



# The Student Organization Insider

## June 2020

Dear Student Leader,

Wilson Commons Student Activities (WCSA) remains devoted to supporting our students and are at the table for a number of meetings in preparation for fall semester. As we have information we want to share it with you.

We understand that these adjustments due to COVID-19 has drastically impacted student organizations. We strongly encourage you and your members to keep in communication with your advisors as you think about fall semester. The summer is a time for the WCSA team to take time off for self-care. If you have reached out to your advisor and they are out of the office, you can email [wcsa@rochester.edu](mailto:wcsa@rochester.edu) for assistance.

For updates, please continue to follow us on social media ([facebook.com/wilsoncommonsUR](https://facebook.com/wilsoncommonsUR) Instagram: [wilsoncommonsUR](https://www.instagram.com/wilsoncommonsUR) Twitter.com/[wilsoncommonsUR](https://twitter.com/wilsoncommonsUR)), check out [CCC](#), and on our [website](#).

Meliora,  
WCSA

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## Orientation Participation

Fall Orientation at the University of Rochester has been filled with creative student programs, performances, and engaging volunteers showing our commitment towards welcoming the new members of the Yellowjacket family.

This year, due to COVID-19, the Office of Orientation and First Year Programs in collaboration with Wilson Commons Student Activities has decided to suspend student organization program proposals for the fall 2020. This year however, we are charged with finding new ways to virtually engage with our incoming students over the summer. We will be reach out if and when opportunities arise for student organizations to participate in Orientation and Welcome Week. More information will also be forthcoming about a reimaged Celebrate Diversity program.

Thank you again for your interest and commitment toward making the Yellowjacket community a special one. We hope to provide the incoming students and families with the best possible experience in their first-celebration of Meliora.

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## Meliora Weekend

The University of Rochester has made the hard decision because of the COVID-19 uncertainty that Meliora Weekend will not be held in October 2020 as usual. They plan to host the traditional Meliora Weekend in October 2021.

In regards to student organization applications that were submitted for 2020, communication will be going out about other options.

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## Advance Reservations 2020-2021

Due to the impact of COVID-19, we are continuing to delay the advance reservation process at this time and hope to get more information out soon. Thank you for your patience with this

process. In the meantime please make sure that your virtual EMS contact is up to date so that you are ready when the reservation process does open. To change your virtual EMS contact fill out the CCC form "Change Virtual EMS Contact".

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## Stay Connected Over the Summer

- [CCC](#) will have updates and events that you can take advantage of, check it out.
  - Join the conversation on the [UR Summer Facebook Group](#).
  - Learn about fun ways to stay connected to campus and Rochester by signing up [HERE](#) to receive Summer Highlights!
  - Follow the Summer Sessions and Wilson Commons Facebook pages for up to date information on summer sessions information and activities.
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## CCC Roster & New Features

Make sure your CCC roster is up to date with your incoming officers. This will allow for communication to go to the correct people over the summer. If you need CCC assistance complete the CCC Support Request form.

Trying to think of how you are going to be able to operate as a student organization this fall? We are too! Before going outside of CCC for organizational support put CCC to the test. In July's issue we will share new features available to you. Then Fall Leadership Training will teach you how to utilize these features.

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## Flex Reservations 2020-2021

Due to the impact of COVID-19 and our ongoing social distancing efforts we will not be accepting any reservation for the flex tables for the fall semester.

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## Medallion Program

The Medallion Program is a the College's premier leadership development experience. It is a flexible three-tiered program that provides workshops, interactive activities and personal reflection to develop leadership capabilities. Learn more [here](#).

For 2020-2021 the College will be celebrating the MELIORA Value of Leadership. This summer there will be a number of workshops offered for people to complete Level 1 and most of Level 2. Workshops will also have focus on how to adapt leadership practices to fit the changes we are making from a COVID-19 environment.

### JUNE Workshops

All workshop will be located via live Zoom. You must register on CCC.

Day	Date	Time	Facilitator	Workshop	Domain
Tuesday	6/9/2020	6:00-7:00pm (EST)	John DiSarro	The Practices of Leadership	Level 2: Opening Session
Thursday	6/11/2020	3:00-4:30pm (EST)	Matt Trombley	Understanding Leadership	Level 1: Opening Session
Tuesday	6/23/2020	6:00-7:00pm (EST)	Kit Miller	Conflicts 101	Level 2: Interpersonal Competency
Monday	6/29/2020	7:30-8:30pm (EST)	Rochester Community Partners	Breaking the Bubble	Civic Engagement
Tuesday	6/30/2020	5:00-6:00pm (EST)	Jessica Guzman-Rea	Intercultural Communication & Awareness	Knowledge Acquisition

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## Mental Health Support

These are stressful and challenging times. The COVID-19 outbreak has forced closures of college campus across the country and have left many feeling concerned and anxious about their health and safety. As student organization leaders we would like to remind you of the several resources and support systems available to you and your members. The University Counseling Center (UCC) remains open for remote support for all full-time students and offers suggestions for managing fears and anxiety about the Novel Coronavirus. You can visit [rochester.thrivingcampus.com](https://rochester.thrivingcampus.com) to find referrals for teletherapy and in-person therapy both in Rochester and many other cities across the country. The UCC 24/7 on call (585) 275-3113 is also still available for mental health emergencies experienced by University of Rochester students domestically and internationally.

The CARE Network is also operating on a virtual basis. Its services enable members of the University of Rochester community to express their concern about a student through its online referral form. Upon receiving and reviewing a CARE referral, staff reach out to the student to provide support and resources. In addition, the Interfaith Chapel remains available to offer support to students during this difficult time. Students are welcome to email Reverend Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough if they are struggling.

Many of the faith communities of the chapel are offering virtual worship services. Simply contact the leader of the faith community you are interested in for details on their virtual services.

The University is also continuing its services to report and address bias-related incidents and concerns about sex- or gender-based harassment. Bias-related incidents include a behavior or act that is personally directed against or targets an individual or group based on perceived or actual characteristics such as race, color, religious belief, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national or ethnic origin, disability, veteran status, or age. You can report bias-related concerns any time online. The University's Title IX offices are open and available to assist anyone with concerns about sex- or gender-based harassment. You can email the Title IX office or submit a report online. The website includes local, state, and national resources.

We ask the next time you are communicating with your members to share these resources. Remember, we are in this together and you are not alone.

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