



The Student Organization Insider

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Dear Student Leaders,

Congratulations! As this unusual academic year comes to an end I want you to know how incredibly proud I am. We not only remained open the entire time but were able to have many safe and successful in-person events and Rochester Traditions. Although many programs needed to be modified for COVID-19, the true yellowjacket spirit of community and inclusion was evident.

I am hopeful that we can have a more traditional semester this fall and look forward to spending quality time with all of you. Have a safe and relaxing summer! For those graduating, good luck on your next adventure. Thank you for all you have contributed to campus life. It was never more evident to me than during the pandemic of how important your organizations are to the physical and mental well-being of our students!

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Advanced Reservations

The advanced reservation period for large scale special events has begun! More information can be found on the [advanced reservations](#) webpage. Don't wait too long! The priority deadline to submit requests is **Friday, May 21st**. Submissions received after May 21st will be processed in the order they are received.

Information for rehearsals, practices, GMMs, chapter meetings, and executive board meetings will be announced over the summer. It will be communicated to the President, Vice President, Business Manager, and Secretary of every Organization.

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience is a 2-credit course offered Wednesdays at 2 p.m. to 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 CASC 358 course through 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.

Event Registration: Closed for the Summer

Student Organizations are only eligible to hold events while classes are in session during the academic year (fall and spring semesters). If an undergraduate Student Organization wishes to hold events, activities, or programs when classes are not in session, they must complete an [Event Registration Exception Request](#).

Medallion Program

This summer the Medallion Program will offer workshops in June, July, and August. These workshops provide interactive activities and personal reflections to grow your leadership capacities as an officer of a Student Organization. Workshops will be held over Zoom and are in EDT. Register on [CCC](#) for access and to attend. You do not need to be enrolled in the Medallion Program to attend.

One Community Program

The Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center is seeking undergraduate panelists for this year's One Community Program held during the week of July 26th. If you have a great story to share about how you self-identify, the intersections of your identity, or how your various identities have had an impact on your college experience, please apply [here](#) by **Friday, May 14th**.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the [Burgett Intercultural Center](#) if you have any questions.

Save-the-Dates

Fall Leadership Training

The in-person component for Fall Leadership Training will occur on Tuesday, August 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Virtual components open at the end of August. 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.

Yellowjacket Weekend

Thursday, August 26th through Sunday, August 29th.

Fall Activities Fair

Starting Friday, August 27th.

Meliora Weekend

Friday, October 1st through Sunday, October 3rd.

Stay Connected this Summer!

Looking to stay connected this summer?

- Learn about fun ways to stay connected to campus and Rochester by signing up [here](#) to receive the Summer Highlights newsletter!
 - Follow [@wilsoncommonsUR](#) on Instagram and Facebook for up to date information and summer activities.
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Virtual EMS

All virtual EMS contacts will be purged over the summer, as we update contacts for every Organization. All Organizations will need to submit a new virtual EMS contact by completing the [Change Virtual EMS Contact](#) form. Organizations who have already submitted this form during the spring semester do not need to submit this form again.

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