

THE GOVS WELLNESS HUB PROGRAM

A Model for Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration and High-Impact Teaching Practices

A Panel Discussion for Austin Peay State
University's 2025 Faculty Conference

Morgan University Center, Room 305
Concurrent Session #4c on August 12, 2025,
from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.



Meet Our Team

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Community Engagement
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Panel Description

During our presentation we will...

- Review the 2025 Govs Wellness Hub Program by:
 - Providing a model for our approach to planning, implementing, and evaluating a campus health promotion program
 - Sharing challenges encountered, lessons learned, and suggestions for having impactful and effective collaborative and multidisciplinary partnerships
 - Inspiring others to incorporate cross-departmental collaborations that address student wellness, student learning, and scholarly teaching
- Share our plans for the 2025–2026 Govs Wellness Hub Program.

Planning Model

Selected Portions of Grant Application

Funding: Joe and Cathi Maynard Family Fund of Excellence

FUND OF EXCELLENCE

Fund of Excellence Name	Joe and Cathi Maynard Family Fund of Excellence
Alumni, Engagement & Philanthropy Staff	Vonda St. Amant, Assistant Vice President of Philanthropy & Erin Morton, Director of Development
Requester	Dr. Tyler Nolting, Ph.D., MPH, MCHES®; Dr. Kadi Bliss, Ph.D., MCHES®; Dr. Shani Collins Woods, Ph.D., MSW, MA; Dr. Heather Phillips, Ph.D., MLS (ASCP)™; Dr. Tasha Ruffin, DNP, RN; & Alexandra Wills
Request Title	Govs Heart and Nutrition Hub: Empowering our Peayple
Amount	\$8,473.37
Funding Timeline	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Funding Narrative	In spring 2024, HHP 4800: Capstone for Public Health students held a two-hour on-campus health screening at the APSU Morgan University Center, attracting over 50 students seeking screenings. This event's success underscores the critical need for the ongoing provision of health services to our student population at Austin Peay State University (APSU). As we look to the future, it is imperative to address cardiovascular disease (CVD), the leading cause of death globally. The most

Measurable Outcomes	<div>1. Number of Participants: We aim to screen at least 50 participants during each screening event, totaling 150 over the semester. The total number could be as high as 200, depending on attendance at the events and our team's capacity to implement each event.</div> <div>2. Participant CVD Risk Factors: We will measure participants' risk factors for hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, obesity, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and smoking.</div> <div>3. Education Engagement: We will track the number of individuals participating in the healthy heart screening and food security education sessions and collect feedback on the usefulness and effectiveness of the information provided.</div> <div>4. Follow-up and Referral: We will monitor the number of participants who seek follow-up care or referrals based on their screening results, ensuring that individuals receive the necessary support to address identified health concerns.</div> <div>5. Participant Satisfaction: We will administer satisfaction surveys to gather feedback on the overall experience</div>
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How will the funds be administered	<div>Budget Breakdown:</div> <div>1. Public Health Screening Supplies: \$4,978.31<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cholestech LDX Starter Kit: \$2,508.58<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. This machine will be used to measure the screening participants' total cholesterol, HDL, and glucose levels.Cassettes: \$107.79 per box x 20 boxes = \$2,155.80<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. These will be used for fingerstick tests to check for total cholesterol, HDL, and glucose levels.Omron HBF-306C Handheld Body Fat Loss Monitor: \$309.99 per monitor x 3 monitors = \$929.97<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. This monitor is a hand-held device that will measure body fat percentage.Extra Long Wagon: \$145.99<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. This will haul the health screening supplies to the events.Fitted Tablecloth: \$24.99 x 3 = \$74.97<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. These tablecloths will be used on the tables at the health screening event. They are red and will provide a more professional appearance to the event and activities.</div> <div>2. Printing of Health Screening Booklets: \$206.00<ul style="list-style-type: none">200 booklets x \$1.03 per booklet = \$206.00<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The HHP 4800 students will use these booklets to record the measurements of the health screening participants, who will keep these booklets at the end of the screening.</div> <div>3. Food Security Education Component: \$696.89<ul style="list-style-type: none">Printing recipe cards: 300 cards x \$0.48 per card = \$144.00<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The pricing is from APSU Printing Services as of April 2024.</div>
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August 26, 2024

Dear Tyler Nolting,

Congratulations! You have been selected as a Maynard Family Fund of Excellence recipient for fiscal year 2024-2025. You have been granted \$8,473.37 to be used exclusively for Govs Heart and Nutrition Hub: Empowering our Peayple.

Time Period and Reporting:

As a recipient of the Maynard Family Fund of Excellence, you will be required to complete the following:

1. Utilize all of the funding by June 30, 2025.
2. Apply all of the funding for Govs Heart and Nutrition Hub: Empowering our Peayple based on the specifications stated in your submitted Maynard Family Fund of Excellence Request Form. Any deviations from the submission must be approved.

- Submitted application on May 7, 2024, for \$8,473.37
- Received notification that we received the grant on August 26, 2024

Selected Portion of Congratulations Letter

Planning Model

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HHP 4010: Health Education Theory and Practice (Fall 2024): Program Components Created

Event 1 Food Topic: Eating Breakfast to Fuel Your Body and Brain

Infographics

Key Points Presentation

Recipe Cards

BREAKFAST BURRITO OR BOWL

MICROWAVE SCRAMBLED EGGS



Serves: 2
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes
Total Time: 10 minutes
You can bulk prepare them for the week and then freeze them and just heat them up every morning!

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cups of milk (can be any kind of milk that you prefer)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

1

Gather your ingredients

2

Fit together your ingredients

- Break the eggs into a microwave-proof mixing bowl. Add milk and salt. Mix well.

3

Cook your eggs

- Pop the bowl into the microwave and cook on high power for 30 seconds. Remove bowl. Beat eggs every week, scraping down the sides of the bowl, and return to the microwave for another 30 seconds.

4

Stir after heated and reheat again

- Repeat this pattern, stirring every 30 seconds for up to 2 1/2 minutes. Stop when eggs have the consistency you desire.

5

Serve

- Serve warm and enjoy.

Additional Ingredients:

1/4 cup of shredded cheddar cheese

1 serving of sausage (links or patties)

Tortillas

Tomatoes

Green Onions

Peppers

Avocado

Peaches

Spinach

Pine

Cauliflower

Substitutes:

Any type of beans

Bacon instead of sausage

Nutrition Facts (per serving)

Servings per recipe: 2

Calories (k)

Total Fat 5g

Cholesterol 150 mg

Sodium 250 mg

Total Carbohydrate 7 g

Total sugar 2 g

Vitamin C 0 mg

Calcium 82 mg

Iron 2 mg

Potassium 154 mg

This recipe came from <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/727293/luffy-microwave-scrambled-eggs/>

PEANUT BUTTER OVERNIGHT OATS

OVERNIGHT OATS WITH PEANUT BUTTER OR FRUIT



Serves: 2
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Total Time: 6 hours 5 minutes
Freeze Friendly: No
How long does it keep? 2-3 days

Ingredients:

1/2 cup uncooked old-fashioned (not quick-cook) oatmeal (or rolled oats)

1/2 cup milk (any kind)

1/2 cup peanut butter (or almond butter)

1/2 cup fruit (any kind)

1/2 cup maple syrup (or honey)

1/2 cup vanilla extract (or almond extract)

1/2 cup chia seeds (or flax seeds)

1/2 cup chocolate chips (or nuts)

Instructions:

1

Prepare the Overnight Oats

- To prepare in a bowl, mix all ingredients in a bowl and stir well. Let the mixture sit in the refrigerator for 6-8 hours or overnight. The chia seeds will thicken the mixture and make it easy to eat.

2

Mix the Ingredients

- Add the ingredients to a bowl and mix well. Let the mixture sit in the refrigerator for 6-8 hours or overnight. The chia seeds will thicken the mixture and make it easy to eat.

Enjoy your healthy and delicious breakfast

Nutrition Facts (per serving)

Servings per recipe: 2

Calories 450

Carbohydrate 50 g

Fiber 10 g

Total Fat 15 g

Sodium 100 mg

Total Protein 10 g

Cholesterol 0 mg

Sodium 100 mg

Total Sugar 10 g

Vitamin A 250 IU


Vitamin C 10 mg

Calcium 100 mg

Iron 10 mg

This recipe came from <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/727293/luffy-microwave-scrambled-eggs/>

Eating Breakfast to Fuel Your Brain and Body



By: Chasity Dubois, MacKenzie Sellers, and Abby Robertson

Goals and Objectives:


- Our goal is to be able to provide college students with healthier options to eat breakfast
 - Help college students plan for a well-balanced breakfast
 - Incorporate healthier options for their diets
- Inform college students on the potential health problems that could potentially come if you do not eat breakfast
- Help college students by giving them the recipes we created by limiting added sugars
- Inform college students that a well-balanced breakfast can control your hunger throughout the day and it can potentially prevent overeating
 - Give college students options for different types of proteins, grains, and fruit
- Increase Awareness of Healthy Affordable Breakfast Choices
 - Provide students with the knowledge and resources to make healthy, cost-effective breakfast choices (SOS food pantry)

Why is eating breakfast so important?

- Reduces Illnesses: Lower risk of obesity and T2D. Not eating breakfast can raise your risk for cardiovascular disease.¹
- Provides Energy: Improve energy levels and short-term concentration. Can improve your academic performance.¹
- Improves Mental Health: Raise and steady blood pressure, which can improve your mood.²
- Weight Management: Less likely to overeat later in the day.¹

Why Eat Breakfast?

Discover the incredible benefits



Reduces Illnesses:

- Those who regularly eat breakfast can have a lower risk of obesity and Type 2 Diabetes.
- Not eating breakfast can raise your risk for cardiovascular disease.¹

Provides Energy:

- Breakfast can improve energy levels and short-term concentration
- Energy allows you to think and accomplish your activities easier
- Without breakfast, you may feel sluggish and struggle to focus.
- Breakfast can also help improve academic performance.¹



Improves Mental Health:

- Eating breakfast can raise and steady blood pressure, which improves mood.



Weight Management:

- Breakfast eaters are less likely to overeat later in the day.



Breakfast Tips:

- You can make small changes to your morning routine. Even if you're not a breakfast eater, you can add a glass of milk or a piece of fruit to start out.
- Balance out what you eat. Try chicken and eggs one day, and then a bowl of oatmeal another day.
- Eat some food in moderation. If a cereal is sugar-coated, try mixing it with whole-grain cereal.



Did You Know?

THERE ARE CAMPUS RESOURCES TO HELP PREVENT FOOD INSECURITY

THE NUMBER OF APSU STUDENTS REPORTED HAVING LOW OR VERY LOW FOOD INSECURITY WAS...

56.7%

THE RATE OF FOOD INSECURITY ON CAMPUS CONTINUES TO RISE

The Percentage of students who are food insecure increased 2.5%¹ from 2019-2022.

APSU HAS RESOURCES TO HELP FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY

NAME: S.O.S. FOOD PANTRY

HOURS OF OPERATION: TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM TO 4 PM

LOCATION: 322 HOME AVENUE²

YOU MAY USE THE FOOD PANTRY ONCE A WEEK. JUST SHOW YOUR APSU STUDENT ID²

ALL APSU STUDENTS CAN USE THE PANTRY

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRY?



Event 1 included this recipe.

Planning Model

HHP 4010: Health Education Theory and Practice (Fall 2024): Program Components Created

Event 2 Food Topic: Cooking at Home/in Your Room and Packing Your Meals

Recipe Cards

Overnight Oats

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup oats
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tbsp chia seeds (optional)
- 1/4 cup fruit or veggie (optional)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract (optional)
- 1 tsp brown sugar (optional)
- Toppings

DIRECTIONS

1. Place your oats in your favorite jar.
2. Pour in your choice of milk.
3. Stir everything until the oats are fully covered with milk.
4. Let it sit in the refrigerator overnight.
5. Mix in your toppings and enjoy!

SUGGESTIONS AND VARIATIONS FOR RECIPES

- **1. Berries:** Fresh or frozen berries are a great addition to your overnight oats. They add a burst of flavor and antioxidants.
- **2. Nuts:** Chopped nuts like almonds, walnuts, or pecans add a crunchy texture and healthy fats.
- **3. Protein:** Add a scoop of protein powder or a spoonful of Greek yogurt to make your oats more filling.
- **4. Sweeteners:** If you like sweeter oats, add a drizzle of honey, maple syrup, or a pinch of brown sugar.
- **5. Spices:** A dash of cinnamon or nutmeg can add a warm, cozy flavor.

NOTE

Try to use whole, unprocessed ingredients whenever possible. This recipe is a good example of that. It's simple, healthy, and easy to make. You can also use it as a base for other recipes. For example, you could add a scoop of protein powder or a spoonful of Greek yogurt to make it more filling. You could also add a drizzle of honey or a pinch of brown sugar to make it sweeter. The possibilities are endless!

Recipe inspired by [verywell](https://www.verywell.com/overnight-oats-recipe-5085854)

Nutrition Facts	
Serving: 1	
Amount per serving	
Calories	521
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 4.4g	8%
Saturated Fat 1.6g	3%
Cholesterol 5mg	2%
Sodium 44mg	2%
Total Carbohydrate 167.6g	61%
Dietary Fiber 63.3g	228%
Total Sugars 16.4g	
Protein 19.1g	
Vitamin D 0mg	1%
Calcium 120mg	9%
Iron 2mg	13%
Potassium 390mg	8%

*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a food serving contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.



ABSTRACT

Topic: Addressing food insecurity and promoting healthy eating habits using S.O.S. Food Pantry ingredients.

Goals and Objectives:

- Educate students on the benefits of cooking meals at home.
- Provide actionable tools (recipe cards and infographics) to support healthy eating.
- Increase awareness and utilization of the S.O.S. Food Pantry.

Key Research Evidence:

- College students face barriers to food security, such as limited access to kitchen appliances and nutritious food (Conrad et al., 2022).
- Nutrition education has been shown to improve dietary habits and reduce reliance on eating out (Jag et al., 2008).

THEORY

Theory Applied: Health Belief Model (HBM)

Visual Representation: Diagram of HBM constructs (e.g., perceived susceptibility, severity, benefits, barriers, cues to action, self-efficacy).

Explanation:

- **Perceived Benefits:** Healthy, cost-effective, and convenient meals.
- **Perceived Barriers:** Limited appliances, time constraints.
- **Cues to Action:** Recipe cards, food demonstrations, and S.O.S. Food Pantry resources.
- **Self-Efficacy:** Easy-to-follow recipes and education to build confidence.

Application: The theory guided the development of recipe cards and infographics, focusing on actionable solutions to perceived barriers.

THEORY

Theory Applied: Ecological Model

Visual Representation: Picture that shows how food preparation can look like and information about each step in the ecological model that applies to students on campus.

Explanation:

Knowledge: Knowledge about cooking, basic cooking skills.

Time Management: This will give us insight on time, how to use it and what to do about it, our food.

Budgeting: This will teach you how to spend your money on what ingredients to use or where to buy them for a cheaper price.

Application: Being able to cook on your own, becoming independent from fast food chains and controlling your daily life.

Home Cooking

Ecological Model

KEY TALKING POINTS

DEFINITION OF FOOD:

- Includes a food demonstration, sampling, and education session on meal prep and packing.

KEY TIPS FOR STUDENTS:

- Use S.O.S. Food Pantry ingredients for affordable meals.
- Quick and healthy recipes can reduce the urge to eat out.
- Packing meals promotes better nutrition and saves money.

MATERIALS TO PROVIDE:

- Recipe cards for two meals (Overnight Oats and Tuna Sandwiches).
- Infographics.
- Food Insecurity Infographic.
- Nutrition Education Infographic: How to save money for college students.

FOOD INSECURITY KEY POINTS

- Food insecurity is a household's economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.
- Food insecurity occurs for a number of reasons, such as unemployment, poverty, and low wages.
- Many college students experience food insecurity, so you are not alone! Stop by the S.O.S. food pantry located at Austin Peay State University. The pantry is available for all students with a valid student ID!

NUTRITION EDUCATION INFOGRAPHIC: HOW TO SAVE MONEY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

RECIPE CARDS

REFERENCE

Conrad, A. G., Hise-Anderson, T., Gathers, R. J., Kim, C., & Davis, K. M. (2022). Addressing food insecurity: A qualitative study of undergraduate students' perceptions of food pantries. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 56(2), 161-169. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jneb.2021.11.011>

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Tuna Sandwich

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can (5 oz) tuna
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup lettuce, shredded
- 1/2 cup tomato, diced
- 1/2 cup onion, diced
- 1/2 cup pickles, sliced
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 whole wheat buns

DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium bowl, mix the tuna with the mayo.
2. Add the cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles.
3. Stir everything together until thoroughly mixed.
4. Spread the tuna spread on the buns.
5. Add the ketchup and pickles to the buns.
6. Place the spread side of the bun on top to create a sandwich.
7. Enjoy! Eat, or the sandwich is half and serve or pack it up.

SUGGESTIONS AND VARIATIONS FOR RECIPES

- **Yield:** This recipe produces two sandwiches for 2 to 3 sandwiches.
- **Storage:** Keep any leftovers covered in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.
- **Additional Info:** This recipe is a good example of how to use ingredients in a healthy way. It's simple, healthy, and easy to make. You can also use it as a base for other recipes. For example, you could add a scoop of protein powder or a spoonful of Greek yogurt to make it more filling. You could also add a drizzle of honey or a pinch of brown sugar to make it sweeter. The possibilities are endless!

NOTE:

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Recipe inspired by [verywell](https://www.verywell.com/tuna-sandwich-recipe-5085854)

6 Infographic

Food Insecurity

What is food insecurity?

Food insecurity is when one lacks regular access to food for normal growth and development to live an active and healthy lifestyle (Feeding America, n.d.).

Many college students tend to be food insecure for a number of reasons such as unemployment, lack of funds, busy schedule, etc.

What Causes Food Insecurity?

Some factors that can contribute to food insecurity are:

- High living cost
- Expensive housing
- Low wage jobs
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Racism and discrimination
- Chronic health conditions (Feeding America, n.d.).

Food insecurity data

In 2019, APSU students took a survey and 54.2% reported that they were experiencing low or very low food insecurity. In 2022 the percentage went up to 56.7% (ACHA, 2022).

APSU is here to help!

There is an S.O.S food pantry right here at Austin Peay and it is a judgement free zone! We want all students who are in need to drop by the food pantry. All students need to receive food is their APSU student ID!

What's provided?

- Frozen meats
- Canned goods
- Stews
- Dried beans
- Chips
- Seasonings
- Condiments
- Breakfast foods
- Washing detergent
- Tissue paper

Where to find the S.O.S Food Pantry

Location: 322 Home Avenue
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm.

You are not alone!

Many students as well as teachers drop by the food pantry every now and then to grab a quick meal and supplies to meet their needs!

Learn more about food insecurity and the food pantry!

You can learn more about food insecurity at: [Feeding America, \(n.d.\). What is food insecurity?](https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/food-insecurity)

You can learn more about the S.O.S Food Pantry by scanning the QR code.

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Feeding America. (2022). What is food insecurity? <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/food-insecurity>

VENNAGE

Source: <https://www.verywell.com/overnight-oats-recipe-5085854>

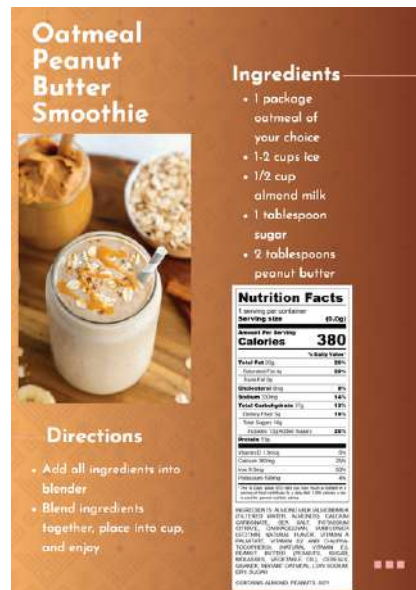
Planning Model

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HHP 4010: Health Education Theory and Practice (Fall 2024): Program Components Created

Event 3 Food Topic: Healthy and Fresh Spring Smoothies

Recipe Cards



Recipes were tailored and adjusted for final implementation.



Key Points Presentation

HEALTHY AND FRESH SPRING SMOOTHIES

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- HHP 4010

ABSTRACT

Goals:

- Students will try out our smoothie recipes and incorporate them into their daily routine.
- Students who have limited time to cook a breakfast meal can replace the meal with a fast and on the go smoothie.
- Students will increase their intake of fruits and vegetables.

Objectives:

- By Fall 2025, 70% of APSU students who attend the event will start eating breakfast.
- By fall 2025, 60% of APSU students who attend the event will know more about the S.O.S. Food Pantry.

THEORY OF PLANNED BEHAVIOR

Theory of planned behavior is the theory of reasoned actions, and the theory can help us control our actions.

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graph LR; A[Attitudes: Time-saving Convenience] --> I[Intentions: Planning to eat breakfast every day]; S[Social Norms: Not having to make breakfast every day] --> I; B[Perceived barriers: Lack of time to make breakfast] --> I; I --> BE[Behavior: Starting eating breakfast every day]
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KEY POINTS

Why breakfast is Important?

- Improves concentration and focus
 - Improves academic performance
- Lifts mood
- Boosts immune system

- S.O.S. Food Pantry
 - Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00
 - Can visit once a week
 - MUST HAVE APSU ID
 - Emergency Funds
 - List of supplies varies

REFERENCE

Solodov, & FloridaMilk. (n.d.). 10 reasons why you should eat breakfast every day. www.floridamilk.com. <https://www.floridamilk.com/in-the-news/blog/nutrition/10-reasons-why-you-should-eat-breakfast-every-day.html>

Support our students (S.O.S.) food pantry. SOS Food Pantry. (n.d.). <https://www.apsu.edu/res/basic-needs/food-pantry.php>

Infographic

APSU S.O.S. Food Pantry

Why Eating Well Matters for Your Mind & Body

Do you know that what we consume can affect our concentration and grades?

Without consistent access to healthy food, students tend to experience fatigue and struggle to focus (Loofbourrow & Scherr, 2023). This is where the S.O.S. Food Pantry comes in.

