



2020 CSI Anthology

Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges

Creative Staff Innovation Awards 2020

Katie Carroll, Murray State College, Winner

Monique Bruner, Rose State College, 2nd Place

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All in Aggies (Podcast)

a. The rationale for the idea of creating a podcast for Murray State College was to bring awareness and excitement to prospective and current MSC students, staff, and faculty members as well as the general public.

b. Due to recruitment events, in-school visits, and college and career fairs moving to a remote platform (due to COVID-19), we have brainstormed on creative ways to provide the same level of awareness on a remote level that we previously delivered in a face to face format. We decided a podcast would be a wonderful way to share exciting news and informative topics to an unlimited population. New technology has always had a weighted impact on education, and podcasts are no different.

c. Our idea was to create a podcast that would interest prospective students, parents of prospective students, current students, high school counselors who serve students, staff, and faculty of higher educational institutions, as well as the general public. We have had a great deal of interest in the podcast and have created a wonderful lineup of special guest speakers and intriguing topics. Future topics include diversity, financial aid awareness, academic advisement tips, helpful resources for students, community involvement, and many other thought-provoking topics.

Many learning institutions that have incorporated podcasting in their education system, have reported really positive results. This can be attributed to the ease of creating and consuming podcasts as well as the various ways in which education podcasts enhance the students' learning experience. There are a lot of advantages of podcasting in education.

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d. After our reliable method of reaching prospective students drastically changed, this podcast will provide an informative option delivered within a safe, remotely accessible medium.

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Rationale for your idea

Raider Necessities was set up to assist students/faculty/staff with food, personal hygiene and cleaning products. This is a wraparound service set up to make sure that people connected with Rose State College have the basic necessities they need. More than ½ of our student population received financial aid and over 40% are at or near the poverty level, we were doing our students a disservice by not helping them meet their basic monthly needs.

Identification of the problems or issues addressed

Over the years, students have commented that they are hungry and cannot meet the monetary demands of their basic needs. After polling staff on campus, we realize that there are adjunct faculty and staff that fall into this same category. While Raider Necessities cannot stock the kitchen, we can help people make it through a rough patch in the month.

Description of the idea

Raider Necessities is set up like a grocery store. We have rolling baskets, shelving, sacking area, refrigeration section. We have students come in and shop giving them a certain number of items from each area (cereal, pasta/rice, protein, condiments, fruits, vegetables, soups, and drinks along with personal hygiene and cleaning products). In addition, we often receive donations of simple kitchen items that students may need to properly outfit their apartments.

How the problem or issue was resolved

The Center for Success, Inclusion and Diversity under Dr. Monique Bruner's leadership, rallied the campus by garnering the support of every major organization at Rose State College. Once the agreement was approved by the Regional Food Bank, PASA, CASA, Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and the Rose State College Foundation donated money to start Raider Necessities. This is a gem on our campus that has assisted close to 1,000 students, faculty and staff in the year we have been operational.

OACC Creative Staff Innovations Award

Many great ideas are created and implemented at our Oklahoma community colleges. Through its CSI award, OACC recognizes these groundbreaking ideas and the staff members who originated them. OACC publishes the award winners each year in the CSI Anthology.

The Creative Staff Innovation, CSI, award is a program in which full-time and part-time staff members have the opportunity to share their great ideas and demonstrate how these ideas have brought about positive change on their campus. This award is intended for staff only. Faculty are encouraged to apply for the GIFT Award.

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