



# The Student Organization Insider

**April 2021**

Dear Student Leaders,

I am so proud of how you all have managed to alter your operations in order to be successful under COVID restrictions. I look forward to all of the creative programs you have planned for the upcoming fall semester!

One of the first major programs we put on last spring, when COVID-19 first hit our campus, was the QuadFox 5K. This virtual event was an opportunity for members of our community to join together even though we were apart. The event was so successful, we won an award from the Association of College Unions International (ACUI), and recently launched registration for our second QuadFox 5K. All members of the University community are encouraged to walk, run, or jog their way to the finish line by the end of April. Everyone who completes and enters their time will receive a free commemorative t-shirt. This can be a great bonding event for your current members and alumni to all do together - even if they are all over the world. [Register here](#) - we hope you join us!

Thank you all for your continued good efforts in protecting the hive!  
Anne-Marie Algier, Associate Dean of Students

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## CASC 358: The Leadership Experience

CASC 358: *The Leadership Experience* is a 2-credit course offered Wednesdays 2-3:15 p.m. during the Fall semester for students who hold a Student Organization officer position. 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 to their own leadership experience.

Register for *The Leadership Experience* course on UR Student and complete [this interest form](#). For more information, please contact [Stacey Fisher](#), Associate Director of Leadership Programs. (*This course meets the requirements for the Medallion Program.*)

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## Save-the-Date: Fall Leadership Training

The in-person component for Fall Leadership Training will be on **Tuesday, August 24th** at 1-4 p.m. (time is subject to change). Virtual leadership training components will open at the end of August, to complement the in-person experience. If you are interested in this opportunity, be sure

to schedule your arrival back to campus appropriately so you don't miss out. It is recommended that all current Student Leaders inform and encourage new officers of this great opportunity.

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## Officer Transition

Don't forget - a successful executive board is not only the glue which holds your Organization together, but also the fuel which propels it in a forward direction. A successful officer transition is neither difficult nor very time-consuming; however, if you do not do it or do so incorrectly, your Organization will struggle in the upcoming semester.

Visit our [Leadership Transition](#) web page to review a checklist you can use as an outgoing or incoming officer. You can also attend an in-person workshop to learn more and establish a normal practice for your Organization. The workshop will occur on **Friday, April 9th 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.** in Haven's Lounge. Please [register here](#) in advance!

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## Advanced Reservations

To better prepare for advanced reservations for the Fall 2021 semester, please begin to work within your Organization to generate a plan which includes the following: your top three location preferences and your top five date preferences for any events you may be planning for the fall semester. The May edition of the Student Organization Insider will include instructions on how to submit your reservation requests. To be best prepared, please also make sure to [update your VEMS contact](#) with whoever will be the contact for your Organization next academic year.

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## Accolades and Awards

Do you have exciting Student Organization news to share? We would love to hear it! Fill out this [CCC form](#) and let us know what you would like to share. Then, we will feature it in the next Student Organization Insider.

- Since 2000, the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) has recognized teams which best exemplify its ideals - civility, justice, and fair play. **Mock Trial's** Team 1417 and Team 1418, both received the **Spirit of AMTA Awards**. Additionally, **Karla Zendejas** and **Jay Foss** were awarded with an **All-Regional Attorney award**, and **Aliza Panjwani** was awarded with an **All-Regional Witness award!**

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## Medallion Program Workshops

As an initiative of the Office of the Dean of Students, the Medallion Program is a flexible three-tiered program which provides workshops, interactive activities, and personal reflections to develop leadership capabilities. Student Organizations can request any workshop for their Organization [here](#). Workshops held virtually over Zoom are in EDT. Register on [CCC](#) for access and to attend. You do not need to be enrolled in the Medallion Program to attend. Email the [Medallion Program](#) if your Organization is interested in co-sponsoring one of these workshops!

Day	Time	Workshop	Type	Domain
Tues, April 6	6:30 p.m.	Access in Action: Making Spaces Accessible	Virtual	Civic Engagement
Wed, April 7	9 a.m.	Motivating the Middle	Virtual	Interpersonal Competency
Fri, April 9	3 p.m.	Transitioning Leadership	In-person	Interpersonal Competency
Mon, April 12	7:30 p.m.	Followership	In-person	Interpersonal Competency

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## Welcome Week Opportunities

The Office of Orientation and First-Year programs is looking for Welcome Week Leaders and Volunteers for August 2021 and January 2022. Welcome Week Leaders will assist the Orientation Program to welcome students to campus, co-manage events, and facilitate discussions during Welcome Week. Volunteers welcome students and their families to campus and help run events and programs during Welcome Week.

Either opportunity would require coming back to campus slightly earlier to support programming.

For more information, reach out to the [Orientation Office](#) or check their [website](#) starting April 7th for information sessions and position descriptions.

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## Dates to Remember

### Programming:

- Last day to submit a proposal (with no resources needed) is **Monday, April 26th**.
- Last day to host any programs, virtual or in-person, is **Friday, May 7th**.

### SAAC:

- Last day to submit for [supplemental funding](#) is **Friday, April 16th**.
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