



The Student Organization Insider

May 2020

Dear Student Leader,

As the semester concludes, Wilson Commons Student Activities (WCSA) remains devoted to supporting our students. How we do this requires us to evolve from extensive in-person programming to virtual programming. WCSA developed a revised spring calendar of events and programs that focuses on remaining connected while also maintaining safe social distancing such as a virtual 5K, weekly meditation and yoga, weekly Read with a Dean, Trivia nights, and more. We will be doing the same for the summer.

We understand that this adjustment to virtual programming has drastically impacted student organizations. We strongly encourage you and your members to keep in communication with your advisors as you think about fall semester. Submit programming ideas to wcsa@rochester.edu for collaboration.

For updates, please continue to follow us on social media (facebook.com/wilsoncommonsUR Instagram: [wilsoncommonsUR](https://www.instagram.com/wilsoncommonsUR) Twitter.com/[wilsoncommonsUR](https://twitter.com/wilsoncommonsUR)) and on our [website](#). We are thinking of you all and miss seeing your faces on campus.

Meliora,
WCSA

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Save the Date

Fall Leadership Training: Tuesday, August 25th. View the training schedule [here](#). Schedule may change due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Fall Activities Fair: Friday, August 28th. Registration for the fair will open in mid-August. Schedule may change due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Yellowjacket Weekend: August 28th - 30th. Contact [Brian Magee](#) to hold a stand-alone event represented on the Yellowjacket Weekend calendar. To host an activity during the Yellowjacket Carnival on August 29th email the Student Programming Board. All submissions are due by 11:59pm (Eastern), Friday, June 12th.

Meliora Weekend: October 1st - 4th.

Food Truck Applications for Fall 2020 Events

Do you want to incorporate a food truck into your event next Fall? Start planning now as applications are due August 10th. More information about the food truck policy and application is available [here](#). Please email [WCSA](#) with any questions.

Advanced Reservations 2020-2021

Due to the impact of COVID-19, we have delayed the advance reservation process and hope to

get more information out soon. Thank you for your patience with this process. The planning process for next year's calendar of events will begin by collecting event locations requests from departments and student organizations. The initial focus will be on multi-day events, events that require many rooms simultaneously, or events that utilize the large programming spaces on campus. Please be thinking about what your needs will be for these larger programming spaces and be prepared to submit with a second and third choice for both location and date as locations are limited. A direct email will be sent out soon regarding this process to the officers listed in CCC in the following positions: President, Vice-President, Business Manager, and Secretary.

Event Registration Closed for Summer

Student organizations are eligible to hold events while classes ARE in session during the academic year (Fall & Spring semesters). If undergraduate student organizations wish to hold events, activities, or programs when classes are not in session, they must complete an Event Registration Exception Request. To do this, fill out the Exception Request form on CCC.

Flex Reservations for 2020-2021

In order to make flex table reservations, please complete the Student Organization Fundraising Form. Once you have completed this form, it will direct you to the reservation form for the Flex Tables. Our flex tables have been relocated the 1st floor of Wilson Commons in the Shops@WilCo. New this year you will be required to submit a list of items for sale and the prices for each item so that they can be displayed behind your station on a new digital display. There is now also storage at each station for your items for the duration of your reservation, so no more carrying things up and down the stairs from Common Connection. Should you have any questions, please contact your student organization advisor.

Looking to Stay Connected this Summer?

- Join the conversation on the [UR Summer Facebook Group](#).
- Learn about fun ways to stay connected to campus and Rochester by signing up [HERE](#) to receive Summer Highlights!
- Follow the Summer Sessions and Wilson Commons Facebook pages for up to date information on summer sessions information and activities.

Activity Reflection

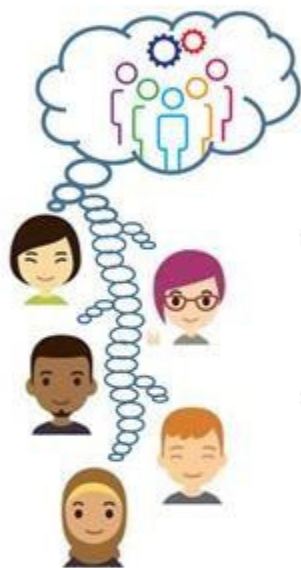
Please make sure to submit all activity reflections by **Friday, May 22nd**. Activity reflections should be completed after each event that your student organization does. It is recommended to do this within a week of the activity to ensure details are accurate. Please also work with your primary advisor on this process if you have any questions.

CAS 358: *The Leadership Experience*



The Leadership Experience

FALL SEMESTER 2020
Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15pm



This class is specifically designed for:

- **Varsity Sports**- For students who participate on varsity athletic teams
- **Fraternity and Sorority**- For students who hold an officer position in a recognized Fraternity or Sorority on campus
- **Cross Cultural** - For student leaders in a recognized student organization who want to take a strategic approach to leadership development by exploring the critical components of cross cultural leadership.

This class examines leadership theories (both historical and contemporary) in a dynamic classroom/lab setting. Each Leadership Lab, which is a regular class session, will allow you to analyze your personal leadership experiences based on theories discussed in the class. Utilizing readings, lectures, and multimedia, this course will build a strong foundation for practicing a constant pursuit of leadership education and development. You will leave this class with a deep understanding leadership theory, as well as how to apply these theories--combined with experience--in future leadership roles.

Instructor Code needed. Must hold an officer position during Fall semester or be in a Varsity Sport.

For more information email stacey.fisher@rochester.edu

Athletics and Recreation, Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, & Wilson Commons Student Activities

Awards and Accolades

Do you have exciting student organization news to share? We would love to hear it! Then we'll feature it in the next Insider! Fill out this [form](#) and let us know what you'd like to share!

- **College Diabetes Network** e-board member (**Bradley Martin**) interviewed by Channel 8 News Center anchor, Adam Chodak, on effect of COVID-19 on people living with diabetes. [Link](#) to interview.
 - The New York Press Association's annual journalism contest, the Better Newspaper Contest, recognized the **Campus Times** in all the categories that UR's student newspaper entered. The Editorial Board's articles collectively garnered 2nd place in the Editorial category, and these articles were written by Editor-in-Chief **Wil Aiken**, Publisher **Shweta Koul**, Managing Editor **Efua Agyare-Kumi**, Opinions Editor **Hailie Higgins**, and Features Editor **An Nguyen**. Efua's article on tunnel painting controversy in Fall 2019 placed 3rd in the News Story category, and An's story on the Rush Rhees ghost received an honorable mention in the Feature Story category. Here is a link to the website, though right now the event for the announcement of results is postponed. <https://nynewspapers.com/better-newspaper-contest/> The full results with comments is attached as the picture in this form.
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