



May 2026

Greetings, Yellowjackets!

What an incredible year it's been! Your energy, creativity, and commitment have truly made our campus brighter and more welcoming, and it's been inspiring to see our community thrive because of your involvement.

As you approach final papers, projects, and exams, remember to stay focused—but also celebrate how far you've come. Take time to rest, recharge, and finish the semester with confidence. This edition of the Insider is packed with helpful reminders and exciting opportunities as you wrap up the year and look forward to a well-deserved summer.

To our graduating students: congratulations! Thank you for everything you've contributed to URochester—we're so proud of you and can't wait to welcome you back during future Meliora Weekends.

Best of luck!

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Save-the-Dates

Last Day to Transact (SAAC/SOFO)

Friday, May 1st

Last Day to Host Student Organization Activities

May 1st

Advance Reservation Template Closes

May 4th @ 8 am

Fall Leadership Training

August 30th

1st Day of Class

August 31st

Fall Activity Fair

September 4th

Yellowjacket Weekend

September 4th - 6th

Meliora Weekend

October 1st - 4th

Awards, Recognition, and Highlights



On March 28th, 16 members from the **Taekwondo Club** competed in the University of Vermont's Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference Tournament. Sivadarshan Ajanth, Casey Kim, Ilias El Houdaigui, and Fouzan Masood won silver in Men's C Division Sparring, the first time in which UR Taekwondo Club has medaled in Sparring!

On March 1st, Casey Juance, Casey Kim, and Nayoon (Kate) Kim won bronze in C-Division Poomsae at Cornell University. This was the first time that UR Taekwondo Club has medaled in Poomsae at an ECTC Tournament!



The University of Rochester **Roundnet Club**, in collaboration with Rochester Institute of Technology, competed at Sectionals and earned a 3rd place finish, securing a Power Bid to the 2026 National Spikeball Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina (May 23–24, 2026). This achievement reflects the team's dedication, competitive success, and effective collaboration

across institutions. Qualifying through a Power Bid not only guarantees entry into Nationals but also recognizes the team as one of the top-performing programs in the nation.



Men's Ultimate Frisbee started as a 13 seed and won the D3 Metro East Regionals on April 26th! Congratulations on qualifying for Nationals!

Congratulations to **Chess Club's** Vice President Lior Zendel for leading the Team to 2nd Place in their Collegiate Chess League Division and netting the Team \$200!

Does your organization have something exciting to share? let us know through the [Awards, Recognition, and Highlights](#) submission form.

Congratulations Class of 2026!

Good news – graduation doesn't mean goodbye! No matter where life takes you, the Office of Alumni Relations and Constituent Engagement has plenty of ways to keep you connected as our newest alumni. Here's how to stay involved:

- [Attend a University event](#) in-person near you or online from anywhere in the world.
- [Join The Meliora Collective](#) to connect with fellow alumni and grow your network.
- [Volunteer your time](#) by serving as an admissions ambassador, joining one of our alumni networks, or taking on one of many other meaningful roles.
- [Update your contact information](#) so you never miss exclusive event invites and University news.

We can't wait to see what you accomplish and hope to see you back beside the Genesee for your **First Reunion at [Meliora Weekend, October 1-4, 2026!](#)**

Join Us for Fall Leadership Training

Save the date for the afternoon of **Sunday, August 30th**, for Fall Leadership Training (FLT). Each organization must send at least two representatives to earn full credit towards the Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR). Registration is required. If you are an experienced officer, consider inviting a newer officer to attend!

While an individual can represent multiple organizations, every organization must be represented at their Advisor's Session. This means one individual cannot represent multiple organizations at the advisor session.

To successfully complete SAAC's Business Manager Training, the Business Manager for each student organization must complete the Business Manager Transaction Training and Quiz, then attend the Business Manager Training during Fall Leadership Training. The Transaction Training and Quiz will be emailed to students prior.



CASC 358: The Leadership Experience

CASC 358: The Leadership Experience is a 2-credit course offered on Wednesdays during the Fall semester from 2 - 3:15 p.m. 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 one's 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 approval to request to join on UR Student. For more information, please contact [Brian Magee](#), Assistant Dean of Students.

This course meets the requirements for the Medallion Program.

SA Government & Student Activities congratulates these Student Organizations for Exceeding Expectations on their 2025 Student Organization Annual Review

2026 Class Council	Ma'Frisah	Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers
Alpha Kappa Psi	Makers	Society of Physics Students
Alpha Phi Omega, Mu Lambda Chapter	Meliora Figure Skating Club	Society of Women Engineers
Baking Club	Meliora Fitness	STEM Initiative
Bhangra	Mexican Students' Association	Student Activities Board
Biomedical Engineering Society	Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students	Student Association of Vegan and Vegetarian Youth
Book Club	Minority Business Alliance	Table Tennis
Campus Times	National Society of Black Engineers	The Opposite of People
Club Baseball	Red Cross	Trebellious A Cappella
Club Field Hockey	Refugee Student Alliance	Vocal Point
Club Softball	Rochester Producers & Musicians	
Club Tennis	Rotaract	
Coffee Club (formerly Secret Coffee Club)	Sailing	
Comics Club	Sihir Bellydance Ensemble	
Computer Science Undergraduate Council	Simulation Gaming Association	
Japanese Students' Association		



Tips for Soaring through SOAR

With the semester coming to a close, be sure to keep these tasks on your radar to ensure a smooth return to organizational business in the Fall.

