



The Collaborative for The
Common Good

IMPACT REPORT



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Welcome Message



It has been such a wonderful five years at the helm of the adventure that is The Collaborative for the Common Good (CCG) at Wingate University. Recently someone asked me how I would describe my Directorship and what jumped to mind was gratitude. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to work with so many different, creative, dedicated people to help transform Eastern Union County, including Wingate University. We are thankful for all the many gifts received, the sweat equity generously given, and lasting friendships forged over the last five years and we hope to capture some of this joy in the next few pages. Please take a moment to explore the impact the CCG has made thanks to vibrant partnerships and dedicated team members of the CCG. If you have ideas or thoughts we would love to hear from you at ccg@wingat.edu

Catherine Wright

Founding Executive Director, CCG
Associate Professor, Ethics

Breaking News... The Community House with the CCG as its Caretakers

The majestic building at the corner of Elm and Main Street is often called by many names: the Mayor's House, The Stewart House or the Braswell House. In early December 2023 Dr. Brown and other stakeholders gathered to speak about how this house bridges the gap between our campus and the wider community, serving as a vibrant, welcoming space for dialogue, collaboration, and innovation. Since then, many have dreamed of this space as a place where diverse voices come together to shape the future, creating engaged stakeholders and trailblazers who will drive positive change within Wingate and beyond. The CCG will be the caretakers of this dream and The Community House will serve as the new home of the CCG. Our goal is to help make this house a catalyst for change, a nexus of possibility, and a testament to the power of 'We'.



Spearheaded by Dr. Joseph Ellis of the Political Science department and Rich Carney, WU Special Collection Archivist, the many stories of Wingate -- past, present, and future -- will be told in this house. Have a story about this house? Contact Joseph Ellis at j.ellis@wingate.edu

ITS JUST A HOUSE WITHOUT THE "COMMUNITY" PART

What has the Wingate University Team been doing?

You might have noticed some activity at The Community House! A team has been put together to help address some of the wear and tear on this old house and breathe some new life into many of its spaces: the gardens, HVAC system, and the porch with some new paint and a ramp to make the space more accessible. Repairs and upgrades will come in phases starting with the main floor in 2024. We invite you to join the CCG team -- work with us in this process of creating a Community House where all are welcome



Connect with Kelli Wiles to find out more about how to book/ barter time for your community or campus group in the space (ccg@wingate.edu)



Join our Pit Crew of lively volunteers tackling painting, gardening and other important tasks. Do what you can, when you can!



Make a monetary donation to help our Kitchen Collective Initiative - Paws and Plates, Our Beauty and Grace Garden Project, or our Raise the Roof Fund. Email ccg@wingate.edu for details



Donate gently used items to help us with our Wish List: Garden furniture sets, fabric for pillows and cushions, pillows for inside, bean bag chairs, outdoor umbrellas, floor and table lamps, plant pots (all sizes), lights for garden

A NOTE ON THE 3 CORNERSTONES OF THE CCG...

What is the CCG doing?

In all our work, we hope to demonstrate an appreciation of the "triple bottom line." We hope all those who work with the CCG appreciate the social-economic-ecological dimensions of well being

Who is the CCG serving?

At the CCG, we take an intergenerational approach from who works with us to who we seek to serve and support. We work with both campus and community partners to support people and places today and tomorrow

How does the CCG work?

We use a participatory process, meaning that we do not do "to" or "for" but work "with" others to make long lasting, positive changes. We also embrace a knowledge democracy where data and wisdom is co-created and shared among stakeholders. See: [Website](#), [Social Media](#) and [White Papers](#)

THE CCG TEAM

Executive Team	
Founder & Executive Director	Dr. Catherine Wright
Administrative Assistant	Kelli Wiles
Service Learning & Community Engagement Coordinator	Dr. Candace Lapan



