



February 2025

Dear Student Leaders,

This semester is in full swing and the colder Rochester weather has finally hit us! It was great to see so many of you this past weekend at Lunar New Year, Winter Wonderland, Silent Disco, and the varsity basketball games. Hopefully you were able to make some great connections and meet some new yellowjackets!

While we still have snow on campus, don't forget the Campus Information Center has snowshoes that can be signed out for on- or off-campus! Stop by to sign-out a pair when you have time to get some fresh air.

As always, carefully read the information provided in this edition of the Insider, and ask your advisor if any clarification is needed.

Stay warm,

Brian Magee, Interim Director of Student Activities

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Save-the-Dates

Orientation Leader Application Due

Sunday, February 9th @ 5 p.m.

Student Alumni Ambassador Application Due

Sunday, February 9th @ 11:59 p.m.

FSA February President's Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th @ 8 p.m.

Community Kitchen Training

Thursday, February 13th @ 1p.m.

Friday, February 14th @ 10:30 a.m.

Registration link below!

Leadership Appreciation Reception

Friday, February 14th @ 3:30 - 5 p.m.

RSVP below!

FSA Award Application Due

Sunday, February 16th @ 11:59 p.m.

FSA New Member Orientation

Friday, February 21st @ 4 p.m.

Last Day to Submit for Supplemental (SAAC/SOFO)

Friday, February 28th

Request to Update Your Organization's [Constitution Form](#) Closes

Saturday, March 1st @ 11:55 p.m.

Meliora Weekend Student Org Proposal Form Opens

Saturday, March 1st @ 11:55 p.m.

Last Supplemental (SAAC/SOFO)

Tuesday, March 4th

Budgets Due (SAAC/SOFO)

Wednesday, March 5th @ 9 p.m.

2025-2026 Advance Reservation for Major Events

Monday, March 17th through Friday, May 2nd

ECM Blackout Dates

Friday, March 28th - Sunday, March 30th

Friday, April 4th - Sunday, April 6th

Friday, April 11th - Saturday, April 12th

Friday, April 18th - Saturday, April 19th

Yellowjacket Experience Days for Newly Admitted Students

Sunday, March 30th

Saturday, April 5th

Tuesday, April 15th

Friday, April 18th

Last Day to Transact (SAAC/SOFO)