What's Available at the Pantry?

The S.O.S. Food Pantry has all the good stuff, and pantry workers also teach you how to make food that feeds your body and mind.

Available Food Items:

- Fresh Produce (seasonal fruits, eggs and vegetables)
- Canned Goods (vegetables, beans, tuna)
- Grains (rice, pasta, oatmeal)
- Proteins (frozen meats)
- Snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruits)

Getting Involved

Want to help out?

The S.O.S. Food Pantry is a community-driven resource, and students like you make it possible! Raise awareness, donate non-perishables, or volunteer—it's all about students helping students.

DON'T FORGET YOUR STUDENT ID!!!

DO NOT HESITATE!!

Don't let hunger stand in your way. Visit the S.O.S. Food Pantry today to fuel your success!

Sources:

Loofbourrow, B. M., & Scherr, R. E. (2023). Food insecurity in higher education: A contemporary review of impacts and explorations of solutions. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20(10), 5884. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20105884>

Location:

322 Home Ave, Clarksville, TN 37040

Hours:

Saturday - Monday: Closed
Tuesday - Friday: 9 am - 4 pm

Learn more about the S.O.S. Food Pantry.

Planning Model

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: IRB Approval Process (Fall 2024)



Study Title: “Interprofessional Education and Competency Development Among Public Health, Nursing, and Medical Laboratory Science, Students: A Mixed-Methods Study of the Govs Wellness Hub Program”

Planning Model

Student Research Participant Recruitment and Pretesting (Spring 2025)

- Dr. Bliss and Ms. Wills visited participating courses during the first two weeks of the semester to recruit students, obtain informed consent, and administer pretests.
 - Participating Courses:
 - HHP 4800: Capstone for Public Health (Dr. Tyler Nolting)
 - NURS 4050/4051: Community and Public Health Nursing/Community and Public Health Nursing Clinical (Dr. Tasha Ruffin and Mrs. Mitzi Baker)
 - MTEC 4090: Clinical Hematology (Dr. Heather Phillips)

Selected Recruitment Presentation Slides



NOTE: Social Work 3620: Micro Social Work Practice faculty and students elected not to participate in the study early in the Spring 2025 semester.

Schedule: First Two Weeks

Week	Class	Activity	Date & Time	Location
Week 1	HHP 4800	First Class Visit	Wed, Jan 22, 11:15-12:10pm	Dunn Center 282
		Second Class Visit	Fri, Jan 24, 11:15-12:10pm	Dunn Center 282
	SW 3620	First Class Visit	Tue, Jan 21, 9:35-11am	McCord 221
		Second Class Visit	Thu, Jan 23, 9:35-11am	McCord 221
	NURS 4050	First Class Visit	Wed, Jan 22, 1:50-4:50pm	McCord 340
	MTEC 4090	Recruitment Session(s)	To be scheduled (Zoom/F2F)	TBD
	ALL CLASSES	Initial Pretest Email	Fri, Jan 24, 8am	-
Week 2	NURS 4050	Second Class Visit	Wed, Jan 29, 1:50-4:50pm	McCord 340
	ALL CLASSES	Reminder Email	Fri, Jan 31, 8am	-

Planning Model

Explaining the Govs Wellness Hub Program to Students (Spring 2025)

Selected Overview Presentation Slides

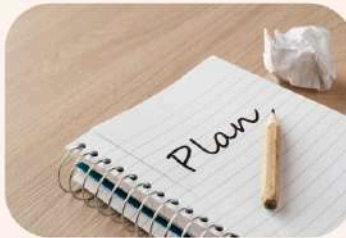
- Dr. Nolting visited NURS 4050/4051 early in the semester (January 23, 2025) to explain the Govs Wellness Hub Program.
- He also made a video presentation of these slides to share with all students in all courses involved.

Govs Wellness Hub

A Quick Overview for Students in SW 3620, NURS 4050/4051, MTEC 4090, and HHP 4800

Overall Student Experience


- Students
 - Will be placed into two groups, one for the Wellness Hub event(s) they will attend and another for their research poster group.
 - Will complete assignments related to the research poster
 - Will attend Wellness Hub event(s)



Classes/Students Involved

- HHP 4800: Capstone for Public Health
 - 11 students
- NURS 4050/4051: Community and Public Health Nursing/Community and Public Health Nursing Clinical
 - ~51 students
- MTEC 4090: Clinical Hematology
 - 16 students
- SW 3620: Micro Social Work Practice
 - 14 students

***~92 total students**




Required Student Activities: Govs Wellness Hub Events

1. Wellness Hub Events: health screenings and nutrition/food security programming
 - a. February 11: Eating Breakfast to Fuel Your Body and Brain
 - b. March 4: Cooking at Home/In Your Room and Packing Your Meals
 - c. March 25: Healthy and Fresh Spring Smoothies
2. All events occur from 11 am - 1 pm in MUC Ballroom
 - a. We have it reserved from 10 am - 2 pm to allow time for setup and tear down.




Required Student Activities: Govs Wellness Hub Events (cont.)

3. Each course (except HHP 4800) will be split into thirds creating three cohorts.
 - Cohort 1 implements the 2/11 event.
 - Cohort 2 implements the 3/4 event.
 - Cohort 3 implements the 3/25 event.
- NOTE: Your professor(s) will provide you with the cohort lists.



Required Student Activities: Govs Wellness Hub Events (cont.)

4. Many items related to the Hub events will be included in your D2L shells throughout the semester:
 - Event "game plans" which will detail the plan for each event.
 - Promotional flyers
 - Recipe cards for food security/nutrition programming (SW 3620)
 - The healthy heart screening booklets (NURS 4050, MTEC 4090, and HHP 4800)
 - Event supply lists for screenings and food programming



Required Student Activities: Research Poster Assignments

1. Research Poster Assignments
 - a. Group Contract Assignment
 - b. Introduction/Background Assignment
 - c. Methods Assignment
 - d. Results and Conclusions Assignment
 - e. Poster
 - f. Presentations
 - i. 4/16 at Tennova from 2-4 pm
 - ii. 4/23 on campus as part of the APSU Student Research and Scholarly Activity Symposium from 8-5 pm in the MUC Ballroom
 - g. Self- and Peer-Evaluation

- NOTE: All assignments will appear in separate files and may contain items like the following:
 - Assignment Guidelines
 - Grading Rubric
 - AI Addendum
 - AI Disclosure
 - Student Example
 - Video Overview
 - Other

Required Student Activities: Research Poster Possible Topics

- Total Cholesterol and HDL: Relation to Heart Health
- Blood Pressure: Hypertension
- Blood Glucose, Hemoglobin A1C, and Diabetes
- Iron Levels and its Importance
- C-Reactive Protein: Relation to CVD
- Body Composition, Obesity, and CVD
- Physical Activity and CVD Outcomes
- Nutrition and the Following:
 - Fish and Shellfish
 - Whole Grains
 - Sodium
 - Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
 - Fruits and Vegetables
- Nutrition and the Following:
 - The Importance of Breakfast
 - The Importance of Preparing Meals
 - Healthy Beverages and Smoothies
- Smoking and Vaping and CVD Outcomes

Required Student Activities: Choosing Topics, Group Leaders, and Group Communication

- With 11 students in HHP 4800, there will be a total of 11 research poster groups.
- Since the HHP 4800 course is centered around this entire Hub and research poster experience, each HHP 4800 student will be designated as the leader of their groups.
- During the first week of class, HHP 4800 students will select their topics from the previous list.
- By the end of week 1, they will contact their group via email to begin the research poster assignment journey.
- All major communication related to the research poster assignments can be directed to the HHP 4800 group leaders first and then to Tyler.

Planning Model

Formation of Teams, Selection of Topics, and Semester Assignments

Teams

- 10 total teams with each having 1 student from HHP 4800 (designated as the group leader)
- All teams had representation from NURS 4050/4051 and MTEC 4090



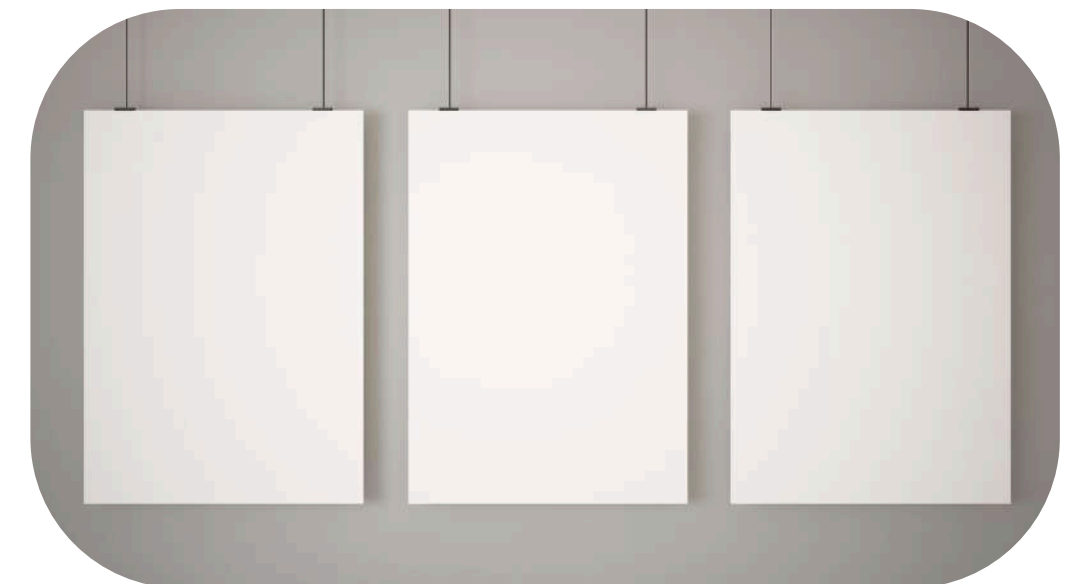
Topics

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- Blood Pressure: Hypertension
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- Body Composition, Obesity, and CVD
- Nutrition and the Importance of Fish and Shellfish, Whole Grains, and Fruits and Vegetables
- Sodium, Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Influence on CVD
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Assignments

- Group Contract
- Introduction/Background Assignment
- Methods Assignment
- Gvs Wellness Hub Event
- Results and Conclusion Assignment
- Research Poster
- Poster Presentation #1: Tennova Healthcare – Nursing Research Poster Symposium
- Poster Presentation #2: APSU Student Research & Scholarly Activity Symposium



Planning/Implementation Model

Govs Wellness Hub Events: Important Documents

Screening Consent Form

Govs Wellness Hub Health Screening Consent Form Austin Peay State University

Purpose

This form provides information about health screening procedures conducted at the Govs Wellness Hub in the Morgan University Center Ballroom. This screening event is a collaborative effort between Public Health, Nursing, and Medical Laboratory Science students.

Important Notice

This screening is for educational and preliminary assessment purposes only. The results are not diagnostic and should not be considered a substitute for a complete medical evaluation. We strongly recommend following up with your healthcare provider to discuss your results and obtain comprehensive medical advice.

Screening Procedures

- Blood Analysis (fingerstick and venous sample)**
 - Measurement of total cholesterol, HDL, glucose, hemoglobin, hemoglobin A1C, iron, CRP, and hematocrit.
 - Involves a small lancet puncture to the finger and a small needle puncture to a vein in the arm to obtain the blood sample.
- Blood Pressure and Heart Rate**
 - Blood pressure cuff measurement on the upper arm
 - Recording of systolic/diastolic pressure and heart rate
- Body Composition Assessment**
 - Height and weight measurements for BMI calculation
 - Waist circumference measurement
 - Body fat percentage using handheld bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA)

Potential Risks

- Blood Analysis**
- Possible bruising or minor discomfort at the puncture sites
 - Potential lightheadedness or dizziness
 - Minimal risk of infection

Blood Pressure Measurement

- Temporary discomfort from cuff pressure

Body Composition

- BIA is not recommended for individuals with electronic medical implants or who are pregnant
- Measurements are taken with attention to privacy, but some disclosure of measurements may occur

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Govs Wellness Hub Health Screening Consent Form Austin Peay State University

Participant Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that:

- I am at least 18 years of age and an APSU student
- I understand this is a screening only and not a diagnostic medical examination
- I have been informed of the potential risks
- I may decline any part of the screening at any time
- The screening is performed by students under faculty supervision
- All information collected will be kept confidential
- I should seek medical care for any concerning results
- I am responsible for any follow-up medical care and associated costs

Medical Emergency Protocol

Appropriate medical services will be contacted in case of an emergency during the screening. Any costs associated with emergency care or follow-up medical treatment are the participant's responsibility.

Consent

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ A Number: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Health Information (check all that apply)

- ☐ History of fainting with blood draws
- ☐ Pregnancy
- ☐ Electronic medical implant
- ☐ Bleeding disorders
- ☐ Other medical conditions: _____

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Screening Reference Guide

Healthy Heart Screening Reference Guide Govs Wellness Hub Event - Austin Peay State University

Blood Lipids				
Measurement	Your Numbers	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)		<200	200-239	≥240
HDL (mg/dL) - Women		≥60	50-59	<50
HDL (mg/dL) - Men		≥60	40-59	<40
Total Cholesterol/HDL Ratio - Women		<3.0	3.0-4.4	≥4.4
Total Cholesterol/HDL Ratio - Men		<3.5	3.5-5.0	≥5.0

Blood Glucose and Hemoglobin A1C				
Measurement	Your Numbers	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Non-fasting Glucose (mg/dL)		<140	140-199	≥200
Fasting Glucose (mg/dL)		≤99	100-125	≥126
Hemoglobin A1C		Normal: <5.7%	Pre-diabetic: 5.7-6.4%	Diabetic: ≥6.4%

Hemoglobin, Iron, CRP, and Hematocrit				
Analyte	Your Numbers	Low	Normal	High
Hemoglobin – Men (g/dL)		<13.5	13.5-17.5	>17.5
Hemoglobin – Women (g/dL)		<12	12-16	>16
Iron – Men (µg/dL)		<50	50-150	>150
Iron – Women (mcg/dL)		<35	35-145	>145
CRP* (mg/dL)		<1	1-3	>3
Hematocrit – Men (%)		<41	41-50	>50
Hematocrit – Women (%)		<36	36-44	>44

*C-reactive protein (CRP) test measures inflammation in the body, which can indicate an increased risk of heart disease, infection, or other health conditions. Elevated CRP levels suggest the need for further medical evaluation.

Body Mass Index				
Measurement	Your Numbers	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
BMI		18.5-24.9	25-29.9 (Overweight)	30-34.9 (Class 1 Obesity)
				35-39.9 (Class 2 Obesity)
				≥40 (Class 3 Obesity)

Waist Circumference				
Measurement	Your Numbers	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Women (inches)		<31.5	31.5-34.9	≥35
Men (inches)		<37	37-39.9	≥40

Body Fat Percentage				
Group	Your Numbers	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Women 20-39 years		21-32.9%	33-38.9%	≥39%
Women 40-59 years		23-33.9%	34-39.9%	≥40%
Women 60-79 years		24-35.9%	36-41.9%	≥42%
Men 20-39 years		8-19.9%	20-24.9%	≥25%
Men 40-59 years		11-21.9%	22-27.9%	≥28%
Men 60-79 years		13-24.9%	25-29.9%	≥30%

Blood Pressure and Heart Rate		
Your Blood Pressure Reading Today:		
Measurement	Your Number	
Systolic (upper number)		mmHg
Diastolic (lower number)		mmHg

Blood Pressure Categories:			
Blood Pressure Category	Systolic (upper number)		Diastolic (lower number)
Normal	Less than 120	and	Less than 80
Elevated	120-129	and	Less than 80
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 1	130-139	or	80-89
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 2	140 or higher	or	90 or higher
Hypertensive Crisis (consult your doctor immediately)	Higher than 180	and/or	Higher than 120

Heart Rate		
Heart Rate	Your Number	Normal High
Resting Heart Rate (bpm)		60-100 ≥100

Diet and Nutrition				
Measurement	Your Numbers	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Vegetables and Fruits (cups/day)		≥4.5	>0 to <4.5	0
Fish/Shellfish (3.5-oz servings/week)		≥2	>0 to <2	0
Whole Grains (1-oz servings/day)		≥3	>0 to <3	0
Sodium (mg/day)		≤1,500	>1,500 to <4,500	≥4,500
Sugar-sweetened beverages (fl oz/week)		≤36	>36 to <210	≥210

Physical Activity				
Activity Type	Your Numbers	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Moderate-Intensity Aerobic (min/week)		≥150	>0 to <150	0
Vigorous-Intensity Aerobic (min/week)		≥75	>0 to <75	0
Muscle-Strengthening (days/week)		≥2	1	0

Smoking/Vaping Status				
Status	Your Response	Low Risk	High Risk	
Smoking/Vaping		No	Yes	

QUESTIONS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, DIET, AND SMOKING STATION

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY QUESTIONS

- How many minutes of aerobic activity do you get per week when your heart rate is increased but you can still have a conversation with someone?
- How many minutes of aerobic activity do you get per week when your heart rate is increased but you cannot have a conversation with someone?
- How many times per week do you do strength training where you are exercising all your major muscle groups?

DIET QUESTIONS

- How many cups of vegetables and fruit do you eat in a day? Imagine a cup being the size of your fist.
- How many servings of fish do you eat in a week? One serving is about the size of a deck of cards.
- How many servings of whole grains do you eat per day? One serving of whole grain is a slice of whole grain toast; a half-cup of cooked oatmeal, pasta, or rice; or a cup of dry cereal.
- How much salt do you consume per day? Remember, one teaspoon of salt is about 2,300 mg.
- How many ounces of sugar-sweetened beverages do you drink per week? Remember, a can of soda is usually 12 ounces.

SMOKING QUESTIONS

- Do you smoke tobacco products (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, etc.)?
- Do you vape?

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Govs Wellness Hub Student Participant Survey

Govs Wellness Hub Survey 2025

Thank you for your willingness to complete this survey for the Govs Wellness Hub event. This survey contains questions about your health and family history. This survey may take anywhere between 5-10 minutes to complete.

This survey will help Austin Peay State University students better understand what they gained from the health screenings and nutrition education programming. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey, and we all hope you enjoyed your experience at the Govs Wellness Hub event!

Part 1: Demographics

Q1: What is your age?

a. 18-24 years old

b. 25-34 years old

c. 35-44 years old

d. 45-54 years old

e. 55 years or older

Q2: What gender do you identify as?

a. Male

b. Female

c. Non-binary

d. Transgender

e. I prefer not to answer

f. Other

Q3: Please specify your race:

a. African American

b. Latino or Hispanic

c. Caucasian

d. Asian

e. Native American

f. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

g. Bi- or Multi-racial

h. Prefer not to answer

i. Other/Unknown

Q4: Are you married?

a. Yes

b. No

c. In a domestic partnership

d. Prefer not to answer

Q5: How many children do you have?

Q6: What is your military affiliation status? (Select all that apply)

a. None

b. 1

c. 2-4

d. More than 4

e. Prefer not to answer

Q7: Which of the following is considered a normal blood pressure reading?

a. 116/82 mmHg

b. 134/68 mmHg

c. 126/72 mmHg

d. 118/76 mmHg

e. I'm not sure

Q8: How do you manage stress that may impact your blood pressure?

Topic: Total Cholesterol and HDL: Relation to Heart Health (Chasity)

Q9: Which of the following is considered a healthy total cholesterol?

a. 221 mg/dL

b. 254 mg/dL

c. 178 mg/dL

d. None of the above

Q10: Explain how you can increase your HDL levels.

Topic: C-Reactive Protein: Relation to CVD (Christianna)

Q11: Do you smoke (e.g., cigarettes, marijuana, vape, etc.)?

a. Yes

b. No

c. Used to, but quit

Q12: How many hours of sleep do you get every night?

a. Less than 4 hours

b. 4-6 hours

c. 7-9 hours

d. More than 9 hours

Q13: Describe your daily stress levels.

Topic: Iron Levels and Its Importance (Hannah)

Q14: Which of these reflects healthy or normal iron levels? (g/dL for men; mcg for women)

a. 162

b. 135

c. 26

d. 17

Q15: How can you change your diet to increase and/or maintain your iron levels?

Topic: Nutrition and the Importance of Fish and Shellfish, Whole Grains, and Fruits and Vegetables (Wisanee)

Q16: How often do you eat the following food groups during the week?

Fish and Shellfish:

a. Never

b. 1-2 times

c. 3-4 times

d. 5 or more times

Whole Grains:

a. Never

b. 1-2 times

c. 3-4 times

d. 5 or more times

Fruits and Vegetables:

a. Never

b. 1-2 times

c. 3-4 times

d. 5 or more times

Q17: How would you explain the role of fish, shellfish, whole grains, and fruits and vegetables in promoting heart health and preventing cardiovascular disease?

Topic: Body Composition, Obesity, and CVD (Gazala)

Q18: Does your family have a history of obesity?

a. Yes

b. No

c. I don't know

d. I prefer not to say

Q19: How often do you eat fast food?

a. All the time (6-7 times per week)

b. Often (3-5 times per week)

c. Sometimes (1-2 times per week)

d. Rarely (1-3 times per month)

e. Never

Q20: Do you feel that your body composition affects your daily life? Why or why not?

Topic: Blood Glucose, Hemoglobin A1C, and Diabetes (Shalaya)

Q21: Which of the following A1C levels is considered in the pre-diabetic range?

a. 6.1

b. 5.7

c. 6.8

d. None of the above

Q22: How can you reduce and/ or manage diabetes now or in the future?

Topic: Sodium, Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Influence on CVD (Abby)

Q23: On average, how many sugar-sweetened drinks do you consume weekly?

a. 0

b. 1-3

c. 4-6

d. 7+

Q24: How do you feel after drinking sugar-sweetened beverages in the short and long term?

Topic: Nutrition and the Importance of Breakfast, Preparing Meals, and Healthy Beverages and Smoothies (MacKenzie)

Q25: How many times a week do you eat breakfast?

a. 0-2

b. 3-4

c. 5 or more

d. Never

Q26: Preparing my meals at home helps me reduce my overall daily calorie intake.

a. Strongly agree

b. Agree

c. Neither agree nor disagree

d. Disagree

e. Strongly disagree

Q27: Describe your ideal healthy beverage or smoothie.