**Dr. Catherine
Wright**



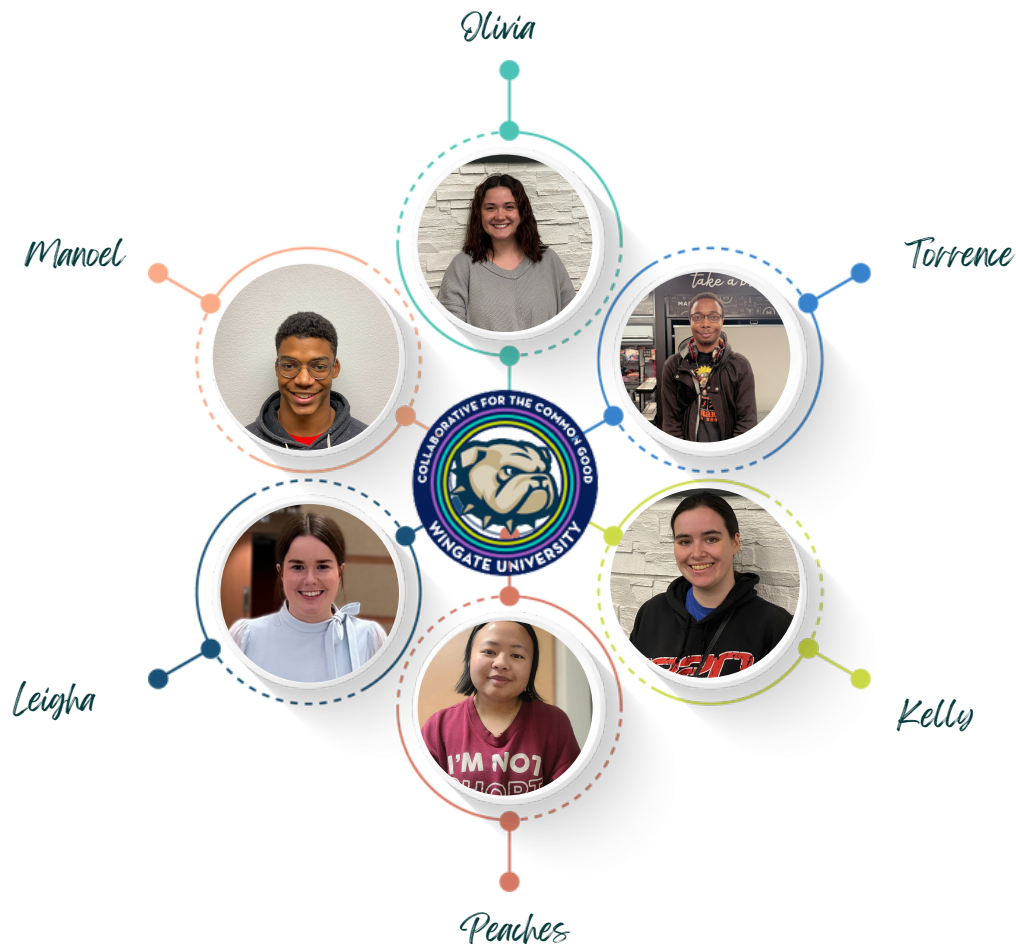
**Kelli
Wiles**



**Dr. Candace
Lapan**

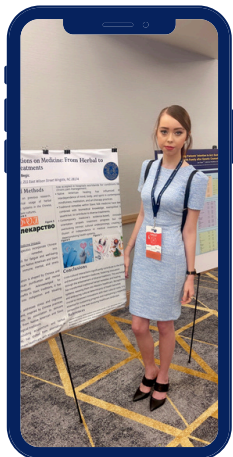
THE CCG TEAM

Student Managers (Summer 2023 - May 2024)	
Garden Manager (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)	Peaches Vang
Paw Provisions/ Farmers Market Student Manager (Spring 2024)	Olivia Payne
Paw Provisions Manager (Fall 2023/Spring 2024)	Manoel Filipe Silva
CCG Farmers Market Worker (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)	Torrence Jones
SLCE Student Worker (Spring 2024)	Leigha Furr



