**Cougar Pantry LEAP Intern**

**Fall 2019**

As part of an effort to address hunger and food insecurity among college students, Kean University established Cougar Pantry in March 2019. Located in the Human Rights Institute and staffed by the Hunger Task Force, the Pantry was created to meet the immediate food needs of current Kean undergraduate and graduate students.

The Pantry relies on donations of food from the greater Kean community. Financial contributions can be made to Cougar Pantry through the Kean Foundation; these funds allow the Hunger Task Force to meet the pressing and ever-changing nutritional needs of students.

Cougar Pantry is open for drop-in visits on Thursdays from 2:00 – 5:00 pm, or by appointment. Appointments can be made by emailing CougarPantry@kean.edu. All student information is confidential.

Student volunteers assist members of the Task Force with the operational needs of the Pantry. Specifically, LEARN interns will help with:

* maintaining inventory;
* assessing need;
* creating informational materials;
* developing marketing plans;
* and hosting food drives and special events.

Under the supervision of the Director of the Human Rights Institute, LEAP interns work 6 hours per week for the duration of the semester in support of the Pantry. Students may earn academic or co-curricular credit for their efforts.

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