



The Student Organization Insider

May 2023

Fellow Yellowjackets,

Spring has finally arrived and hopefully your year is ending on a positive note. As you complete your final paper, projects, and exams; be sure to also nourish your body with good food and sleep! In this edition of the Insider, you will find helpful information related to ensuring your organization has a successful transition into the next academic year.

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

With excitement,

Anne-Marie Algier, Associate Dean of Students

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Save-the-Dates

Fall Leadership Training

Tuesday, August 29th @ 1-5 p.m.

*Business Managers are expected to be present during the Business Manager Training session.
Exact time is to be announced.*

SAAC/SOFO First Day to Transact

Wednesday, August 30th

Fall Activities Fair on the Wilson Quad

Friday, September 1st @ 3:30-5 p.m.

Yellowjacket Weekend

Friday, September 1st - 3rd

Meliora Weekend

Thursday, October 5th - 8th

Awards and Accolades

- Congratulations to the **Mock Trial** A and B teams for placing in the top six best teams out of 30 at the Buffalo Regional Tournament back in March! The A team earned 5.5 wins and the B team earned 5 wins with the hardest competition at the tournament.
- Congratulations to **Men's Ultimate Frisbee** for receiving 1st place in the Western NY D3 College Ultimate Frisbee Sectional Tournament!

Does your organization have something exciting to share? The [awards and accolades form](#) is open all year long to collect your exciting news.

Stay Connected the Summer!

Will you be spending time in the Rochester area this summer? Learn about the 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.

SOAR 2023: Activity Reflections & Fall Reminders

Although the Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR) self-report for 2023 will not open until midway through the Fall semester, there are things that your organization can be doing now to contribute to a positive review.

All activities which are required to be submitted through activity registration must be reflected on via the [activity reflection form](#). This includes General Interest Meetings. One activity reflection form may be submitted to summarize all General Member Meetings, rehearsals, or other ongoing semester long activities. While activity reflections for non-registered events are not required, they are helpful for your organization's future leadership. To see what reflection forms have been submitted and approved thus far, visit your organization's CCC site files, and locate the "Yearly Activity Reflections" folder for 2023.

Be sure to keep an eye on your email this summer! Information will be rolling out to student leaders regarding registration for the Fall Activities Fair and Fall Leadership Training. Both are activities where attendance contributes to your SOAR evaluation.

Have questions about SOAR? [Reach out to us!](#)

Summer Medallion Program Workshops

The [Medallion Program](#) is the university's premier co-curricular leadership program. The program was built to enhance our student's leadership skills and is targeted toward student leaders such as yourself! Fill out our [enrollment form](#) if you are interested in becoming a member. You'll be assigned the program's checklist in CCC, as well as, be added to our monthly newsletter. [Reach out to us](#) if you have any questions.

Workshop	Date	Time	Domain
CCC 101	June 6th	6-7 p.m.	Knowledge Acquisition
Understanding Leadership	June 13th	6-7 p.m.	Level 1 Opener
Event Planning & Promotion	June 20th	6-7 p.m.	Practical Competence
Real Colors	June 27th	6-8 p.m.	Intrapersonal Development & Interpersonal Competence
Walk It Like I Talk It: Aligning Your Values with Your Actions	July 11th	6-7 p.m.	Cognitive Complexity
The Practices of Leadership	July 18th	6-7 p.m.	Level 2 Opener
Common Purpose	July 25th	6-7 p.m.	Interpersonal Competence

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 your organization wishes to hold events, activities, or programs when classes are not in session, you must first 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 organizational goals by utilizing leadership theories, styles, and the resources of peers. The course will also broaden ones 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

Need to update who your organization's Virtual EMS contact is? Submit a [change virtual EMS contact form](#) today! If you are experiencing issues accessing your VEMS account or submitting reservations on behalf of your organization, [reach out to us](#) by Sunday, May 14th to avoid delays regarding Fall reservations.

Advanced Reservations

The advanced reservation process for Fall 2023 will continue over the summer. Current VEMS contacts will receive additional information via email, which will outline the timelines and approaching deadlines. [Visit our website](#), for more information on the current projected advanced reservation timelines.

Looking for a past edition of the Student Organization Insider? Look no further! [Browse this webpage](#) to see what you missed.

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