


The Student Organization Insider

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Fellow Yellowjackets,

Spring has finally arrived and hopefully your year is ending on a positive note! As you complete your final papers, projects, and exams, be sure to also nourish your body with good food and sleep. Please also take a moment to read this edition of the Insider as there is lots of helpful information related to how your Organization can make a successful transition into the next academic year.

For those of you who are graduating, please accept my gratitude for your contributions to campus life. I hope to see you all at a future Meliora Weekend!

Continue to stay well,

Anne-Marie Algier, Associate Dean of Students

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Officer Transition & Activity Reflections

Officer Transition

Before you leave, don't forget - a successful executive board is not only the glue that holds your Organization together but also the fuel which propels it in a forward direction. A successful officer transition is neither difficult nor very time-consuming; however, if you don't do it or do it wrong, your Organization will struggle in the upcoming semester. Visit our [Leadership Transition](#) web page for helpful tools and resources!

Activity Reflections

Spring semester [Activity Reflections](#) are **due by midnight EDT on Sunday, May 15th**. It is important to include as many details as possible to help your Organization's executive board next year. You can even consolidate some activity types into one submission to make things a little easier. For example, one activity reflection form can be submitted to summarize all General Member Meetings (GMMs), rehearsals, or other ongoing semester-long activities. This is one of your Organization's opportunities to share how and why your event, activity, or meeting went well or didn't. Be sure to reach out to your Organization's advisor if you have any questions!

Stay Connected this Summer!

Spending time in the Rochester area this summer? Learn about fun ways to stay connected to campus and Rochester by [signing up](#) to receive the Summer Highlights newsletter!

Follow @WilsonCommonsUR on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for up-to-date information and summer activities.

Activity Registration: Closed for the Summer

Student Organizations are only eligible to hold events and activities while classes are in session (fall and spring semesters). If an undergraduate Student Organization wishes to hold events, activities, or programs when classes are not in session, they must submit an [Exception Form](#) for Activity Registration.

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience is a 2-credit course offered on Wednesdays 2-3:15 p.m. during the Fall semester for students who hold a Student Organization officer position or are on a varsity athletic team.

This course allows student leaders to work through their organization goals by utilizing leadership theories, styles, and the resources of peers. The course will also broaden one's understanding of leadership practices and connect the work with their own leadership experience.

To register for The Leadership Experience course, [complete this interest form](#) to receive the Instructor Permissions Code. For more information, please contact [Brian Magee](#), Senior Associate Director. *This course meets the requirements for the Medallion Program.*

VEMS Contact & Advanced Reservations

VEMS Contact

All current VEMS Contacts who have not already submitted their [VEMS Contact Renewal](#) must do so by **midnight EDT on Sunday, May 15th**. Any Student Organization wishing to change their VEMS Contact must submit a [Change Virtual EMS Contact form](#). Any new VEMS Contacts as of April 19, 2022 do not need to fill out either form.

Advanced Reservations

The advanced reservations process for Fall 2022 will continue over the summer. Current VEMS Contacts will receive additional email notifications which will outline the timelines and deadlines

approaching. For more information on the currently projected timelines please visit the [Advanced Reservations](#) web page.

Summer Medallion Program Workshops

The Medallion Program provides workshops, interactive activities, and personal reflection to develop leadership capabilities through a flexible three-tiered journey. [Register on CCC](#) for access to attend. You do not need to be enrolled in the Medallion Program to attend. If you are not enrolled in the Medallion Program but would like to be, fill out the [Enrollment Form](#) now!

Student Organizations can request any workshop for their Organization [here](#). Email the [Medallion Program](#) if your Organization is interested in co-sponsoring one of these workshops!

Workshop	Date	Time	Domain
Understanding Leadership	Wed, June 15	3-4 p.m.	Level 1 Opener
Practices of Leadership	Wed, June 22	3-4 p.m.	Level 2 Opener
Understanding Leadership	Tues, July 12	3-4 p.m.	Level 1 Opener
Practices of Leadership	Tues, July 19	3-4 p.m.	Level 2 Opener

Save-the-Dates!

Fall Leadership Training (FLT)

The in-person component for FLT will be on Tuesday, August 30th from 1-4:30 p.m. (time subject to change). A CCC checklist will open in August for the President and Business Manager which will include the virtual components and what is needed to complete your training. Be sure to schedule your arrival back to campus so you don't miss out!

Yellowjacket Weekend

Thursday, September 1st through Sunday, September 4th

Fall Activities Fair

Friday, September 2nd at 3:30-5 p.m.

Meliora Weekend

Friday, September 30th through Sunday, October 2nd

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