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Harvard University to Examine Dire State of Food Security

Public invited to experience interactive HungerU exhibit and join expert panel on April 24

Cambridge, MA (April 23, 2015)—Three groundbreaking voices in the agriculture industry will help raise awareness of one of the most pressing global challenges of the next 35 years: world hunger. A series of unique opportunities will take place at Harvard University for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to learn from these experts and others about the serious situation of global food security.

On April 24, a unique interactive Farm Journal Foundation HungerU mobile exhibit will be in the courtyard area outside of the [Harvard Kennedy School](#) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit encourages people to learn about the global hunger challenge and solutions for feeding the world.

There also will be a “Take Your Seat at the Table” panel discussion starting at 5:15 p.m., at the [Starr Auditorium](#). T.J. Menn, founder of the school’s new agriculture professional interest council, will moderate the discussion. It will be an open dialogue about hunger and agriculture solutions. Panelists include Harvard’s Dr. Ray Goldberg, who developed the concept of agribusiness; Paul Willis, co-founder of Niman Ranch and a pioneer in sustainability; Donavon Taves, expert in unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs); and Leena Scaria, Harvard Kennedy School student who has participated in a farm tour to educate students about where food comes from and the challenges agriculture faces.

“HungerU helps build awareness of the hunger issue and the critical role modern agriculture plays by putting food on our tables,” said Tracee Shiebel, who travels with the exhibit as a member of the HungerU Crew. “We encourage people to take action in their communities to help meet the growing demand for safe, nutritious and affordable food.”

Hunger and malnutrition are responsible for more deaths worldwide than any other cause. Even in the U.S., one in six Americans goes to bed hungry at night. Future generations will also be faced with feeding the exploding population, which is expected to top 9 billion by 2050.

“As a global society, we have significant nutrition security challenges, and those are only going to get more acute as demand increases and resources shrink,” said Margie Alsbrook, Director of Operations for HungerU and its partner Farm Journal Foundation. “Getting everyone involved regardless of their field of study and point of view is vital to the global hunger solution.”

In the last two and a half years, the HungerU exhibit has been to nearly 70 universities throughout the U.S. and interacted with more than 175,000 students. To learn more about the growing hunger issue and the platform to make a difference, visit www.hungeru.com and take the HungerU Challenge. Or become part of the discussion today at #HungerU and #YourTable. Follow us at www.facebook.com/hungeru, www.twitter.com/hungerutour, www.instagram.com/hungerutour, <http://hungeru.tumblr.com/>.

About HungerU

HungerU is a special project of the Farm Journal Foundation that travels to university campuses engaging students in conversations about the growing hunger crisis and empowering them to take action. For more information, visit www.hungeru.com.

About the Farm Journal Foundation

The Farm Journal Foundation is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to sustaining agriculture's ability to meet the vital needs of a growing population through education and empowerment. The Foundation houses the Farmers Feeding the World platform to rally the agricultural community around the fight against world hunger through programs including the Farm Team, HungerU and Take Your Seat at the Table. For more information, please visit www.FarmersFeedingTheWorld.org.