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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back! We hope that you all enjoyed your summer and took some time to relax and get rejuvenated for what looks to be a fantastic year coming up! In OFSA, the summer included working on new publications and program planning to support all that fraternities/sororities do throughout the year. A new Hazing Prevention brochure has been published and we are now in the midst of the new Fraternity/Sorority guide highlighting each chapter. Each chapter president should contact John DiSarro to review your chapter section as soon as possible. Coming soon is also a Chapter Advocate/Chapter Alumni Advisor handbook that shares helpful resources and tips to those committed advisors that work closely with you on a regular basis.

Another exciting, and new, opportunity launching this fall for students is The Leadership Development Program (LDP) which aims to teach students valuable leadership skills through a variety of activities. Accepted students will join a cohort that will work through portions of the program together. Fraternity and Sorority members are encouraged to participate. The Information Session is on September 15, 2008 at 6pm in the Gowen Room and the application deadline is September 22, 2008. For more information and the application go to: <http://www.rochester.edu/College/rccl>.

In the meantime, remember Yellow Jacket Weekend starts on Friday, September 5 with Convocation at Noon and the Student Activities Fair at 3pm, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Luau on Saturday afternoon, and the Omega Phi Beta Radiant Return party on Saturday night at CLC. On September 12, 2008 be sure to join Gamma Phi Beta and Sigma Beta Rho's "ROC Around the Clock" event from 8am-8pm benefitting each chapters' national philanthropic cause and happening right on the Wilson Commons steps.

We look forward to seeing many fraternity/sorority community members at all the great events on campus! Best wishes, from the OFSA, for a successful and enjoyable semester! *Meliora!*

MEET TARA LEIGH SANDS — OFSA'S NEW EXPECTATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Tara Leigh, a native of New Jersey, comes to us via Western Carolina University and brings with her a myriad of experiences. While at Western Carolina she served as a Greek Assistant Resident Director supervising and training a team of student house managers and managing the Greek Village Budget. She also served as the Graduate Advisor of the College Panhellenic Council where she coordinated Formal Recruitment efforts and served on the Greek Life Advisory Committee. Serving as a member of the Greek Life Advisory Committee provided Tara Leigh experience with the Western Carolina Benchmark System that is, somewhat, similar to the Expectations for Excellence Accreditation process for its fraternities and sororities.

As the Expectations for Excellence Graduate Assistant Tara Leigh will work under the supervision of the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to support the needs of students who are members of Greek-letter organizations – YOU! The primary charge of this position includes working closely with all recognized fraternities and sororities to develop the quality programs that align themselves with the mission of The College and the principles of the Expectations for Excellence. Tara Leigh will also provide 20 hours of weekly service to the OFSA, a minimum of one-third of which will be in the office. Tara Leigh has begun coursework pursuing a PhD in Higher Education at the University of Rochester Margaret Warner School of Education this month. She is excited to learn more about the University of Rochester Fraternity and Sorority community while pursuing her degree and we are excited to have her join the OFSA staff.

It is our hope that you will all stop by and welcome her, officially, to the College, as well as our award-winning fraternity and sorority community.

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Did you know?

Chapters can request room reservations and post their events on the Campus Club Connection website.

National Hazing Prevention Week is September 22-26, 2008

Did you know that each chapter and each council has their own chapter mailbox right in 201 Wilson Commons? Yes, that's right. No need to open a chapter CPU box and pay a fee—this one's free! And any mail that the chapter receives from anywhere on campus, including OFSA, comes here so checking it at least twice a week is important!



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EE Highlight: ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

This is the season to focus on the Organizational Management Category in your Expectations for Excellence (EE) Program. As the semester kicks off here are some items that can be useful in your fulfillment of the organizational management category:

- 1) Have you checked in with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and set up a beginning of the semester meeting with the Director to review your plans for the semester?
- 2) Yearly registration forms for Campus Club Connection (CCC) are in your OFSA Mailbox. Be sure to complete them and return them to the Student Activities Office in Wilson Commons 201 by September 26, 2008. Doing so will allow you to register rooms and enjoy use of campus services.
- 3) Have you completely updated your Campus Club Connection page? Have you updated the officer listing and your chapter roster? An updated roster on the Campus Club Connection page fulfills the requirement to update your chapter roster with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. Rosters must be updated by September 19, 2008.

*If you want help using CCC feel free to contact John DiSarro.
For help with your Expectations for Excellence Plan contact Tara Leigh Sands.*

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 22-26 - NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 23 - 5:30PM, HAWKINS-CARLSON ROOM IN RUSH RHEES LIBRARY
EXPECTATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE KICK-OFF MEETING FOR CHAPTER LEADERSHIP,
CHAPTER ADVOCATES, AND CHAPTER ALUMNI ADVISORS

SEPTEMBER 24 ALL FRATERNITY AND SORORITY PRESIDENT'S MEETING, 8pm, WC 121

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE OFSA WEBSITE FOR A MORE DETAILED EVENTS CALENDAR
<http://www.rochester.edu/college/ofsa/calendar>

Hazing Prevention highlights

National Hazing Prevention Week 2008 Essay Contest
This year's theme is: "Bystander Responsibility". Essays will be accepted from students, parents, administrators, advisors, etc. Essays should be typed, double-spaced and not longer than 1000 words.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three essays.
Deadline: September 26, 2008.

Anti-Hazing Hero Award 2008

Do you know someone who has been heroic enough to expose hazing, speak out against this problem, or in some way work to combat this dangerous practice? Then nominate them for the Anti-Hazing Hero Award. Awards will be given in both student and non-student categories, and recipients will receive a cash prize.

Deadline: September 26, 2008.

For more information on these and other items visit:
<http://www.HazingPrevention.Org>

COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR 2008-2009

SEPTEMBER 5-7: YELLOWJACKET WEEKEND

OCTOBER 17-19: MELIORA WEEKEND

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 30-1: WINTER FEST

MARCH 7-15: SPRING BREAK

APRIL 17-19: SPRING SHOWTIME

MAY 15-17: COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND