



The Student Organization Insider

November 2025

Dear Student Leaders,

I know it is a busy time for you as midterms are here and your organizations are in full swing. Student Activities truly appreciates all of your hard work and the vibrancy you bring to campus life! If you can, please take a moment to nominate a fellow student or organization for one of the Leadership Appreciation Awards (see below for more details). Make sure you are also on the lookout for details to purchase tickets on November 20 to one of our oldest Rochester Traditions – the Boar’s Head Dinner, which will be on December 4. It’s one of my most favorite traditions! Lastly, I was reminded recently how an act of kindness can positively impact your mood. We all need to stay positive these days - and looking out for another will help to support that. As a reminder, there are many resources linked below that are available to you all as students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them.

Continue to stay well,

Brian Magee | University Student Life

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Save-the-Dates

SAAC Supplemental Funding Deadline for Large Scale Activities

Sunday, November 2nd

Advanced Reservations: Practices and Rehearsals Template Opens

Wednesday, November 5th

Boar's Head Student Host Application

Due Wednesday, November 12th @ 5 p.m.

New Organization Proposal Form Closes

Friday, November 14th @ 12 p.m.

Hartnett Gallery Proposal Form Closes

Saturday, November 15th

SAAC Supplemental Funding Deadline for Small Scale Activities

Sunday, November 16th

Advanced Reservations: Practices and Rehearsals Template Closes

Wednesday, November 19th

Leadership Appreciation Award Nominations

Due 11:59 p.m. Sunday, November 30th

Boar's Head Dinner

Thursday, December 4th

Alumni Involvement, Crowdfunding, & Donation Receipts Request Form Re-Opens

Thursday, January 1st

SOAR 2025 Self-Report

Due 11:59 p.m. Sunday, January 11th

Winterfest Weekend

January 30th through February 1st 2026

Alumni Involvement, Crowdfunding, & Donation Receipts Request Form Closes

Friday, March 20th

Awards, Recognitions, and Highlights

- Congratulations to **Christina Zhang** and **Vivianna Wang**, members of Meliora Ice Skating Club, for their most recent wins during the NYU Violet Ice Classic. Christina won the Gold Medal in Pre-Gold Solo Pattern Dance, and Vivianna won the Pewter Medal in Aspire 3 Women's Free Skate.
- Huge shout-out to **Women's Club Volleyball** for their recent wins during their division home and SUNY Brockport tournaments. Both tournaments ended with the team in Second Place!
- Congratulations to the **Women's Club Soccer** team as they have qualified for nationals! This is the first time in club history.

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

Get Connected Newsletter Showcase: Club Tennis!

Check out how Club Tennis is connecting with their alumni!

Club Tennis recently sent out their first-ever [alumni newsletter](#), created in partnership with Alumni Relations and Constituent Engagement. The newsletter included a recap of a recent tournament, an alumnus spotlight, a link for donations, and more—your newsletter can include that too! Alumni love hearing what you're up to.

Club Tennis shared this about their Get Connected experience:

We loved the Get Connected experience! Not only was it a great way to reflect on how far our club has come in the recent years, but it was also a great opportunity to reach out and share our work with alumni. The process was very well organized and simple. We highly recommend this opportunity to any clubs considering it.

Want to share your own updates? The fall submission period has closed, but spring submissions open January 1 and run through March 20. Contact your advisor and submit the [Alumni Involvement, Crowdfunding, & Donation Receipts Request](#) form via CCC this spring!

Flyers and Posting Guidelines Reminder

Don't forget, there are various bulletin boards throughout Wilson/Douglass/Genesee/Spurrier for advertising campus activities. Six of these are reserved for flyers submitted to the Campus Information Center. A maximum of six letter-size flyers or four tabloid-size flyers can be brought to the Campus Information Center, located on the 2nd floor of Wilson Commons, and they will be posted on the six reserved boards.

The remaining bulletin boards are open for anyone to hang flyers on. Multiple flyers of the same type, flyers covering other flyers or hanging off the edges of the bulletin board, and flyers that are not stapled in all four corners will be removed.

Areas like the clock tower, painted walls in buildings, and glass on windows and doors are sensitive to adhesive and other materials used to hang posters, which can damage these surfaces. If your organization or department is found posting in such areas and damage occurs when removing postings, a fee may occur to repair the damage.

No posting is allowed in the bridge between Wilson Commons and Douglass Commons or the tunnel between Douglass Commons and Rush Rhees Library at any time.

Hartnett Gallery Accepting Proposals for 2026-2027

The [Hartnett Gallery at Wilson Commons](#) is now accepting submissions for exhibitions for next academic year (2026-2027). All student organizations and departments are encouraged to submit proposals. We are seeking diverse artistic expressions and welcome proposals for events/performances/exhibitions that support the academic community and enrich student life. Proposals should be [submitted online](#) by November 15. A limited number of proposals may be accepted. Questions can be emailed to Aaron Delehanty (adelehan2@ur.rochester.edu).

