



# Honors x Pantry Riti Srivastava, Psychology, 2022

### **SUMMARY**

Last spring of 2019 I was the project lead of the Honors experience called Honors x Pantry. In this experience, a group of about 10 students collaborated with the Roadrunner Pantry (on campus) to promote food insecurities and the pantry itself. As a project lead, my goals were to take the group to achieve things as good as great and greater than the last leader. My goal was also to convey myself as a competent leader because before entering, one of my biggest worries was that I wouldn't be taken seriously as the youngest member of the group who was acting as the leader. The purpose of the Roadrunner Pantry is to be available to students who are not sure where there next meal will come from. It was important for us to spread information about the Pantry and how it is free to students.



### **SPICES**

This experience embodied the Leadership category because I acted as Project Lead for this experience. I led the students in my group to brainstorm different manners by which they could reach our goals. I made sure to only encourage the students' own ideas.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

This experience also consisted of agency through accomplishment. My original fear of not being taken seriously was quickly overtaken and once I felt more confident in my actions as a leader to this group, I felt as if I was rightfully given the position. I also communicated effectively with my students by setting up a GroupMe and conveying to them the different requirements of being a part of the group. I believe this was successful given that our goal was reached.

### **IMPACT**

This experience positively impacted the campus of UTSA along with the Roadrunner Pantry. Our endeavors to promote the Pantry led to students learning about its facilities along with the Pantry receiving ambassadors that came up with ideas that allow for a greater dispersement of information. In a more personal matter, I experienced personal growth by acting as a leader to a group of older students. I also learned to communicate effectively and reflect on the meaning of a leader through reflections.

#### HERBS

This experience embodies the S and B in HERBS. I made sure to support my students in their various tabling endeavors by joining them and helping plan.

Our goal was benevolent.



### **ADVICE**

I would advise other Honors
students to wholeheartedly
take advantage of this
position. Students can
complete a pre-approved
Leadership experience
while also gaining 75 hours
of service.