

The Shop

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How did you find out about this opportunity?

I found out through Instagram when it does the "Suggested accounts" and then I noticed the booths that they would do in the Student Center in which provided more information about it.

What should a student know about this opportunity?

I think students should know about how aside from food there are also necessities (when available) such as laundry detergent, tote bags, dish soap, bar soap, feminine hygiene products, etc. Since people donate, there can be a variety of things at certain times. As well as it's located in front of Panera! If you search up The Shop TCNJ on Google and click the first link, then click contact, it'll show you a map!

When did you join?

I use The Shop as a resource, but I know there are volunteer opportunities, and you are able to donate. I also believe if you have leftover flex dollars, you can donate food/necessities to The Shop from the C-store at the end of the year



What has your experience been like?

Since my first time going to The Shop, I have appreciated every experience I have had. It was scary at first going but only because it was something new to me and I didn't want to be judged for it, but the volunteers simply make you sign a paper and let you pick out what you need. They do have some rules regarding the quantity of how much, but you can always ask the volunteer for help picking out stuff if needed or help in general.

Why should ROSCOE students be interested in this?

I believe this is a very nice resource to know about and being able to go to a place where they don't ask questions and let you choose the food you need is comforting. Food insecurity is something anybody can be facing and so knowing about The Shop is very valuable. As well as it is an amazing volunteer opportunity if you are interested!

Which faculty or staff did/do you work with?

I have not volunteered, but I know you can contact them through their Instagram since they check it, and you can call them also if they are closed, but if you need food/necessities you can call Campus Police to have them open it for you.