What can a group of students do to make a difference?

Can undergraduates change the world?

Students United for America (SUA) believes it is worth a shot and so do many of our friends...

On SUA’s speaking series the Eisenhower Forum: 
"...an important lecture series on foreign policy."
- Colin Powell, former Secretary of State

On SUA’s community service events: 
"It is through the leadership of our involved citizens, such as you and your fellow students, that the ideals of democracy...will continue to flourish."
- Clifford B. Janey, Ed.D., Superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools

On SUA’s “Dinner with a Guest”:
"...engaging, stimulating, and interesting...The opportunity to extend knowledge through shared experiences is always a contribution to future successes."
- Steve Ellis, Principal of Ellis International Communications, LLC

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In the darkest hour, students united

Few student organizations form due to a single event or one moment in time. Students United for America (SUA) is one of the few. The story of SUA begins in the wake of the 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington. In our modern era’s darkest hour, SUA served as a student response to the strong patriotic sentiment at Columbia University.

Patriotism is not partisan

In the early years of SUA, many asked if a student group could actually be nonpartisan while having “America” in its title. Nearly five years since its inception, SUA has proven that patriotism does not belong to a single political party or ideology—patriotism belongs to all of us.

Since its inception in 2001, SUA has considered its philanthropic endeavors a pillar of its identity. Every September 11th, SUA organizes the Annual Name Reading Memorial at Columbia University. In the fall of 2005, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, SUA orchestrated the Columbia University Katrina Relief Poker Tourney and raised over $500 for Habitat for Humanity.

In 2006, SUA launched "Dinner with a Guest," a dinner series designed to help the Columbia community better understand a diverse array of career opportunities available after graduation.

national | international

SUA has been featured in numerous national and international print and broadcast media. Below are just a few of the media outlets that have covered SUA:

- The New York Times
- The New York Sun
- Newsday
- The Wall Street Journal
- The Columbia Spectator
- Russian State Television
- Columbia University Television

The year ahead

During the 2006-07 academic year, SUA plans to develop new community service projects to reach out to the entire Columbia community and continue to make the Eisenhower Forum a success. Confirmed guests for next year include:

- David Barrett, Federal Office of Independent Counsel
- Margarita Simonyan, Editor of Russia Today Television

service | debate

SUA’s mission is to promote national unity through community service activities and speaking events promoting global debate on the Columbia University campus.

In the spring of 2005, SUA initiated the Eisenhower Forum, a speaking series designed to help promote a better understanding of the global geopolitical environment. Diverse topics discussed ranged from US dependence on Middle East oil to the CIA leak investigation. Guests have included former CIA Director R. James Woolsey, MSNBC terrorism expert Dr. Walid Phares, Lebanese Parliament member Abdallah Hannaistand, and Newsweek Senior Editor Jonathan Alter.