THE CCG TEAM

Student Interns (Summer 2023 - May 2024)	
Dietetic Intern (Summer 2023)	Abby Furr
CCG Public Health Interns (Fall 2023)	Sissi Pacheco (60 Hours) Ionna Martin (60 Hours)
Honors Project (Fall 2023)	Jaqueline Hernandez-Ramos
CCG Human Services Interns (Fall 2023)	Reagan Thomas (100 Hours) Christelle Valentin (100 Hours)
CCG Student Intern (Spring 2024)	Kelly Dunlap (100 Hours)
PH 301 Students (Spring 2024)	Caroline Gibbs; Hailey Bullard; Payton Ballard; Shyann Dixon
Honors Project (Spring 2024)	Keilla Begic



Keilla



Abby



Reagan



Jaqueline



Public Health 301 Students

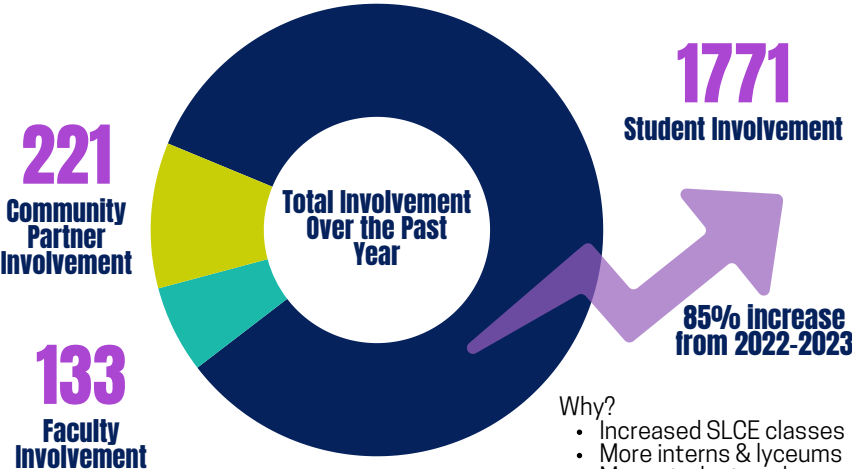


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IMPACT, SUPPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

*times these groups were involved with the CCG programming

7400
Students & Community Members Impacted By CCG Programs



- Why?
- Increased SLCE classes
 - More interns & lyceums
 - More student workers
 - More targeted programs



Grants Received: \$10,600
 BOV \$5000, Food Lion Feeds \$2600, MLK Grant \$2000, Campus Compact Pantry \$1000



Social Media Stats
 Followers: 1,214
 Social Media Reach: 13,509 (28% followers & 72% non-followers)
 2/3 social media audience is located in Wingate/Monroe area
 Views of Newsletter: 1,248

SLCE HIGHLIGHTS



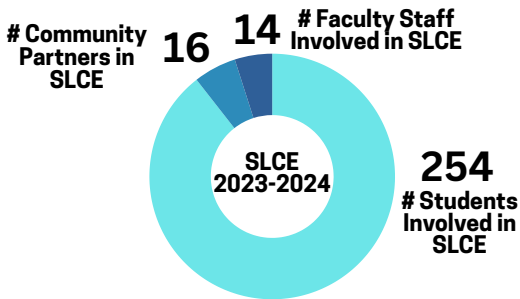
Message from SLCE Coordinator Dr. Candace Lapan



2023-2024 year has been a year to remember! This year started with the birth of my son Nolan. He is almost a year old now and is growing so fast ... I can hardly believe he is the same little nugget we brought home. He is definitely a highlight every day!

