

united students against sweatshops
ORGANIZING FOR WORKER & STUDENT POWER

2010 National Conference

February 19-21

Knoxville, TN

Join USAS this February in Knoxville, to celebrate struggle and victory for students and workers in a time of economic crisis. At the 2010 USAS National Conference, you will:

- Sharpen your skills with students organizing across the continent
- Connect with other groups from your region
- Celebrate a year of victories
- Build a national student movement for worker & student power

Living Wages & Healthcare for All!

Stop Layoffs and Tuition Hikes!

Our Schools, Our Budgets!

Justice for Garment Workers!

Justice for Campus Workers!

See reverse side for info on our campaigns, conference speakers, travel scholarships and more!

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After a worldwide economic meltdown, everyone has been taking cuts—except Wall Street bankers, legislators, and college administrators. While campus administrators and corporations can lobby legislators and protect their interests, we know that the only way that students and workers will get our voices heard is to stand up together to fight!

Together we can win!

In November, USAS won a historic victory with 1200 Honduran garment workers fired for union organizing. The company claimed the cuts had to be made, but after years of worker organizing and students forcing over 100 colleges to boycott the multinational corporation, all 1200 workers won their jobs back and re-opened their factory. *Members of the Honduran union will join us in Knoxville to celebrate this incredible victory!*

What is USAS?

USAS is a national network of student groups is a grassroots organization run entirely by youth and students that supports the power of democratic worker organizations around the world.

We believe a powerful and dynamic labor movement will ensure greater justice for all people. We use our unique roles as students—as consumers, workers, and members of the campus community—to win victories that set precedents in the struggle for self-determination of working people everywhere, particularly campus workers and garment workers who make collegiate licensed apparel.

We envision a world in which society and human relationships are organized cooperatively, not competitively. We struggle towards a world in which all people live in freedom from oppression, in which people are valued as whole human beings rather than exploited in a quest for productivity and profits.

USAS Campaigns

Campus Community Solidarity

We campaign with workers on our campuses for the right to a voice on the job to win better wages, healthcare and respect.

Schools across the country are facing devastating budget cuts. Rather than find other avenues to raise money like taxing rich corporations their fair share, state legislators have passed along the cuts to colleges. Many colleges, public or private, have decided to balance the budget on the backs of students, workers, and junior faculty—leaving a bloated administrative bureaucracy in place.

“Our Schools, Our Budgets!” Students are being priced out of their education, essential support staff are being laid off, and junior faculty are overworked and unable to carry out their teaching duties. We demand a new set of priorities for our colleges and legislatures that centers student and worker priorities!

International Garment Worker Solidarity

Our colleges have deals worth a total of \$4 billion with the largest and most exploitative corporations in the world to produce apparel with our schools' names and logos. For 12 years, USAS has waged

powerful campaigns together with garment workers around the world who make our college apparel. Together, we have pressured our schools to force apparel corporations to respect the dignity of garment workers around the world. We've won many victories, but in many ways, the fight has just begun!

About Knoxville, Tennessee

The Progressive Student Alliance and the United Campus Workers at University of Tennessee - Knoxville are nearing the 10th anniversary of their battle for Living Wages!

So come to the South to celebrate people's struggles, protest with us, learn with us, and plan future victories!

Celebrate struggle in a time of crisis with:

- *Honduran garment workers* who won back 1,200 jobs after being fired for standing up for their rights and dignity
- *United Campus Workers* of the University of Tennessee, in the 10th year of their living wage struggle, who face devastating layoffs during the current budget crisis
- *Larry Cohen*, President of Communications Workers of America, who will address the economic crisis and how it affects workers

Travel Scholarships are available!

Need help getting to Knoxville? Fill out the travel scholarship application when you register for the conference. Priority will be given to students who identify as working class and/or people of color. *Deadline for Travel Scholarships is February 5.*

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Registration deadline is February 12. Housing and food are provided to conference attendees.

