



# The Student Organization Insider

## May 2025

Fellow Yellowjackets,

What a year! Spring has finally arrived! Hopefully you enjoyed Springfest Weekend, and 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 the end of the semester and summer opportunities.

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,

Brian Magee, Interim Director of Student Activities

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## Save-the-Dates

### 2025-2026 Advance Reservation for Major Events

Closes Friday, May 2nd @ 12 p.m.

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

Friday, May 2nd

### Fall Leadership Training

Sunday, August 24th

### Organization Re-Registration

Opens Tuesday, July 1st. Closes Monday, August 4th.

### Meliora Weekend

September 18th - 21st

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## Awards, Recognition, and Highlights

- Congratulations to **Kendo** for winning first place at the Kendo Tournament Teams Division.
- Shout out to **Quiz Bowl** for winning a tournament this past month in Syracuse.
- Huge congratulations to **Women's Ultimate Frisbee's** Rochester EZ team for qualifying for Nationals in Seattle. Good luck!

Does your organization have something exciting to share? Let us know through the awards, recognition, and highlights submission form.

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## Congratulations Class of 2025!

Good news—you don't have to say goodbye! No matter where you are in the world, the Office of Alumni Relations and Constituent Engagement has plenty of ways to keep you connected as one of our newest alumni. Here's how you can stay engaged:

- [Join The Meliora Collective](#) to connect with fellow alumni and expand your network.
- Check out your [local alumni network](#) by attending a University event near you.
- Get rewarded for staying connected and involved with the [Young Alumni Perks Program!](#)
- Ensure you receive exclusive event invites and University news by [updating your contact information](#).

We're excited to stay in touch with you as you embark on this next chapter! Reach out at [alumni@rochester.edu](mailto:alumni@rochester.edu).

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## Join us for Fall Leadership Training

Save the date for the afternoon of Sunday, August 24th, for Fall Leadership Training (FLT). Each organization must send at least two representatives to earn full credit towards the Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR). If you are an experienced officer, consider inviting a newer officer to attend!

While an individual can represent multiple organizations, every organization must be represented at their advisor's session. This means one individual cannot represent multiple organizations at the advisor session.

To successfully complete SAAC's Business Manager Training, the Business Manager for each student organization must complete the Business Manager Transaction Training and Quiz, then attend the Business Manager Training during Fall Leadership Training. The Transaction Training and Quiz will be emailed to students prior.

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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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## Tips for Soaring through SOAR

With the semester coming to a close, be sure to keep these tasks on your radar to ensure a smooth return to organizational business in the fall.

**Submit activity reflections** for all events held during the spring semester. The [activity reflection form](#) is open all summer long (don't wait until December to submit your organization's activity reflections!) All submitted reflections are uploaded to your organization's CCC files, once it is approved by your advisor, so you can easily keep track of what reflections have been submitted.

**Keep an eye out for re-registration.** Re-registration for all undergraduate student organizations will open on Tuesday, July 1st. Re-registration ensures the officers and members listed within your CCC dashboard are accurate. Wilson Commons Student Activities often refers to your listed officers when sending communications. The deadline to complete re-registration and to earn full SOAR credit will be 8 a.m. Monday, August 4th. An email communication will be sent to officers when re-registration opens.

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## 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.

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## Advanced Reservations

Advanced reservations close this Friday, May 2nd, at noon! If you have not submitted your reservation requests for the Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 semester, please do so as soon as possible. There are no exceptions to this reservation deadline. If you need to [update your Virtual EMS contact](#), please do so as soon as possible to avoid delays in your advanced reservation process. The last day for submissions that are guaranteed to be processed in time for the advanced reservation deadline is May 28th.

Updated timelines, major event criteria, important dates to consider, and additional information can be found on the [advanced reservation website](#).

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## Student Org Storage/Space Reminder

Access to student organization spaces (storage and otherwise) will end after May 16th. Access will be reassigned automatically in August prior to start of the fall semester. Please make sure your officers are updated in CCC, as that will be used to assign access in the fall. If your organization requires access over the summer, you can send an email to [WCSA@rochester.edu](mailto:WCSA@rochester.edu) to coordinate access.

Storage assignments may be reassigned over the summer. 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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## Stay Connected this Summer!

Will you be spending time in the Rochester area this summer? Learn about the fun ways to stay connected both on campus and in Rochester by signing up for the [Summer Highlights newsletter](#)!

Follow [@WilsonCommonsUR](#) on social media or [check out our website](#) for up-to-date information and summer activities.

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## Summer Medallion Leadership Workshops

Summer is a perfect time to catch up on your [Medallion Leadership Program](#) progress! Medallion aims to develop socially responsible leaders and aid you in your student organization leadership experience. You can complete the [Enrollment Form](#) to get started with this self-paced program.

All summer Medallion Workshops will occur virtually every Tuesday starting at 6 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Visit the event on CCC for more details.

Workshop	Date	Domain
<a href="#">Understanding Leadership</a>	Tue. 6/3	Level 1 Opener
<a href="#">Leadership vs. Management</a>	Tue. 6/10	Knowledge Acquisition
<a href="#">Building Time Management Habits &amp; Strategies</a>	Tue. 6/17	Practical Competence
<a href="#">Membership Retention</a>	Tue. 6/24	Interpersonal Competence
<a href="#">Creating an Inclusive Community</a>	Tue. 7/1	Interpersonal Competence
<a href="#">Deliberative Dialogue: Safeguarding Elections</a>	Tue. 7/8	Civic Engagement
<a href="#">The Practices of Leadership</a>	Tue. 7/15	Level 2 Opener

<a href="#">Smart Choices: Navigating the Intersection of AI Tools and Ethics in Your Daily Life</a>	Tue. 7/22	Cognitive Complexity
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