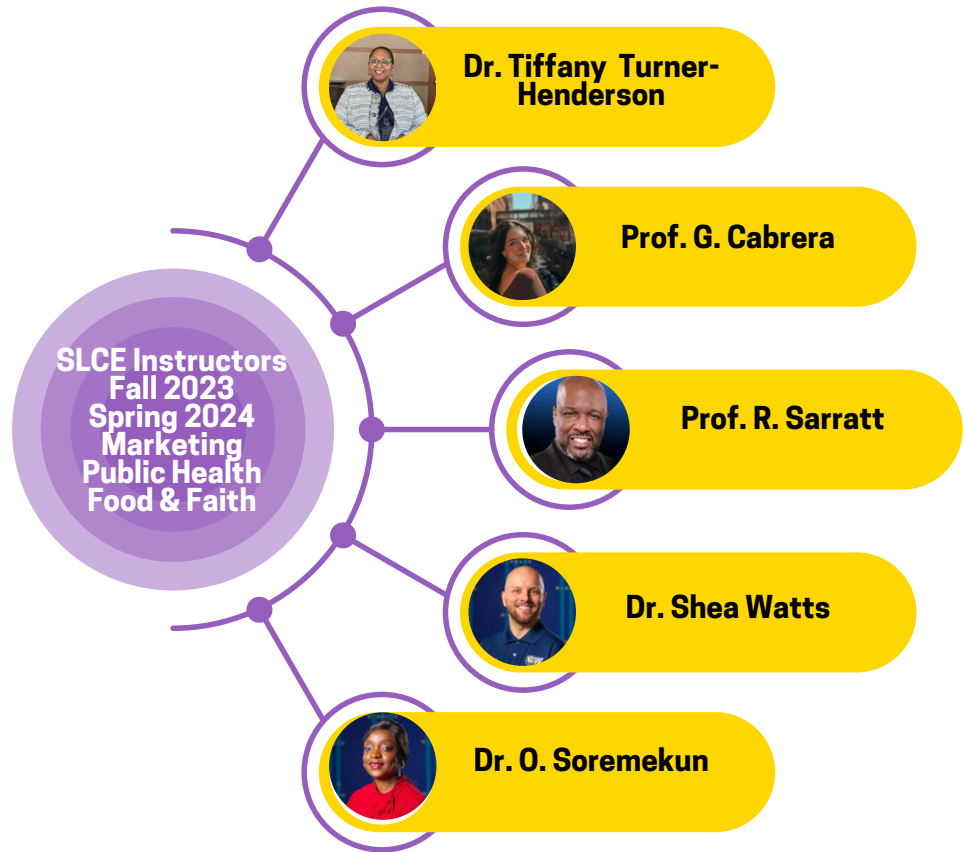
Other highlights of my SLCE work this semester:

- The great team of faculty who implemented high impact SLCE classes at Wingate. They were in the Religion Department, Marketing, and Public Health Departments. Great work team!



- Seeing the Community Engaged Class Food & Faith (REL 140) offer 8 sections (~180 students) with six different instructors (2 hybrid) this past year with all implementing high impact practices in their classrooms. These were the first Community Engaged classes offered at Wingate University by instructors who had completed the SLCE Fellowship. This was such a treat to support them, and I look forward to a summer of data analysis and scholarly writing on what REL 140 students have reported since Fall 2022

- Extra shout out to Dr. O. Soremekun's PH301 Class Showcase of their SLCE projects -- a reminder that it is important to celebrate the work done with our community partners!



Hybrid Instructors

SLCE RESEARCH

Research Highlights

- Seeing the research being done in our SLCE Ethics class (GPS 310) come together. It is a long journey from completing the SLCE Fellowship, to implementation, data collection, data analysis, and finally writing the paper for scholarly publication. But this semester it came full circle and I am grateful for all the faculty, students, and community partners who played a part in this important work.
- A huge shout out to OT doctoral student **Sarah-Anne Hart** who worked on this project doing the qualitative data analysis. This paid internship helped her hone these mixed-method research skills and gain experience in qualitative coding, and in return she helped us to learn more about our students and our SLCE program. Another undergraduate intern, **Lilianna Savannah Tulledge**, also did data analysis and now she has flown the undergraduate coop and is a Pharmacy Student Ambassador.
- Data collection from SLCE classes is important because it is how we determine how SLCE practices are impacting our students and their growth. It is also beneficial for identifying practices that help our institution grow a vibrant community. In this Ethics course, what we found so far was amazing:

Student A Speaking to learning outcomes:

"This particular course has prepared me to tackle our issue by exemplifying how important dialogues are to our development and how easily our feelings can change if ideas are presented from a different perspective."

Student B Speaking to skill acquisition:

"This project has helped me develop my skills in communicating my thoughts with other group members while also helping me develop the skills to step back and listen. The project structure was such that no one person could physically do everything and that helped me learn how to trust other people."



