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## **College students nationwide create videos to fight hunger**

*Sodexo Foundation sponsors innovative video competition to help students launch a Campus Kitchen at their college or university*

**March 2, 2015 – Washington, DC** – The Campus Kitchens Project, a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their community, today announced its launch grant video competition sponsored by the Sodexo Foundation. From March 2 through 9, four universities from across the country will compete to win a grant to start their own Campus Kitchen, providing free, healthful meals to those in need by using donated food that would otherwise go to waste.

The finalists have one week to rally supporters to vote for their school's video on [www.campuskitchens.org](http://www.campuskitchens.org). The top three schools with the most votes at the end of the voting period will win a \$5,000 grant sponsored by Sodexo Foundation to launch their own Campus Kitchen. In addition to recovering food that would have gone to waste on campus and providing more meals in their communities, student-led Campus Kitchen chapters at these universities will create replicable programs that address the root causes of hunger specific to their community.

In order to qualify as a finalist for the competition, students from around the country [submitted a video](#) explaining why their community would benefit from a Campus Kitchen.

### **Competing Schools:**

Virginia Tech – Blacksburg, VA  
Merrimack College – North Andover, MA  
Shenandoah University – Winchester, VA  
University of Houston – Houston, TX

At each of the 42 Campus Kitchens nationwide, students lead efforts to combat food waste and hunger by collecting surplus food from on-campus dining halls, community gardens, restaurants, and grocery stores and transforming it into healthy meals. In the last academic year, Campus Kitchens across the country rescued more than 823,549 pounds of food and served 293,963 meals to 12,006 clients.

Since 2001, Sodexo and Sodexo Foundation have supported The Campus Kitchens Project in its mission to share high school and college on-campus kitchen space, recover surplus food from cafeterias and empower student volunteers to prepare and deliver meals to millions of community members.

### **About The Campus Kitchens Project**

Founded in 2001, The Campus Kitchens Project is a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their community. On 42 university and high school campuses across the country, students transform unused food from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers' markets into meals that are delivered to local agencies serving those in need. By taking the initiative to run a community kitchen, students develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills, along with a commitment to serve their community, that they will carry with them into future careers. Each Campus Kitchen goes beyond meals by using food as a tool to promote poverty solutions, implement garden initiatives, participate in nutrition education, and convene food policy events. To learn more about our work or bring The Campus Kitchens Project to your school, visit [www.campuskitchens.org](http://www.campuskitchens.org).

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