- Make plans to attend Fall Leadership Training (August 30th).
- Register and participate in the Fall Activities Fair (September 4th).
- Update your CCC webpage with current officers and their pictures. Student Activities refers to your listed officers when sending communications.
- Complete an [Activity Reflection](#) for each event registered in CCC.
- Keep track of the things that are going well and those that need improvement for the Self-Report.
- Re-registration will open on **Monday, July 1st**. The deadline to complete re-registration and earn full SOAR credit will be 8 a.m. on Monday, August 3rd. An email communication will be sent to officers when re-registration opens.

Activity Registration: Closed for the Summer

Student organizations are only eligible to hold events and activities while classes are in session (Fall and Spring semesters). If your organization wishes to hold events, activities, or programs when classes are not in session, you must first submit an Exception Form for activity registration.

Advanced Reservations

Advanced reservations for major events will close **Monday, May 4th** at 8am. If you have not submitted your reservation requests for the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters, you must do

so before the deadline. There are no exceptions to the submission deadline. Any major events not submitted will be required to wait until the general reservation period in July.

The practices and rehearsals advanced reservation period will launch in June and the general reservation period in July. More information regarding those processes will be sent out close to those timeframes.

If you need to update your Virtual EMS contact or reset your password, make sure you [submit this form](#) ASAP.

Student Org Storage/Space Reminder

Access to student organization spaces (storage and otherwise) will end after **May 15th**. Access will be reassigned automatically in August prior to start of the Fall semester. Please make sure your officers are updated in CCC, as that will be used to assign access in the Fall.

If any personal items are discovered in storage rooms or space allocated to your organization, they will be disposed of. 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. Before leaving for summer, make sure your organization has cleaned and organized any assigned storage or space. Areas left in unsatisfactory condition will be cleaned out over the summer and items will be disposed of. Spaces that are found to have no items in them will be unassigned from organizations.

If your organization requires access over the summer, you can send an email to [Student Centers & Services](#) to coordinate access. Storage assignments may be reassigned over the summer.

Going, Going, Gone... The Common Market is CLOSING!

[The Common Market](#), on the 1st floor of Wilson Commons, is **closing permanently** at the end of this semester. The last day of operations will be **Monday, May 4th**. Box office operations will continue in a new format.



Surprise sales will be occurring starting this week and continuing through May 4th. Bring a friend and stock up on your favorite snacks for finals!

URochester Connects Returns this June!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for URochester Connects in March, it was a fantastic evening of connection, conversation, and community. With strong participation from students, alumni, and industry leaders, the event offered meaningful opportunities to build relationships and explore career pathways across a range of fields.

The momentum continues this June with additional URochester Connects events happening across the country. Each gathering brings together alumni, current students, and industry professionals for an engaging evening of networking and career exploration. Attendees can grow their professional networks, gain valuable insights, and make connections that last well beyond the event. Local experts will be on hand to share their experiences, answer questions, and support your career journey.

Register today to reserve your spot and keep building your Rochester network

<https://www.rochester.edu/alumni/rochester-connects>

Join the Meliora Weekend 2026 Student Volunteer Team!

It might seem far away, but Meliora Weekend 2026 (October 1-4) is one of the biggest and most high-energy weekends of the year, and we're building our volunteer team now! We're looking for students to assist with events on River Campus throughout the weekend.

Volunteers enjoy perks such as an exclusive T-shirt, food truck credits, access to staff space, and opportunities to win tickets to major events.

Find the full volunteer description and sign-up details [here](#).

Questions? Contact Melissa Waughtel, Associate Director of Student Engagement, at melissa.waughtel@rochester.edu.

Stay Connected this Summer!

Will you be spending time in the Rochester area this summer? Learn about the fun ways to stay connected both on-campus and in Rochester by signing up for the [Summer Highlights newsletter](#)!

Follow @WilsonCommonsJR on social media or check out our [Summer Programs](#) website for up-to-date information and summer activities.

Medallion Sessions

We are working on preparing our summer calendar for sessions in June, July, and August. Keep an eye out for the Medallion Summer Newsletter!

We are holding a Level 1 Opener **May 2nd** for anyone who needs that before they graduate. If you are not able to attend this date, but do need it before graduation, please email courtney.floom@rochester.edu.

Level 1 Opener: Understanding Leadership
May 2nd, 3 - 4 p.m., Genesee 309



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