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THIS WEEK IN EDUCATION

Students March to District House Dining Hall to Show Solidarity for Dining Workers Demanding Better Wages

Several students at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., are rallying behind dining service employees who are seeking better wages and treatment by management. The employees are managed by the Compass Group, parent company of the university's food service vendor Chartwells Higher Education. *(The GW Hatchet)* Read more

App State Digital Textbook Rentals Boast 99% Participation Rate, Save Students $5M in 2022–23

Appalachian State (App State) University in North Carolina has been saving its students millions of dollars through its unique digital textbook rental system. This program allows students to download textbooks and class materials on their computers, tablets, and phones; about 80% of course materials are available through this system. *(Appalachian Today)* Read more

University App Helps Students Find Free Food

California State University, Fullerton, worked with its Auxiliary Services Corporation, a nonprofit that promotes and assists the university's educational mission, to address food insecurity. Added to the university's iFullerton app, Titan Bites alerts students to when and what free food is available on campus. *(Daily Titan)* Read more

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LEGISLATION IN EDUCATION

Student Hunger on Campus Measure Passes Senate

Illinois could be joining at least six states in adopting customized versions of the hunger-free campus grant program to address food insecurity at colleges and universities in the U.S. The bill would require each higher education institution to create a task force to address food insecurity to be eligible for a grant. *(VCF)* Read more

'Bad for College Towns': Oxford Leaders Oppose State Bill to Regulate Campuses

A city council in Ohio is speaking out against a state bill that would regulate state colleges and universities—one of which, Miami University, is in Oxford. Council members are concerned that the bill, which would prohibit institutions from commenting on public policy debates, could adversely impact the towns where these higher education institutions are located. *(Journal-News)* Read more

Students From Out of State Keep Close Tabs on Vermont's Reproductive Care Legislation

Since the U.S. Supreme Court ended the federal right to an abortion, students like the ones featured in this article are watching as a patchwork of disparate laws has emerged beginning in the summer of 2022. A recent survey revealed that nearly 70% of students are deciding where to pursue higher education based on a state's reproductive health laws. *(VTDigger)* Read more

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TRENDS IN EDUCATION

CBORD and Amazon Collaborate on Just Walk Out Technology Campus Card Payment Integration

Staff, students, and faculty at participating colleges and universities can use their campus cards at checkout-free stores because of the integration of CBORD and Amazon's Just Walk Out technology. CBORD is a software provider that connects food service, commerce, and housing systems across higher education institutions. *(GlobeNewswire)* Read more

The New School of Dorm Design Treats Students Like (Gasp!) Human Beings

Several colleges and universities worldwide are transforming dormitories from characterless units in boxy buildings to spaces filled with light, airflow, and community. This article describes various housing innovations from courtyard dorms with interconnected pathways to so-called "urban villages," where students live in a mixed-use, self-sustaining community. *(Dwell)* Read more

The College-Going Gap Between Black and White Americans Was Always Bad. It's Getting Worse

Long before the U.S. Supreme decided to consider the fate of affirmative action, Black college and university enrollments had been dropping steadily. The disparity between Black and white adults seeking higher education is expected to deepen as rising costs are placing a degree further out of reach. *(The Hechinger Report)* Read more

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