



# The Student Organization Insider

## August 2020

Dear Student Leader,

Welcome to the start of a school year! While this semester may offer many challenges, remember that as a Yellowjacket, you are already strong, adaptable, and resilient. Whether you are remote or on-campus, as student leaders we hope you dedicate yourself to the ideals of [#URCommitment](#), standing with Rocky to "protect the hive" in our hopes that our spring semester will look even brighter.

Student Organization operations will be quite different during this fall semester, but we remain committed to your success. This Insider provides you with the most up-to-date information on those changes so you and your organization can prepare.

We will continue to offer our Rochester Traditions programming in the fall, and while these programs may look very different, we hope to foster campus community to students across the globe. For those students returning to campus, be sure to bring a blanket and/or yoga mat with you to enjoy some of these Traditions programs outdoors!

We strongly encourage you and your members to keep in regular communication with your advisor. This communication will be especially important during fall semester to ensure your student organization is as successful as possible.

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

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WCSA

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## Fall Leadership Training: August 17th

Fall Leadership Training (FLT) has been redesigned this year to provide you with the tools to: successfully communicate, fully utilize CCC, build rapport and healthy teams, and much more! Offered virtually, all student organization officers anywhere will be able to access these important resources. On August 14th information on how to access the virtual components of the training will be emailed. Until then, hold your calendars for August 17th from 7pm-9pm EDT for the FLT Kickoff and Advisor Session! Anyone requiring disability accommodations should contact WCSA at [wcsa@rochester.edu](mailto:wcsa@rochester.edu) by August 12th.

Please visit the FLT website ([here](#)) for more details.

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## Virtual Activities Fair

We know you've been waiting and the time is finally here! College Student Organizations are invited to join WCSA in the first-ever Virtual Activities Fair. This year, the event will be taking place throughout Yellowjacket Weekend starting on Friday, August 28 and ending Sunday, August 30 on CCC. The fair

will be active for each of the times below to accommodate students who are remote and allow everyone to engage in the fair.

- Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30-5pm EDT
- Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 12-1:30pm EDT
- Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9-10:30am EDT

During the fair, you will be able to connect with new and returning students and show off all the great things your organizations do as usual. Designing your virtual booth to have as much information as possible will be super important so you are able to recruit new members. Stay tuned for an upcoming email from your organizations' advisor with more information on how to get started. Not the best with technology? No fear! There will be two live trainings with WCSA staff members to show you how it all works PLUS Blackboard modules if you are not able to attend a live training – take advantage of both if you like! We are so excited for this first-ever virtual activities fair and hope you are too!

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## Student Organization Executive Board Meetings

For the fall we will be limiting in-person meetings in accordance with university, NYS, and federal guidelines. The capacities of rooms and availability have changed significantly due to these restrictions. Student organizations will not be permitted to hold in-person general membership meetings, but can request to hold in person executive board meetings of up to 10 people. Unlike previous semesters organizations will not submit requests through virtual EMS for a specific location. Please complete an [Organization Executive Board Meeting Request](#) indicating need and preferences for days and times by 11:59pm EDT on Monday, August 17. Organizations who submit by this deadline will be randomly drawn and assigned a location that best fits their needs. Every attempt will be made to provide rooms with Zoom capabilities, so you can include your remote members.

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## Reservations

Student Organizations will submit their event proposal and if approved an appropriate location will be determined and reserved for the event. Promotional opportunities are still being evaluated and more information will be sent out about their availability for the fall.

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## Student Organization Events

Most events that will be offered by student organizations will occur virtually due to an increase

in remote students and in-person safety concerns. A very limited number of in-person student organization events will take place this fall. In order to have an in-person or hybrid event, student organizations must collaborate with WCSA or another College department. During Fall 2020, there will be an updated event registration process, starting with a new event, activity, and program proposal form. This proposal form must be completed and approved before registering ANY event on CCC. Working with your advisor is mandatory for all event planning.

We are still working to clarify many things as it pertains to university, NYS, and federal guidelines in regard to student organization operations. More details and guidance will be shared during Fall Leadership Training.

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## **Transportation & Travel**

Currently all travel on behalf of the University of Rochester is prohibited. Student Organization events or activities will not be permitted to occur off-campus (including, student organization volunteer/community engagement, competitions, conferences, group travel, etc.). All events will adhere to university, NYS, and federal guidelines regarding travel restrictions. SA Vans will not be available for use in the fall semester.

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## **Organization Offices & Storage**

Student organizations will not be permitted to access and use their offices for meetings. Organization storage keys will not be signed out and swipe access will not be granted for the fall. If organizations need access to supplies in their storage for an approved event they will need to communicate the need in the event planning process with their advisor and arrangements will be made to get access to the supplies.

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## **Flex/Info Table Reservations**

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

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## **Student Organization 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. Please work with your advisor if you have questions.

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