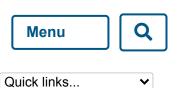
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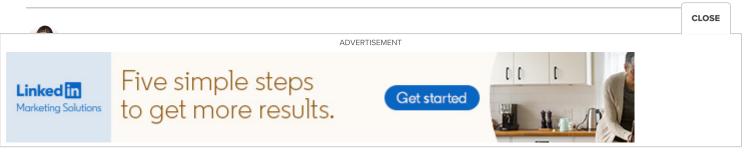


# Community colleges team up to fight food insecurity



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Some students are struggling with basic needs, so local and national organizations are working to make sure they don't go without necessities.



With rising rent prices across the Valley, some residents are having a hard time affording food and that includes college students.

Maricopa County Community Colleges are teaming up with a national organization to connect students with the resources they need.

CEO of Hunger Free America Joel Berg visited Mesa Community College for a roundtable discussion about the issue.



Berg, alongside the League for Innovation in the Community College, announced a partnership focusing on getting the word out about resources available to those who need them.

"A shocking number of college students in America and Arizona are hungry," said Berg.

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"We're literally going to help pre-screen students to determine if they're eligible for SNAP. We're going to work with financial aid offices on campus who know the economics of each family to let the families who are economically eligible know about it," he said.

Berg says students who need assistance signing up can call the National Hunger Hotline at: 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE for Spanish speakers.

### ABC15's The Rebound Arizona has additional resources here.

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