

# VTSU Resources for Homeless and Foster Care Youth

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# Resources for Homeless and Foster Care Youth

- Current academic resources offered on campuses
  - Student Support Services
    - Upward Bound
    - McNair Scholars
    - Summer Bridge program
- Advising
- Current out of the classroom resources offered on campuses
  - Financial Resources
  - Housing
  - Food insecurity
- Challenges

# Academic Resources on Campus

- Specific programs for all eligible students offered at admission

Combination of or at least one of the following:

- First generation
  - Income eligible
  - Students with a disability
  - Underserved population
- Summer Bridge- summer before first year of college for a week
    - Provides overview of college experience
    - Workshops, projects, experiential activities for a range of topics including study strategies, time management, and writing academic papers
    - Prepares incoming students academically, socially, and financially

# Academic Resources on Campus

## Student Support Services

- McNair Scholars- federal program to promote doctoral study
  - Provides academic preparation for graduate level work
  - Graduate school application advisement
  - Provides graduate level mentors who prepare students to engage in graduate level presentations and research
- TRIO- federal program to help students persist and succeed
  - Upward Bound
    - Tutoring assistance
    - Career counseling
    - Peer mentoring



# Academic Resources on Campus

- Advising Model- 1<sup>st</sup> year students receive a dedicated professional advisor to work with them for duration of program
  - Connects students with academic, financial, and social resources
  - Student issues/concerns can be triaged and solved more easily
  - Student connection to staff person makes success more likely

## ***Academic Support Immediately***

Career, internship support and placement from the first year

# Out of Classroom Resources

Since summer 2023, housing options are available year round

Five Residential Campuses:

1. Randolph
2. Castleton
3. Johnson
4. Williston
5. Lyndon

# Out of Classroom Resources

Housing options vary based on campus; include traditional style, apartment, suite style

Housing is available year round for students

- Meal plan while classes are in session
- Each campus has kitchen facilities for students' use
- Federal work study jobs available on each campus

Summer/Class Not in Session

- Meals are not provided
- Discounted housing rates for students

# Financial Resources

- Vermont State Grant Application
  - Tuition free for state residents beginning fall 2024
  - Student/family contribution must be \$50K or less
  - For students seeking initial undergrad degree
  - State, federal, institutional aid applied first



# Challenges and Opportunities

## Pipeline from K – 12 to higher education

- Connection for students to yield students

## Stigma

Robust food pantry- currently funded through grants, employee donations

## Staffing to support needs

## Funding for students

- Admissions application fee waivers currently available