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*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/>.*

## Winter Activities Fair

Register [here](#) for the WINTER ACTIVITIES FAIR! It will be held on January 20th, 2017 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in Goergen Athletic Center on the Zornow Courts. Come out to promote your group and to get new members for the new semester. We look forward to seeing you there! *Registration closes Wednesday, January 18th.*

## Student Organization Annual Report (SOAR)

Student Organizations advised by Wilson Commons Student Activities, the Rochester Center for Community Leadership, Athletic Center, and the Interfaith Chapel fill out a Student Organization Annual Report (SOAR). This will be due on 2/6/17. The Annual Review form is open through Campus Community Connection <https://ccc.rochester.edu/form/start/116388>. A preview of the Annual Review is posted [HERE](#). If you have any questions contact your advisor or attend one of the following trainings:

- ◇ Monday, Jan. 16th during Leadership Training Flash Session 2, 3:45-4:15pm, Gowen Room
- ◇ Wednesday, Jan. 18th 5pm, Wilson Commons 104
- ◇ Thursday, Jan. 26th 4pm, Wilson Commons 104

All organizations advised by Fraternity and Sorority Affairs completed Expectations for Excellence Annual Report, that was due in November. 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.

## Student Life Awards

Nominations for this year's University Student Life Awards are open from Thursday, January 12th until noon Wednesday, January 25th. Undergraduates in the College and 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 Melissa Rusnica [involvementga@ur.rochester.edu](mailto:involvementga@ur.rochester.edu) with any questions.

## THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHALLENGE

# GRANTS UP TO \$500

The Rochester Center for Community Leadership invites UR student organizations to apply for Community Engagement Challenge grants. These grants are intended to support projects that build and strengthen ties between the University and the City of Rochester.

Recognizing that many UR student organizations already have a strong history of performing service activities in the Rochester area and elsewhere, grants may be used to expand current efforts or develop new initiatives

Funds may be used to cover the cost of transportation and/or materials for a community service project, or the cost of training that will help an organization to improve its ability to engage with the community.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL, VISIT:

[www.rochester.edu/college/rccl/service/challenge](http://www.rochester.edu/college/rccl/service/challenge)

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## GRANT PROPOSALS APPLY TODAY!

Seeking grant proposals for the Communal Principles Project and the One Community Programming Fund for the Spring 2017 semester. Submission deadlines are: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, or Mar. 22.

### Communal Principles Project

As you plan for your Spring Semester activities, please remember that this year's Communal Principle is Freedom. Students are invited to [apply](#) for mini grants to develop a program or activity that exemplifies the spirit and purpose of freedom to our community. Grants will be awarded in the amount of \$200 or \$500.

### One Community Programming Fund

Students are invited to apply for the One Community Programming Fund to develop a cultural or education program or activity that exemplifies the spirit and purpose of diversity and inclusion in our community. Please visit the [website](#) for more information on the proposal criteria.

## Food Truck Application

If your organization is interested in having a food truck as part of your event during the Spring semester (between Spring Break and the end of the year), the application deadline is January 31st 2017. More information about food trucks and the application is available [here](#).

## Apply to be a 2017-2018 Orientation Leader

Help shape the future of a new student's life at the University by planning and implementing Orientation for the Class of 2021 and new entering students! This is a full-time - 35 hour/week - paid summer job. Have an impact on the University, learn lots of real world skills, and experience a job like no other!

Find the application and more information [here](#). Applications are due Friday, February 3rd, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. to 312 Lattimore Hall or by email to [orientation@rochester.edu](mailto:orientation@rochester.edu).



## Student Organization Kudos

Do you have something exciting to share about your organization? We would like to feature exciting news in each month's Organization Insider! Fill out this [form](#) and let us know what you'd like to share!

**Congratulations** to ALL the Student Organizations who received the Fall 2016 grants of both the [Communal Principles Project](#) and the [One Community](#) Programming Fund!

### ***Administration and Review Committee (ARC) Announcements***

Organizations granted preliminary status:

- Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE)
- Meliora Launchpad

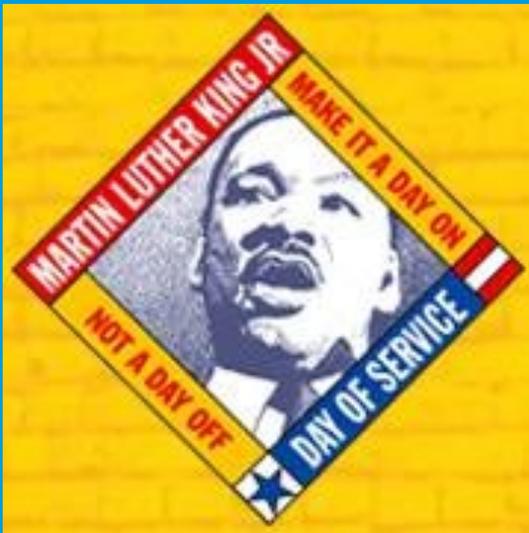
Organizations granted final recognition:

- UR Hellenic Dancers

To connect to these new organizations visit their CCC page.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service/King for a Day

Join the annual volunteering event hosted by RochesterCares, CSN, and BSU. Residents of Rochester participate in a day of volunteering to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr and to learn about the place we live, work together, and grow as people.



Saturday, January 21st: 8:00am to 3:00pm

Breakfast and Lunch Provided!

Transportation Provided (meet at ITS at 8am)

Free t-shirt

Team Coordinators are needed to help us manage the students!  
If you are interested, please indicate so on the form!

Student Organizations can COSPONSOR! If you would like to attend as a student group so you can be placed in a volunteer site together, please put the name of your group where indicated!

Sign up by clicking the Google Doc. below! Google Doc. closes January 19th at 5pm.

<https://goo.gl/forms/yCNyLV1IEDJJZHDF3>

## Connect to your Organization's Alumni

It's never too early to Get Connected! Is your organization interested in connecting with your alumni? Alumni Relations can help!

The Get Connected program can help your organization achieve your goals of communicating with your alumni via email or e-newsletter, inviting alumni to your existing events, or planning a student-alumni event.

For more information click [here](#), read through the tips sheet, and submit your completed form to Alumni Relations.

Questions? Contact AnneMarie Cucci, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, at [annemarie.cucci@rochester.edu](mailto:annemarie.cucci@rochester.edu).

## Financial Aid Deadlines

2017-2018 financial aid deadlines have changed for all students. Please share the following with everyone in your club.

- ◇ This year's application deadline is March 15th, 2017. That's only two months away!
- ◇ The best news? We're looking at 2015 income information again. This means you can easily fill out the income section on your FAFSA and CSS PROFILE since your 2015 taxes are already complete.
- ◇ Don't forget to use the IRS Data Retrieval tool on your FAFSA to ensure accuracy and reduce the chance of being selected for federal verification.

This is all good news! You can apply now and meet with your counselor to discuss your eligibility and any concerns you may have.

If you would like a financial aid representative to come to your club meeting and answer any general questions about the changes, reach out to Tayler Kreutter at [Tayler.kreutter@rochester.edu](mailto:Tayler.kreutter@rochester.edu).

## CCC Assistance

The SA Web & Technology Coordinator position is currently vacant. While a search is conducted for this position, if you need assistance with CCC, please visit the [online CCC resources](#) or email [wcsa@rochester.edu](mailto:wcsa@rochester.edu).

**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, Rochester Center for Community Leadership, the Hajim School, and Wilson Commons Student Activities. The SOI will not focus on information available to students through the Weekly Buzz or 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!