



The Student Organization Insider

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Keeping you in-the-know, the information in this edition promotes your organization's success! WCSA hopes that this publication will keep you informed of student organization operations/opportunities. For more information on policies and procedures, visit the [WCSA website](#).

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Re-Registering Your Organization

What happens if my organization did not complete the Re-Registration process by the deadline?

The Student Organization Annual Review rubric takes into consideration organizations who complete the re-registration process on time (by September 18th). Organizations who complete the process by Sunday, October 4th at midnight EDT will see a late registration as part of their evaluation, but will still receive some credit. Organizations who do not complete the process by October 4th will not receive credit for this section of the Student Organization Annual Review, and could also lose their privileges associated with being a student organization.

What if my organization wants to go inactive for the 2020-2021 academic year?

If your organization wants to go inactive, complete the re-registration process on [CCC](#) and indicate in the first question that your organization would like to go inactive. There will be no negative consequences to any organizations who choose to go inactive for the year. Inactive organizations will not be required to complete the Student Organization Annual Review.

If your organization determines going inactive is the best option you will:

- not receive funding
- not be able to host events or programs
- be removed from the public view on CCC
- not be eligible for any student organization awards this academic year

Organizations who choose to go inactive will be contacted during the spring semester regarding the reactivation process for the fall. If you would like to discuss this decision, please reach out to your organization's primary advisor.

Event Proposal & Registration Updates

As a reminder during Fall 2020, there is an updated event registration process. The new virtual, hybrid, and in-person event, activity, and program proposal form must be completed and approved before registering ANY event on CCC. The [form](#) must be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to the proposed event. It must be filled out for any event type, including virtual. The event registration process cannot begin until the event is approved.

Please work directly with your student organization advisor during the event proposal and registration processes as they have the most up-to-date information on policies, guidelines, etc.

Opportunities for Partnerships

Is your organization looking to host events, activities, or programs but not sure where to start? Have an idea for a program or in need of support? There are several partnerships opportunities for student organizations to help provide events for the campus community! Share your concept with your advisor so we can work together to make it happen.

ROC Tix: This program focuses on getting undergraduates to experience the City of Rochester by offering the opportunity to enjoy local and regional off-campus events. This semester, ROC Tix is bring the Rochester experience to you, with "ROC Tix From Home." Due to COVID guidelines, there are limited offerings in the community, but unique events and opportunities are still available. Student organizations can co-host ROC Tix events with Wilson Commons Student Activities. Examples: Rochester Brainery workshop and picnics in the park. There are many possibilities!

UR Late Night: This program provides resources for organizations and hosts events from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends. Upcoming UR Late Night events are displayed on [CCC](#). Examples: trivia night, mug decorating, paint night, FIFA tournament, glow yoga, and stand-up comedy.

- Event must occur primarily between 9 p.m. and 1 am.m on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday nights (with a focus on Friday and Saturday).
- Event must be inclusive of all undergraduates and appeal to a broad audience.
- Event must be creative and unique, providing a programming option that does not typically exist for most students.

Euchre Lessons: Would your organization like to learn a new card game to play together? Euchre is popular among Rochesterians, and learning the game may provide a lasting connection to our home beside the Genesee! This four player card game involves two teams of two and is similar to spades or hearts. Learn from an instructor and build your card game portfolio! All skill levels are welcome.

Sunday Strolls: Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and explore areas near campus with your organization! These casual walks are great opportunities to get to know one another while taking in the sights around Rochester. Walking maps can be provided if you wish to use them.

UR Master Chef: Sponsor a sustainable cooking show featuring Dining chefs and students preparing meals using local produce from Hillside, on-campus locations, and the Public Market. This live Zoom event will allow for chef interaction and can be customized for your organization.

Lawn Games: Socialize with current and prospective members while playing games outdoors on the quad! Engage in a towering battle of Jenga, sharpen your aim in KanJam, or play any one of the many options. These games provide a casual way to connect and bond. Cleaning supplies will be available to safeguard players.

Reach out to your advisor if you have ideas for "ROC Tix From Home," UR Late Night, or want to sponsor one of the other programs listed.

Fundraising & Getting Connected with Alumni

Student organizations interested in fundraising opportunities and connecting with their alumni should continue with the standard process. Please complete the [Student Organization Fundraising & Get Connected Alumni Request Form](#). For Fall 2020, NO flex reservations will be granted. Additionally, NO Chipotle or Panera fundraising events can occur off-campus. Please work with your advisor if you have questions.

Constitution Updates

If your organization is considering updating your constitution, please be sure to review the process, submit the interest form, and use the new approved template available on the SA Government [website](#).

Tunnel Painting on Pause

As a reminder, this message was emailed in September from Dean Burns and Dean Runner:

Dear undergraduate students in the College,

We are writing to you today to let you know that the Coronavirus University Restart Team (CURT) has voted to prohibit painting in the River Campus tunnel during the fall 2020 semester, due to inadequate space and ventilation.

From a health and safety standpoint, the decision is an obvious one. But given the significance of the painted tunnel to student life on the River Campus, it is also a painful one. The underground tunnel that joins the north and south sides of the Eastman Quad is an iconic spot on our campus. It is a space for creative expression; for sharing news and events; and in recent years, has evolved into a canvas on which students play out one of our University's core values, the free expression of ideas.

During the fall 2019 semester, we sent an email to students in which we made clear the University's commitment to the tunnel as a free space, and in which we pledged that the University "will not stand in the way of our students' right to freedom of expression." That commitment remains, and that is why we are fully supporting a student-led effort to work in concert with University Facilities to establish a suitable alternative space—a temporary "replacement" for the tunnel, as it were—for the time that health and safety considerations require.

In the coming days, the Students' Association leadership will be soliciting your ideas as to how to make that alternative a reality. I encourage you to be part of that conversation, so that a valued tradition in the College may continue.

Meliora,

Matt Burns, Dean of Students

Jeff Runner, Dean of the College

The Medallion Program

As an initiative of the Office of the Dean of Students, the Medallion Program is a flexible three-tiered program that provides workshops, interactive activities, and personal reflection to develop leadership capabilities.

Student organizations can request any workshop for their organization through a [form](#)!

October 2020 Workshops

All workshops will be hosted virtually over Zoom and are EDT. Register on [CCC](#) for access and to attend.

Day	Date	Time	Facilitator	Workshop	Domain
Saturday	Oct. 3rd	1-2 p.m.	Alec Tapia	Understanding Leadership	Level One Opening Session
Friday	Oct. 9th	1-2 p.m.	Col Raimond	Opening the Door to the Anti-Racist Campus: Foundations	Knowledge Acquisition
Monday	Oct. 19th	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Matt Trombley & Rebecca Orton	Breaking the Bubble	Civic Engagement
Monday	Oct. 19th	8-9 p.m.	Burgett Intercultural Center	Creating an Inclusive Community	Interpersonal Competency
Friday	Oct. 23rd	4-5 p.m.	Marcos Coto Jaen	Emotional Intelligence: Part One	Interpersonal Competency
Friday	Oct. 30th	1-2 p.m.	Col Raimond	Masculinity	Intrapersonal Development

Student Organization Recognition

Do you have exciting student organization news to share? This could be a video your group made, a new idea you are implementing, an award received, a large turnout at a meeting, and more. We would love to hear it and may feature your good news in the next Insider! Fill out this [form](#) to let us know.

Black Students Union (BSU) was awarded the 2020 La Comunidad Grant by the Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. in September. The grant supports the trailblazing organizations on campus by helping fulfill their perspective missions. BSU has been honored due to their involvement within the community and their mission to aid, cultivate, and educate their members.

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