



Fearless Ideas: Student-led Food Recovery at the University of Maryland, College Park

Department of Dining Services



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Meet the UMD Food Recovery Network



UMD Food Recovery Network



- In 2011, University of Maryland students Ben Simon, Mia Zavalij and Cam Pascual started the UMD Food Recovery Network (FRN)
- FRN has transformed from a UMD campus club to a 501(c)3 nonprofit headquartered in College Park, Maryland
 - Received a generous grant from Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation
- Food Recovery Network is now the largest student movement fighting food waste and hunger in America
 - 230 chapters at colleges and universities across the country

Recovered Food (lbs)

Total Pounds To Date	229,965
> Summer 2013	76,675
Fall 2013	8,344
Spring 2014	12,351
Fall 2014	12,791
Spring 2015	7,424
Fall 2015	17,277
Spring 2016	13,736
Fall 2016	27,073
Spring 2017	11,783
Fall 2017	19,541
Spring 18	21,861

How Does It Work?



Culture of Food Waste Reduction

- Behind-the-scenes:
 - Menu planning, inventory & food management
 - Batch cooking & chef's choice
- Front-of-the-house:
 - Trayless dining
 - Smaller portions
 - Smaller plates and bowls
 - Student-led food waste audits
- Back-of-the-house:
 - Food recovery
 - Compost & recycling collection

REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

Questions?





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