

Connecting Campus and Community Food Resources

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Introduction

The burgeoning food system at UC Riverside has led to the formation of many student, faculty, staff, and community groups with specific expertise and resources. Through small projects led by the Global Food Initiative and others, these groups have come to formally collaborate and accomplish great things over the past year. As a result, the Student Food Coalition was formed to create a resilient network of student leaders that aim to unite their causes under a common thread of supporting food justice, access, quality, literacy, and engagement at UC Riverside.



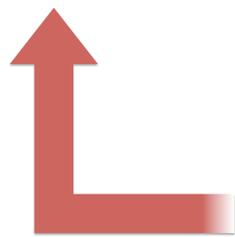
Riverside Farms Tour

Opportunities for students, faculty, and community members to tour and participate in parts of the local and regional food system for free.

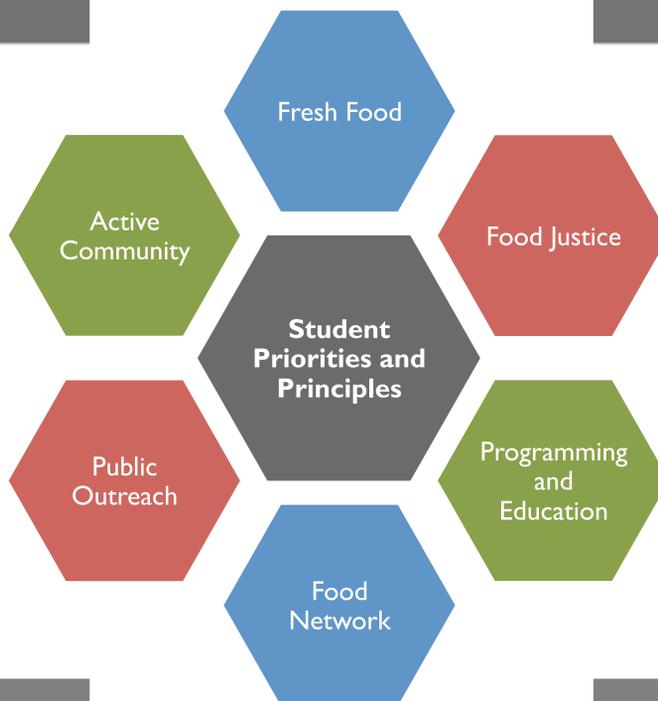
- Local sourcing
- Fresh and healthy dining options on campus
- Nutrition focus for students and community

Food Systems Fair

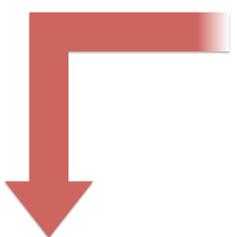
Students set up tables and passed out information about campus food groups, opportunities to get involved, and resources available.



- Workshops, activities, and courses focused on food
- Promote events for all audiences
- Make food systems fun

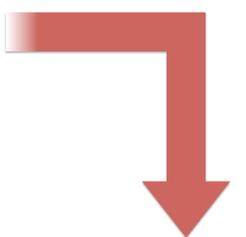


- Empower food justice activism
- Improve student and community resources, such as R'Pantry
- Overcome stigmas of student food insecurity



- Access to food and nutrition resources
- Student and community awareness of food systems, organizations, and activities

- Food systems in curriculum
- Create more educational opportunities at R'Garden
- Involve residence halls and orientation in food education



Grow Riverside 2016

This annual conference was held on UCR's campus, which allowed students to hear from local food leaders and visit local farms.

- Improve visibility of food systems on campus
- Garner campus support
- Strengthen connections with community food groups

Experiencing Agriculture

Graduate students visited large-scale agricultural operations in Yuma, AZ and laid the groundwork for future experiential learning trips.



Future Goals

In the coming year, the Student Food Coalition will continue to regularly bring student leaders together and reach out to campus and community groups for support, collaboration, and solidarity. The Coalition will aim to create online resources for food systems events on campus and in the community, as well as generate interest and enthusiasm for food issues amongst students. As a result, more interdisciplinary and well-attended events will strengthen the UC Riverside food network and make it an integral part of our growing campus and community.

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