Topic: Smoking, Vaping, and CVD (Farrin)

Q28: Do you smoke cigarettes or vape?

a. No

b. Yes

Q29: Vaping is associated with cardiovascular disease.

a. Strongly Agree

b. Agree

c. Neither agree nor disagree

d. Disagree

e. Strongly disagree

Q30: Describe personal experiences and/or exposures to smoking and/or vaping throughout your life.

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Govs Wellness Hub Events: Important Documents

Pre- and Post-Hub Journal Reflections: Dr. Bliss followed the below email schedule to send initial and reminder emails to research study participants.

Week	Dates	Cohort	Event/Prompt Type	Action	Date & Time	Location
Week 3	Feb 3 - Feb 9	Cohort 1	Pre-Hub Reflection	Initial Email	Mon, Feb 3, 8am	-Cohort 1 Email List
				Reminder Email	Wed, Feb 5, 8am	-Cohort 1 Email List
Week 4	Feb 10 - Feb 16	Cohort 1	Hub Event	Event	Tue, Feb 11, 11am-1pm (reserved 10 am – 2 pm)	MUC Ballroom
			Post-Hub Reflection	Initial Email	Wed, Feb 12, 8am	-Cohort 1 Email List
				Reminder Email	Fri, Feb 14, 8am	-Cohort 1 Email List
Week 6	Feb 24 - Mar 2	Cohort 2	Pre-Hub Reflection	Initial Email	Mon, Feb 24, 8am	-Cohort 2 Email List
				Reminder Email	Wed, Feb 26, 8am	-Cohort 2 Email List
Week 7	Mar 3 - Mar 9	Cohort 2	Hub Event	Event	Tue, Mar 4, 11am-1pm (reserved 10 am – 2 pm)	MUC Ballroom
			Post-Hub Reflection	Initial Email	Wed, Mar 5, 8am	-Cohort 2 Email List
				Reminder Email	Fri, Mar 7, 8am	-Cohort 2 Email List
Week 9	Mar 17 - Mar 23	Cohort 3	Pre-Hub Reflection	Initial Email	Mon, Mar 17, 8am	-Cohort 3 Email List
				Reminder Email	Wed, Mar 19, 8am	-Cohort 3 Email List
Week 10	Mar 24 - Mar 30	Cohort 3	Hub Event	Event	Tue, Mar 25, 11am-1pm (reserved 10 am – 2 pm)	MUC Ballroom
			Post-Hub Reflection	Initial Email	Wed, Mar 26, 8am	-Cohort 3 Email List
				Reminder Email	Fri, Mar 28, 8am	-Cohort 3 Email List
Week 14	Apr 21 - Apr 27	Cohorts 1-3	Final Hub Reflection	Initial Email	Thu, Apr 24, 8am	-Cohorts 1-3 Email List
				Reminder Email	Fri, Apr 25, 8am	-Cohorts 1-3 Email List

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Govs Wellness Hub Event #1: Promotional Flyer and Facebook and Instagram Infographics

Flyer



Instagram Infographic



Facebook Infographic



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Morgan University Center Ballroom

Free Health Screenings

- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Blood Sugar & Hemoglobin A1C
- Hemoglobin & Iron
- C-Reactive Protein & Hematocrit
- Body Composition
- Health Coaching

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Enter to Win a Microwave & Microwavable-Safe Containers

Breakfast Station

- Create Your Own Breakfast Bowl
- Build a Healthy Burrito
- Fresh Ingredients and Toppings
- Take-Home Recipe Cards
- Nutrition Education
- Food Security Resources

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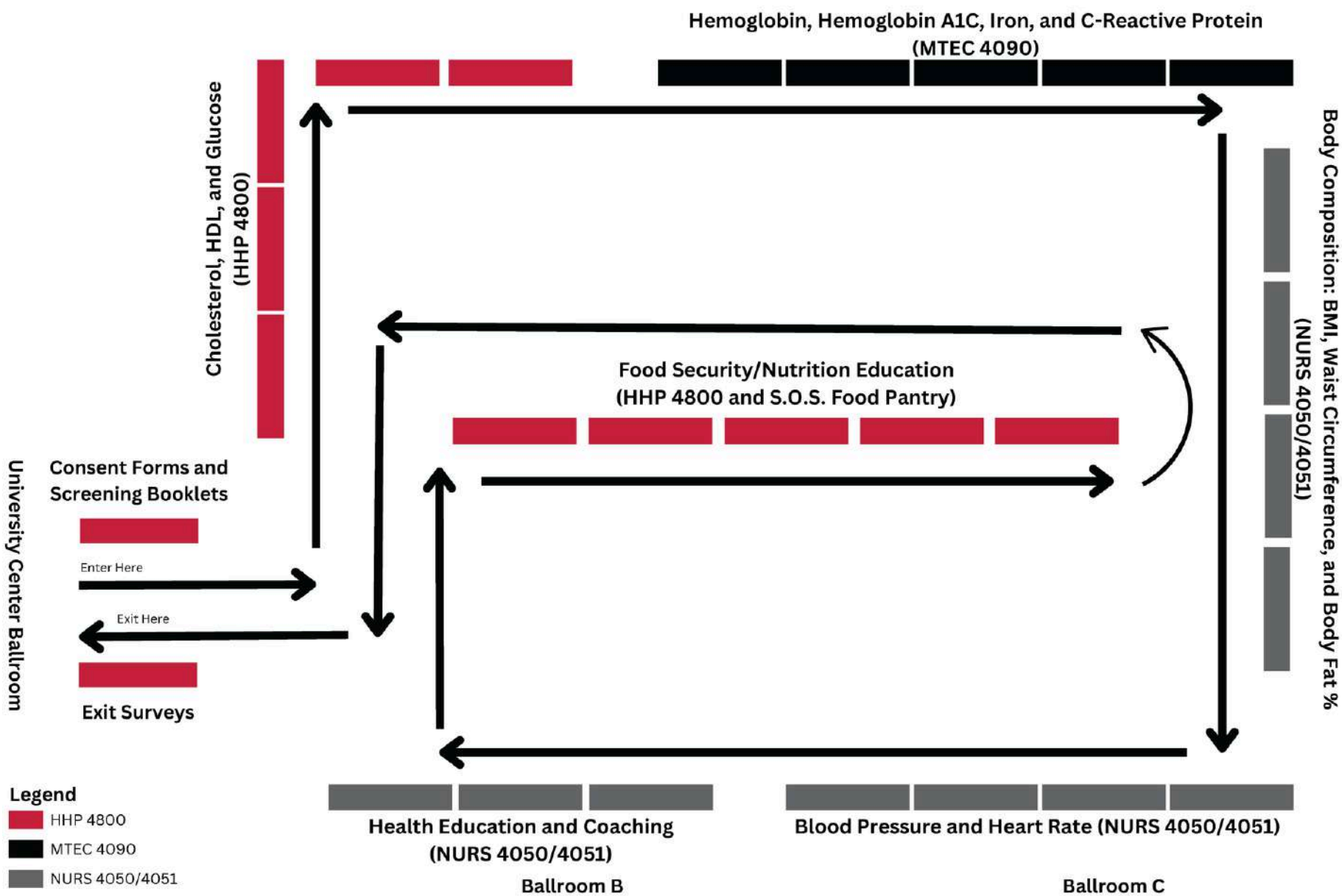
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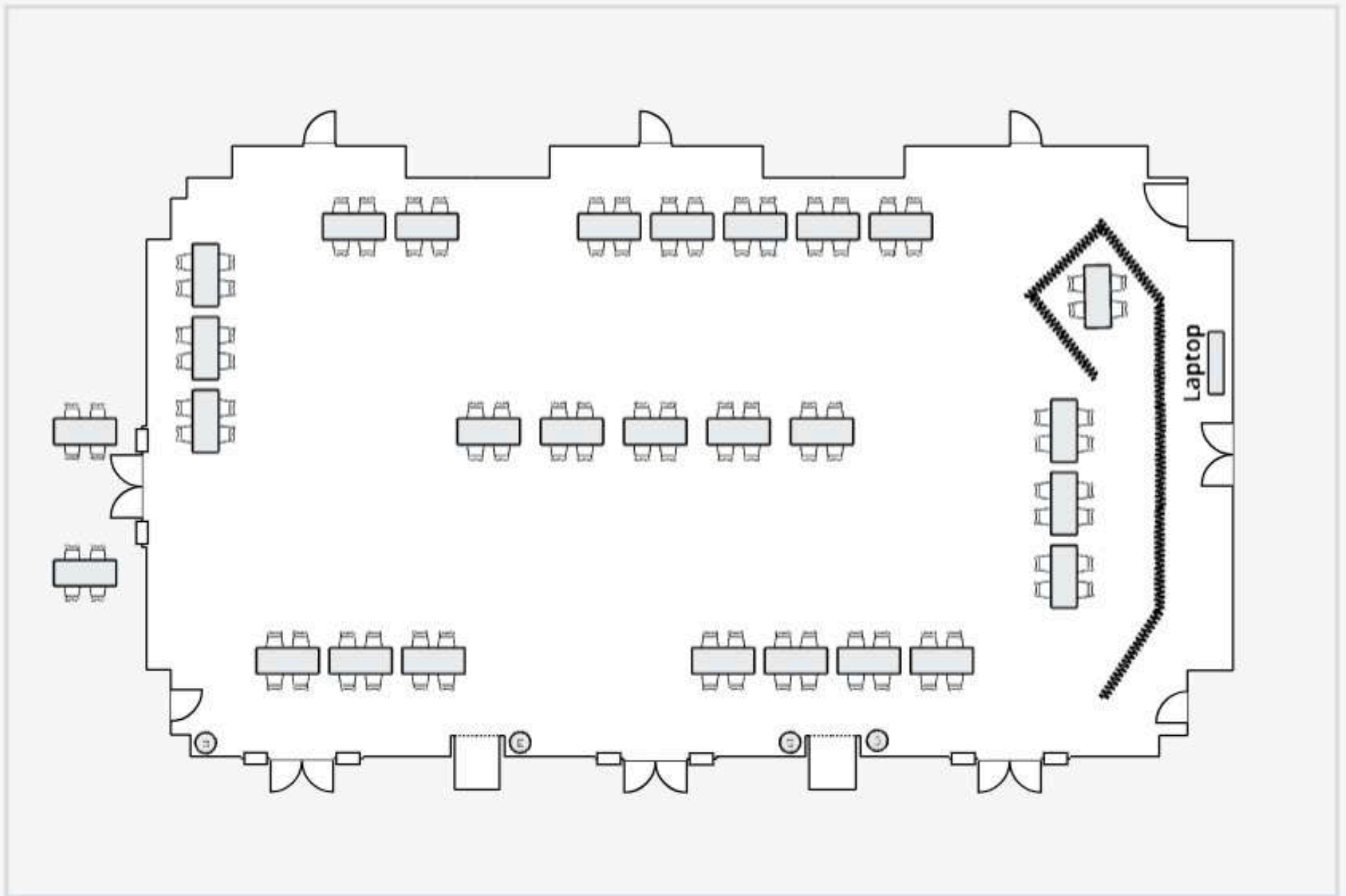
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Govs Wellness Hub Event #1: Map of MUC Ballroom

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Govs Wellness Hub Event #1: Social Media Infographic Recaps

Facebook Infographic Recap



Instagram Infographic Recap



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Govs Wellness Hub Event #2: Promotional Flyer and Facebook and Instagram Infographics

Flyer



Facebook Infographic



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MARCH 4TH, 2025

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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Stir Fry Station

- Cooking Demonstrations
- Fresh Ingredients
- Free Food
- Recipes
- Nutrition Education
- Food Security Resources

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Instagram Infographic



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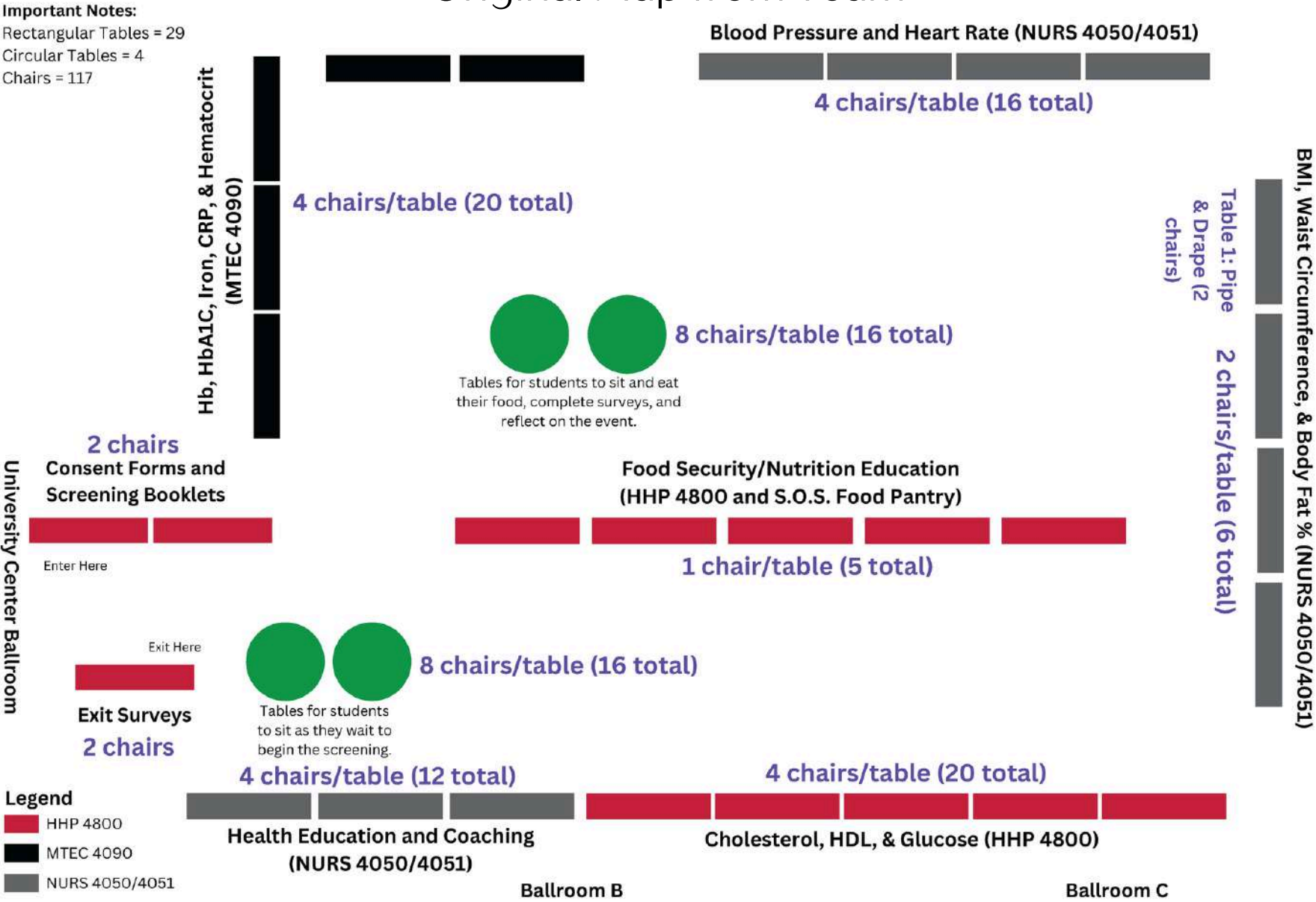
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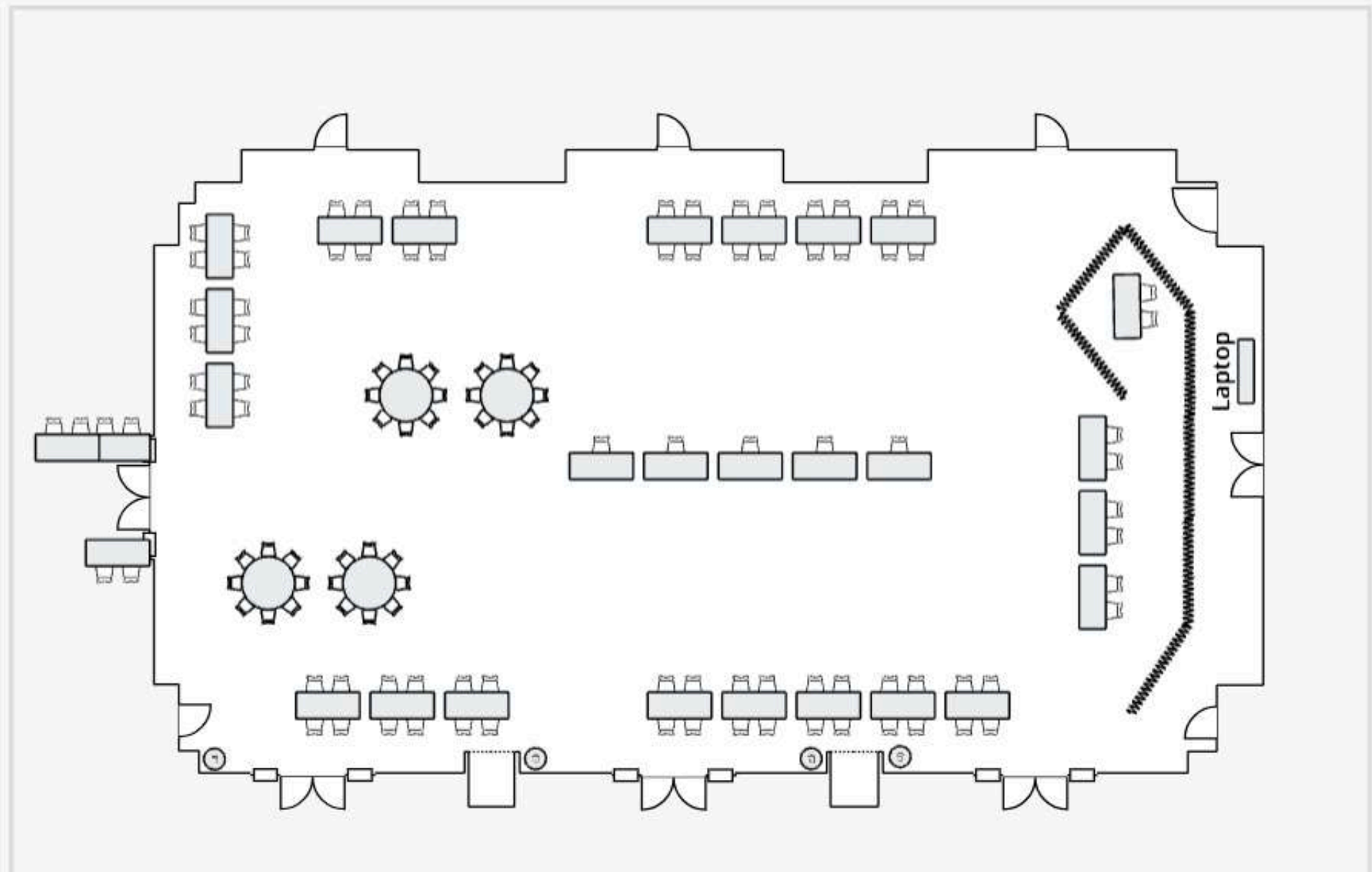
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MUC-Generated Map



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Govs Wellness Hub Event #2: Social Media Infographic Recaps

Facebook Infographic Recap



Instagram Infographic Recap



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Govs Wellness Hub Event #3: Promotional Flyer and Facebook and Instagram Infographics

Facebook Infographic



GOVS WELLNESS HUB

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MARCH 25TH, 2025

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Exciting Prizes Available!

