



## April 2025

We are in the home stretch! I love how both our student organizations and Rochester come to life again in the spring. There is the feeling of excitement in the air as so many of you are performing your big spring shows and hosting your end of the year events. It's invigorating! As always, please read this edition of the Insider carefully, as there are many helpful tips on how to end the year successfully – including transitioning new leadership. There is also some good information regarding [leadership transitions](#) on our website! Don't forget, the last day to host any activities is Friday, May 2nd.

Good luck on your final academic requirements and be sure to practice self-care as we move through this busy period. I hope to see you all participate in our last community weekend, [Springfest!](#)

Continue to stay well,  
Brian Magee, Interim Director of Student Activities

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## **Save-the-Dates**

### **2025-2026 Advance Reservation for Major Events**

Monday, March 17th through Friday, May 2nd

### **Budget Appeal Deadline (SAAC/SOFO)**

Wednesday, April 2nd @ 1 p.m.

### **Meliora Vision & Values Grant Deadline**

Wednesday, April 2nd

### **ECM Blackout Dates**

Friday, April 4th - Sunday, April 6th

Friday, April 11th - Saturday, April 12th

Friday, April 18th - Saturday, April 19th

### **Club Rochester: Cultural Fair**

Friday, April 4th @ 3:30 p.m.

### **Budget Appeal Hearings (SAAC/SOFO)**

Friday, April 4th & Tuesday, April 7th

### **Meliora Weekend Involvement Application Due**

Tuesday, April 15th

**Fall Welcome Week Proposal Form Due**

Tuesday, April 15th @ 11:59 p.m.

**Springfest Weekend**

Thursday, April 24 - 27th

**SOFO Office Closing Early**

Closing @ 12 p.m., Friday, April 25th

**Last Day to Transact (SAAC/SOFO)**

Friday, May 2nd

**Meliora Weekend**

September 18th - 21st

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## **Awards, Recognition, Highlights, and SOAR Exceeds Expectations**

- Congratulations to the **Women's Ultimate Frisbee's Rochester EZs** team! They competed against many DI and DIII teams at the Garden State tournament to break seed and ultimately won the tournament!
- Shout out to the **Women's Club Volleyball** team for qualifying for Nationals for the first time in club history! Nationals will be held in Phoenix, AZ in mid-April. The team also recently earned 1st Place during a tournament at St. Bonaventure.
- The **Women's Club Basketball** team won the North Atlantic West Region Conference Championships for the first time in club history. Congratulations!

## SA Government and WCSA congratulates these Student Organizations for Exceeding Expectations on their 2024 Student Organization Annual Review

2025 Class Council, 2026 Class Council, Active Minds, Adopted Students Alliance, American Sign Language Club, Asian Student Union, Association for the Development of Interest in the Indian Subcontinent, Astronomy Club, Baja SAE, Baking Club, Ballet Performance Group, Birding Club, Book Club, Campus Times, Cards Club, Celtic, Club Tennis, College Democrats, College Republicans, Comics Club, Creative Arts Club, Filipino American Students' Association, Food Recovery Network, Forté Campus, Grassroots, Japanese Students' Association, Learn To Be, Makers, Meliora Figure Skating Club, Meliora Fitness, Men's Club Soccer, Model United Nations, No Jackets Required, Off Broadway On Campus, Pet Rock Sketch Comedy, Photography, Red Cross, Robotics Club, Royals Dance Team, Running Club, Sailing, Simulation Gaming Association, Spanish and Latino Students' Association, STEM Initiative, Student Activities Board, Student Organization for Caribbean Awareness, Sustainability through Engineering, Table Tennis, The Opposite of People, Trebellious A Cappella, Undergraduate Anthropology Council, Undergraduate Chemistry Society, Vietnamese Students Association, Vocal Point, Water Polo, Women's Club Soccer, Women's Rugby, Women's Ultimate Frisbee, WRUR 88.5, YellowJackets



## Flyers and Postings Reminder

We are committed to fostering a respectful and collaborative environment for all students, staff, and faculty. As part of this commitment, we ask that everyone be mindful of the flyers posted by other student organizations and departments. Please refrain from covering up, removing, or defacing flyers in any way. Each organization has the right to share their messages, and we want to ensure that all voices are heard in a respectful manner.

To maintain an organized and welcoming space for all, please be sure to follow the posting guidelines outlined on the [WCSA advertising opportunities page](#) and the [Student Life Space Policy page](#). Only post on designated boards, and do not post directly on walls. Flyers can be dropped off at the Campus Information Center and will be posted on your behalf throughout student life buildings. Thank you for contributing to a respectful campus environment!

## Meliora Vision & Values Grant

Is your organization in need of funding? Take a look to see if the Burgett Intercultural Center's (BIC) [Meliora Vision & Values Grant](#) applies to your program or activity.

For best consideration, please ensure that your proposal for funding is received by Wednesday, April 2nd.

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## SOFO Updates and Reminders

### **Shops @ WilCo Reservation Availability**

The Shops @ WilCo will not be available for reservations starting Monday, April 7th, through the end of the semester for groups who receive a budget from SAAC. This status allows the needed time for the organization's funds to be processed and spent by the last day to transact (May 2nd).

### **Dandelion Day - Limited Hours**

The SOFO Office in Ruth Merrill will be closed on Friday, April 25th starting at 12 p.m. If your student organization is traveling that weekend and needs to pick up a gas or credit card, please be sure to come before noon.

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## Get Involved in Meliora Weekend!

Student organizations - this is your moment! Apply to participate in Meliora Weekend (September 18 - 21, 2025) by April 15th!