CIVIC SKILLS

increase in students' ability to utilize a variety of specific skills to address community issues

21ST CENTURY SKILLS

increase in oral and written communication, critical thinking, ethical judgment, working effectively in teams, and the practical use and refinement of skills and knowledge

- For a general education class in Religion to achieve an increase in civic and 21st century skills is quite remarkable. Students qualitative data also demonstrate that students felt more civically engaged and excited to fight for equity and justice in their communities! Check out what the students report...

Student C Speaking to How to Make Change in the World:

"These two qualities are important; it takes compassion to want to help someone, and it takes leadership to make it happen."

Student D Speaking About Vocation and Purpose:

"This project has also helped me to reassess what future I see for myself; I have always wanted to do work that benefits the world, and this project has given me a glimpse into what that may end up looking like"

SLCE SNAPSHOTS



Kelli Wiles always supporting the F&F classes

Food & Faith REL 140 ... Innovative Community Engagement Class

Spring 2024 -- We were awarded a MLK grant so students could learn about the women & food that fueled MLK and the Civil rights Movement. Students cooked foods loved by MLK for our local neighbors (Thank you Heart for Monroe). These included collards (from Johnson C Smith Sustainability Program), black eyed peas, and cornbread pancakes.



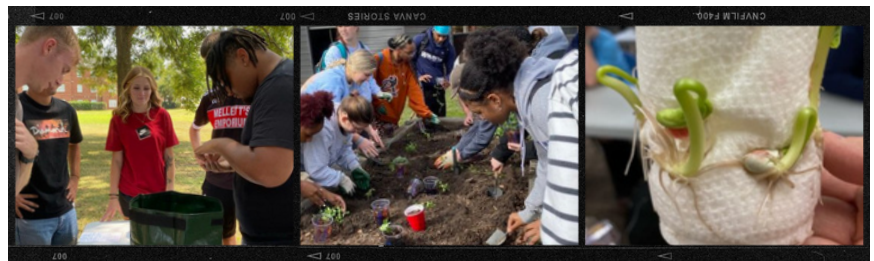
Apples gleaned by Society for St Andrew were made into applesauce for local seniors and clients of The Closet Ministry. The Brunswick Stew went the Caregivers program at Council on Aging

Food is often a vehicle for expressing key faith principles such as compassion and love
Cooking for Good ... Love Made Delicious



J. Ellis and K. Decker (& her mom) shared their love of special dishes

Learning the history of many of our favorite drinks comes alive with a Tea Party with EKS Cornwall China



The Garden is Calling... We Must Go



WINGATE FARMERS MARKET

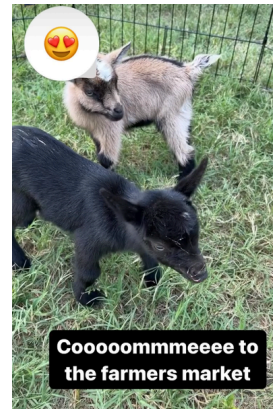
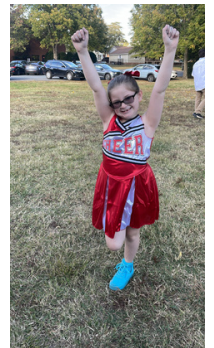


Our Fall and Spring Farmers Markets were a huge success thanks to the hundreds of patrons who came to check out our vendors and supported our local economy

Thanks to a collaborative dialogue with stakeholders on and off campus, we have created a Mission Statement for the Wingate Farmers Market to better communicate who we are and what we do...