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Healthy & Fresh Spring Smoothies

- Smoothie Demonstrations
- Fresh Ingredients
- Free Smoothies
- Recipes
- Nutrition Education
- Food Security Resources

Flyer



GOVS WELLNESS HUB

Morgan University Center Ballroom

MARCH 25TH, 2025

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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Morgan University Center Ballroom

MARCH 25TH, 2025

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Free Health Screenings

- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Blood Sugar & Hemoglobin A1C
- Hemoglobin & Iron
- C-Reactive Protein & Hematocrit
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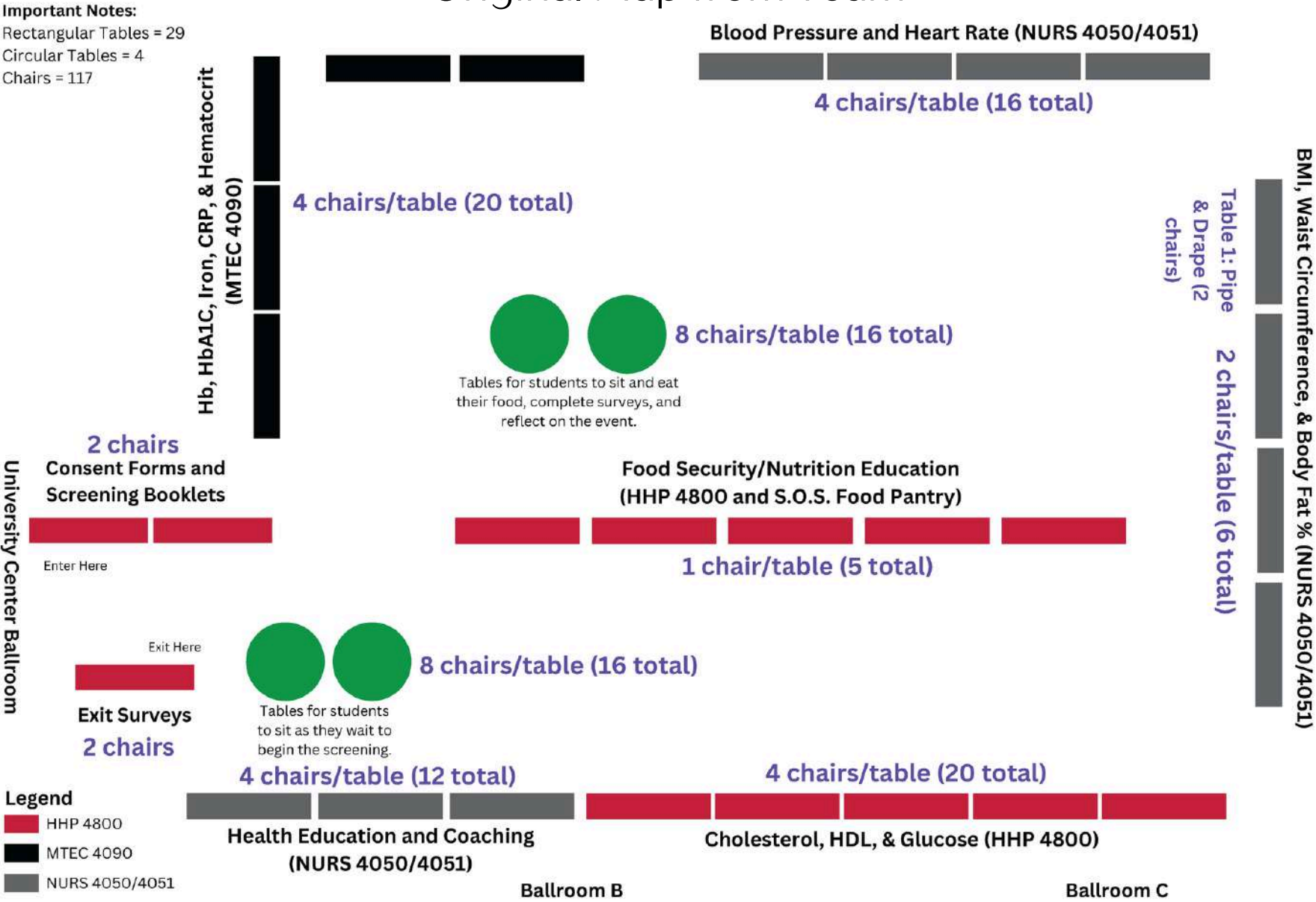
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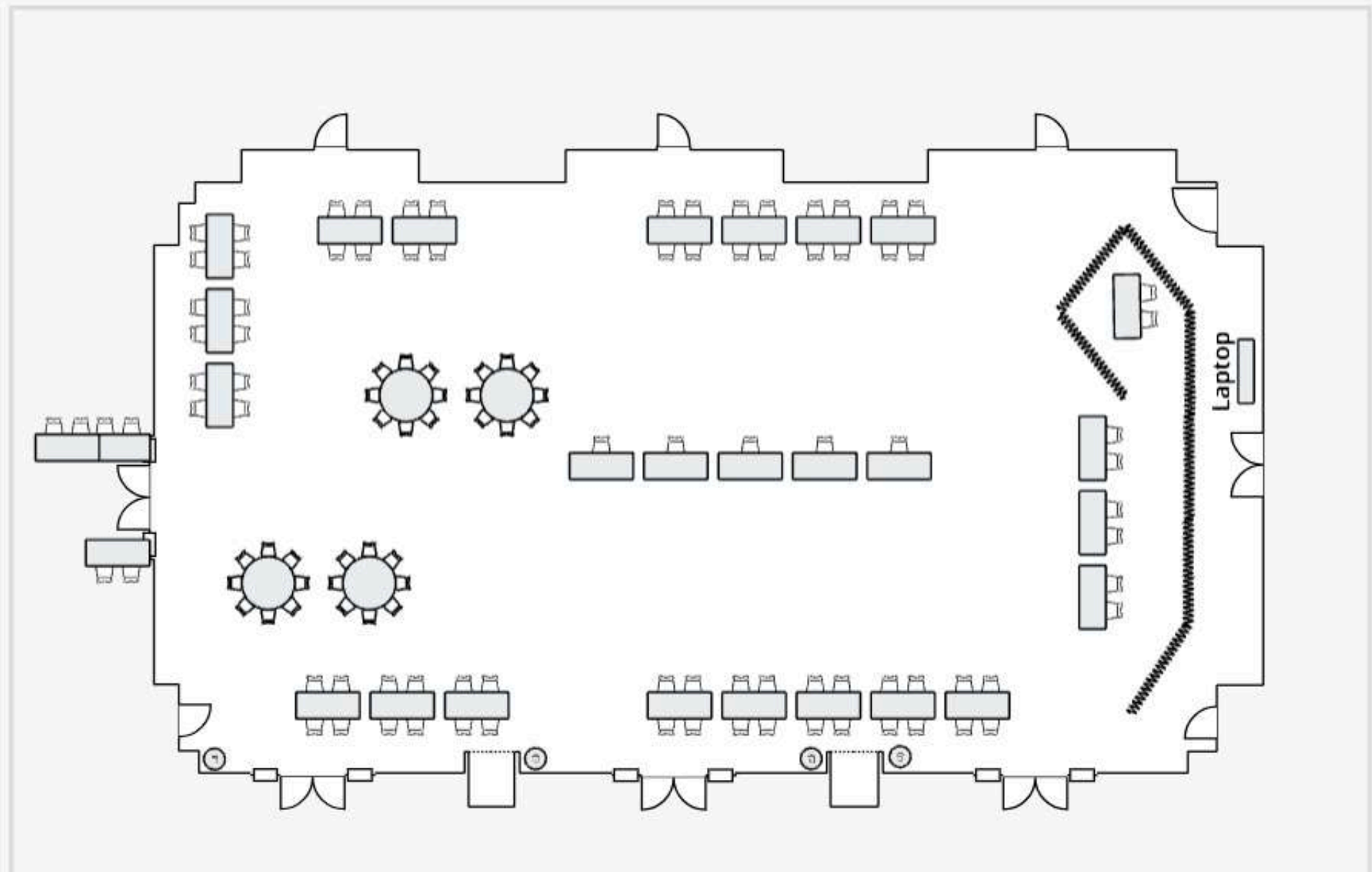
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Govs Wellness Hub Event #3: Map of MUC Ballroom

Original Map from Team



MUC-Generated Map



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Govs Wellness Hub Event #3: Social Media Infographic Recaps

Facebook Infographic Recap



Instagram Infographic Recap



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Govs Wellness Hub Event Summary

APSU Govs Wellness Hub – Spring 2025 Wrap-Up 🎉

- Program Highlights:
 - Led by students from HHP 4800, MTEC 4090, NURS 4050/4051, & Phlebotomy Tech
- By the Numbers:
 - 3 campus-wide wellness events
 - 160+ participants received health screenings
 - ~200 total participants
 - 69% survey response rate
 - 10+ faculty/staff supported the program
- Special Thanks:
 - Student leaders: Patrick Richardson & Shannon Slotwinski
 - Community partners: Ka'Niya Williamson (UT-Extension) & Nancy Proctor (Montgomery Co. Health Dept.)
 - Supportive faculty/staff: Dr. Phillips, Natalie DoVanne, Dr. Ruffin, Mrs. Baker, Dr. Bliss, Mrs. Lahann, Ms. Wills, and Paola Nolting
- Thank you to all who contributed to this successful initiative!



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The Impact of Sodium and Sugar-Sweetened Beverages on Cardiovascular Health



The Impact of Sodium, Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Impact on Cardiovascular

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Abstract

❖ The Gova Wellness Hub at Austin Peay State University aimed to evaluate student consumption of sodium and sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) and their link to Cardiovascular disease (CVD). The three events engaged 160 students in health screenings: 59 attended Event 1, 51 attended Event 2, and 50 attended Event 3. Of these, 111 completed surveys (69% response rate). Events included screenings, education, and free food. The events were supported by over 85 student volunteers and faculty. Most participants (84%) were aged 18–24, with diverse representation: 53% female, 43% African American. Most students consumed 1–3 SSBs weekly (55%). Feedback showed varied effects from SSBs—some felt sluggish, others unaffected, and some avoided them. Many demonstrated awareness of related health risks. The program's strengths included interdisciplinary collaboration and incentives that boosted participation. Limitations included limited event frequency and small sample size. Overall, the initiative raised awareness and promoted healthier habits among APSU students.

Results

❖ After completing the Gova Wellness Hub Events, 160 participants participated. Out of these, 111 (69%) responded to the survey, which was used to conclude the event. From Event 1, 36 out of the 59 (61%) participants completed the survey. 39 out of 51 (76%) participants completed the survey from Event 2. Finally, at Event 3, 36 out of 50 (72%) of participants completed the survey. To calculate the quantitative data, we focused on descriptive statistics, including the mean, median, mode, and standard deviation. The mean value for how many sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages the participants consumed per week is 2 (1-3 beverages), the median is 2 (1-3 beverages), the mode is 2 (1-3 beverages), and the standard deviation is 1.
❖ Figure 1 provides a graphical representation of descriptive statistics that includes responses about how many sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages are consumed weekly by survey participants. This graph shows that most participants consume 1-3 sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages per week on average. Figure 2 provides a graphical representation of inferential statistics. A T-test was used to compare the means of men and women by how much sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages they consume weekly. There was no significance between males and females ($p=0.18$), but it had the lowest p-value of all the t-tests performed.
❖ Major themes (Table 1) present from the participant's feedback is that many are aware of the negative effects of sugar-sweetened beverages and are actively choosing healthier options like water or unsweetened tea. Some participants noted feeling tired, bloated, or sluggish after drinking these beverages, while some participants said they avoid these types of drinks altogether. Only a few mentioned feeling fine afterward drinking them.

Conclusions

❖ These results provide insight into APSU students' eating habits and nutrition knowledge, which can guide future events to address gaps in understanding. A key limitation was the limited availability of the HUB event, which reduced participation. Free food attracted students and encouraged learning about healthy eating and screenings. Most attendees were 18–24 years old with busy schedules, so timing is important. Surveys should be brief to avoid confusion, and clear goals help events run smoothly. Students have varied views on sodium and sugary drinks. Future public health studies should keep goals and questions simple to avoid confusion and improve response quality.

Introduction

❖ Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a group of conditions that affect the heart and blood vessels that can lead to stroke, heart failure, arrhythmias, heart valve problems, and blockages in the blood vessels that lead to your brain, or it can cause these blood vessels to burst which can lead to potential complications and a shorter life.^{1,2} Risk factors include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, poor diet, lack of exercise, obesity, men over 45, postmenopausal women, and people with a family history of CVD.^{3,4}
❖ Because of ingredients, frequent consumption of salty snacks and sugar-sweetened beverages, like soda and energy drinks, increases the risk of cardiovascular disease by raising triglycerides, blood pressure, and obesity-related issues.^{5,6} Limited healthy food options force college students to rely on sugary, high-sodium snacks, leading to poor academic performance and bad overall health.⁷
❖ Heart-healthy dietary patterns to reduce CVD contain primarily fruits and vegetables, food made with whole grains, healthy sources of protein, and reduced intake of beverages with added sugars and salts.⁸ Studies have explored functional beverages with lipid-lowering effects, using fruits and vegetable-based formulations that incorporate food waste to improve nutritional value.⁹
❖ To conclude, CVD remains a health concern influenced by factors such as diet, physical inactivity, smoking, and genetics. The consumption of sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages has been known to increase the risk of CVD because of their impact on obesity, hypertension, and metabolic health. Raising awareness and encouraging healthier lifestyle choices can reduce the risk of CVD and advance overall well-being.

Methods

❖ The quantitative survey question used is "On average, how many sugar-sweetened drinks do you consume weekly?" (0, 1-3, 4-6, 7+). We used descriptive statistics and frequency values to create bar graphs to show the total number of responses received for each of our answer choices to the question. Inferential statistics and t-tests helped us analyze if demographics of the surveyed population to interpret significant differences in the answers. We used Microsoft Excel to analyze the data from the surveys. The qualitative survey question we used is, "How do you feel after drinking sugar-sweetened beverages in the short and long term?" We used thematic analysis to identify themes and sub-themes with the responses from the participants.
❖ There were a total of 160 participants from all three Hub Wellness Events (59 from Event 1, 51 from Event 2, and 50 from Event 3). A mixture of students from different genders, races, ethnicities, and lifestyles were surveyed at the event. 50% of participants responded to our survey. Given the responses, more women participated in the surveys compared to men. Additionally, primarily 18–24-year-olds participated in the survey. African Americans had the highest participation rate compared to Latino/Hispanic, Caucasian, Asian, and Native Americans.
❖ The Gova Wellness Hub program evaluated diet, nutrition, physical activity levels, and smoking/vaping status using various health screenings, including cholesterol, glucose, hemoglobin, body composition, blood pressure, and heart rate. Nursing, Public Health, and Medical Laboratory Science students perform screenings and education on data analysis.
❖ We implemented three Hub events in the Morgan University Center, targeting diet and nutrition, physical activity levels, and healthy lifestyles. Utilized testing and surveys helped us analyze the knowledge the participants have about sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages and educate them accordingly. Nursing students performed health education and coaching to help students understand their intake levels of sugar-sweetened beverages.
❖ Data was collected by asking participants to complete a survey before leaving the event. Our questions were both quantitative and qualitative, focusing on sodium and sugar-sweetened beverage consumption. The questions asked participants about their weekly intake of sodium and sugar-sweetened beverages and their understanding of how these beverages affect their health.

Figure 1: Number of sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages drank weekly

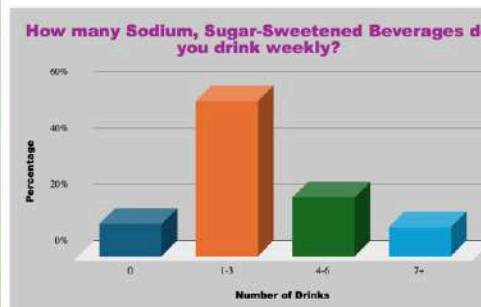


Figure 2: Average Mean Values Between Female and Male ($p<0.05$).

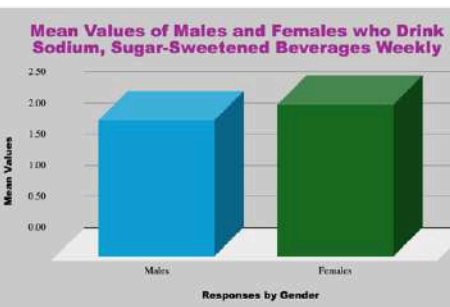


Table 1: Major Themes Present From Question, "How do you feel after drinking sugar-sweetened beverages in the short and long term?"

Participant Responses			
Theme #1: Not very good	"I actually think a normal can is too much for me. I prefer the even smaller cans of soda if I do drink one"	"Like it in the short term it's not good for you in the long term"	"Sluggish"
Theme #2: Fine/Normal	"I feel fine for the most part."	"Good I guess"	"I don't feel particularly affected."
Theme #3: I don't drink them	"I don't drink that"	"Nothing"	"I don't drink them."



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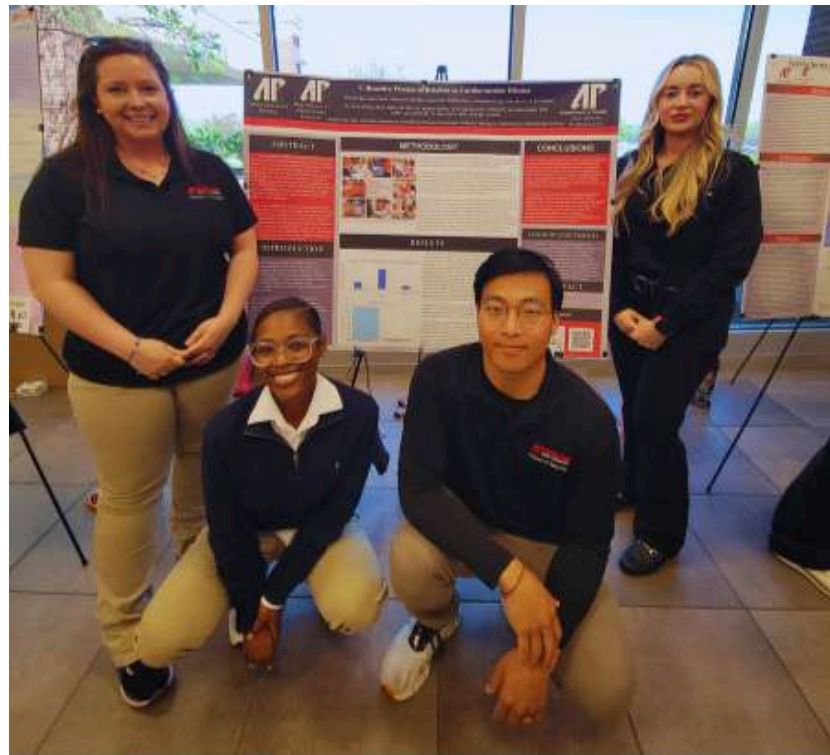
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POSTER TITLE

C-Reactive Protein in Relation to Cardiovascular Disease

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ABSTRACT

C reactive protein (CRP) is a biomarker released by the liver in response to inflammation, and elevated levels are linked to increased risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVD), such as atherosclerosis, heart attacks, and strokes. Monitoring CRP levels, along with lipid testing, can help predict future cardiovascular events and assess risk in individuals, especially those with chronic conditions or unhealthy lifestyles like COPD. Elevated CRP also plays a role in inflammatory diseases, and maintaining healthy CRP levels may reduce the risk of complications and improve health outcomes.

The study analyzes the impact of smoking and sleep patterns on C-reactive proteins using both quantitative and qualitative survey questions, with 59 participants at event 1, 51 participants at event 2 and Survey data collected through Qualtrics will be analyzed and put into Microsoft Excel to examine the relationship between C-reactive proteins and cardiovascular disease indicators. We learned the importance of informed consent, patient engagement, and working with different professions.

INTRODUCTION

The liver releases C-reactive protein which is a biomarker indicator when there is an increase in inflammation, infection, or injury. This rise can be detected through a blood test determining the blood plasma concentration. The C-reactive protein can be a key indicator of how at risk someone is for Cardiovascular Disease, which is the leading cause of death globally.

Cardiovascular Disease is a group of disorders affecting the heart and blood vessels and is most associated with strokes and heart attacks. C-reactive protein can detect developing cardiovascular problems such as atherosclerosis, as a rise in the protein can indicate. This biomarker can help classify individuals based on their levels and associated risk. Classifications for risk are as follows: low risk, intermediate risk, and high risk.

METHODOLOGY

At each event, participants rotated through health screening stations, which included blood draws for hemoglobin, hemoglobin A1c and CRP testing (using the latex agglutination principle for qualitative results), blood pressure checks, BMI, and waist circumference measurements. CRP testing required materials such as gold serum separator tubes, a centrifuge, latex reagent, glycine saline solution, pipets, test cards, a timer, and control samples.

Educational interventions focused on lifestyle factors influencing inflammation and cardiovascular risk. Surveys were administered at the end of each event via QR codes and links, collecting both demographic information and responses to a mix of quantitative and qualitative questions developed by 10 different student groups. Quantitative data, including CRP results and health metrics, were analyzed using Microsoft Excel and Qualtrics, while qualitative responses were thematically reviewed to identify patterns in health behaviors. This study provided insight into how sleep, diet, and exercise may be associated with inflammation and cardiovascular health in a college student population.

RESULTS

Do you smoke (cigarettes, marijuana, vape, etc)

Response	Percentage
Yes	~20%
No	~69%
Used to but quit	~11%

CRP Test Results

CRP Level	Number of Individuals
Non-Reactive	119
Reactive	5

CONCLUSIONS

In the future, our results can be used to provide incentives for more individuals to participate. A limitation that we came across was the lack of advertisement for the Hub events; there was advertisement for the interdisciplinary teams involved, but the rest of APSU's students and faculty were not appropriately notified. There more than likely would have been more participation if the events were more advertised for the entire campus.

The major takeaways are that communication across interdisciplinary team members is extremely vital to organize events and complete statistical research like these. Without every member doing their part, the Hub events would not have been a success like they were. We recommend that for future events, delegating interprofessional roles be continued to be established, so that the events continue to run smoothly.

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METHODOLOGY

To assess the relationship between daily behaviors and C-reactive protein (CRP) levels in relation to cardiovascular disease, a mixed-methods approach was used during three Wellness Hub events held in Spring 2025.

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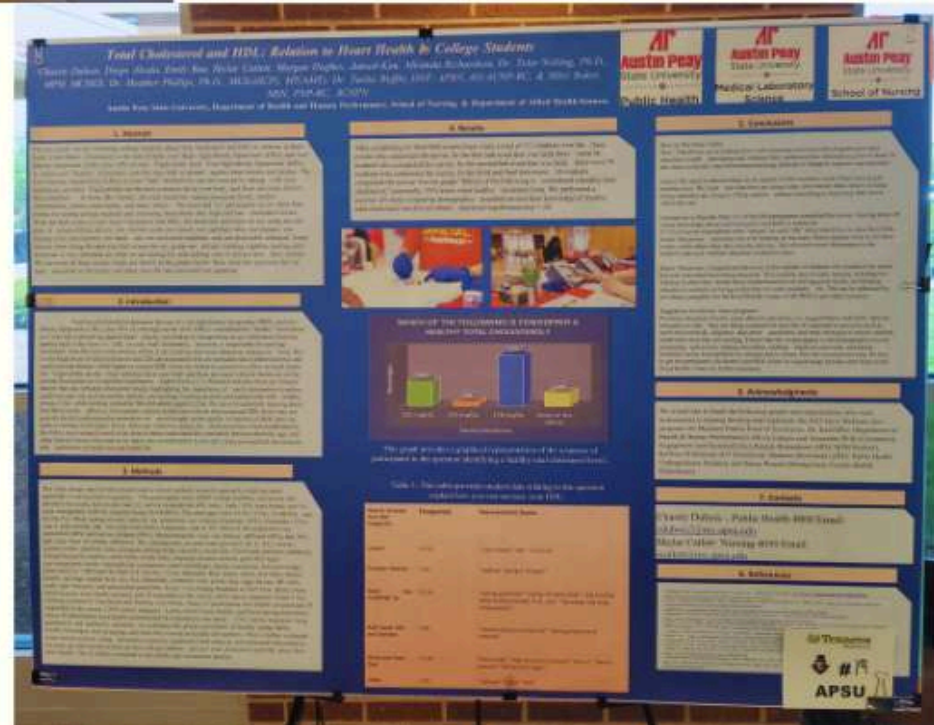
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POSTER TITLE

Total Cholesterol and HDL:
Relation to Heart Health in
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1. Abstract

For our poster, we are informing college students about total cholesterol and HDL in relation to their heart. Total Blood Cholesterol is the sum of both your High- density lipoprotein (HDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) plus 20% of your Triglyceride level. Your high-density lipoprotein (HDL) is called your “healthy” cholesterol, and this may help to protect against heart attacks and strokes. The Low-Density Lipoproteins (LDL), or your “bad” cholesterol, can be lowered by talking with your healthcare provider. Triglycerides are the most common fat in your body, and there are many factors that contribute to them, like obesity, physical inactivity, eating processed foods, alcohol consumption, excess sugar intake, and many others. We have had 111 participants at our three Hub events for testing college students and informing them about their high and low cholesterol levels. With the Hub events to test Total Cholesterol and HDL, the materials and tools we are using are one pair of proper-fitting gloves, one alcohol swab, one lancet, one capillary tube, one plunger, one testing strip, one cassette, one band-aid, one cholesterol machine, and one disposable underpad. Some lessons from doing the past two hub events for my group are always working together, making sure everyone is very informed on what we are testing for, and making sure to always have their consent. We surveyed all three events which are shown in the graphs below there were two questions for our topic presented at the events and there were 89 who answered our questions.