- **Volunteer with Your Organization** - Want to be part of the action but not sure how? [Sign up to volunteer as a team](#) and make a meaningful impact! Plus, volunteering enters your organization into club bonding funds!
- **Perform in the Meliora Village** - Show off your talent and take center stage to entertain the crowd!
- **Compete in the Golf Cart Spirit Contest** - Receive funds to decorate a golf cart for a spirit parade and compete for a \$500 prize for your organization!
- **Host a table at the Student Organization Reunion Fair** -Reconnect with alumni over great food, drinks, and conversation. We provide the setup—you bring the energy!
- **Host an event with your alumni** - Whether your organization is celebrating an anniversary or simply wants to bring alumni together, plan a special reception to strengthen those bonds.

**How to Apply:** Check out our [involvement guide](#) and submit your [Meliora Weekend 2025 Student Organization Involvement Application](#) by April 15th.

Let's make this Meliora Weekend unforgettable!

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## Participate in Fall Welcome Week

Fall 2025 Welcome Week program proposals and interest forms for School of Arts & Sciences and Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences undergraduate student organizations are due Tuesday, April 15, by 11:59 p.m.

Opportunities include hosting a program or activity for new students or performing at select events throughout the week. Learn more and complete a proposal or interest form on behalf of your organization on [the Orientation and New Student Programs website](#).

Contact [orientation@rochester.edu](mailto:orientation@rochester.edu) with questions.

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## Student Org Storage/Space Reminder

As we approach the end of the semester, this is a reminder that student organizations are not allowed to store personal belongings in their assigned storage or space. If any personal items are discovered in storage rooms or space allocated to your organization, they will be disposed of. If you are storing any items for your club in your room or at an off-campus location, please fill out a [storage space request form](#) so we can get your items moved into an official on-campus space.

Before leaving for summer, make sure your organization has cleaned and organized any assigned storage or space. Areas that are left in unsatisfactory condition will be cleaned out over the summer and items will be disposed of. Spaces that are found to have no items in them will be unassigned from organizations.

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## Tips for Soaring through SOAR

Don't forget - a successful executive board is not only the glue that holds your organization together but also the fuel that 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 the [Leadership Transition](#) site to review a checklist you can use as an outgoing or incoming officer.

If your organization does not already have transition documents, review the [Transition Document Tips for SOAR](#), created by the Student Organization Administration and Review Committee. This document provides helpful tips and examples of organization transition documents. Having transition documents and a shadow period for leadership transitions can greatly increase your organization's SOAR evaluation.

Lastly, when removing officers in CCC, we encourage folks to use the "Active Officer" checkbox next to the officer's name rather than deleting the officer entirely. This helps your organization to see the history of positions.

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## CASC 358: The Leadership Experience

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience is a 2-credit course offered on Wednesdays from 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 UR Student. For more information, please contact [Brian Magee](#), Interim Director of Student Activities.

*This course meets the requirements for the Medallion Program.*

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## 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.

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
<a href="#">Interfaith Competency</a>	Tue. 4/1	6-7 pm	Civic Engagement
<a href="#">Smart Choices: Navigating the Intersection of AI Tools and Ethics in Your Daily Life (Part 1)</a>	Fri. 4/3	2-3 pm	Cognitive Complexity
<a href="#">Narcen Training and Test Strip Demonstration</a>	Mon. 4/7	4-5 pm	Practical Competence
<a href="#">The Body Project</a>	Mon. 4/7	5-6 pm	Intrapersonal Development, Practical Competence
<a href="#">Non-Violent Communication</a>	Mon. 4/7	6-7 pm	Interpersonal Competence
<a href="#">Supervising Your Peers</a>	Tue. 4/8	4-5 pm	Intrapersonal Development
<a href="#">Imposter Syndrome</a>	Tue. 4/8	5-6 pm	Cognitive Complexity
<a href="#">Safe Zone Training</a>	Wed. 4/9	6-7 pm	Civic Engagement
<a href="#">Awaken and Sol Search: The Science and Practice of the Quest</a>	Thu. 4/10	7-8 pm	Practical Competence
<a href="#">Smart Choices: Navigating the Intersection of AI Tools and Ethics in Your Daily Life (Part 2)</a>	Fri. 4/11	2-3 pm	Civic Engagement
<a href="#">Effective Networking for Personal and Professional Development</a>	Fri. 4/11	3-4 pm	Interpersonal Competence
<a href="#">Partnership &amp; Reciprocity: How to do Effective and Equitable Community Engagement</a>	Mon. 4/14	7-8 pm	Civic Engagement
<a href="#">Supporting Your Friends and Yourself Through Intimate Partner Violence</a>	Tue. 4/15	5-6 pm	Knowledge Acquisition
<a href="#">President's Roundtable</a>	Tue. 4/15	6-7 pm	Knowledge Acquisition
<a href="#">The Practices of Leadership</a>	Wed. 4/16	6-7 pm	Level 2 Opener
<a href="#">Understanding Leadership</a>	Sat. 4/19	1:30-2:30 pm	Level 1 Opener
<a href="#">Sway It Your Way: Persuasion 101</a>	Mon. 4/21	6-7 pm	Interpersonal Competence
<a href="#">Understanding Privilege and Taking Action</a>	Tue. 4/22	4-5 pm	Cognitive Complexity



<a href="#">LGBTQ Leadership Lecture feat. Aaron C. Morris</a>	Thu. 4/24	6-7:30 pm	Civic Engagement
<a href="#">Commitment: What Keeps You Motivated</a>	Mon. 4/28	7-8 pm	Intrapersonal Development
<a href="#">Deliberative Dialogue: Immigration</a>	Tue. 4/29	5:30-7 pm	Cognitive Complexity, Interpersonal Competence

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