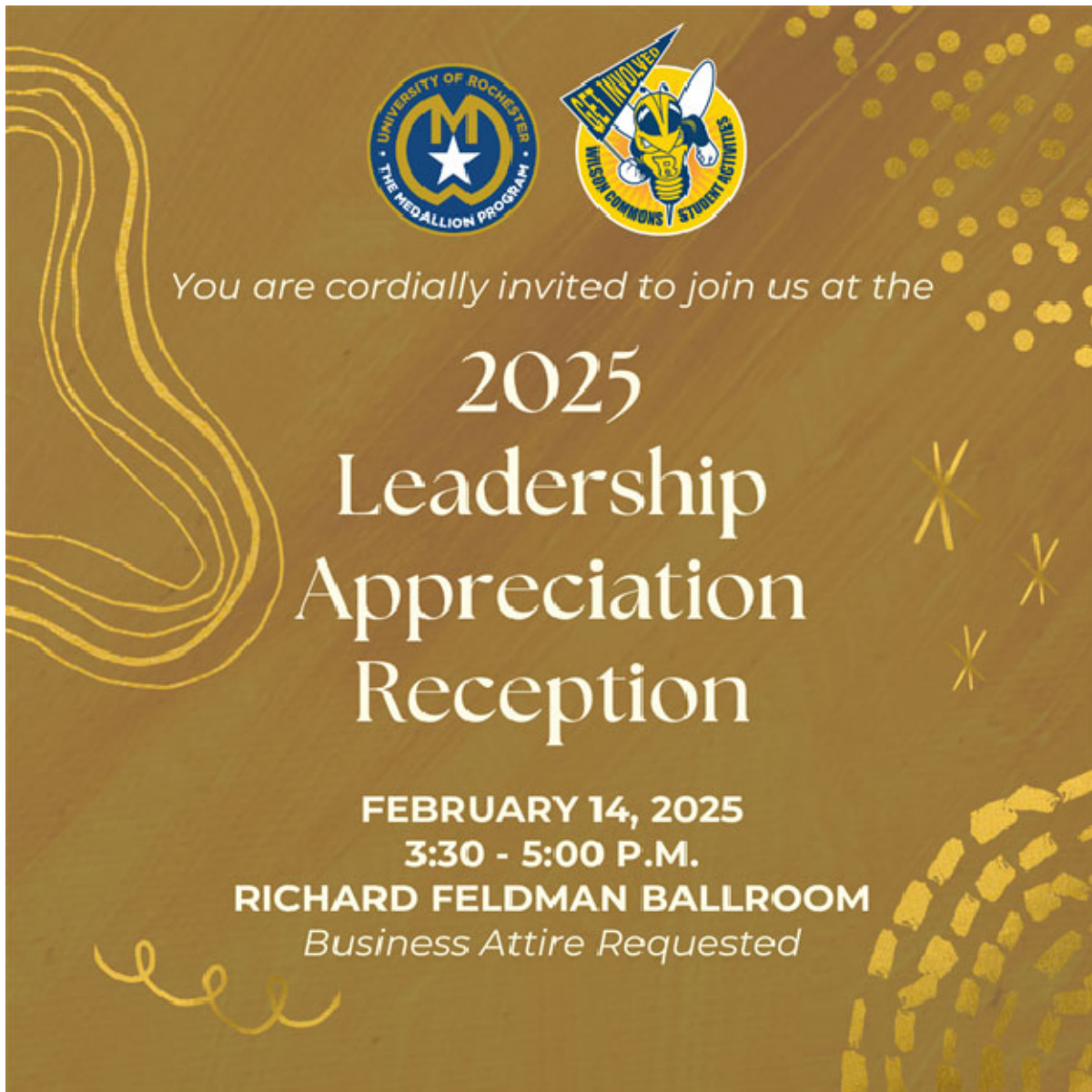
Friday, May 2nd

Awards, Recognition, and Highlights

- Congratulations to **Women's Club Basketball** and your organization's success in the fall semester! During their first full season as an organization, their program had a record of 13-1.
- Congratulations to **Fencing Club** for receiving 3rd place at the Hudson River Collegiate Fencing Invitational!

Does your organization have something exciting to share? Let us know through the [awards, recognition, and highlights submission form](#) and we will be sure to highlight it in the next edition of the Insider!

You're Invited! 2025 Leadership Appreciation Reception



The annual [Leadership Appreciation Reception](#), to celebrate the work of our incredible student leaders, will be held on Friday, February 14th, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Feldman Ballroom! All student club or organization leaders and students enrolled in the [Medallion Leadership Program](#) are invited and encouraged to come and celebrate the winners of several student organization awards, such as the Outstanding New Student Organization award, Outstanding President award, Outstanding Business Manager award, and more! [Please register for the event here if you are planning on attending](#). We look forward to celebrating all your hard work and accomplishments this past year and hope to see you there!

Please note: This event is only open to student club or organization leaders and does not include Fraternity and Sorority or Residential Life Groups

Yellowjacket Experience Days: Join the Student Life Expo!

This spring, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will once again be hosting four all-day programs for our newly admitted students. Our Yellowjacket Experience Days are designed to give newly admitted students an opportunity to connect with the University of Rochester and all that we have to offer!

During each day, we will be hosting an interactive Student Expo in Feldman Ballroom that will be open to students and families from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The idea is to showcase various organizations around campus to give students an idea of things they can be involved in next year!

The in-person Yellowjacket Experience Days will take place on:

- Sunday, March 30th
- Saturday, April 5th
- Tuesday, April 15th
- Friday, April 18th

Organizations do not have to sign up for all of the dates - you can choose whichever dates work best based on your organization's availability. So what do you need to know?

- We would need a few hours of your time each day you select.
- One or two representatives from your organization.
- You are encouraged to bring additional signage or materials that best represent your organization.

This event will be very similar to an Activities Fair in structure and overall vibe - but instead of recruiting current students, you'll be recruiting and connecting with newly admitted students! Feel free as well to bring any swag or materials you want to showcase as well!

If you are interested in participating, please [fill out this form](#) by 5 p.m., Friday, March 21st. If you have any questions about the Student Expo event, please contact Pat Trivison (patrick.trivison@rochester.edu) or Caroline Honsberger (caroline.honsberger@rochester.edu).

Fraternity and Sorority Life Corner

The below are updates and reminders for officers of a Fraternity or Sorority Life Group.

Recruitment Sign-Up Form Reminder

All individuals interested in joining a fraternity or sorority this semester must complete the [Fraternity and Sorority Affairs - Recruitment Sign-Up 2024-2025 form](#) before accepting any invitations of membership.