Mentorship in Action

What difference can mentorship make? Hear from alumni whose lives and careers were transformed by it. Join us for a virtual panel discussion on Wednesday, November 5 from 12-1 p.m. ET featuring Paul Gamble '79 and Dominique Moody '23, who began as mentor and mentee through The Meliora Collective. Their experience came full circle when Dominique returned to the program as a mentor.

Following their story, Paul will moderate a panel discussion on how mentorship fosters confidence, builds networks, and provides lifelong support. [Click here](#) to learn more and register!

Boar's Head: Student Host Application

The Boar's Head Dinner is one of the University's oldest and most beloved traditions. On behalf of the Student Activities Board, we are delighted to extend to you an invitation to act as a student host and join over six hundred members of the University of Rochester community at the 90th Annual Boar's Head Dinner!

The dinner will be held at 7 p.m. in the Feldman Ballroom, Douglass Commons on Thursday, December 4. The dinner will be preceded by a private reception at 5:30 p.m. for student hosts and their faculty/staff co-hosts. As a student host, you will sit at the head of a table and welcome your fellow students, faculty, and administrators. You will be expected to ensure that enough food is served to the entire table and to be courteous and helpful to your table's server. It is your responsibility to invite a faculty/staff member from the University of Rochester to serve as a faculty/staff co-host at your table.

Student hosts will be reserved a ticket in advance at a discounted price. Your faculty/staff member and one (1) guest will also be granted a ticket to the dinner at a discounted rate. The [student host application](#) is due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12.

Spring 2026 Advanced Reservations: Practices and Rehearsals

The advance reservation process for the spring semester will begin with the Practices and Rehearsals template on November 5. Organizations that have practices or rehearsals can place requests for up to 6 hours of reserved time until November 19. If your organization places more than 6 hours of requests, only 6 hours will be approved. This advance reservation period is ONLY for practices and rehearsals – Meetings, Study Hours, or other event types will be denied. As a reminder, all advance reservation requests are processed on a best-fit basis.

The Major Event requests for the Spring 2026 semester have already reopened. More information can be found on the [advance reservation webpage](#).

What You Need to Know About SOAR 2025

All recognized student organizations are evaluated through the Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR). The self-report for student organizations will open the week before Thanksgiving Break. A separate e-mail will be shared with student leaders once the self-report form opens.

The deadline for this year's self-report will be 11:59 p.m. Sunday, January 11. Only one self-report can be submitted per organization, and your entire executive board must be involved in completion of the self-report. This is not something that should be completed by one executive member. The period under review is January 2025 through December 2025. Student organizations recognized during the 2025-2026 proposal period do not need to complete a SOAR self-report.

To see the additional upcoming important dates and resources, check out the [Student Organization Annual Review website](#). Questions should be referred to Wilson Commons Student Activities at wcsa@rochester.edu.

SAAC Supplemental Funding Deadlines

Fall request submission deadlines for eligible student organizations to apply for SA supplemental funding are:

- Large Scale Activities – due no later than Sunday, November 2.
- Small Scale Activities – due no later than Sunday, November 16.

Connect with your advisor to determine if your activity would be considered “Large Scale” or “Small Scale”. Don’t forget to get in touch with your organization’s assigned student accountant regarding the submission. For planning purposes, please note there will not be a SAAC Supplemental Hearing meeting on Tuesday, November 25 due to Thanksgiving Break.

Don't forget! You may submit [Supplemental Requests](#) during the fall semester for your spring activities. It helps to plan ahead for spring semester activities, as the spring semester is also budgeting season for SA Budgeted Groups.

Leadership Appreciation Awards: Nomination Form is Open!

[Nominations are now open](#) for the 2026 Leadership Appreciation Awards. Leadership Appreciation is a time to honor and recognize student leaders and student organizations that have enriched the University of Rochester's community through their self-development, programs, publications, activities, and community service.

Student leaders have until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, November 30 to submit nominations for the Alice DeSimone Award, Ana Hubbard Award, Outstanding New Student Organization Award, Outstanding Business Manager, Outstanding President, and the Student Organization Photo Contest.

Questions should be emailed to Wilson Commons Student Activities at wcsa@rochester.edu.

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
Motivating the Middle	Mon. 11/3	4 - 5 PM	Interpersonal Competence
Connecting through Civic Dialogue	Fri. 11/7	10 - 12 PM	Civic Engagement, Interpersonal Competence
Introductions to Public Speaking	Mon. 11/10	5 - 6 PM	Practical Competence
Understanding Jewish Peoplehood	Tues. 11/11	6 - 7:30 PM	Civic Engagement
Master the Art of Emails: Write with Clarity, Confidence, and Impact	Fri. 11/14	12 - 1:30 PM	Practical Competence
Walk it Like I Talk It: Aligning Your Actions with Your Values	Mon. 11/17	4 - 5 PM	Cognitive Complexity

<u>Building Time Management Habits & Strategies</u>	Tues. 11/18	7 -8 PM	Practical Competence
<u>Imposter Syndrome: Know It, Name It, Tame It</u>	Mon. 12/1	4 - 5 PM	Cognitive Complexity

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