2. Introduction

Total blood cholesterol represents the sum of your high-density lipoprotein (HDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) plus 20% of your triglyceride level. HDL is considered the “healthy” cholesterol, as it may aid in protecting against heart attacks and strokes by transporting excess cholesterol from the arteries back to the liver (1). LDL, or your “bad” cholesterol, however, is responsible for carrying cholesterol from the liver to the arteries, where it can build up and cause dangerous plaques to form. This is why high levels of total cholesterol and LDL are associated with an increased risk of atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease, while higher or normal HDL levels are linked to a protective effect on heart health (4). Triglycerides are the most common fat in your body and there are many lifestyle factors as well as normal fluctuations as we age that contribute to higher levels (1,7). Research indicates there are lifestyle factors that also influence cholesterol levels, highlighting the importance of early intervention to reduce cardiovascular risk such as aerobic activity, not smoking, limiting alcohol, and eating foods with healthy omega-3 fats while limiting unhealthy fats and added sugar (2,3,5,6). We are still constantly learning about how these levels affect us, for example, certain studies have shown that increased HDL levels may not provide the full cardiovascular protection we once thought, as the quality in function of HDL does not seem to increase with higher levels. Although reference ranges for cholesterol have been established by the AHA, more research needs to be done to better understand the correlation between ethnicity, age, and other lifestyle factors that need to be taken into consideration to provide a more personalized and accurate risk assessment of cardiovascular health (8).

3. Methods

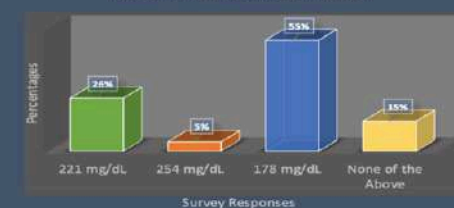
The study design used for this project used a mixed methods research approach, which included quantitative and qualitative questions. The participants were APSU college students, and around 160 attended the events, but we only had 111 survey respondents. 46% were male, 53% were female, and 1% were transgender, with the majority being 18-24 (84%). The other ages were 25-34 (11%), 35-44 (4%), and 45-54 (1%). When coming to race, most of our population was African American (43%), Caucasian (33%) was a close second, and our least were Native Americans, just at 1%. Most of this population was unmarried (84%) and had no children (90%). Most participants were not military affiliated (68%), and 36% had some form of military affiliation. The materials that we used were gloves(S, M, L, XL), lancets, alcohol swabs, capillary tubes, plungers, testing strips, cassettes, hand-ais, Cholestech machine, underpads, straight/butterfly needles, cotton balls, needle hubs, isopropyl alcohol sachets, gold SST/tiger top/orange/gray marble top/purple top/vacuutainers, small centrifuges, sharps containers, blue arm wedge, hand sanitizer, CRP/Hgb/Hct/High A1C test kit, 12 test tube racks, Kim wipes, timers, test tubes, diluted bleach, red bags, regular trash can, five tablecloths, extension cord, power strip, tapers for cart, BP cuffs, scale, tape measure, and educational pamphlets. Event 1 was Eating Breakfast to Fuel Your Brain, where 50 participants were health screened, and 36 responded to the survey. (61% survey response) Event 2 was Cooking at Home/In Your Room and Packing your Meals, where 51 participants were health screened and 39 responded to the survey. (76% survey response). Lastly, event 3 was Healthy and Fresh Spring Smoothies, where 50 participants were health screened and 36 responded to the survey. (72% survey response) Using quantitative and qualitative questions, we evaluated this group's perception of healthy eating habits, healthy beverages, meal prepping, and what they viewed as healthy lab numbers. This is further evaluated in the results portion. Using descriptive statistics, qualitative data analysis, and inferential data analysis, we came up with results to back up how college students perceive total cholesterol and HDL about their heart health. This is further evaluated in the results and conclusions portion.

4. Results

After completing all three Hub events there were a total of 111 students over the three events who completed the survey. In the first hub event that was held, there were 36 students who completed the survey. In the second hub event that was held, there were 39 students who completed the survey. In the third and final hub event, 36 students completed the survey. For the graph “Which of the following is considered a healthy total cholesterol,” essentially, 55% knew what healthy cholesterol was. We performed a number of t-tests comparing demographic populations and their knowledge of healthy total cholesterol but did not obtain statistical significance at $p < .05$.



WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED A HEALTHY TOTAL CHOLESTEROL?



This graph provides a graphical representation of the response of participants to the question identifying a healthy total cholesterol level..

Table 1: This table provides student data relating to the question explain how you can increase your HDL..

How to Increase Your HDL Categories	Frequency	Representative Quotes
Unsure	37.7%	"I don't know" "DK" "not sure"
Increase Exercise	7.5%	"walking" "going to the gym"
Good modification	32.1%	"eating good fats" "eating O3 fatty acids" "Eat healthy fatty foods (avocado, fish, etc)" "Decrease red meat consumption"
Both Good Diet and Exercise	5.7%	"Healthy eating and exercise" "Eating properly and exercise"
Stress and Poor Diet	11.3%	"Fatty foods" "High amounts of sodium" "Stress" "Rarely exercise" "Eating more sugar"
Other	5.7%	"Normal" "Good" "N/A"

5. Conclusions

How Is This Data Useful?
Now: This allows us to evaluate how well everyone involved in this program provided education to each participant and whether they understood the information given to them. It also helps us decide what information/teaching methods to change to improve our outcomes.

Future: We need to educate them on all aspects of their numbers, even if they have good numbers now. We must ask what they are doing today and educate them on how to keep doing what they are doing or if they need to change something to help keep their levels where they are.

Limitations in Results: Only 111 of the 160 participants completed the survey, leaving about 49 whose knowledge about total cholesterol and HDL is unknown. 37.7% of survey respondents were “unsure” or said “DK” when asked how to raise their HDL levels- this proves education was a bit lacking on this topic. Some students went to all three events, while others their first was the last one. This allowed a trend discrepancy in the student's data and whether education worked for them.

Major Takeaways: A significant takeaway is the number of students who wanted to be tested but were prevented from being educated. This could be due to many reasons, including not wanting to share their results due to embarrassment, not having good results, not thinking education is needed, not being aware that we were available, etc. This can be addressed by providing a pamphlet for the Boyd Health Center or MCPHD to get other resources.

Suggestions for similar future programs!
Prioritize education! For the most effective education, we suggest that of each table, they are educated on what they are being screened for and why it's essential to use tools such as teach-back methods, diagrams, take-home pamphlets, and other strategies to ensure students understand what they are learning. Ensure that the events appeal to the demographic you are presenting, such as how making smoothies, cooking meals in your room, and eating breakfast can be accomplished on campus and in dorms. Provide resources not only for how to get the participant's cholesterol and HDL levels in a good range but also send them to the Boyd Health Center for further assistance.

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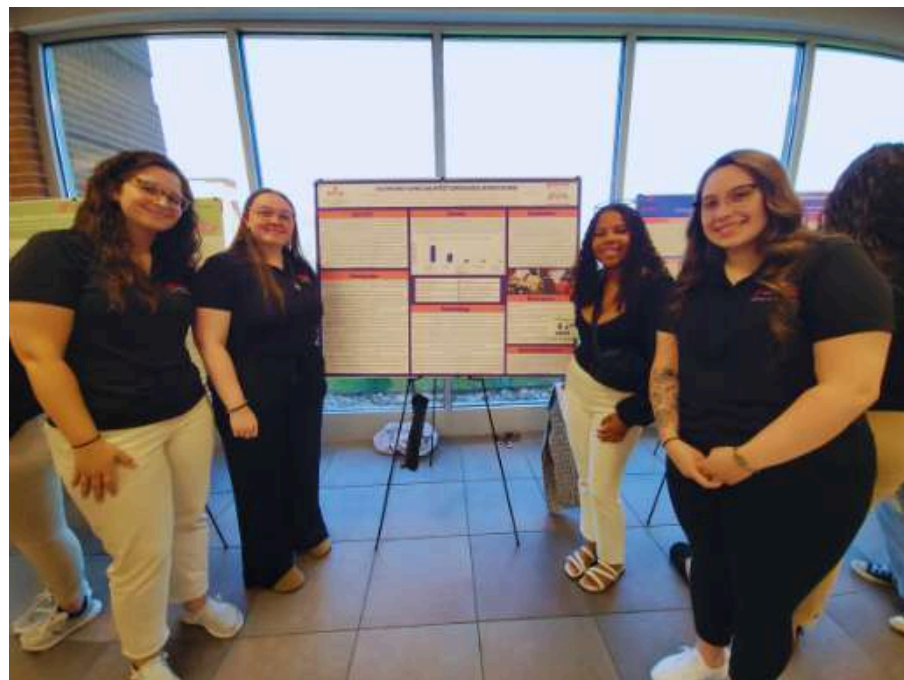
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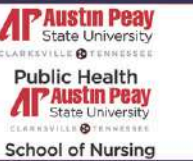
How Smoking/Vaping Can Affect Cardiovascular Disease Risk



HOW SMOKING/VAPING CAN AFFECT CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE RISK



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Abstract

Smoking cigarettes increases the risk of developing acute and chronic cardiovascular diseases such as sudden cardiac death, stroke, or an aneurysm. The aerosol produced by e-cigarettes contains harmful substances such as nicotine, formaldehyde, and acrolein, which can damage blood vessels and increase the risk of hypertension and atherosclerosis. Hub events were conducted at Austin Peay State University to screen the participant's risk of early heart disease. Tests included A1C, blood pressure, pulse, body composition (body fat percent, body mass index, and waist circumference), high-density lipoprotein (HDL), and total cholesterol. One hundred and sixty participants attended a series of three events. The hub events were advertised to Austin Peay students. The questionnaire focused on the use of smoking/vaping around the University. We asked questions that provided the population's qualitative and quantitative data to track environmental factors contributing to how or why the population smokes or vapes. 21% of respondents stated that they currently smoked/vaped, and 12% stated they did but have since quit. 92% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that smoking/vaping is associated with heart disease. By the end of each event, participants gained the opportunity to understand further how smoking/vaping increases the likelihood of developing heart disease.

Introduction

Smoking cigarettes increases the risk of developing acute and chronic cardiovascular diseases such as sudden cardiac death, stroke, or an aneurysm. These complications from cardiovascular disease (CVD) are the main cause of premature deaths through chemical exposure to nicotine.¹

Studies indicate that e-cigarette use can lead to endothelial dysfunction, increased oxidative stress, and inflammation, all of which contribute to the development of cardiovascular disease.² The aerosol produced by e-cigarettes contains harmful substances such as nicotine, formaldehyde, and acrolein, which can damage blood vessels and increase the risk of hypertension and atherosclerosis. Additionally, nicotine exposure from vaping has been shown to elevate heart rate and blood pressure, further stressing the

Research is done on the effects of e-cigarettes in correlation to traditional cigarettes and cardiovascular disease.³ With an increase in e-cigarette use, current research suggests that conventional cigarette smokers who are making the change to e-cigarettes do not show any improvement in their risk of CVD and instead become dual users.⁴

Cardiovascular health (CVH) is a subject that is under continuous research. It is proven that people with better CVH have a longer life expectancy and are less prone to other diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and dementia.⁵

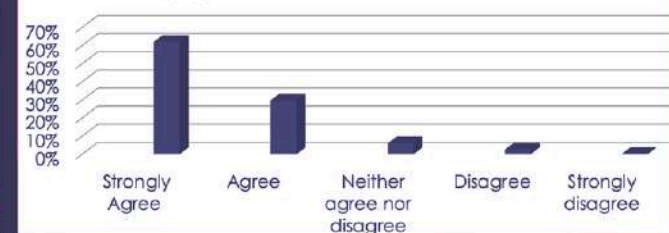
Research is done to determine if e-cigarette smoking leads to CVD. With the increased use of these products at such an increasing rate, it remains unclear if the CVD risk is due to the harsh chemicals that are contained in these devices or the smoke inhalation. A study provided that 11% of individuals aged 18-24, the age of a traditional college student, use e-cigarettes, a steep increase from the 2.4% in the previous 10 years.⁸ This study shows no correlation between the use of e-cigarettes and later having a cardiovascular episode but it did show the only way to reduce the risk of CVD is to stop the continued use of both cigarettes and e-cigarettes completely. Limitations in this study include the sample population and self-reporting.⁸

- Although there is research about how vaping and smoking can/will cause heart disease, there is a continued need for long-term study. Specifically, it discusses the need to research how these chemicals affect the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems. It is also recommended to compare traditional smoking tobacco, e-cigarettes, dual smokers, and nonsmokers of all ages. Research may take years to complete, and surveillance is ongoing.⁷

Results

Our qualitative data results from 40 APSU students showed that 27% of the students had not been exposed to secondhand smoke or smoked/vaped themselves (67.5%). Another eight students said that someone close to them smokes/vapes (20%). The other five students said that they either previously or currently smoke/vape (12.5%). Our quantitative data shows that most students who took the survey either strongly agree (62%) or agree (30%) that vaping is associated with CVD. This also correlates with the percentage of students who do not smoke/vape, which is 87.95%.

Vaping is associated with cardiovascular disease.



Conclusions

The results of our study provide valuable insights into the smoking and vaping behaviors of Austin Peay State University (APSU) students and their potential risks for cardiovascular disease (CVD). The data shows that a significant portion of the student population (87.5%) has not been exposed to smoking or vaping themselves, indicating a positive trend toward non-smoking and non-vaping behavior. However, 20% of students reported that someone close to them smokes or vapes, highlighting the potential influence of environmental and social factors on individual behavior; the remaining 12.5% of participants admitted to currently smoking or vaping, reflecting a concerning proportion of students who may be at an elevated risk for cardiovascular diseases. Although our results suggest a relatively low prevalence of smoking and vaping among APSU students, the presence of dual-use (traditional cigarettes and e-cigarettes) and the known cardiovascular risks associated with these behaviors call for continued education and intervention. In conclusion, while this study provides a snapshot of smoking and vaping behaviors at APSU, it also highlights the need for further research and sustained efforts to mitigate the risks of cardiovascular disease among young adults. Continued monitoring and education about the dangers of both traditional and e-cigarettes are essential to promoting better cardiovascular health and preventing future CVD-related health issues within this demographic.



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Methodology

- **Study Design and Data Analysis:** To collect data on the effect of smoking/vaping on cardiovascular disease, we had the participants take a survey after our event. The questions were both quantitative and qualitative styled questions. Thematic analyses¹ are used to explore the personal reasons, experiences, and beliefs surrounding smoking/vaping among Austin Peay students.

- Participants: Our target demographic included APSU students aged 18 to early 30s, and 84% of participants were between 18 and 24. This diverse group represented various cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. 43% of the participants were African American, 33% Caucasian, 53% women, and 46% men. As a public university, APSU attracts students from surrounding areas with different financial and social circumstances.

- **Materials/Tools:** Screening equipment included various digital tools to provide individuals with a convenient way to check some personal health data. Each contributing major had its specific testing that included A1C, blood pressure and pulse, body composition (body fat percentage, body mass index, and waist circumference), high-density lipoprotein (HDL), total cholesterol, iron, hemoglobin, hematocrit, along with health coaching and education regarding assessing student smoking/vaping status. This allowed participants to evaluate their current risk of developing heart disease and ways to lower their risk.

- Procedures: Hub events are advertised to Austin Peay students. A questionnaire was given to participants at the Hub events to assist in further understanding smoke/vape use around campus. Surveys were analyzed after all Hub events were complete.

Analysis: Data analysis of survey questions to measure numerical trends and capture descriptive insights. The question "Do you smoke or vape?" provided quantitative data from the survey participants. A qualitative question, "Describe personal experiences and/or exposures to smoking and/or vaping throughout your life," gave us insight into environmental factors that contribute to the smoking population. A thematic analysis was then conducted with the feedback from our qualitative question. The survey revealed the frequency of use and the underlying environmental and familial influences. T-tests were performed to compare the mean values between independent groups. The survey enables a comprehensive topic analysis based on the collected data, which can support further research and enhance education on the Austin Peay campus.

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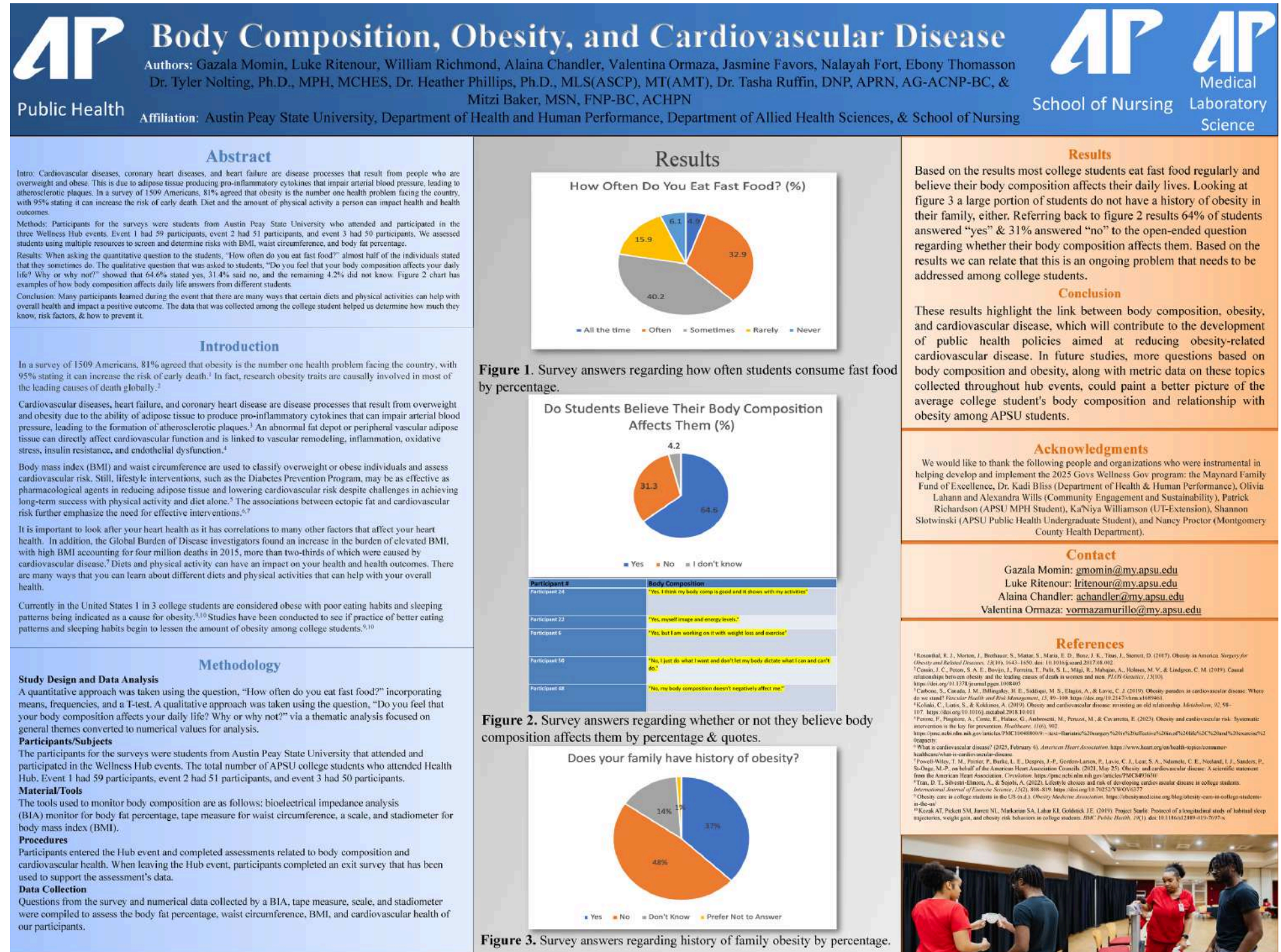
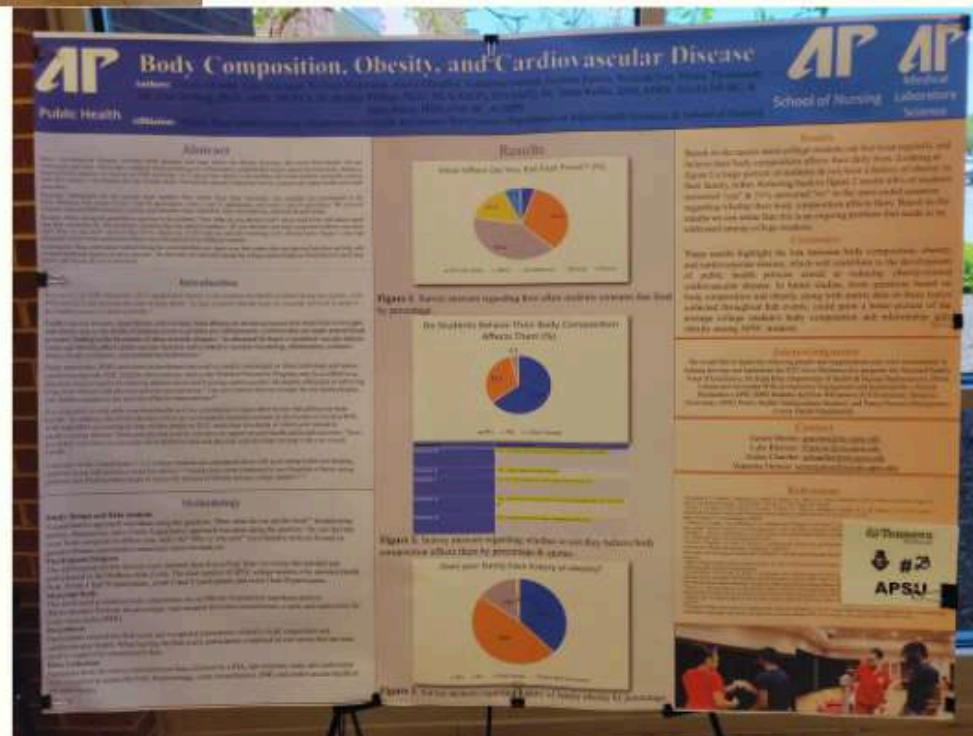


