



Legislative Update

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OUR MISSION



LED BY MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

We are the inclusive voice for all future, present, and former students.

We actively work to represent and support Minnesota State University students and advocate at local, state, and federal levels for higher education policies that make a positive impact for students and our communities.



HUNGER ON CAMPUS

RAISE GRANT CAPS

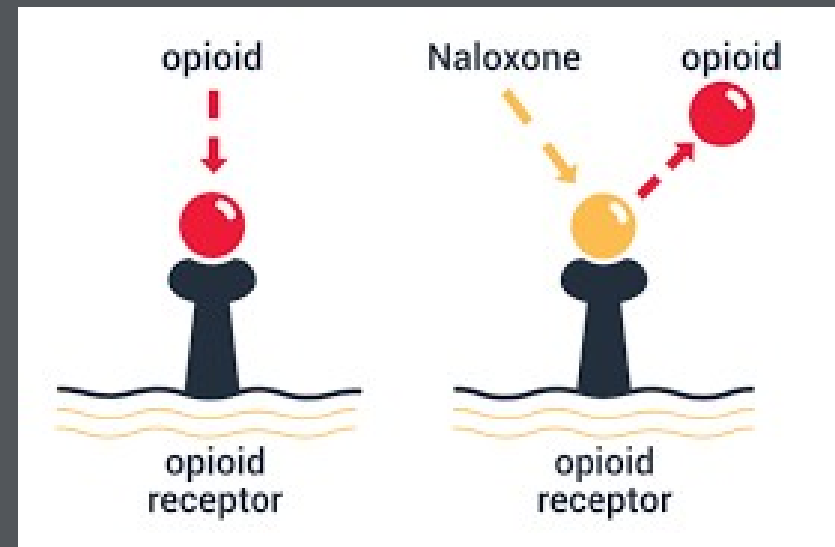
Over a quarter of students across the seven Minnesota State Universities live with the daily burden of food insecurity. The Hunger Free Campus Grant is necessary to address this problem, but over half of the last biennium's appropriation went unused.



OVERDOSE PREVENTION

STOCK NARCAN ON CAMPUS

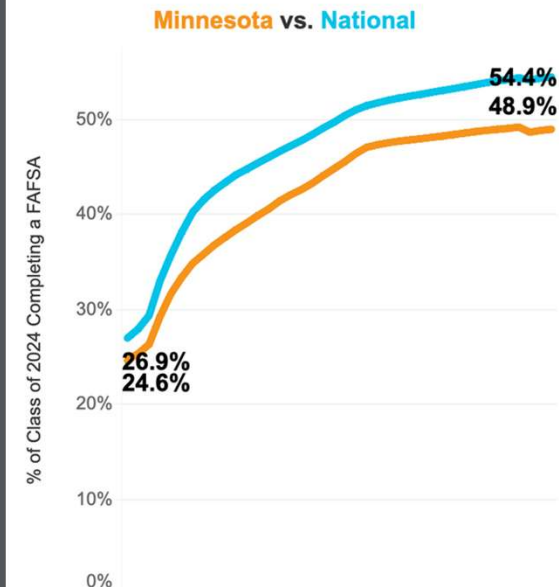
Narcan access is inconsistent across our universities. We are calling for colleges and universities to stock naloxone in residential campus buildings and that universities be added to the existing DHS Standing Order Portal to access naloxone.



FAFSA

MN CONTINUES TO LAG BEHIND

In 2024, Minnesota ranked 35th in FAFSA completion. In large part due to the bumpy federal rollout of the simplified FAFSA, rates dropped nationally and in Minnesota by 6.3%.

