

Cans Across America

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The nationwide event, Cans Across America struck Lake Superior State University on November 7. The event is run by the Sudexho Corporation and beyond the obvious goal to help feed the hungry; Cans Across America is attempting to break a Guinness world record for the most pounds of food donated. LSSU is only one of over 900 other universities and colleges who are contributing to the cause. The last record is 156,889 pounds of food. The food that was collected was taken by the Salvation Army to later be distributed to the needy.

The food services center decided to turn the event into a campus wide competition and offered a pizza party for thirty to the student or group who could make the best sculpture out of the canned and non-perishable goods. The food sculptures were judged on size, originality, and appearance.

“We got about 62 cans and about 2 dozen boxes of food. So that came out to about \$60 of food. It was something cool to get the hall together to do.” said R.A. Rob Birbeck from Brady Hall who got nine other Brady residents together and contributed largely. Their entry into the competition was a scaled down model of Brady Hall made of beans and macaroni.

Delta Sigma Phi took the event off campus and went to the members of the community to contribute cans from their house. By themselves Delta Sigma Phi donated at least about one hundred sixty seven cans.

The Fletcher Team won the can drive and the pizza party. The Brady sculpture by the Brady kids won second place and four pizzas. The Neveu Anchor took third place and won free fountain pops from the Galley.

“There have hundreds of cans donated today. I have a lot of work to do. Delta and the Brady guys really helped out.” said David Mccoll, who was overseeing the event.

Any contributions that were made by anyone in the community or here on campus are greatly appreciated.