

# THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION INSIDER

*The information in this edition promotes your organization's success... You don't know what you don't know and we want you to know. WCSA hopes that this publication will keep you informed of student organization operations/ opportunities. For more information on policies and procedures, visit the WCSA website at <http://rochester.edu/college/wcsa/>.*

## JANUARY 2015 EDITION

### Expectations for Excellence & The Mid-Year Report

Student Organizations advised by Wilson Commons Student Activities, the Rochester Center for Community Leadership, Athletic Center, and the Interfaith Chapel fill out a Mid-Year Report. This will be due on Monday, February 9th through Campus Club Connection. A preview of the Mid-Year Report is posted on the Policy and Review Committee website at <http://sa.rochester.edu/sa/mid-year-report/>. The due date on their website is out of date. If you have any questions contact your advisor.

New this year, All Club Sports will fill out the same Mid-Year Report as WCSA, RCCL, and Interfaith Chapel organizations.

All organizations advised by Fraternity and Sorority Affairs completed Expectations for Excellence Annual Report, that was due in December. Congratulations to the FSA community for completing their report!

Just like companies, departments, and other professional organizations, completing an annual report of your organization can be a powerful tool to help your organization become ever better, Meliora.

### Orientation Leaders

Looking for an amazing full-time summer job? Want to learn more than you ever wanted to know about Rochester, meet the Deans, make this Orientation better than your own, and have fun at the same time? Apply to be a 2015 Orientation Leader! Applications will be available starting December 8th, 2014 at [www.rochester.edu/college/orientation](http://www.rochester.edu/college/orientation)

If you are interested in being an Orientation Volunteer, International Student Mentor or a Student Organization Volunteer, those applications will be available in the Spring semester. For more information please visit: [www.rochester.edu/college/orientation](http://www.rochester.edu/college/orientation)

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## **Rochester Youth Year Applications**

The Rochester Youth Year fellowship is an AmeriCorps\*VISTA sponsored program administered by the Rochester Regional Network, a consortium of seven local colleges: The College at Brockport, Nazareth College, Roberts Wesleyan College, RIT, St. John Fisher, and SUNY Geneseo. RYY places talented recent graduates in community-based organizations for one year to create or expand initiatives that address the various challenges facing youth and families in Rochester. For more information on becoming a Fellow or hosting a Fellow, visit [www.youthyear.org](http://www.youthyear.org) or email Abigail Deacon at [adeacon@ur.rochester.edu](mailto:adeacon@ur.rochester.edu).

## **Urban Fellows Applications**

Urban Fellows is a unique 10-week summer program that emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and fosters an appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life. Students are placed in a paid fellowships in agencies across the City of Rochester to take ownership over creating, developing, or sustaining a project. For more information and to apply, contact Abigail Deacon at [adeacon@ur.rochester.edu](mailto:adeacon@ur.rochester.edu).

## **Sessions on Developing your Student Organizations Effectiveness**

WCSA and Policy and Review will be offering three sessions at the end of January that will help you think about your organizations effectiveness.

The sessions are divided into two parts the first part will include information on what and how to apply the Ten Principles of a student organization, CCC items such as Involvement Record and Service Hours, and other under utilized resources at your finger tips. The second part is geared towards the Mid Year Report. Information will be given on the Mid-Year Report's content, Feedback you'll get back and what to do with it after your done.

Please encourage at least one leader from your student organization to attend one of the following sessions:

- Thursday, Jan. 22nd 7pm Gowen Room
- Wednesday, Jan. 28th 5pm Gowen Room
- Friday, Jan. 30th 4pm Gowen Room

Attendance will be noted and swag will be available for engaged participants.

## Winter Activities Fair

The Winter Activities Fair will be held on Friday, January 16th from 3:30-5:00pm in Zornow Athletic Courts A, B and C.

If you are interested in registering your organization for a table, please complete this form (<https://ccc.rochester.edu/form/start/35045>). FSA organizations use a different system for recruitment later in Jan. Remember you will need to log-in in order to access the form. Please coordinate with your other officers so that only one form is submitted per organization.

Registration will close at noon on Wednesday, January 14th. If you have any questions about the Activities Fair, please email [wcsa@rochester.edu](mailto:wcsa@rochester.edu)).

## Student Life Awards

Nominations for this year's University Student Life Awards are open from Wednesday, January 14 until noon Wednesday, Jan. 28. Undergraduates in the College and at the Eastman School are eligible. The awards recognize students who, through service to others, investment of talent and time, and pursuit of excellence, have significantly and positively affected the University or surrounding community. The awards are divided into two categories: Individual Leadership Awards and Student Organization and Programming Awards. Award descriptions and nomination forms can be found [online](#). Contact Alicia Ponczkowski at 276-6860 with any questions.

## CCC Monthly Tip

If you've ever visited [ccc.rochester.edu](http://ccc.rochester.edu), you've seen the nifty event bulletin board. Did you know you could add this same bulletin board to your own website? On the top right of the bulletin board, you can click "Add To Your Site" and copy the HTML code in the box that then appears. The code will appear wherever you paste it on your own website. It will behave exactly like the bulletin board on CCC, and even update on its own!

Contact SA Technology & Web Coordinator Sarah Hedrych ([sarah.hedrych@rochester.edu](mailto:sarah.hedrych@rochester.edu)) for all your CCC needs!

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