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PIERCE COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH EVERYTABLE TO GIVE 5,200 NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO DESERVING STUDENTS

Woodland Hills, CA -- Los Angeles Pierce College is proud to announce a partnership with Everytable that will provide students enrolled in their [Brahma Pantry and Basic Needs Program](#) access to 5,200 FREE and healthy pre-cooked meals during contactless drive-through food distribution events between now and June 2021.

Brahma Pantry Lead D'arcy Corwin says, "The goal of these events is to reduce food insecurities of our students. We hope to help students feel motivated, encouraged and cared for, and to ensure that students stay on the path to success and continue their education, especially during times of great need."

Everytable, founded in 2016, is a mission-driven food company that fights for food justice and equality by providing nutritious food that is both accessible and affordable for everyone.

"Pierce College and its Brahma Pantry are such a vital resource for students experiencing hunger and food insecurity, now heightened during the pandemic," said Sam Polk, CEO and Founder, Everytable. "We are honored to partner with them in this effort to provide nutritious meals to so many deserving students."

Everytable is a multi-channel, fresh-prepared food business blending grab-and-go storefronts, subscriptions, SmartFridges and institutional food service supplied by a central kitchen with meals priced according to the neighborhood.

Touchless food distributions for holiday meals began in December. More than 100 students and their families participated in the January 28 drive-through meal pickup at Pierce College. Corwin, along with Pierce College Student Support Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Claudia Velasco, Director of CalWORKs, and Robert Loy Jr., Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, distributed 400 meals in a safe, contactless and efficient drive-thru structure.

Students were required to preregister for the event and bring their ticket for confirmation. Each qualifying student received some of Everytable's most popular individually packaged meals, including a Rainbow Vegan Salad, Puebla Chicken Tinga,

Turkey Taco Bowl and Southwest Burrito, for themselves and their families. Once on campus, students were directed to drive through the designated meal pick-up location to receive their bag of meals for the week.

Pierce College's program provides students with access to food, ongoing motivational support and referrals to agencies that are designed to meet students' basic needs, whether physical, psychological, emotional or economic. Students are connected to food and housing resources, referrals to campus and community student support programs, and given case-management support.

"We aim to alleviate stressors in order to help students be successful at the college and beyond," added Corwin.

While the Brahma Pantry and Basic Needs Program – named after Pierce's mascot, the Brahma Bull – is currently closed for in-person services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students can reach out remotely via phone, Zoom and email. [Virtual Assistance through Cranium Café](#) is available Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Registered Pierce College students can enroll by completing the [Brahma Pantry Welcome Form](#).

Visit [The Brahma Pantry and Basic Needs Program](#) website to learn more about all of the ways Pierce College is helping students.

For more information about the contactless food distributions and other services provided by the Brahma Pantry and Basic Needs Program, please contact Lead **D'arcy Corwin** at corwind@piercecollege.edu.

Everytable's social enterprise (Public Benefit Corporation) recently launched a pioneering social equity franchise program to empower, train and fund disenfranchised entrepreneurs from marginalized communities to open Everytable franchises in their own communities. For more information, please visit www.everytable.com.

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