



April 2023

Dear Student Leaders,

The bridge banner is full showcasing the diverse array of activities we have on our campus. In WCSA, we are so proud of all you do to inspire, educate and entertain our community. We know the dedication with which you pursue your passions, so please know we are here to support and guide you as you navigate your journey.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Algier, Associate Dean of Students

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Important Dates

[Fall 2023 Orientation Student Organization Program Application](#)

Form Due: April 3, 2023

- Student organizations can propose one event only
- Orientation may fund a portion or all of the supplies needed for the event
- Upon submission, OFYP and WCSA will review the applications to determine which programs will be accepted with notifications going out in May 13.

[Fall 2023 Orientation Performance Group Interest Form](#)

Form Due: April 3, 2023

- Students can submit the general interest application, which will allow them to be considered for multiple “performance” events
- Based upon the group performance type, program history, and organization equity, in consultation with Wilson Commons Student Activities, OFYP will determine the best programs for each organization to participate in.
- An additional form will be required for chosen performance organizations if selected.

Springfest Weekend

April 20th - 22nd

Last Day to Transact with SAAC/SOFO

April 26th

Shops @ WilCo Update

The Shops @ WilCo will not be available for reservations starting March 17th through the remainder of the semester. This allows for the time needed for your organization's funds to be processed and spent by the last day to transact (April 26th).

ECM Black Out Dates

Event & Classroom Management (ECM) is heavily booked and will not be able to support any additional events for the dates listed below. Please note, if your organization currently has a confirmed reservation for an event on these dates, ECM is expecting to support your event.

- 3/31 – 4/2
 - 4/7 – 4/9
 - 4/14 – 4/16
 - 4/21 – 4/23
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SOAR Exceeds Expectations

Thank you to all student organizations for completing the 2022 Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR). The Student Organization Administration & Review Committee would like to recognize the student organizations below for receiving an Exceeds Expectations for the 2022 review period.

Adopted Students Alliance | American Sign Language Club | Badminton | Ballet Performance Group | Book Club | Cards Club | Club Field Hockey | East Pen Pal Program | Forté Campus | Friends of MSF | Habitat for Humanity | Louvre Performance Ensemble | Men's Club Soccer | No Jackets Required | Off Broadway On Campus | Photography | Red Cross | RICE Crew | Rock Climbing | Royals Dance Team | Sailing | SALSEROS | She's The First | Society of Asian Scientist and Engineers | STEM Initiative | Student Programming Board | Sustainability through Engineering | Tae Kwon Do | Trebellious A Cappella | Water Polo | Women's Club Volleyball | Women's Ultimate Frisbee

As mentioned in the SOAR rubric, all organizations who receive Exceeds Expectations are eligible for \$200 discretionary funds. To access these funds in the Fall semester, please submit a Virtual Green Form and leave a comment in the "where are the funds coming from?" section stating that the funds are related to your Exceeds Expectations SOAR evaluation.

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
Building Time Management Habits and Strategies	Mon, 4/3	6-7pm	Practical Competence
Resilience and Adaptability	Fri, 4/7	2-3pm	Practical Competence
Cannabis Q&A Panel	Fri, 4/7	5-6:30pm	Knowledge Acquisition
Leadership for the Modern Age: How Humility and Authenticity Foster Positive Company Culture	Mon, 4/10	6-7pm	Interpersonal Competence
Power of Positive Thinking	Tues, 4/11	7-8pm	Cognitive Complexity
LBGTQ Leadership Lecture Series ft. Imani Rupert-Gordon	Tues, 4/11	7:30-8:30pm	Civic Engagement
Toward A More Perfect Union	Fri, 4/14	3-4pm	Civic Engagement
Applying Student Leader Skills after College	Mon, 4/17	6-7pm	Interpersonal Competence
Understanding Leadership	Tues, 4/18	5-6pm	Level 1 Opener
Unpacking Sexual Misconduct	Mon, 4/24	2-3pm	Knowledge Acquisition
Effective Networking for Personal & Professional Development	Tues, 4/25	7-8pm	Interpersonal Competence

Save-the-Date: Fall Leadership Training

Fall Leadership Training (FLT) will be held on **Tuesday, August 29th from 1-5:00 p.m.** Here officers will learn about any updates in policies and processes, meet their advisors, attend leadership workshop sessions, and connect with organization service providers. Attendance is directly connected to the Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR). Be sure to schedule your arrival back to campus so you don't miss out!

SOFO Updates

Last Day to Transact

As a reminder, the last day to transact with SOFO will be Wednesday, April 26th.

SOFO Closing Early

On Friday, April 21st (aka Dandelion Day), the SOFO office will be closing at Noon. Please plan ahead!

Officer Transition & Activity Reflections

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 don't do it or do it wrong, your organization will struggle in the upcoming semester. Visit our [Leadership Transition](#) site to review a checklist you can use as an outgoing or incoming officer. Additionally, when removing officers in CCC, we encourage folks to use the "Active Officer" checkbox next to officer's name rather than deleting the officer entirely. This helps your organization to see the history of positions.

In addition to your officer transition, don't forget to submit your spring [Activity Reflections](#) before the semester ends! All activities required to be registered must have an Activity Reflection form including General Interest Meetings. While activity reflections for non-registered activities are not required, they are helpful for your organization's future officers. One activity reflection form may be submitted to summarize all General Member Meetings (GMMs), rehearsals, or other ongoing semester long activities. Not only do submitted reflection forms help your future

leadership, but they are also reviewed as part of the 2023 Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR).

Student Org Storage/Space Reminder

As we approach the end of the semester, this is a reminder that student organizations are not allowed to store personal belongings in their assigned storage or space. If any personal items are discovered in storage rooms or space allocated to your organization it will be disposed of. Prior to leaving campus this summer, make sure you have a plan to store your own personal items.

Also, 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.

Advanced Reservations

Advanced reservations for major events were due today by 5pm. If your organization did not submit before 5pm then you will have to wait until the template reopens this summer. For more information about advanced reservations, make sure to [checkout our website](#). If you have any questions or concerns reach out to wcsa@rochester.edu.

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience is a 2-credit course offered on Wednesdays 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 more information, please contact [Brian Magee](#), Senior Associate Director.

This course meets the requirements for the Medallion Program.

Apply to Participate in Meliora Weekend 2023

Opportunities to participate in Meliora Weekend 2023 are limited. Please [submit an application](#) if your Student Organization is interested in being involved or hosting a stand-alone event. **All applications are due by Wednesday, April 26th.** All Student Organization events must be registered through this process in addition to the CCC Activity Registration process for the weekend

This publication is brought to you by Wilson Commons Student Activities: The Student Organization Insider is WCSA's monthly e-newsletter for student organization executive boards and advisors. The Student Organization Insider (SOI) is intended to keep student leaders informed on opportunities and updates from their areas of advisement: Students' Association, Athletics, the Interfaith Chapel, Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, Residential Life, Center for Community Engagement, the Hajim School, and Wilson Commons Student Activities. The SOI will not focus on information available to students through the Weekend Highlights, and it will not be used to advertise student organization events. Instead, this newsletter is a unique and specialized publication with information and opportunities that are relevant to you as student leaders.