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Group seeks items for food pantry

Legal Professions Assoc. taking donations to assist fellow Del Mar students

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Del Mar's Legal Professions Association is putting together an on-campus project to assist the Viking Food Pantry.

The group is seeking donations of canned food, hygiene products, baby formula and other items for the drive, which runs through March 11.

"Anybody can donate," said Beverly Cage, director of Student Leadership and Campus Life. "They put a box in the Venters Building so anybody can drop off a donation."

The Viking Food Pantry began in 2019 and has since grown to assist hundreds of students per year.

Students are able to get up to 35 pounds of food twice a month as well as toiletries and other hygiene items. Classroom supplies such as erasers and pencils are also available.

"We don't count the personal items ... it doesn't count towards the weight of their food," said Gale Couse Dorn, associate professor of paralegal studies.

To apply for food pantry assistance, DMC students can either scan a QR code posted in front of the Viking Food Pantry door in the Harvin Center or apply online by going to the DMC website, using their student login, and clicking on a link to "begin their referral process."

Basic information is required to be approved. Students will receive an email, using the email they provided during the referral process, and select a time slot to pick up from the pantry.

Appointments times are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and students are limited to two visits per month.

The 30-minute time slots give students privacy to shop at their leisure.

First-time students are given a reusable blue Vikings bag to carry the food items.

Staff offers a pushcart to help carry the food items to recipients' vehicles if necessary.

"We will accommodate them. We don't want anyone not to get what they need," Dorn said.

During the 2019 pandemic, the pantry made it possible to deliver food to students by creating curbside pickups.

Since life has largely returned to normal, the food pantry has made in-shopping adjustments. With providing students with its



Food bank worker Joey Perez II delivers groceries and other necessities to the Viking Food Pantry on March 2.

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health and hygiene products, Vikings Food Pantry is adding more convenience to its students in 2023.

"We now provide lockers, one set here at Heritage, one in Woodward, and one

set in Oso Campus," Dorn said. "If someone is late or in a program ... we can now put them in a locker with the combination and they then can get their food at their convenience," Dorn said.



Evan Crosswait (left) and Rob Black face off during a table tennis match in late February. The intramurals program is hosting multiple such events through the end of the semester.

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Intramurals stays busy

Del Mar College intramurals hosted table tennis in late February.

The program will be holding a racquetball league starting on March 21. The deadline to register is March 9.

The spring break Color Run will be held on March 7, with on-site registration at 10 a.m. at the Harvin Center.

For more on intramurals and the 3v3 basketball league, see Page 8.



Van Savell prepares a return swing during table tennis in February.

DMC offers new aid application

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The DMC Foundation is now offering a new application that should help with some of the stress of applying for multiple scholarships. There is now a new application available to all current students attending Del Mar College, high school seniors in the DMC service area and all people planning to attend DMC in fall 2023 and/or winter 2024.

The foundation has awarded over \$1.5 million to approximately 1,000 students for the 2022-23 academic year.

"Scholarships provide an amazing opportunity for students to focus on their academics instead of worrying about how they will pay for college. Receiving a scholarship also increases their chances of graduating on time," said Elsie Odom, scholarship coordinator with the college's Development/Foundation Office.

The application is easy and fast. You can complete one application to apply for many scholarships. It takes as little as 10 to 15 minutes for most people to apply. Students are also encouraged to submit a FAFSA application as well for extra help.

Some scholarships are awarded without regard to financial aid eligibility. Essays are not required to apply. Awards are available for part-time and full-time students. Also, a 2.0 GPA minimum or GED is required. Students must attend DMC with a minimum of six credit hours per semester during the scholarship award period.

"This application was super, super easy to fill out," said DMC sophomore Haylie Godoy.

The application is available now through April 30, with awards for the 2023-2024 academic year. For more information, and to apply for many available scholarships with one application, go to www.delmar.edu/scholarships.

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Deadline to apply for scholarships

Speaker connects Hispanic, African-American cultures

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Alberto Rodriguez addressed the elephant in the room while giving a presentation for Black History Month.

"You might be wondering, 'Why is this Latino talking about Black History Month? ... Well, I think, as a scholar, we have been studying slavery the wrong way... brown people have a lot in common with black folks...'" Rodriguez, associate professor of history from A&M Kingsville, said at the Feb. 27 event at Heritage Campus.

Throughout his presentation, Rodriguez mentioned how black and brown people

have such a rich history with their connection to one another.

"With these kinds of conversations, people approach me, they ask, 'Aren't you ever attacked in your classes because of CRT? ... I'm a professor,'" Rodriguez continues, "This is why I do this. I'm not going to stop."

CRT stands for Critical Race Theory. In the 21st century history has mainly told stories by its victors leaving out the lives of the Indigenous and African people who helped create what we now know today as the United States of America.

Starting when the Underground Railroad



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Speaker Alberto Rodriguez talks with attendees at his Feb. 27 Black History Month event. Rodriguez is an associate professor of history at A&M-Kingsville.

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