February President's Meeting

The next President's Meeting will be Wednesday, February 12th at 8 p.m. in Wilson 122. Chapter presidents are required to attend this meeting as it is tied to the Expectations for Excellence Leadership Standard.

Awards Application

FSA Awards Applications are due on Sunday, February 16th at 11:59 p.m. The awards are Excellence in Belonging, Excellence in Equity, Excellence in Leadership, Excellence in Accountability & Harm Reduction, Outstanding Advisor/Advocate, and the Order of Omega Rising Leader. Please use this link to apply - [Fraternity & Sorority Awards - Spring 2025](#)

New Member Orientation

This semester's New Member Orientation will be held on Friday, February 21st, at 4 p.m. in Feldman Ballroom. All fraternity and sorority new members are required to attend. If any issues or concerns arise, please contact Courtney Floom (courtney.floom@rochester.edu) before this date. The online trainings modules via Blackboard will open on this date as well.

Updates from the Administration & Review Committee (SOAR + Constitutions)

SOAR 2024

Thank you to all organizations for submitting a self-report for 2024. Our committee has begun reviewing your submissions, and we hope to have evaluations letters ready and uploaded to your organization's CCC site around mid-March. If you have questions or need support in the mean time, reach out to us as sa_arc@u.rochester.edu.

Constitution and Resource Agreement Request Form

The [constitution and resource agreement interest form](#) will close at 11:55 p.m. Saturday, March 1st and will not re-open until the start of the fall semester. If your organization has constitution or resource agreement updates you would like approved before the spring semester ends, please submit your request! We also encourage organizations who do not have a constitution listed [on this website](#) to submit an interest form.

Let's Get Ready for SOAR 2025

Now that your work for 2024 is done, it is time to start working towards a successful 2025. This month, we are encouraging organizations to explore co-hosting a Medallion workshop with the Medallion Leadership Program. To do this, your organization would need to email medallion@rochester.edu to express your interest, support the Medallion Leadership Program by marketing the workshop, and send a least five of your organization's members to the workshop.

Completing these things will gain your organization 5 additional points which goes towards your SOAR evaluation. There are many Medallion workshops happening this month! Scroll below to see the lineup, and connect with the Medallion team!

This information applies to Undergraduate College Student Organizations only.

Q&A: Weekend Highlights

Q: How do I get my organization's events into the Weekend Highlights newsletter?

A: All College Student Organization, Fraternity and Sorority, and Residential Life Group events, that are open for all undergraduate students to attend, are shared in the weekly Weekend Highlights newsletter. The event must be fully approved in CCC by 12 p.m. Wednesday for it to be included in the newsletter. Examples of events that are not included in the Weekend Highlights are: GMMs, off-campus conferences for members, or events which require pre-registration by a date that has already passed.

Did you know the event description your organization submits through Activity Registration is what is pulled and entered into the Weekend Highlights? Help us help you by ensuring the

information entered is accurate and helpful for interested students. Don't forget to include details like where to purchase tickets, the cost of tickets, any sign-up information, or what students can expect when attending your event.

Community Kitchen Approved User Training

Is your organization interested in using the Community Kitchen? The Community Kitchen is stocked with all the basic kitchen equipment you would need for the majority of recipes - you only need to provide the ingredients. Reservations are required to have an approved kitchen user present. To become an approved kitchen user, you must [register and attend an in-person training](#) hosted in the Community Kitchen. Upcoming training dates for February are as follows:

- Thursday, February 13th @ 1 p.m.
 - Friday, February 14th @ 10:30 a.m.
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Advanced Reservations for 2025-2026 & VEMS Contact Reminder

Shortly after spring break, two templates will open for Major Event Requests. One for the Fall 2025 Semester and one for the Spring 2026 semester. The templates will be open from March 17th through May 2nd. However, as this is a best fit process, it does not matter if you submit your request on March 17th or on May 2nd it will be reviewed at the same time and with equal priority. Take your time and schedule a meeting with your advisor to discuss as needed. More information will be included in the advance reservation emails that will be sent to all listed officers on CCC.

Organizations should start to generate a plan for your major events including the following details:

1. Top 3 date preference
2. Top 3 location preferences
3. Any organizations you cannot be scheduled on the same date as

4. Any additional information that the reservation team needs to know in order to find a date that works for you

As a reminder, please verify that your organization's officers are up to date and that your VEMS contact is an officer that will be able to be active over the summer and in the Fall 2025 semester. [Submit this form](#) to update your organization's VEMS Contact. Advance Reservation emails will be sent to all listed officers on CCC, be sure to update your CCC officer list.