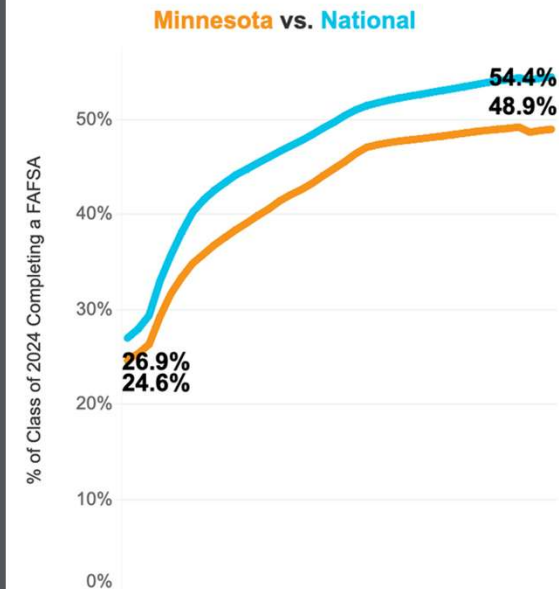


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DIRECT ADMISSIONS



Today, some 180 High Schools opt-in to the Office of Higher Education's Direct Admissions program, which notifies graduating high school seniors from Minnesota high schools that colleges and universities are eager to admit them based on their academic records and projected graduation date. New data shows widening FAFSA completion gaps between schools that do and do not participate in Direct Admissions. Preliminary data also suggests that students enroll in post-secondary institutions at higher rates.



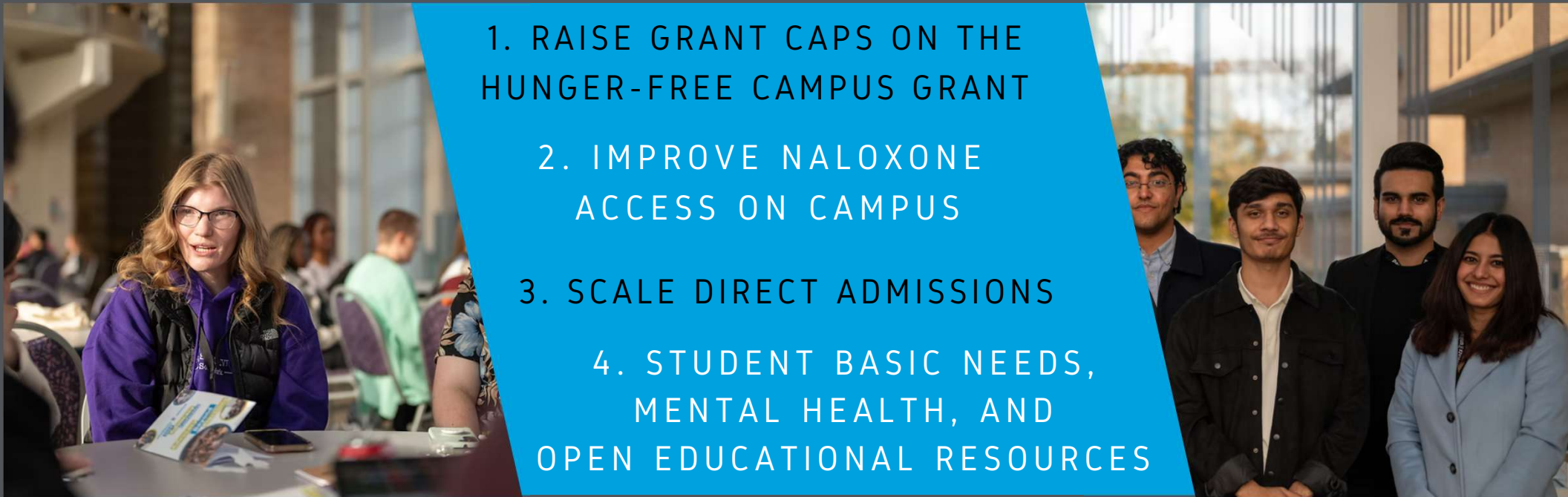
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FUND STUDENT BASIC NEEDS

We believe a robust student support system is the best way to ensure students graduate college. Mental health resources, basic needs investments, and open educational resources are key to creating an accessible, affordable, and attainable education. We are in full support of the Minnesota State Systems Office Budget Request.



THANK YOU



1. RAISE GRANT CAPS ON THE
HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT

2. IMPROVE NALOXONE
ACCESS ON CAMPUS

3. SCALE DIRECT ADMISSIONS

4. STUDENT BASIC NEEDS,
MENTAL HEALTH, AND
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES