

Cross Disciplinary Co-Creation

How NYU engages multiple majors to solve hunger

We propose a breakout session focused on how New York University students from multiple disciplines have unified to help solve hunger. We have built relationships and partnerships across academic boundaries to implement hunger relief initiatives. Our motivations are several:

- 1) To increase buy in across the community. Rather than the public health college or the nutrition department working alone, we are giving multiple people co-ownership in the advocacy.
- 2) To diversify our expertise and resources. Hunger is a pervasive, systemic problem and requires solutions on several levels. With a more diverse skillset, we can explore these different needs more successfully.
- 3) To allow all students to explore their humanity. There tends to be a stereotype of certain disciplines that they are disconnected from social impact. Business or engineering students, for example, aren't often thought of when we consider community service. Empowering their inclusion breaks down these stereotypes.

We believe this proposal ties perfectly into this year's theme, since it is a case study of cocreation and collaboration. We envision it as happening in two halves: a "standard lecture" and a hands on workshop (a game, really) to emulate cross-disciplinary co-creation.

The primary speaker will be Jon Chin, 2017 Clinton Hunger Leadership awardee. He represents both the Steinhardt college of Culture, Education, and Human Development as well as the WR Berkeley Center for Entrepreneurship. Other speakers include (depending on availability) but are not limited to:

- Akash Das, a student senator focusing on effecting policy change to bring financial education to the student body, which includes affordable meals
- Andres Rabellino, another student senator focusing on social impact through policy change

- Eric Kwok, an engineering student and co-chair of HackNYU, one of the largest college hackathons in the East coast
- Kitty Liang, current president of NICE, a student club in the business school focused specifically on social impact
- Jeni Lin, former president of NICE, currently pitching social impact student ventures to the Rockefeller Foundation
- Sonia Gonzalez, a program organizer focusing on multicultural schools and social justice
- Zella Christenson, a dietetics student focusing on nutrition education through cooking and also on improving food access through improving food systems

The speakers can be verified several months ahead of the conference. Any questions or concerns can be answered by Jon Chin (jon@sharebyteaching.org)