Our mission is to cultivate community well-being through our vibrant Farmers Market. This unique CCG program, in partnership with the Town of Wingate, is dedicated to fostering a robust local economy by connecting Wingate residents, faculty, staff and students with fresh, locally sourced produce and artisanal goods. We strive to educate customers on the benefits of quality fresh locally grown foods and healthy eating, and foster the direct relationship between farmers and customers. Beyond nourishing our bodies with wholesome foods, we strive to promote holistic health by collaborating with the many departments of Wingate University to offer educational resources, health services, and wellness activities. **Our Farmers Market isn't just a place to shop—it's a lively center for civic engagement where the Wingate campus and community alike can come together, enjoy live music, engage in educational activities, get work experience, and revel in the joy of discovering new flavors and friendships.** Together, we're sowing the seeds of a healthier, happier, and more connected community

Check out some of the ways we brought this mission to life in the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Farmers Market Season



WINGATE FARMERS MARKET



Returning Vendors	New Vendors	Student RSO/ Groups	
The Frazzled Whisk	The Grounded Goat	Public Health School	
Dreamy Acres Farm	De La Vega Tortillas		
Dry Fork Creek Farm	All Things Beautiful By Shaylon	Pharmacy School Groups	Student Entrepreneurship Corner
Sweet & Cozy Bakery	Glorious Designs By Gloria	Public Health Club	Hers Truly Bracelets
Winding Brooks	Old Barn Farm	LASA	Sol Eyewear
Crossroads Farm	Tucker Honey		
Bela Nature	Days For Girls	Residence Life	
Glassworks By JR	Food Council	SOTA	



2023-2024

- Total Markets Hosted: 12
- Visitors to the Market: 1,498
- Vendors/Student Groups Participating: 25
- Instagram Likes: 3244
- Instagram Posts/Stories: 300+

What's Sprouting Next Season... Lots!
Stay Tuned for More Info in our August Newsletter

- The Farmers Market has Joined Wingate University's **Online Marketplace** ... Can't make it to our Thursday Market? No worries! Just Order Online and Pick it up on Campus
- **Night Markets** are Coming ... Imagine shopping under the twinkling solar lights ...



ONE DAY ONE DOG

APRIL 11, 2024

Check This Out...

1300+
Volunteers



50+
Projects



14
Community Partners



30+
RSOs & Teams



\$365,204

Given by
1475 Donors

ODOD APRIL 11, 2024



100%

ONE DOG...ONE HEART...ONE GOAL...
To serve our community and love on our neighbors

ODOD EVENTS...

- Breakfast at the Shelter
- Wingate Elementary Reading Buddies
- Wingate Daycare (2 Shifts)
- E-Waste Pickup
- Stress Relief in the Library
- Turning Point (2 Shifts)
- UDI Buddy Brunch & Dance Party
- UDI Wiffle Ball Game
- Common Heart
- All Greek ODOD Hygiene Kit Making and Letters to Veterans (4 Sessions)
- Wingate AMA & Elementary Luncheon: Fostering Community Connections
- Anson Animal Shelter (2 shifts)
- Multiply Church: Prom Event Setup
- ARTS LYCEUM: Make -n- Take Collage
- We Can VOTE
- Operation Reach Out MakeOver
- Cooking For Good (3 Shifts)
- WUPHC Union County Senior Nutrition Program Volunteer ODOD Event
- Online Library
- QPR Mental Health Training for Students
- Video Gaming for Fun
- Pharmacy Food and Clothing Drive
- Faculty Research Expo
- Sit N' Stitch with SCAW
- Residence Life: Paws for A Cause
- CPFI Encouragement letters



PAW PROVISIONS

Free Store



01 — Our Why...

In a 2022 National study it was reported that on average 40% of college students experience Food Insecurity thanks to rise in tuition and other costs. In 2022 the Wingate Bulldog Poll found that 33% of our students reported food insecurity and this fueled the birth of WU Paw Provisions (Dec 2022). The goal was to create a space free from shame and judgement -- a place where people could feel cared for and empowered. Hence when WUPP Managers explain that **“Everything is Free.99”** those visiting WUPP could not help but smile ... and they leads many pay it forward when they can. In its second year, we are happy to report a decrease in food insecurity on our campus (now 25%) but we have a lot more work to do.

We have many highlights from the past year: expanded hours and locations, enhanced dignity wall, new “emergency kits,” arrival of the Career Closet, new partners (Food for Families, Ground 40, Waxhaw Women’s Club, Metrolina Christian Academy) and many special community potlucks and lyceums thanks to Heart for Monroe. HUGE Shout out to Residence Life and Campus Safety who partner with the CCG to meet the needs of students in real time -- we could not do this work without you!



