

5th Annual University Hunger Summit

Please accept this as your official invitation for students, faculty, and administrators from your respective institutions to attend the 5th Annual University Hunger Summit scheduled for **February 26-28, 2010 on the campus of Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama**. With the number of hungry people dramatically increasing worldwide, never has the challenge to address both short-term and long-term solutions to ending hunger been greater. In response, President Obama has pledged to end child hunger in America by 2015 and recently dedicated \$3.2 billion to agricultural development in an effort to assist in the fight against global hunger. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about these efforts and to be actively involved in *Universities Fighting World Hunger*, a dynamic partnership with the UN World Food Programme.

We understand that participating units will be at different stages of involvement in the "War on Hunger" effort. Therefore, please do not hesitate to register, regardless of whether your campaign is just beginning or if your initiative is well underway. The most important thing is that we all come together to learn from each other.

Participants: We recommend that a combination of students, faculty, and/or university administrators from each university attend the Summit. Other attendees will include NGO, government, and corporate representatives.

Brief Program Preview:

Headlining the Summit will be: renowned *Wall Street Journal* reporter Roger Thurow, lead author of *Enough: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty*; Ann Tutwiler, senior advisor for International Programs, USDA; Kishore Mandhyan, deputy director, Political, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Affairs, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations; Alastair Summerlee, president and vice chancellor, University of Guelph; and Tony Hall, executive director of the U.S.-based Alliance to End Hunger and former congressman and ambassador to the UN Missions in Rome. A series of speakers, panels, graduate student research posters (call for abstracts attached), exhibits, and one-on-one interactions will be used to inform and inspire Summit participants to join the fight against domestic and world hunger. In addition, the 2nd Annual Clinton Student Hunger Leadership Award will be presented by North Carolina State University and NGO Stop Hunger Now. **Onsite registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010, and the first session is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday.** Dress is business casual.

Registration and Hotel Accommodations

To register, log onto www.universitiesfightingworldhunger.org/summit to complete and submit the online form. A confirmation email will be sent to print and return with your check or purchase order for \$100 **no later than February 17, 2010**. Space is limited, and registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Note: Meals included in registration. Thanks to the hospitality of Auburn University students, we will also have limited student housing available at no cost, offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The hotel room rate for the meeting is \$99 plus taxes for a single/double. Reservations can be made online by logging onto <http://www.auhcc.com> or by calling **800/228-2876 or 334/821-8200**. If you call, please ask for the **University Hunger Summit group room block** for the guaranteed rate. **Hotel reservations deadline is February 17, 2010.**

Travel Arrangements

For airline accommodations, **Hartsfield-Jackson International in Atlanta, GA** is recommended as your destination airport (alternatively Montgomery or Birmingham, AL or Columbus, GA). For transportation from Atlanta, options include either **renting a car or arranging shuttle transportation to Auburn (Express 85, 888/238-7738 or 334/887-8595; www.express85.com)**. If renting a car, take I-85 South out of the Atlanta airport. After crossing into Alabama, take Auburn Exit 51 and bear right on State Highway 29 (i.e., College Street). Proceed north for approximately 3.5 miles to the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center (located on your right across from the campus library). The trip is approximately 90 minutes. **Note that Atlanta (and also Columbus) is on EST and Auburn is on CST**, so you will be gaining an hour during your drive. If you choose an alternate airport or have difficulty getting from your arrival airport to Auburn, please contact us by email (jkucera@auburn.edu). We will be happy to provide directions or assist with your transportation to Auburn.

Please plan to arrive at the Hotel no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26 to provide time for hotel and conference check-in prior to the opening session at 5:30. The program will conclude at noon (CST) on Sunday, so if you are flying out of Atlanta, **the earliest you should book a departing flight is 4:00 p.m. (EST)** due to the time change (i.e., losing an hour between Auburn and Atlanta).

Join us in this unique opportunity to help current and future generations become effective advocates in the eradication of extreme hunger and poverty in the world!

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