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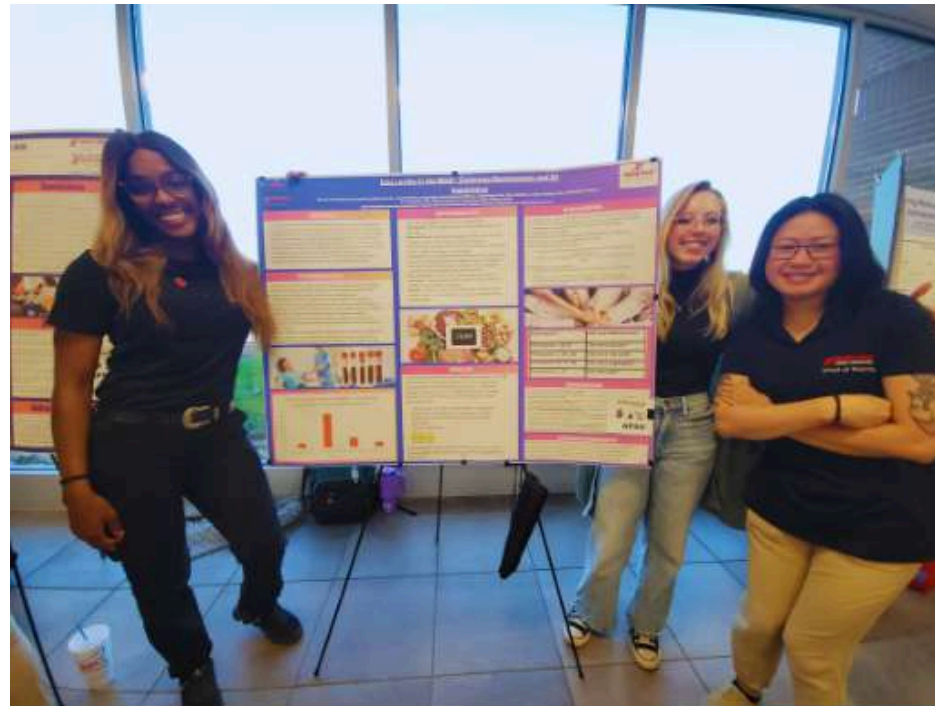
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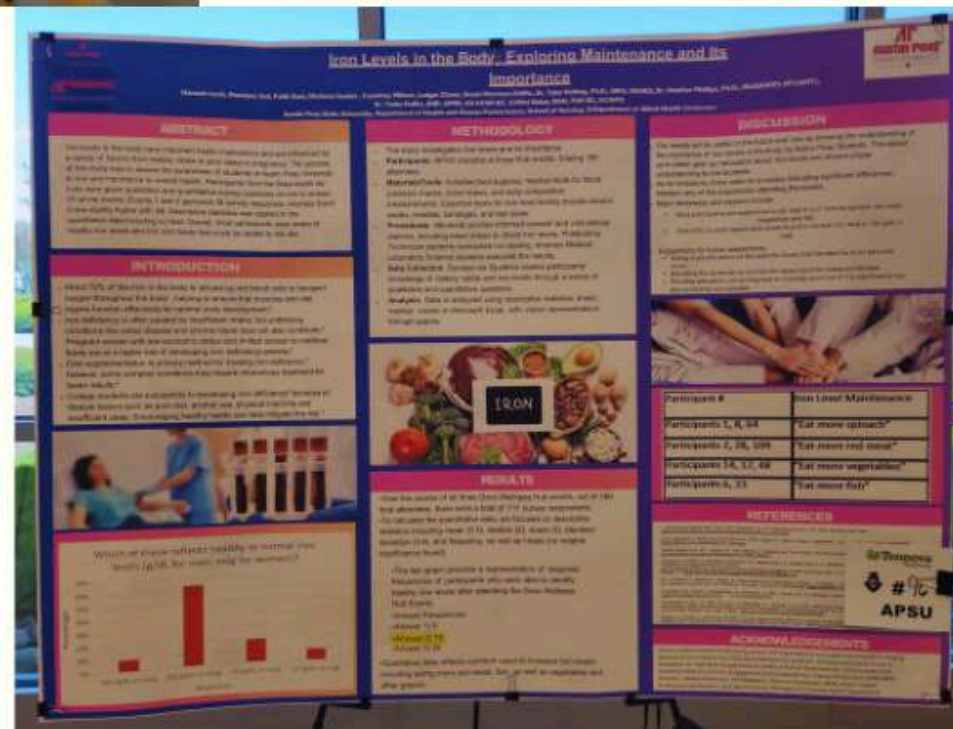


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Iron Levels in the Body: Exploring Maintenance and its Importance



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ABSTRACT

Iron levels in the body have important health implications and are influenced by a variety of factors from dietary intake to poor sleep to pregnancy. The purpose of this study was to assess the awareness of students at Austin Peay University to iron and importance to overall health. Participants from the three health fair hubs were given qualitative and quantitative survey questions on iron to answer. Of all the events, Events 1 and 2 garnered 36 survey responses, whereas Event 3 was slightly higher with 29. Descriptive statistics was applied to the quantitative data including a t-test. Overall, most participants were aware of healthy iron levels and iron rich foods that could be added to the diet.

METHODODOLOGY

- The study investigates iron levels and its importance.
- Participants:** APSU students at three Hub events, totaling 160 attendees.
- Materials/Tools:** Includes food supplies, medical tools for blood pressure checks, blood draws, and body composition measurements. Essential items for iron level testing include alcohol swabs, needles, bandages, and test tubes.
- Procedures :** *Students provide informed consent and visit various stations, including blood draws to check iron levels. Phlebotomy Technician students conducted iron testing, whereas Medical Laboratory Science students analyzed the results.
- Data Collection:** Surveys via Qualtrics assess participants' knowledge of dietary habits and iron levels through a series of qualitative and quantitative questions.
- Analysis:** Data is analyzed using descriptive statistics (mean, median, mode) in Microsoft Excel, with visual representations through graphs.

DISCUSSION

Our results will be useful in the future and now by showing the understanding of the importance of iron levels in the body by Austin Peay Students. This allows us to better gear our education about iron levels and ensure proper understanding by the students.

As for limitations, there were no p-values indicating significant differences between any of the populations attending the events.

Major takeaways and lessons include:

- Most participants are aware that foods high in iron include spinach, red meat, vegetables and fish.
- Over 80% of participants were aware that the normal iron level is 135 (g/dl or mcg)

Suggestions for future researchers:

- Adding more education on the specific foods that harness the most amounts of iron.
- Educating the students on normal iron levels both for males and females.
- Providing education concerning how to increase your iron if it is significantly low and contacting your provider.

INTRODUCTION

- About 70% of the iron in the body is utilized by red blood cells to transport oxygen throughout the body¹, helping to ensure that muscles and vital organs function effectively for optimal body development.²
- Iron deficiency is often caused by insufficient intake, but underlying conditions like celiac disease and chronic blood loss can also contribute.³ Pregnant women with low economic status and limited access to nutritious foods are at a higher risk of developing iron deficiency anemia.⁴
- Oral supplementation is primary method for treating iron deficiency;⁵ however, some complex conditions may require intravenous treatment for faster results.⁶
- College students are susceptible to developing iron deficiency⁸ because of lifestyle factors such as poor diet, alcohol use, physical inactivity and insufficient sleep. Encouraging healthy habits can help mitigate this risk.⁷

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RESULTS

• Over the course of all three Gova Wellness Hub events, out of 160 total attendees, there were a total of 111 survey respondents.

• To calculate the quantitative data, we focused on descriptive statistics including mean (2.3), median (2), mode (2), standard deviation (0.8), and frequency, as well as t-tests (no notable significance found).

• The bar graph provides a representation of response frequencies of participants who were able to identify healthy iron levels after attending the Gova Wellness Hub Events.

• Answer Frequencies:
 • Answer 1) 9
 • Answer 2) 79
 • Answer 3) 20

• Qualitative data reflects common ways to increase iron levels, including eating more red meats, fish, as well as vegetables and other greens.

Which of these reflects healthy or normal iron levels (g/dL for men; mcg for women)?

Responses	Percentages
162 (g/dL or mcg)	~10%
135 (g/dL or mcg)	~65%
26 (g/dL or mcg)	~20%
17 (g/dL or mcg)	~5%

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Abstract

College students often struggle to maintain healthy eating habits due to busy schedules, financial limitations, and academic stress. Skipping breakfast and poor meal preparation can contribute to chronic conditions such as obesity, cardiovascular disease, and type 2 diabetes, while also negatively impacting mental health and cognitive performance. This study aimed to explore breakfast consumption habits, meal preparation behaviors, and healthy beverage preferences among students at Austin Peay State University (APSU). Data were collected through surveys administered at three Wellness Hub events held on campus in collaboration with the Public Health, Medical Laboratory Sciences, School of Nursing, Community Engagement and Sustainability, UT-Extension, and the S.O.S. Food Pantry. A total of 111 students participated in the survey, which included both quantitative and qualitative questions. Descriptive statistics and t-tests were used to examine the influence of gender and age on breakfast frequency and meal preparation habits. Thematic analysis was conducted on open-ended responses about ideal healthy beverages and smoothies. Results indicated that most students eat breakfast 3-4 times per week, with females eating breakfast more frequently than males. We performed a number of t-tests to compare means between a variety of demographic groups based on how often they eat breakfast per week, but found no significance at $p < .05$. The most common smoothie ingredients reported were fruit, especially strawberries, and spinach. Water was the most frequently mentioned healthy beverage. The findings highlight the importance of nutrition education and accessible food resources on campus. The results also suggest that while students are aware of healthy eating practices, time, cost, and accessibility remain barriers. This study provides insight into the eating habits and health priorities of APSU students and can inform future campus health initiatives aimed at improving student nutrition, food security, and wellness behaviors.

Results

For event one, we had 59 in attendance, and 36 individuals completed the survey. For event two, we had 51 in attendance, and 39 individuals completed the survey. For event three, we had 50 in attendance, and 36 individuals completed the survey. After completing the three Wellness Hub events on campus, we had 111 individuals complete the survey. The mean for our group's question one was 2. This means those who responded to our survey on average eat breakfast between 3 and 4 times a week, which is represented by Figure 1. The median was 2, meaning 50% of the data points are greater than or equal to option 2, and 50% are less than or equal to it. The mode of our data was option 1, meaning the response that occurred the most was surveyors stating they only eat breakfast 0 to 2 times a week. The standard deviation of our data was 1. We performed a number of t-tests to compare means between a variety of demographic groups based on how often they eat breakfast per week, but found no significance at $p < .05$. Represented in Figure 2, we did also notice that females eat breakfast more times a week than males do. As shown in Table 1, the major themes from the participants' feedback is that their ideal smoothie ingredients consist of spinach or fruit, with strawberries being a popular choice, and the preferred healthy beverage is water.

Conclusion

These results can be useful by providing a foundation of knowledge on the eating habits of the APSU population. It should be noted that APSU has a higher nontraditional student population than other institutions. Limitations in our results include students that were on campus on the day of our events, students that were aware of our event and decided to attend, and students who attended and completed the questionnaire. Our major takeaways are that marketing for the event could use improvement and that the survey attendees have to complete a shorter questionnaire. We recommend future projects are promoted through email, professors should be encouraged to give extra credit to those who attended and a reduction of the questions attendees have to answer.

Introduction

- As a busy college student it is important to make sure you eat a balanced breakfast to help increase your focus, manage hunger, boost your energy levels and metabolism. Meal preparation saves time during a busy week and ensures that you can eat a well balanced diet on the go. Smoothies and other healthy beverages are a quick and versatile way to consume fruits and vegetables.
- When it comes to eating breakfast it is important to understand the risks that are associated when we do not eat breakfast. Chronic conditions can include type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease (which includes a multitude of types), and obesity. Also, studies show an association between the risk of ADHD, major depressive disorder, and reduction in cognitive performance when skipping breakfast.
- Successful interventions for improving college student nutrition can be seen with campus programs that include strategies to help students: build skills with budgeting, home cooking, and grocery shopping. The success that comes from meal prepping is helpful to college students since it saves time and leftovers can be used to create new meals. However, interventions to meal preparation are not always successful since many college students cannot afford these high quality foods which makes it harder for college students to eat healthier and meal prep, and leads them to continually consume low quality foods.
- Due to the many stressors college students face, there is a need for new research that helps students find on-campus resources like food pantries or organizations that focus on healthy promotion. Because of factors like changes or loss of control, academics, social groups, and food availability, there needs to be more research looking into how these affect the mental health of college students.

Methods

We used descriptive statistics and frequency values to assess the impact of gender and age on how often someone eats breakfast and prepares meals at home. Our quantitative questions asked were: 1. How many times a week do you eat breakfast (0-2, 3-4, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 11 or more, 12 or more, 13 or more, 14 or more, 15 or more, 16 or more, 17 or more, 18 or more, 19 or more, 20 or more, 21 or more, 22 or more, 23 or more, 24 or more, 25 or more, 26 or more, 27 or more, 28 or more, 29 or more, 30 or more, 31 or more, 32 or more, 33 or more, 34 or more, 35 or more, 36 or more, 37 or more, 38 or more, 39 or more, 40 or more, 41 or more, 42 or more, 43 or more, 44 or more, 45 or more, 46 or more, 47 or more, 48 or more, 49 or more, 50 or more, 51 or more, 52 or more, 53 or more, 54 or more, 55 or more, 56 or more, 57 or more, 58 or more, 59 or more, 60 or more, 61 or more, 62 or more, 63 or more, 64 or more, 65 or more, 66 or more, 67 or more, 68 or more, 69 or more, 70 or more, 71 or more, 72 or more, 73 or more, 74 or more, 75 or more, 76 or more, 77 or more, 78 or more, 79 or more, 80 or more, 81 or more, 82 or more, 83 or more, 84 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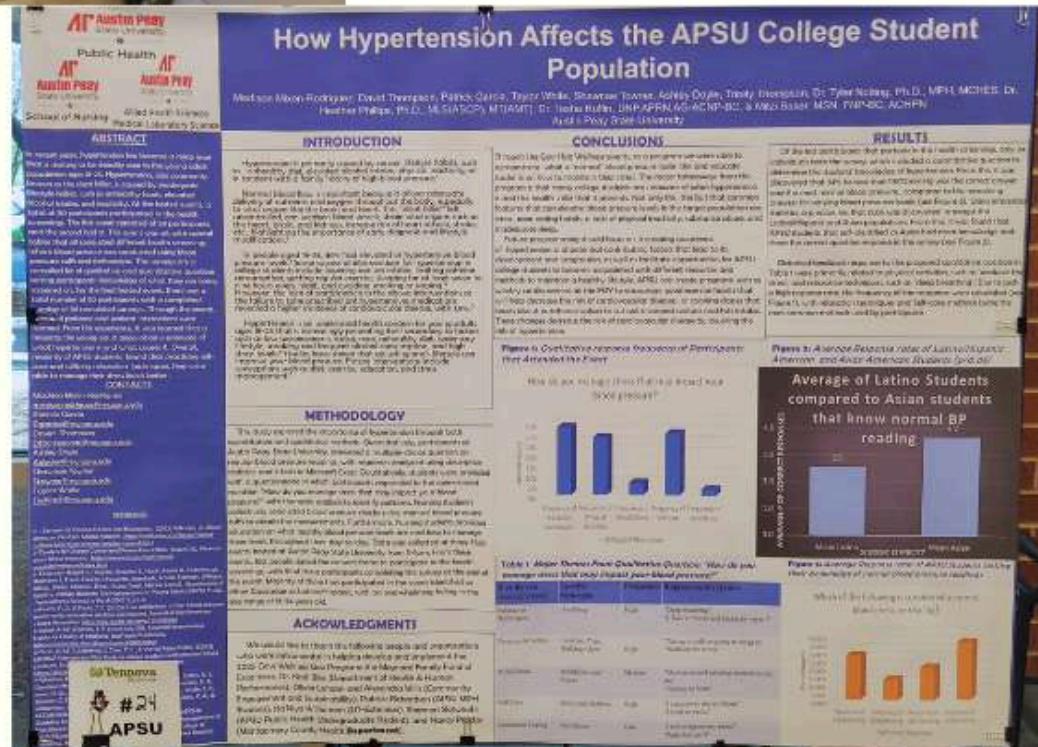
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ABSTRACT

In recent years, hypertension has become a rising issue that is starting to be steadily seen in the young adult population ages 18-25. Hypertension, also commonly known as the silent killer, is caused by inadequate lifestyle habits, such as unhealthy foods, elevated alcohol intake, and inactivity. At the hosted events, a total of 110 participants participated in the health screenings. The first event consisted of 59 participants, and the second had 51. This event was set with several tables that all conducted different health screenings, where blood pressure was conducted using blood pressure cuffs and stethoscope. The surveys are a compiled list of qualitative and quantitative questions testing participants' knowledge of what they are being screened on. For the final hosted event, there was a total number of 50 participants with a completed number of 36 completed surveys. Through the events, lessons of patience and patient interactions were learned. From this experience, it was learned that a majority the young adult population is unaware of what hypertension is and what causes it. Overall, majority of APSU students found that practicing self-care and utilizing relaxation techniques, they were able to manage their stress levels better.

INTRODUCTION

Hypertension is primarily caused by certain lifestyle habits, such as unhealthy diet, elevated alcohol intake, physical inactivity, or in tandem with a family history of high blood pressure.¹

Normal blood flow is important because it allows adequate delivery of nutrients and oxygen throughout the body, especially to vital organs like the brain and heart. This "silent killer" left uncontrolled, can weaken blood vessels, strain vital organs such as the heart, brain, and kidneys, increase risk of heart attack, stroke, etc.; highlighting the importance of early diagnosis and lifestyle modifications.²

In people aged 18-24, 46% had elevated or hypertensive blood pressure levels.⁵ Some successful interventions for hypertension in college students include lowering sodium intake, limiting caffeine consumption, getting regular exercise, sleeping for at least seven to nine hours every night, and avoiding smoking or vaping.⁴ However, the lack of participation in the above interventions or the failure to take prescribed antihypertensives medications revealed a higher incidence of cardiovascular disease, with 1.9%.⁵

Hypertension is an underrated health concern for young adults aged 18–25 that is increasingly presenting itself secondary to factors such as low socioeconomic status, race, unhealthy diet, sedentary lifestyle, smoking and frequent alcohol consumption, and high stress levels.⁶ Studies have shown that adjusting one's lifestyle can improve your blood pressure. Future interventions include conceptions such as diet, exercise, education, and stress management.⁷

CONCLUSIONS

Through the Gov Hub Wellness events, as a program we were able to demonstrate what a "normal" blood pressure looks like and educate students on how to maintain their stress. The major takeaways from this program is that many college students are unaware of what hypertension is and the health risks that it presents. Not only this, but that common features that can elevate blood pressure levels in the target population are stress, poor eating habits, a lack of physical inactivity, substance abuse, and inadequate sleep.

Future programming should focus on increasing awareness of hypertension and potential contributing factors that lead to its development and progression; as well as facilitate opportunities for APSU college students to become acquainted with different resources and methods to maintain a healthy lifestyle. APSU can create programs such as weekly cardio sessions at the FOV to encourage good exercise habits that will help decrease the risk of cardiovascular diseases; or cooking classes that teach about nutritional values to cut out increased sodium and fats intake. These changes decrease the risk of cardiovascular disease by lowering the risk of hypertension.

RESULTS

Of the 160 participants that partook in the health screenings, only 94 individuals took the survey, which included a quantitative question to determine the students' knowledge of hypertension. From this, it was discovered that 34% believe that 118/72mmHg was the correct answer and the most normal blood pressure, compared to the remaining answers for varying blood pressure levels (see Figure 3). Using inferential statistics, a *p* value less than 0.05 was discovered amongst the Latino/Hispanic and Asian populations. From this, it was found that APSU students that self-identified as Asian had more knowledge and chose the correct question response in the survey (see Figure 2).

Obtained feedback responses to the proposed qualitative question in Table 1 were primarily related to physical activities, such as 'workout the stress', and relaxation techniques, such as 'deep breathing'. Due to such a high response rate, the frequency of the responses were calculated (see Figure 1), with relaxation techniques and Self-care methods being the most common methods used by participants.

METHODOLOGY

This study explored the importance of hypertension through both quantitative and qualitative methods. Quantitatively, participants at Austin Peay State University, answered a multiple-choice question on regular blood pressure readings, with responses analyzed using descriptive statistics and t-tests in Microsoft Excel. Qualitatively, students were provided with a questionnaire in which participants responded to the open-ended question "How do you manage stress that may impact your blood pressure?" with thematic analysis to identify patterns. Nursing student's collectively conducted blood pressure checks using manual blood pressure cuffs to obtain the measurements. Furthermore, Nursing students provided education on what healthy blood pressure levels are and how to manage these levels throughout their day-to-day. Data was collected at three Hub events hosted at Austin Peay State University from 11-1pm. From these events, 160 people signed the consent forms to participate in the health screenings, with 91 of these participants completing the survey at the end of the event. Majority of those that participated in the event identified as either Caucasian or Latino/Hispanic, with an overwhelming falling in the age range of 18-24 years old.