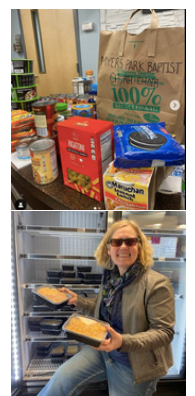
02 — What We Have Achieved Together

Over the course of the year Paw Provisions opened 55 times (adding a second day in the Spring 2024) and served over 2770+ students throughout these openings.



03 — The Help We Get ... We are so grateful!

Without Heart for Monroe, WUPP would not be what it is ... and we are so grateful! Each week around 11am the Food and Faith class (REL 140) waits to unload the truckload of food, hear the stories of where it comes from (often from Food for Families), and why they care. But we are so grateful for the individuals (and church groups) who pop by with a bag (or carload) of goodies and casseroles for our freezer.



07 Paw Provisions Free Store

PAW PROVISIONS

Free Store



04 — Grants, Awards, and Financial Aid



We are so grateful for the financial support given by many organizations. Thank you Board of Visitors, Food Lion Feeds, and Campus Compact for their awards and grants. Also a huge shout out to the United Methodist Church 'Community Table' Collective who donated to the CCG to help campus food insecurity efforts!



05 — Loving People, the Planet and Prosperity



Much of the donated food we receive is perfectly good but past the “Best Freshness” dates. The EPA indicates that processed foods are good up to 18 months after packaging but usually has short best freshness or best before dates (these are not expiration dates but people think they are). This is one reason why in the US, over 90 billion pounds of food gets thrown away equalling about 145 million meals. WUPP is doing our part in loving the planet by keeping good food on the plates of people who need it -- and helping our Bulldogs invest their money in their future.

PAW PROVISIONS WISHLIST:

- Microwaveable Meals
- Plain Rice and Pasta
- Beans (Dry & Can)
- Pasta Sauce
- Frozen Meals
- Drinks (Water, Sports Drinks, Etc.)
- Peanut Butter
- Fresh Produce
- Bread
- Jelly and Honey
- Hygiene Products (Regular & Travel Size)
- Linens (Full and Twin/Twin XL)
- Casual Clothing (T-shirts, Shorts...)



07 Paw Provisions Free Store

MIDWEEK REFUEL



Mid-Week Re-Fuel Snack Program: Every Wednesday 12:30-1:30 Outside Austin

Satellite Snack Location: Communications Suite, First Floor Neu (All Day)

Satellite Snack Location: Student Success Coach Office Suite, EKS Library (All Day)



01 Community Involvement

We were thrilled to work along side Heart for Monroe, Food for Families, and local churches to bring snacks to Wingate Bulldogs each week. Once Food for Families adopted WU Paw Provisions, our snack program expanded to two new satellite location available every day of the week. Stop by outside Austin Auditorium to grab a snack and some positive vibes .. You might even get to chat with local community members or cuddle Dr. Nudicrous Nefario, the CCG therapy Sphynx cat



02 Satellite Locations (SP 2024)

Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Daina Nathaniel and Success Coaches Erin Griffin and Alex Linnell, Wingate Bulldogs have access to snacks every day. Stop by the Communications Suite (Neu Building) and Success Coach Offices (EKS Library) to grab a snack



03 Impact

Despite the many rainy Wednesdays in the Spring semester, so many Bulldogs came by our Mid-Week Re-Fuel each Wednesday. This year our Snack program was offered approximately 32 times (about 50-100 students each time) -- and our satellite snack programs see about 25 students per day on average. Snacks are counted as part of the inkind donations to Paw Provisions so check out the Paw Provisions Section for more impact data. We are so grateful for the generosity that makes this happen!



