

SID

Students for International Development is a club for students interested in learning more about poverty alleviation efforts globally and locally. We see injustice and inequality in the world, people who aren't allowed the dignity and self-respect that are human rights, and we want to be a part of the solutions that empower them in a healthy, sustainable way.

Mission

1. Increase understanding about development issues and best practices,
2. Connect students with opportunities to engage in the development field, and
3. Raise awareness about development on campus and in the community.

Activities

Weekly activities include guest speakers, panel discussions, film viewings, advocacy campaigns, projects with local organizations, and community service.

One of our largest projects is the Hunger Banquet, an annual winter semester event to raise awareness about poverty and fund sustainable development. The twenty-second annual Hunger Banquet is scheduled for Friday, 2 March 2012. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Membership

We see international development as a holistic process. Rather than proposing one single solution to other people's problems, our club explores approaches that draw on all disciplines and cultures. SID is affiliated with the [International Development Minor](#) but welcomes students from all majors and minors on campus, regardless of past experience or future plans in the field of international development.

SID requires no club dues or fees for membership.

Want to learn more about international development? Check out the International Development minor [website](#) for courses, faculty, internships, information on local and international organizations, and much more.

Staying Connected

There's a lot of news going on with SID and international development—use the tools below to keep abreast of it all!

SID [Listserv](#)

Get all the emails about club meetings and announcements.

[Connect](#)

Daily Facebook updates.

[Connect](#)

Daily tweets.

[Connect](#)

International Development Network

Weekly newsletter with information on events, jobs & internships, and academic opportunities.

[Connect](#)

Blog

Pictures and introspection on activities and development news.

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Hunger Banquet

For twenty-four years, Students for International Development has worked with the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, the International Development Minor, the Ballard Center for Economic Self-Reliance, and BYU Dining Services to host an annual Hunger Banquet to raise awareness within the BYU community about global poverty and wealth inequality.

This year's Hunger Banquet is about EMPOWERMENT. We, each of us, in whatever situation we find ourselves, especially students, can make a difference for someone. To represent this theme, Rajvi Mehta, a Duke medical student, will be our keynote speaker. Not only is Rajvi still a student, but she is also the founder of the Let's Be Well Red campaign, which works in India to fight anemia, one of the leading causes of infant mortality. The banquet will be held on Saturday, 1 March 2014 in the Wilkinson Student Center ballroom to support her cause, along with others in our country and around the world. Tickets are \$8 in advance, available at the WSC Information Desk, or \$10 at the door.

All event attendees are randomly seated and served a meal representative of high, middle, or low-income areas of the world. Because we want to create a visual representation of the global distribution of resources, most attendees (about 70%) will sit on the floor and share a meager meal of rice and beans with those sitting around them. Some (about 20%) will be seated in chairs and eat a modest, one-plate meal. A few attendees (only about 10%) will be seated at fancy tables and served a lavish meal. Live, culturally diverse entertainment and a guest speaker further enhance the evening's experience.

Banquet funds are given as grants from the Kennedy Center to various development organizations overseas as well as in the United States. Over the past two decades, we have granted tens of thousands of dollars to sustainable projects that strive to reduce poverty and empower individuals.

Get Involved

Want to help? We need many volunteers to make the Hunger Banquet a success.

Attend our weekly meetings on Thursdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m., in 238 HRCB, e-mail us at byu.sid@gmail.com, or check out our [blog](#) for information about our past activities and news on the Hunger Banquet.

No Events