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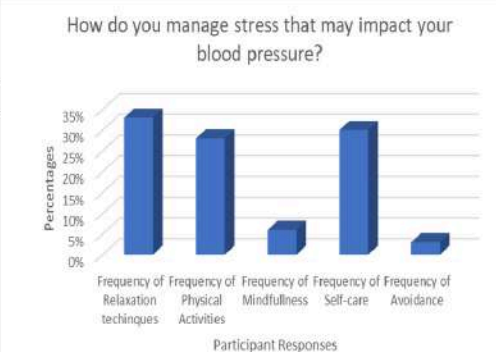


Figure 2: Average Response rates of Latino/Hispanic American and Asian American Students ($p < 0.05$)

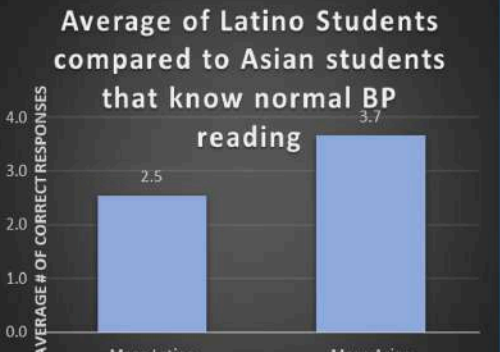
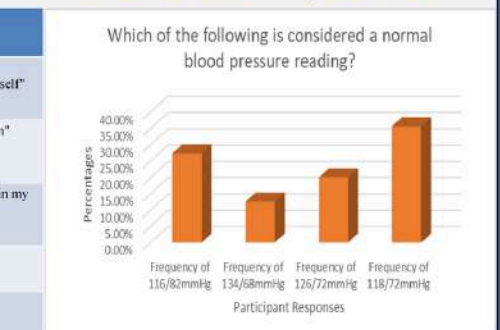


Table 1: Major Themes From Qualitative Question: "How do you manage stress that may impact your blood pressure?"

How do you manage stress?	Specific Strategies	Frequency	Representative Quotes
Relaxation Techniques	Breathing	High	"Deep breathing" "I Take a minute and breath by my nose"
Physical Activities	Exercise, Yoga, Walking, Gym	High	"Taking a walk or going to the gym" "Workout the stress"
Mindfulness	Meditation and Prayer	Medium	"Meditation and calming routines every day" "Talking to Jesus"
Self-Care	Sleep and Hobbies	High	"I sleep away my problems" "Listen to music"
Avoidance Coping	Avoidance	Low	"I tend to ignore my stress" "Push through it"

Figure 3: Average Response rates of APSU Students testing their knowledge of normal blood pressure readings



Evaluation Model

Tennova Healthcare Nursing Research Day Poster Symposium (April 16, 2025, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)



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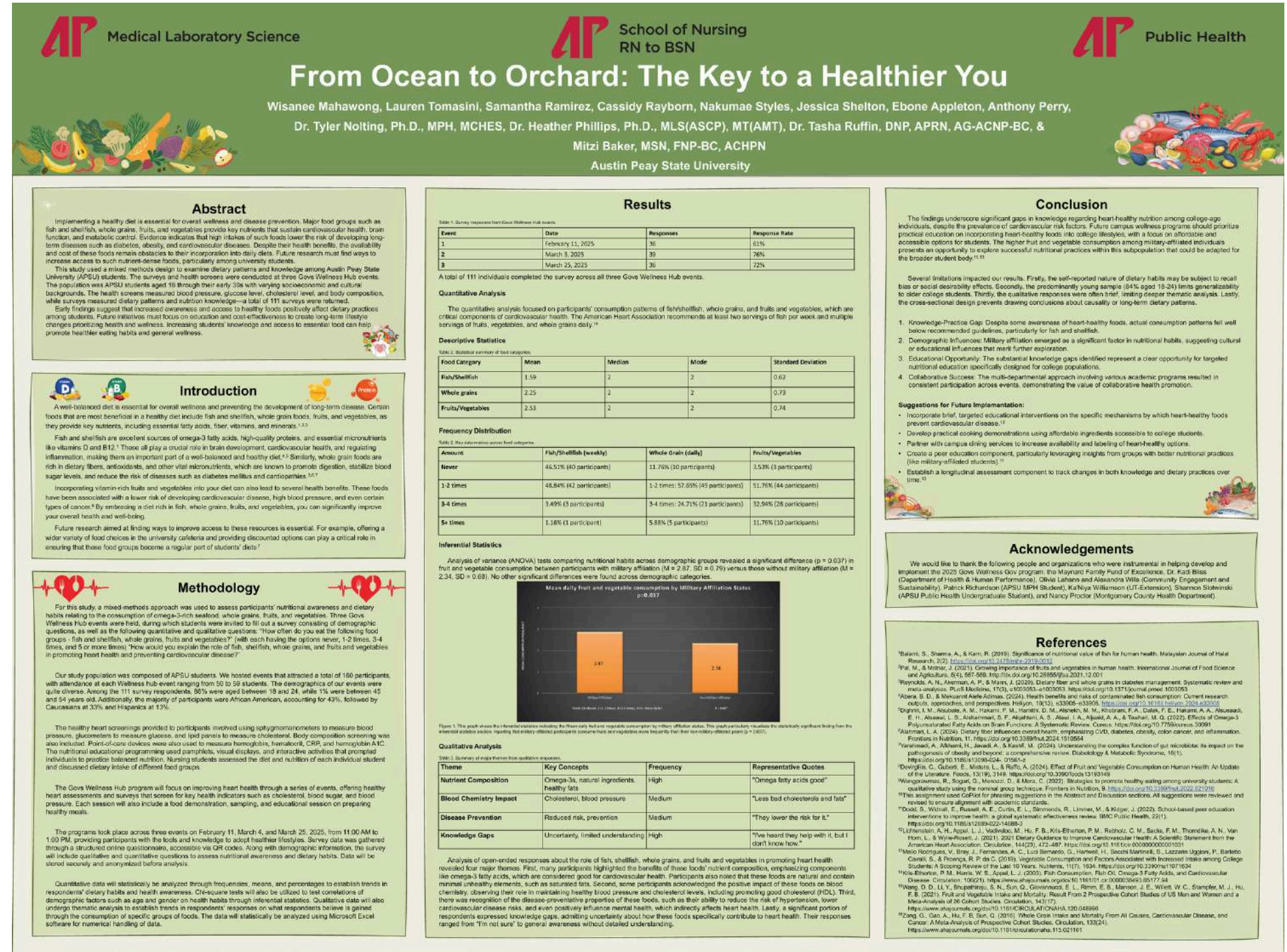
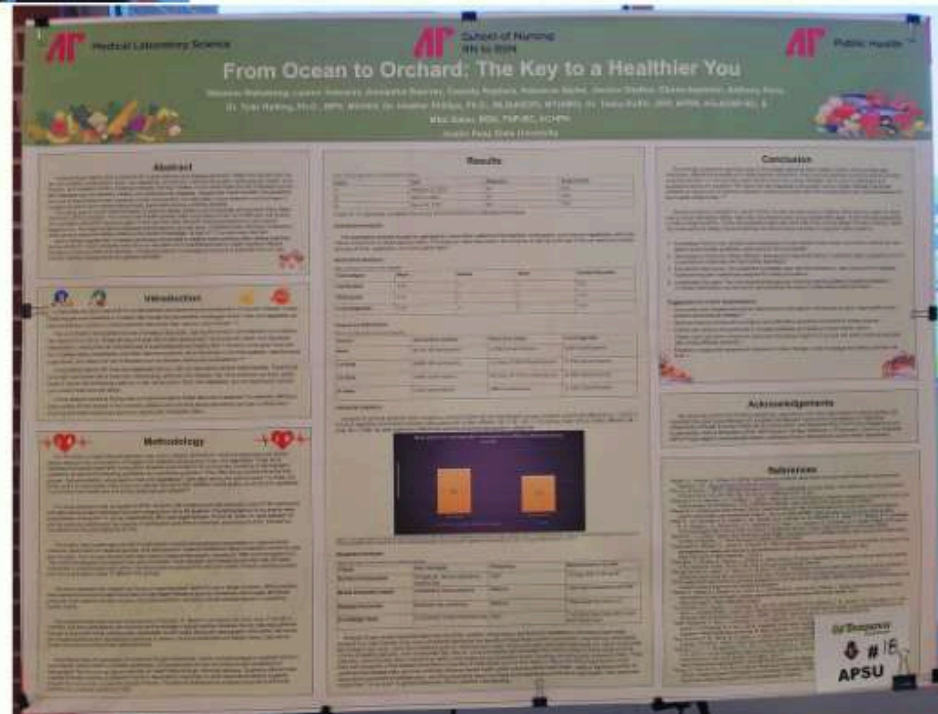
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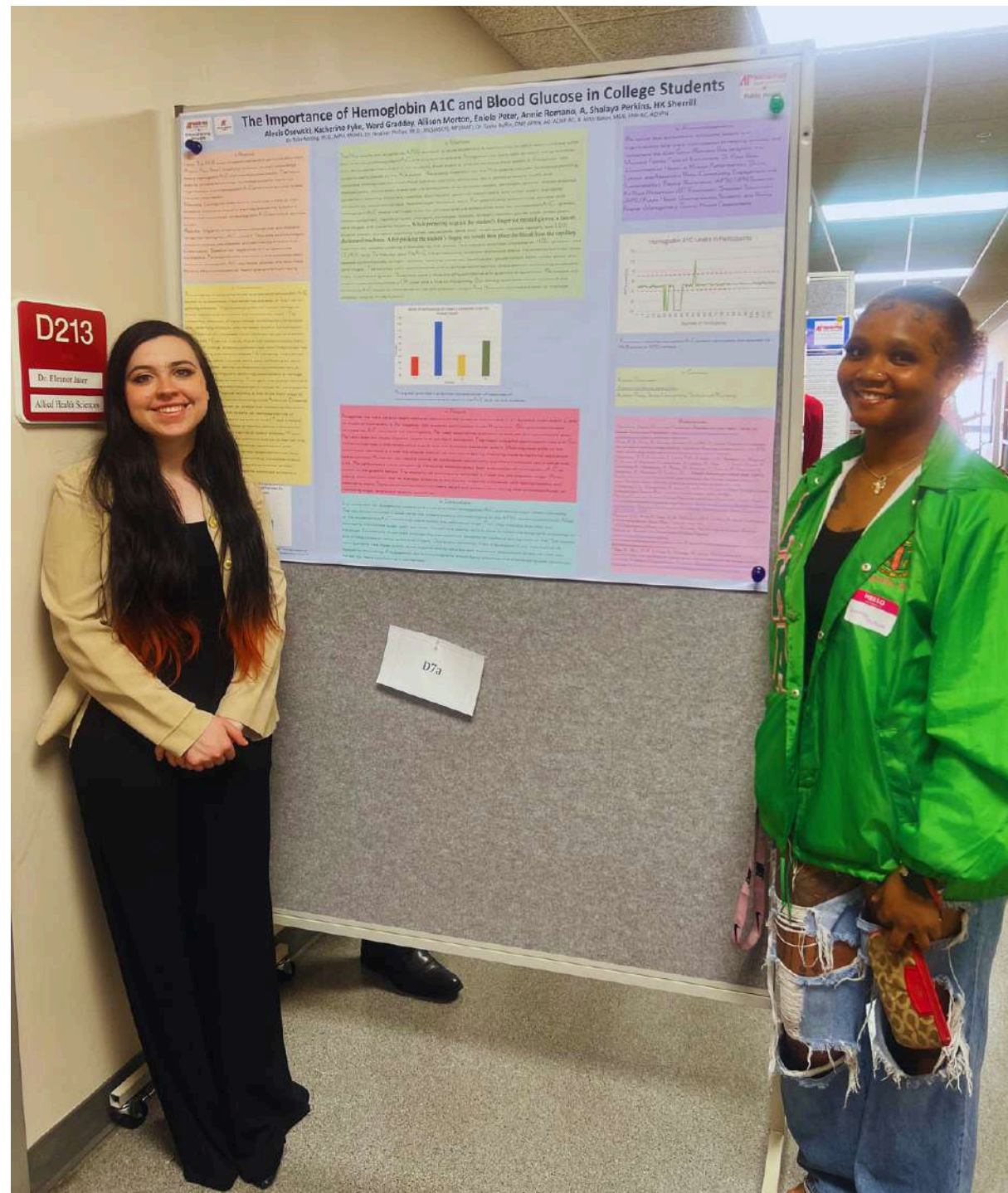
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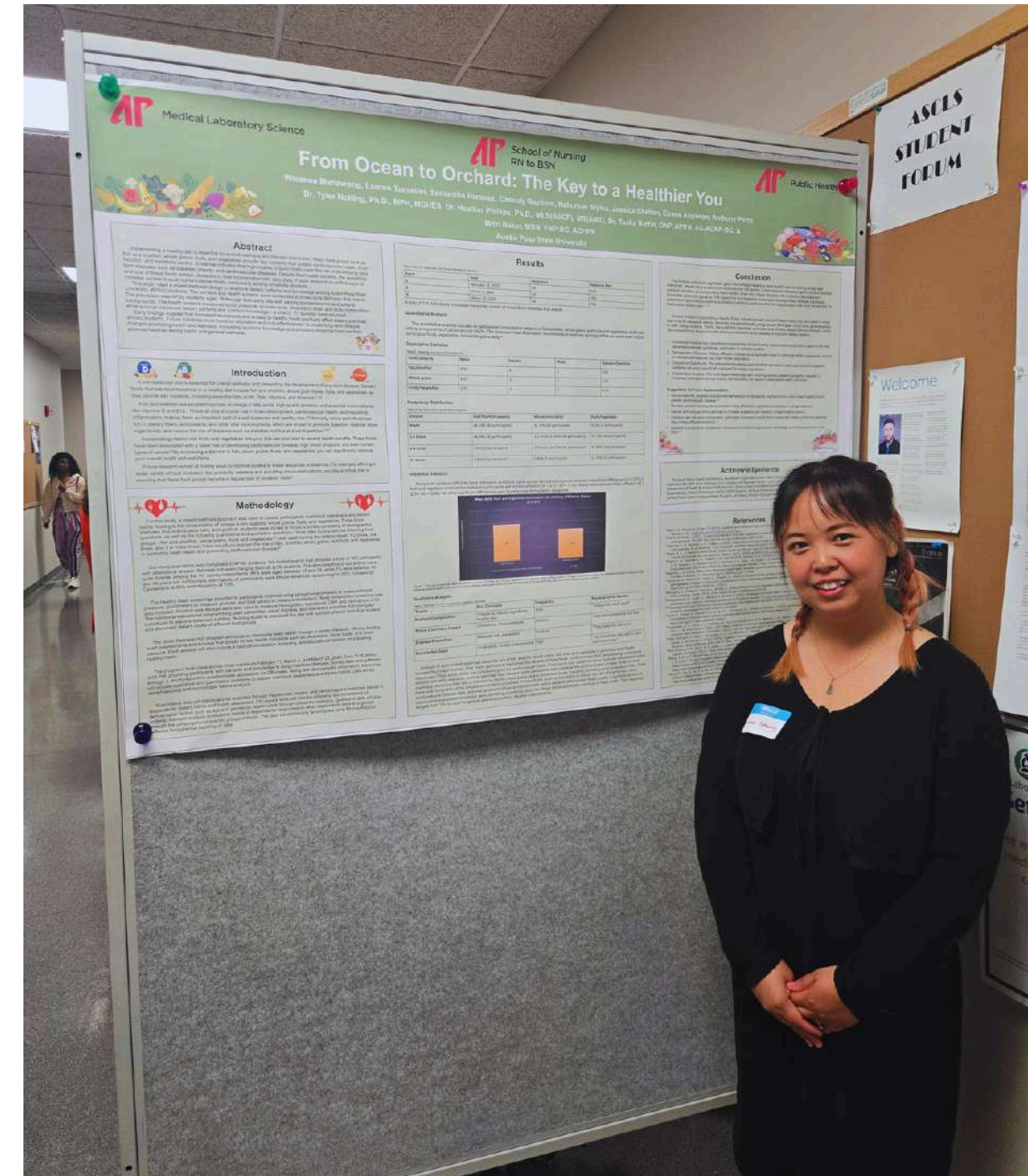
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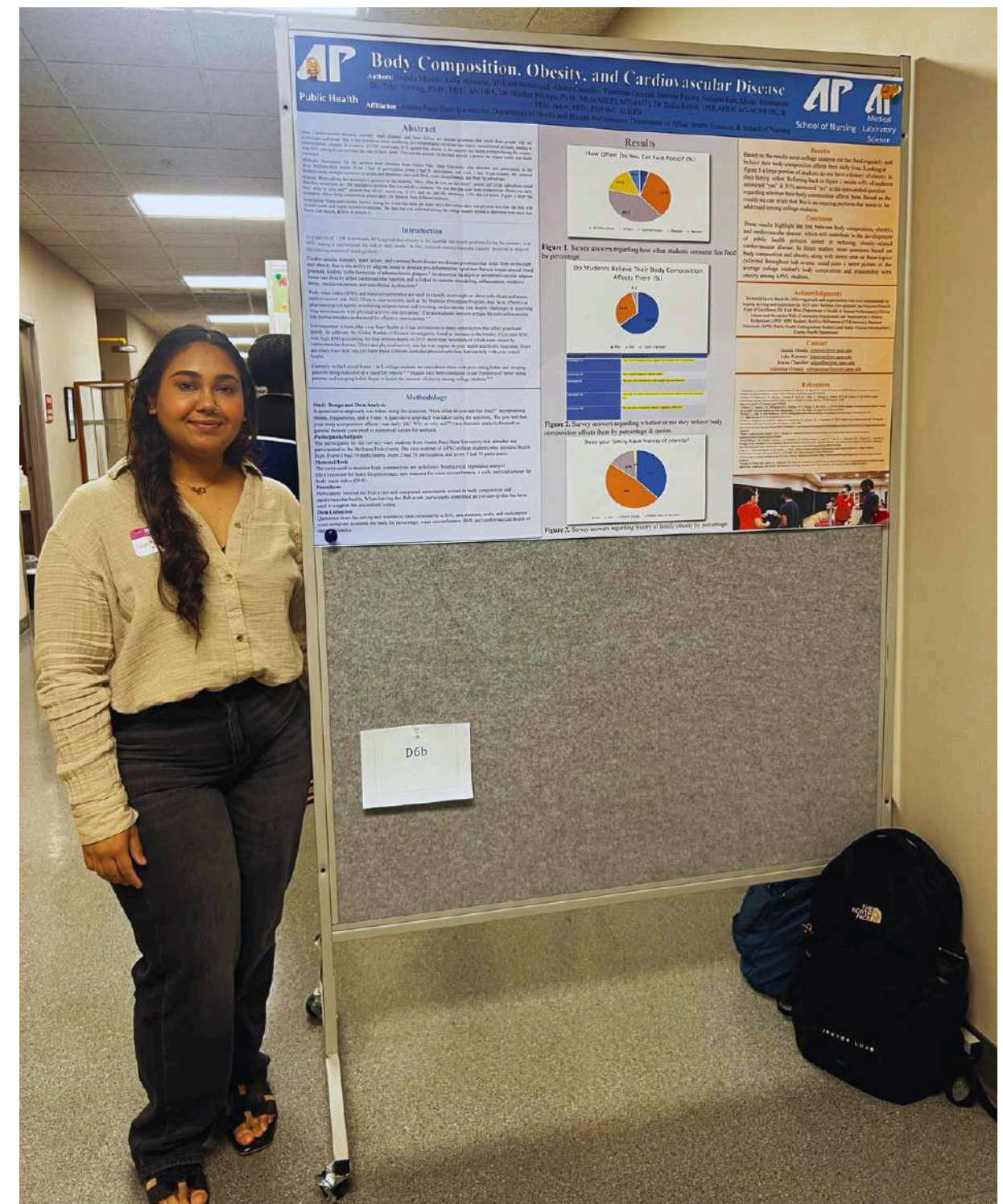
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The Impact of Sodium, Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Impact on Cardiovascular

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Abstract

The Govs Wellness Hub at Austin Peay State University aimed to evaluate student consumption of sodium and sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) and their link to Cardiovascular disease (CVD). The three events engaged 160 students in health screenings: 59 attended Event 1, 51 attended Event 2, and 50 attended Event 3. Of these, 111 completed surveys (69% response rate). Events included screenings, education, and free food. The events were supported by over 85 student volunteers and faculty. Most participants (84%) were aged 18–24, with diverse representation: 53% female, 43% African American. Most students consumed 1–3 SSBs weekly (55%). Feedback showed varied effects from SSBs—some felt sluggish, others unaffected, and some avoided them. Many demonstrated awareness of related health risks. The program's strengths included interdisciplinary collaboration and incentives that boosted participation. Limitations included limited event frequency and small sample size. Overall, the initiative raised awareness and promoted healthier habits among APSU students.

Results

After completing the Govs Wellness Hub Events, 160 participants participated. Out of these, 111 (69%) responded to the survey, which was used to conclude the event. From Event 1, 36 out of the 59 (61%) participants completed the survey. 39 out of 51 (76%) participants completed the survey from Event 2. Finally, at Event 3, 36 out of 50 (72%) of participants completed the survey. To calculate the quantitative data, we focused on descriptive statistics, including the mean, median, mode, and standard deviation. The mean value for how many sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages the participants consumed per week is 2 (1-3 beverages), the median is 2 (1-3 beverages), the mode is 2 (1-3 beverages), and the standard deviation is 1.

Figure 1 provides a graphical representation of descriptive statistics that includes responses about how many sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages are consumed weekly by survey participants. This graph shows that most participants consume 1-3 sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages per week on average. Figure 2 provides a graphical representation of inferential statistics. A T-test was used to compare the means of men and women by how much sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages they consume weekly. There was no significance between males and females ($p=0.18$), but it had the lowest p-value of all the t-tests performed.