CAREER CLOSET

In December 2023 the Career Closet associated with Career Services was re-homed at WU Paw Provisions (WUPP) to help students have a central hub to find the resources they need to be successful. Thanks to the leadership of Career Services and their team of volunteers, the Career Closet moved across campus and opened its doors for the start of Spring semester 2024. Since opening, the Career Closet has been open at the same time as WUPP (Monday 4:30-7; Tuesday 4-7pm) and often upon request thanks to the great WU Campus Safety Team! Thanks to the WUPP managers Manoel and Olivia, and intern Kelly (and her amazingly talented twin Erica), the Closet has run like a glove ... and been a great asset to many Bulldogs. We average over 100 students a week to WUPP and over half take time to check out our Career Closet

01 — Thank you Donors

The magic of the Career Closet is thanks to the incredibly big hearts of the staff, faculty, WU emeritus, alumni, students, and community members who bring amazing items for our Bulldogs. Whether for game day, a job interview, funeral, special occasion or banquet, our students are loving the Career Closet and it is our One Dog way of investing in Wingate University students and our shared future



CAREER CLOSET



02 — Loving People, Our Planet, and Prosperity

The way you present yourself visually is often the first impression that people form. Dressing professionally helps create a positive initial impression and can set the tone for the rest of the interview, game, gathering, or banquet. It is a form of creative expression that many take for granted but it is not accessible to some of our students. But did you know that every person in the US throws away almost 112 lbs of unwanted textiles and clothing? In 2018 this waste equalled 17 million tons. The Career Closet is one way that Wingate University loves our Bulldog family and our planet. Students were so enthusiastic about this aspect of the Career Closet that Wingate's chapter of American Marketing Association (supported by Dr. Tiffanie Turner-Henderson) in partnership with the CCG, Lyceum Program, Complex Trends, and the Wingate Drama Society hosted a Business Wear and Sustainability Fashion Show on April 16 using the clothing in the Career Closet.

03 — WUPP ONE DOG

Thanks to the talents of Communication Major Olivia Payne the CCG social media has become the home for short tutorials by students for students on how to dress professionally and what clothing can be paired up to make a positive impression. We also have faculty and friends help mentor students in what to wear and even how to tie a tie!



CAREER CLOSET WISHLIST

- Women's Dress Shirts
- Mens Dress Shoes
- Women's Dress Shoes
- Khaki/Beige Slacks
- Sweaters
- Skirts & Dresses
- Dress Pants
- Accessories

**Stay
TUNED**

FOR NEW
PARTNERSHIPS IN
THE FALL...

LYCEUMS

2023-2024



NEW INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH SARAH COLON, DIRECTOR OF WU ALUMNI

7

LYCEUMS HELD OR SPONSORED



STUDENTS ATTENDED

829



200+

FOOD BAGS PACKED

None of this magic would happen without the generous spirit of **Heart for Monroe's Ginger Walle** AND

the heart, vision and "boots on the ground" leadership of WU Lyceum **Director Keyua McElveen** We see and appreciate you!



SCHOOL KITS PACKED

360+



Lyceum Partners:

- Heart For Monroe
- Food for Families
- Unity House
- Residence Life
- Wingate AMA
- Wingate Drama Society
- Complex Trends



10 Lyceums 2023-2024

WU COMMUNITY GARDEN



Fall REL 140: 3 Classes Planted Beans, Peas, Potatoes, Carrots



All produce is donated to Heart for Monroe



Spring REL 140: 3 Classes Planted Beans, Peas and Jalapenos they propagated from seeds



Peaches Vang - Garden Manager

All the beds are doing pretty good! My beds are growing well too ... strawberries and cilantro



Our First Adopter of the 2024 Summer Season

Want to Adopt a Bed ... email ccg@wingate.edu

Wingate Community Garden

Adopt-A-Bed

Want to grow things but need space?
Grow your own garden in one of our raised beds!

- Use a raised bed from May to early August.
- Donation or equivalent volunteer service in the garden suggested
- Water is provided -- availability of some tools upon request
- Beds can be rented by individuals and groups.

Email ccg@wingate.edu to find out more or to Adopt a Bed... we have 5 left

Garden is located on the corner of E. Wilson St. and N. Main in Wingate.

CCG CONTACT INFORMATION



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www.wingate.edu/life-at-wingate/common-good



**Austin Auditorium
230 Cedar St. Wingate, NC**

**We thank you for your continued support
in our efforts to contribute to the well
being of Eastern Union County**