional goods.

65 ATTENDEES

BOWLS OF ABUNDANCE

Inspired by *Empty Bowls*, bowls of abundance is hosted in partnership with dining as a way to tear down food security barriers and promote the spirit of generosity. Each student receives a free reusable bowl that they then get to build their meal in. Afterwards they can interact with tabling partners. Held during week of welcome students are encouraged to share their culture and create community!

894 ATTENDEES

COLLABORATIONS

THE ROOST TATTOO FLASH SALE FUNDRAISER

The Roost Tattoo Studio is a local tattoo shop in Ellensburg's downtown area.

This fall they had graciously agreed to hosting a fundraiser to support the Wildcat Pantry and the work we do in our CWU community. We saw over 100 people coming to get flash tattoos and/or piercings with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Wildcat Pantry. Our staff had fun coming up with ideas for the Flash Sheet and giving out wildcat pantry goodie bags and cocoa, cider and cookies that The Roost supplied. We want to thank all the wonderful artists and the owners Amanda and Juan for their support! We also want to thank all the amazing community members who supported us as well!

\$1,000 RAISED

FRIENDSGIVING

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274 ATTENDEES

EVENTS

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE MARKET

Founded in 1971 by Kay Porta Second harvest started as a food pantry. Now they travel far and wide driven by empowering generosity within communities and nourishing neighbors in need. This fall marks the 3rd year we have partnered with Second Harvest to bring their mobile market to CWU and Ellensburg community members. CWU faculty, staff and students come together to help provide groceries and local basic needs information to clients. Here families can receive enough groceries for up to 2 weeks' worth of food. Including fresh produce, pantry items, bread and frozen goods.

443 FAMILIES 7,031 MEALS

SHARING THE ABUNDANCE FALL FESTIVAL

This year marked our 4th Fall Festival. The Sharing the Abundance Fall Festival is the Wildcat Pantries annual resource fair designed to connect CWU students to CWU and local basic needs resources. In a new and exciting way. Students can enjoy free appetizers from CWU dining, thrift for winter clothes in career services pop-up clothing closet and hear from beneficial resources all while taking part in games and equal opportunity drawings.

253 ATTENDEES

EVENTS

THANKSGIVING DINNER BOX DISTRIBUTION

In response to the government shutdown and delay in SNAP benefit distribution the Wildcat Pantry distributed Thanksgiving dinner kits to affected families. Boxes contained a game hen, stuffing, dinner rolls, apple pie, green beans and herb bundles provided by the Wildcat Farm.

24 FAMILIES 69 MEALS

REUSABLE BAG DRAWING

As many of our shoppers know, the Wildcat Pantry relies on donations for all of our shopping bags. In an effort to decrease the number of disposable bags we are distributing and increase the usage of reusable shopping bags the Wildcat Pantry held a drawing throughout the month of November encouraging students to shop sustainably with reusable bags in exchange for being entered into an equal opportunity drawing. The winner was supplied a kitchen basket with a variety of cooking utensils and kitchen necessities. Throughout the month of November 46% of shoppers utilized a reusable bag.

536 PARTICIPANTS 46% OF SHOPPERS

2025 WRAPPED

You Shopped and we watched.
Here's your 2025 Wildcat Pantry
Wrapped!

YOUR TOP ITEM



TOP RAMEN
PACKETS

YOUR TOP CATEGORY



SNACKS

2025



Let's see what else you were craving this year!

YOUR TOP ITEMS

1. Top Ramen Packet
2. Potatoes
3. Cereal
4. Oatmeal Packets
5. Fruit Roll/Strips/Jerky

YOUR TOP CATEGORIES

1. Snacks 
2. Fresh Produce
3. Breakfast & Cereal
4. Beverages
5. Household

COMING SOON

SECOND HARVEST

Similar to this Fall we will be continuing our partnership with Second Harvest mobile market. Join us **January 21st** for our Winter 26' Mobile Market

BYO CHARCUTERIE

You spoke and we listened. Continuing our "Build Your Own" series we will be holding a BYO charcuterie board pop-up. This event will open the pantry on a Friday for some extra hours and give students an opportunity to have some fun!

FOOD DIVERSITY

We are always working to better meet the needs of our CWU community. Though we have made strides in the diversity of our offerings we are always growing with our customers.

PACK THE PANTRY

January 12th-31st

The Wildcat Pantries annual pack the pantry drive asks CWU faculty and staff for donations of non-perishable foods, household goods and hygiene products. Departments compete against one another for bragging rights and the pack the pantry trophy!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

We will be relaunching our volunteer program this upcoming Winter with 3 volunteer trainings. Follow us on Instagram for details!

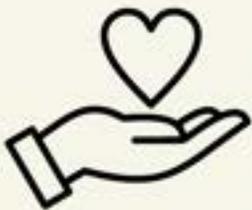
TOWN HALL

We would love to hear from our customers! Join us for our winter town hall to share your feedback!

STAY ENGAGED

The Wildcat Pantry is grateful for the support of anyone who shares the belief that food is essential to health and that students deserve access to the resources they need to succeed at CWU

Join our mission today!



DONATE

We accept donations of plastic bags, cookware, hygiene, food (cannot be expired, unsealed or damaged). Donation bins can be found outside the Wildcat Pantry in Library 153.



FUNDRAISING

Host a drive and make it themed (Cultural foods, hygiene products, bag donations etc.)!

You could also create a fundraising event (percentage or dollar amount will be donated, limited edition product, etc.)



VOLUNTEERING

The Wildcat Pantry has multiple different trainings throughout the year. Earn volunteer hours and connect with your fellow wildcats!



CONNECT

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