



# UNIVERSITIES FIGHTING WORLD HUNGER

## Educating and Mobilizing Students to Build a Zero Hunger World

Universities Fighting World Hunger (UFWH) is a global higher education movement focused on educating, mobilizing and organizing students, administrators and faculty in the war against hunger. The innovative model was launched by Auburn University in 2004 in partnership with the UN World Food Programme (WFP).

The movement has involved nearly 300 universities worldwide and although colleges and universities in the UFWH network choose different ways to fight hunger, all are committed to stimulating student awareness and helping the “next generation” make meaningful and lasting contributions, regardless of background, major or career path. At annual summits, hundreds of student leaders, administrators and faculty, gather to share best practices and experiences. A number of states have hosted state-wide university hunger dialogues to engage students in working toward collaborative, systemic solutions.

### All UFWH support three major activities:

1. Hunger awareness and consciousness-raising (knowing and caring about hunger)
2. Advocacy (teaching students to become strong activists for causes in which they believe)
3. Academic initiatives, including a Hunger Studies minor curriculum and relevant academic research, often in partnership with international organizations, such as WFP and FAO.

UFWH is the only student movement that unites all academic disciplines – from agriculture to engineering and from business to communications and is proud to affiliate with the Zero Hunger Challenge network and to accept the challenge to eliminate hunger in our lifetimes. Our contribution to the vision of a zero hunger world is to (1) produce graduates who are not only technically competent, but globally aware and socially engaged; and (2) challenge universities to assume a leadership role in creating innovative solutions to global sustainability issues like hunger.



**HUNGER CAN BE ELIMINATED IN OUR LIFETIMES**