Updated timelines and additional information can be found on the [advance reservation website](#).

Hartnett Gallery Accepting Proposals for 2025-2026

The [Hartnett Gallery in Wilson Commons](#) is now accepting proposals for the 2025-2026 academic year. Proposals for exhibits should be submitted about a year in advance while activities, like receptions and small events, can be reviewed in a shorter time frame. Proposals are submitted [online](#). All events, performances, and exhibitions must be sponsored by a University of Rochester department or student organization.

Leadership Opportunities

Orientation Leader Application Open

Hone your leadership skills and mentor new students next year as an [Orientation Leader](#)! The Office of Orientation and New Student Programs is accepting applications for this important leadership role through Sunday, February 9th at 5 p.m. Already have summer plans? You can still help welcome new students and families to campus next fall as a [Welcome Week Leader](#) or [Welcome Week Volunteer](#). Time commitments and specific responsibilities vary by position, so be sure to [review the website](#) for full details on each role.

Applications are open for the Student Alumni Ambassador (SAA) Program!

The SAAs are a select group of undergraduate students who serve as a bridge to our university alumni community by representing the student body, giving them a glimpse of current student culture, and sharing their personal Rochester experience! This program provides opportunities for networking across the University and alumni community, shaping future student and alumni

programs, and developing both personal and professional skills as a student and beyond.

Qualities that make up an SAA:

- Positive, responsible, and enthusiastic.
- Enjoy meeting new people and expanding their professional and personal networks.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills.
- Familiar with current campus initiatives, as well as the University's history and mission

Applications will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 9th. To find out more information and apply, check out the [SAA website](#), and by following along on Instagram [@uofr.saa](#).

Questions? Contact Karen.Carhart@rochester.edu. Please note that you must be enrolled during the 2025-2026 academic year to apply. Those studying abroad this spring are welcome to apply.

Get Connected with Your Organization's Alumni

The Office of Alumni Relations and Constituent Engagement is here to connect you with your organizations' alumni. Our newsletter process is a breeze and the perfect way to showcase recent events, highlight your members, ask for fundraising support, and more! So, how does it work?

1. Talk with your advisor and [submit a request through CCC](#).
2. Draft your newsletter. We'll provide you with a user-friendly Canva template. No design skills needed.
3. Our communications team will fine-tune your design.
4. We'll take care of sending it out!

Please note, your CCC form must be submitted between January 1st – March 15th in order for the newsletter to go out during the spring semester.

Medallion Leadership 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.

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
The Practices of Leadership	Mon. 2/10	6-7 p.m.	Level 2 Opener
Calming U (Part 1 of 4)	Mon. 2/10	7:15-8:30 p.m.	Intrapersonal Development, Knowledge Acquisition, and Practical Competence
Stop, Drop, and Roll: Identifying and Addressing Burnout	Tues. 2/11	4-5 p.m.	Cognitive Complexity, Practical Competence
Professional Success Night	Tues. 2/11	6-7:30 p.m.	Practical Competence
Intro to Public Speaking and Presentations	Tues. 2/18	5-6 p.m.	Practical Competence
Interfaith Competency for Leadership	Tues. 2/18	6-7 p.m.	Civic Engagement
P2P Hajim Exploration Fair	Fri. 2/21	3-4 p.m.	Practical Competence
Health Profession's Saturday	Sat. 2/22	1-4 p.m.	Practical Competence
CCC 101	Mon. 2/24	6-7 p.m.	Knowledge Acquisition
Saving & Investing 101	Tues. 2/25	4-5 p.m.	Knowledge Acquisition
Alcohol Education Seminar	Fri. 2/28	12:30-2 p.m.	Practical Competence

This publication is brought to you by Wilson Commons Student Activities: The Student Organization Insider is WCSA's monthly e-newsletter for student organization executive boards and advisors. The Student Organization Insider (SOI) is intended to keep student leaders informed on opportunities and updates from their areas of advisement: Students' Association, Athletics, the Interfaith Chapel, Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, Residential Life, Center for Community Engagement, the Hajim School, and Wilson Commons Student Activities. The SOI will not focus on information available to students through the Weekend Highlights, and it will not be used to advertise student organization events. Instead, this newsletter is a unique and specialized publication with information and opportunities that are relevant to you as student leaders.

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