Major themes (Table 1) present from the participant's feedback is that many are aware of the negative effects of sugar-sweetened beverages and are actively choosing healthier options like water or unsweetened tea. Some participants noted feeling tired, bloated, or sluggish after drinking these beverages, while some participants said they avoid these types of drinks altogether. Only a few mentioned feeling fine afterward drinking them.

Conclusions

These results provide insight into APSU students' eating habits and nutrition knowledge, which can guide future events to address gaps in understanding. A key limitation was the limited availability of the HUB event, which reduced participation. Free food attracted students and encouraged learning about healthy eating and screenings. Most attendees were 18–24 years old with busy schedules, so timing is important. Surveys should be brief to avoid confusion, and clear goals help events run smoothly. Students have varied views on sodium and sugary drinks. Future public health students should keep goals and questions simple to avoid confusion and improve response rates.

Introduction

- Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a group of conditions that affect the heart and blood vessels that can lead to stroke, heart failure, arrhythmias, heart valve problems, and blockages in the blood vessels that lead to your brain, or it can cause these blood vessels to burst which can lead to potential complications and a shorter life.^{1,2} Risk factors include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, poor diet, lack of exercise, obesity, men over 45, postmenopausal women, and people with a family history of CVD.^{3,4}
- Because of ingredients, frequent consumption of salty snacks and sugar-sweetened beverages, like soda and energy drinks, increases the risk of cardiovascular disease by raising triglycerides, blood pressure, and obesity-related issues.^{2,5} Limited healthy food options force college students to rely on sugary, high-sodium snacks, leading to poor academic performance and bad overall health.⁶
- Heart-healthy dietary patterns to reduce CVD contain primarily fruits and vegetables, food made with whole grains, healthy sources of protein, and reduced intake of beverages with added sugars and salts.⁷ Studies have explored functional beverages with lipid-lowering effects, using fruit- and vegetable-based formulations that incorporate food waste to improve nutritional value.⁸
- To conclude, CVD remains a health concern influenced by factors such as diet, physical inactivity, smoking, and genetics. The consumption of sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages has been known to increase the risk of CVD because of their impact on obesity, hypertension, and metabolic health. Raising awareness and encouraging healthier lifestyle choices can reduce the risk of CVD and enhance overall well-being.

Methods

- The quantitative survey question used is "On average, how many sugar-sweetened drinks do you consume weekly?" (0, 1-3, 4-6, 7+). We used descriptive statistics and frequency values to create bar graphs to show the total number of responses received for each of our answer choices to the question. Inferential statistics and t-tests helped us analyze if the demographics of the surveyed population to interpret significant differences in the answers. We used Microsoft Excel to analyze the data from the surveys. The qualitative answers we used is, "How do you feel after drinking sugar-sweetened beverages in the survey question we used is, "How do you feel after drinking sugar-sweetened beverages in the short and long term?" We used thematic analysis to identify themes and sub-themes from the responses from the participants.
- There were a total of 160 participants from all three Hub Wellness Events (59 from Event with the responses from the participants. A mixture of students from different genders, 1, 51 from Event 2, and 50 from Event 3). A mixture of students from different genders, races, ethnicities, and lifestyles were surveyed at the event. 69% of participants responded to our survey. Given the responses, more women participated in the surveys compared to our survey. Additionally, primarily 18-to 24-year-olds participated in the survey. African Americans had the highest participation rate compared to Latino/Hispanic, Caucasian, Asian, and Native American.
- The Govs Wellness Hub program evaluated diet, nutrition, physical activity levels, and smoking/vaping status using various health screenings, including cholesterol, glucose, hemoglobin, body composition, blood pressure, and heart rate. Nursing, Public Health, and Medical Laboratory Science students perform screenings and education and data analysis. We implemented three Hub events in the Morgan University Center, targeting diet and nutrition, physical activity levels, and healthy lifestyles. Utilized testing and surveys helped us analyze the knowledge the participants have about sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages and educate them accordingly. Nursing students performed health education and helped on analyzing the knowledge the participants have about sodium and sugar-sweetened beverages. We coached to help students understand their intake levels of sugar-sweetened beverages. Our questions were both quantitative and qualitative, focusing on sodium and sugar-sweetened beverage consumption. The questions asked participants about their weekly intake of sodium and sugar-sweetened beverages and their understanding of how these beverages affect their health.

Figure 1: Number of sodium, sugar-sweetened beverages drank weekly

Number of Drinks	Percentage
0	15%
1-3	55%
4-6	20%
7+	10%

Figure 2: Average Mean Values Between Female and Male ($p<.05$).

Gender	Mean Values
Male	1.8
Female	2.2

Table 1: Major Themes Present From Question, "How do you feel after drinking sugar-sweetened beverages in the short and long term?"

Participant Responses			
Theme #1: Not very good	"I actually think a normal can is too much for me. I prefer the even smaller cans of soda if I do drink one"	"Like it in the short term it's not good for you in the long term"	"Sluggish"
Theme #2: Fine/Normal	"I feel fine for the most part."	"Good I guess"	"I don't feel particularly affected."
Theme #3: I don't drink them	"I don't drink that"	"Nothing"	"I don't drink them."

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How Hypertension Affects the APSU College Student Population

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, hypertension has become a rising issue that is starting to be noticed even in the young adult population ages 18-30. Hypertension, also commonly known as the silent killer, is a chronic condition that causes the heart to pump blood too hard, too often, and too fast. It is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke. At the heart of this issue is the fact that many young adults are unaware of their blood pressure levels. This study aimed to determine the prevalence of hypertension among college students at Austin Peay State University. The study involved a survey of 100 students, with results showing that 15% of participants had hypertension. The study also found that many students were unaware of their blood pressure levels and that there was a need for more education on this topic.

INTRODUCTION

Hypertension is primarily caused by certain lifestyle habits, such as an unhealthy diet, elevated alcohol intake, physical inactivity, or a history of high blood pressure. Normal blood flow is important because it allows oxygenated blood to reach all parts of the body, especially to vital organs like the brain and heart. The "silent killer" we mentioned earlier is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke. It is a chronic condition that causes the heart to pump blood too hard, too often, and too fast. It is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke. At the heart of this issue is the fact that many young adults are unaware of their blood pressure levels. This study aimed to determine the prevalence of hypertension among college students at Austin Peay State University. The study involved a survey of 100 students, with results showing that 15% of participants had hypertension. The study also found that many students were unaware of their blood pressure levels and that there was a need for more education on this topic.

CONCLUSIONS

Through the APSU Health Center, as a program we were able to demonstrate that "normal" blood pressure levels are not always what students need to maintain their health. The major takeaway from this program is that many college students are unaware of their blood pressure levels and that there is a need for more education on this topic. The study also found that many students were unaware of their blood pressure levels and that there was a need for more education on this topic.

RESULTS

Of the 100 participants, 15% had hypertension. The study also found that many students were unaware of their blood pressure levels and that there was a need for more education on this topic. The study also found that many students were unaware of their blood pressure levels and that there was a need for more education on this topic.

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Evaluation Model

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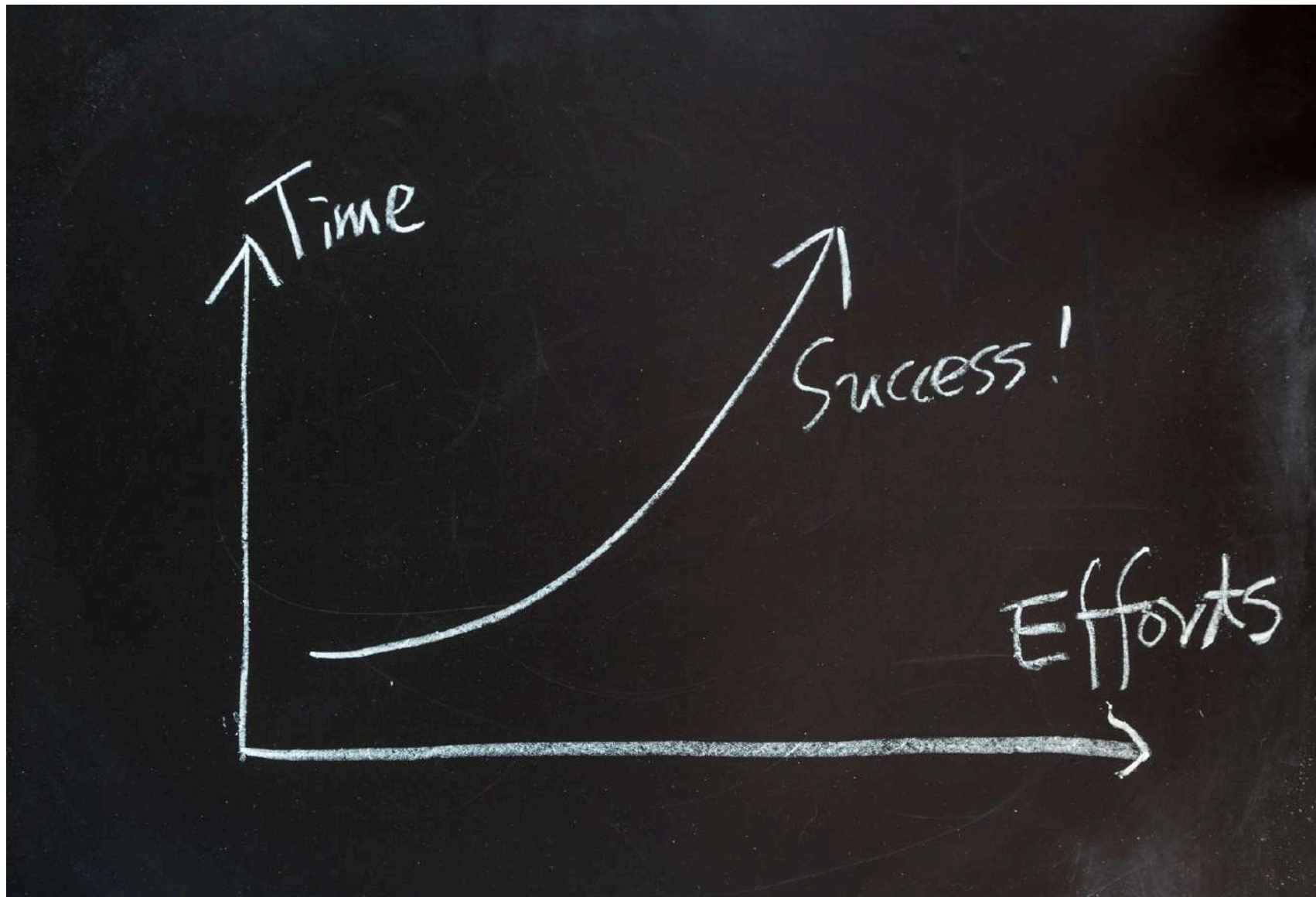
Dr. Ruffin celebrates the leadership and guidance of HHP 4800 and the student group leaders.



Dr. Nolting and HHP 4800 students celebrate the finale of the Gova Wellness Program at the final poster symposium.

Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Suggestions

Time Investment: Giving the time and effort it takes for successful outcomes



- **Challenge:** Underestimating resource requirements
- **Lesson:** Success demands sustained commitment beyond initial projections
- **Suggestion:** Build realistic timelines with contingency buffers

Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Suggestions

Team Satisfaction: Group work and satisfaction of team members, program partners, and recipients



- **Challenge:** Balancing diverse stakeholder expectations
- **Lesson:** Regular feedback loops prevent disconnect and burnout
- **Suggestion:** Establish clear communication channels and recognition systems

Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Suggestions

Program Sustainability:

Program maintenance and sustainability

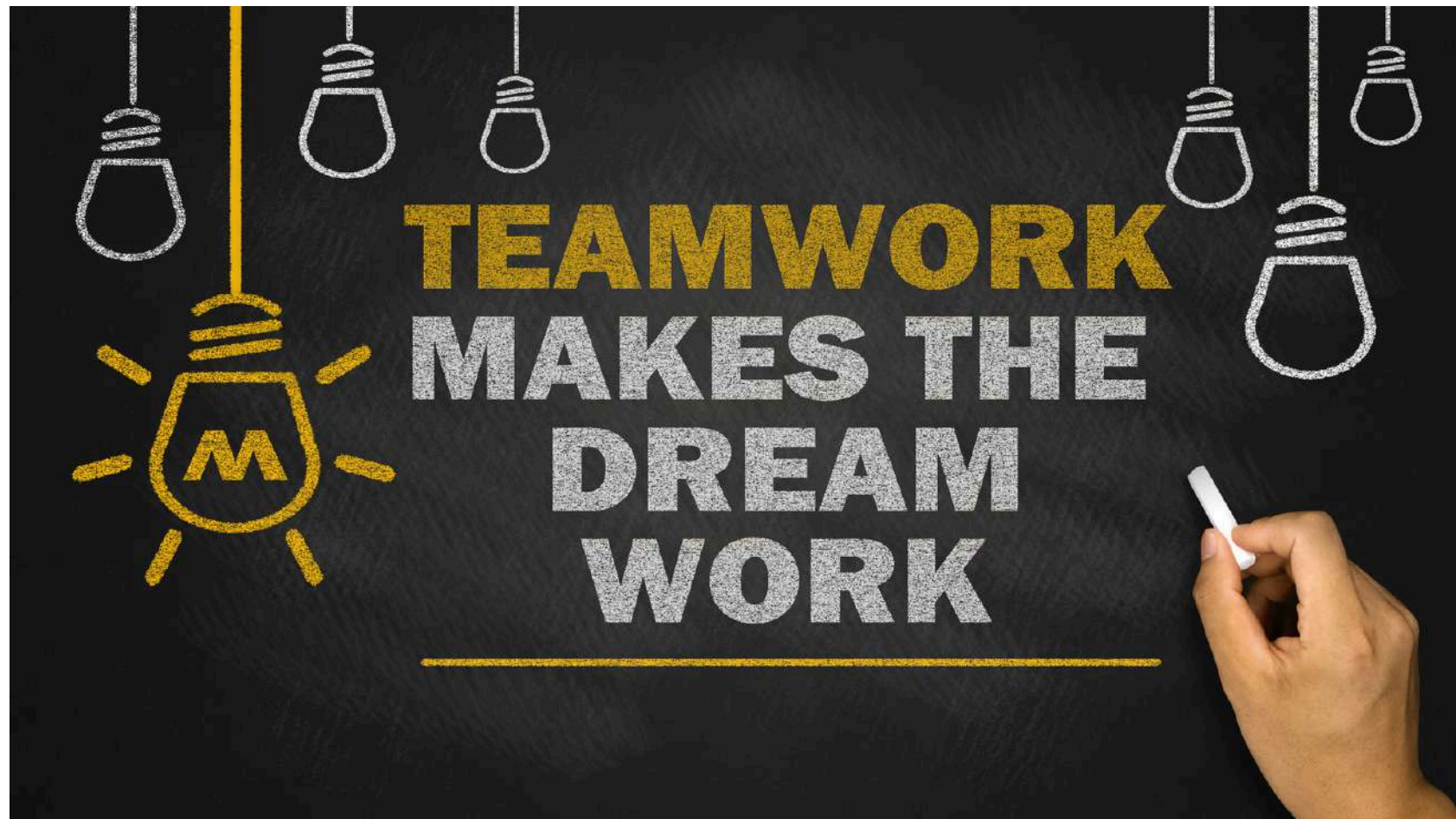


- **Challenge:** Maintaining momentum after initial implementation
- **Lesson:** Early planning for long-term viability is essential
- **Suggestion:** Develop succession plans and knowledge transfer protocols

Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Suggestions

Team Culture: Creating a positive team culture and environment

- **Challenge:** Building cohesion across different programs
- **Lesson:** Intentional culture-building activities drive engagement
- **Suggestion:** Invest in team development from project inception



Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Suggestions

Future Funding:

Funding for future programs



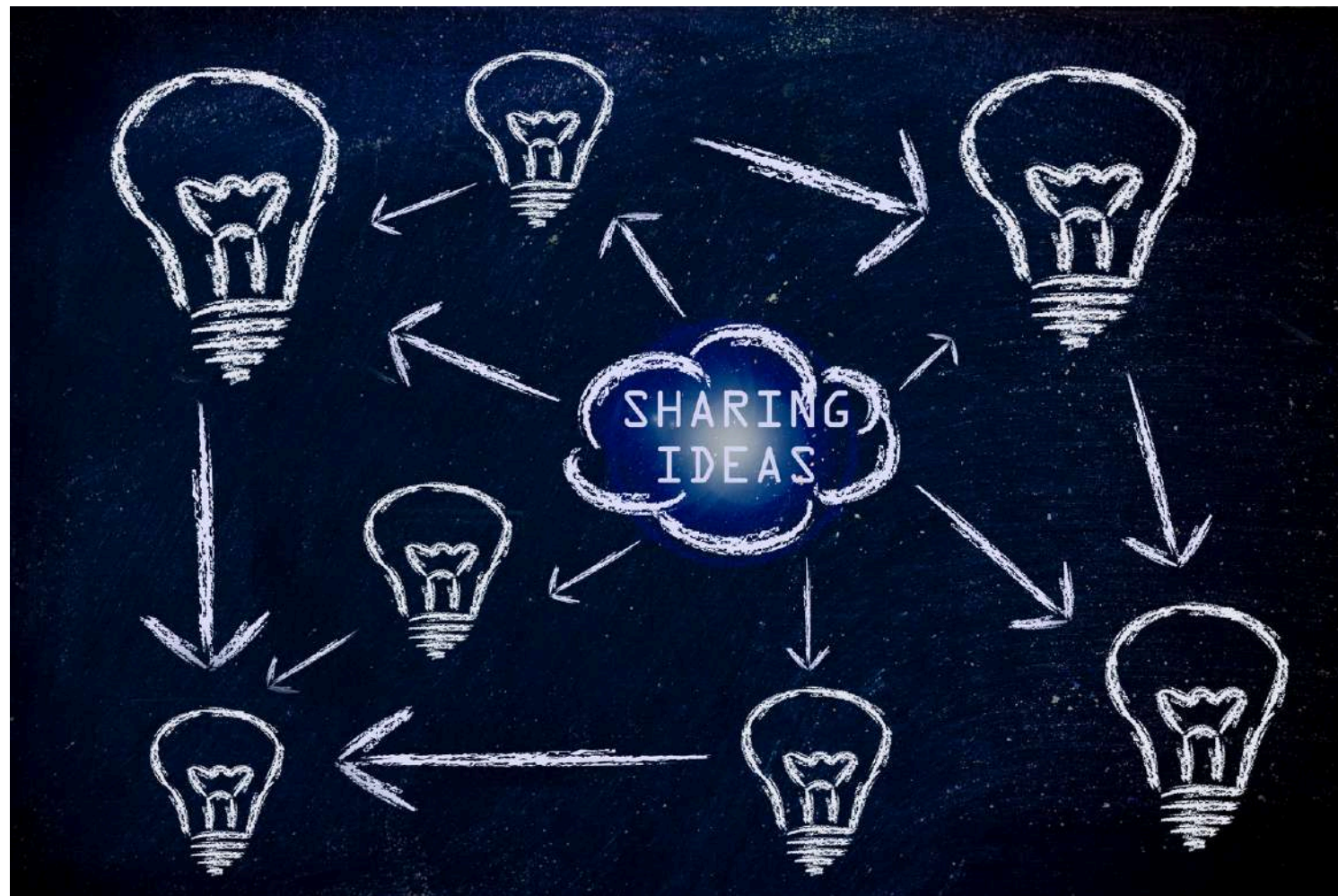
- **Challenge:** Securing ongoing financial support
- **Lesson:** Document impact metrics throughout program lifecycle
- **Suggestion:** Cultivate diverse funding streams and demonstrate ROI early

Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Suggestions

Knowledge Sharing:

Sharing findings with others for future use and implementation

- **Challenge:** Translating lessons into actionable insights for others
- **Lesson:** Systematic documentation enables broader impact
- **Suggestion:** Create standardized reporting templates and dissemination strategies



Plans for the Future

Govs Wellness Hub 2.0: Caring for Campus and Community (2025–2026 Academic Year)

Campus Wellness Hub Event

- Comprehensive health screenings for students and community members
- Partnership with APSU Office of Community Engagement and Sustainability to bring health and wellness organizations to campus
- Focus on preventive health education and services



Collaboration with Dr. Kadi Bliss, Mrs. Olivia Lahann, Dr. Tasha Ruffin, Mrs. Mitzi Baker, Dr. Heather Phillips, Ms. Alexandra Wills, and Dr. Tyler Nolting

Resources: Applied for Maynard Grant of nearly \$13,000 (pending)

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Community Wellness Hub Event

- Partnership with Loaves and Fishes and Clarksville Parks and Recreation
- Health screenings combined with resources addressing basic needs and food security
- Targeted outreach to vulnerable community populations



HHP 4800, NURS 4050, and MTEC 4090
Students Providing Health Screenings



Dr. Lillian Beard-Gaines, MD
Michelle Bulla, ANP-BC



MLS and Phlebotomy Students
Providing Screenings



Family and
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Community Wellness Hub Event (continued).



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**Matthew Walker Comprehensive
Health Center**



DocGo Mobile Health Clinic



Clarksville Parks and Recreation



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Some Inspiring Words from Clarksville's 3-Time Olympic Gold Medalist



“No matter what great things you accomplish, somebody helps you.”
–Wilma Rudolph

By **DWIGHT LEWIS**
Staff Writer

When Wilma Rudolph was around 6 years old and ill with scarlet fever, the whooping cough and polio, her mother, Blanche Pettus Rudolph, told her she could still be anything that she wanted to be.

Wilma listened to her mother's words of encouragement and in August 1960 — without the leg braces that she wore from the time she was 6 until she was 10 — won three gold medals in the Olympic Games at Rome.



said. “She was always there for her children and other members of her family.

“When I was a little girl, she told me I could be anything that I wanted to be if I worked hard and believed in myself. She said if I never stopped working hard and believing in myself that it would work for me and it did.”

“She was my everything,” Wilma Rudolph said.

Wilma (center) surrounded by her parents, Blanche and Eddie.

Some More Inspiring Words from Clarksville's 8-Time National Champion



Coach Summitt hugs her mom, Hazel Head.

“I’ve always said, ‘You win in life with people.’”
–Pat Summitt



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