

# April 2022

Dear Student Leaders,

We are in the home stretch! I love how both our Student Organizations and Rochester bloom in the Spring. There is the feeling of excitement in the air as so many of you are performing your big Spring shows IN PERSON. It's invigorating! As always, please read this edition of the Insider carefully, as there are many helpful tips on how to end the year successfully - including transitioning new leadership. Reminder, the last day to host any programs - virtual or in-person - is Wednesday, April 27th. Good luck on your final academic requirements and be sure to practice self-care as we move through this busy period.

Continue to stay well,

Anne-Marie Algier, Associate Dean of the Students

#### What's Inside:

- 1. Join the QuadFox 5K Challenge
- 2. Advanced Reservations
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Questions should be referred to the Reservations Coordinator.

#### **Awards & Accolades**

Does your Organization have something exciting to share? Submit an Awards & Accolades Form to be featured in the next edition of the Insider!

- Congrats to Model United Nations for winning the Best Large Delegation Award at the North American Model UN Conference!
- Congrats to Quidditch for receiving a bid for Nationals in Utah!

## **SOAR: Exceeds Expectations**

Thank you to all Student Organizations for completing the 2021 Student Organization Annual Review (SOAR). The Student Organization Administration & Review Committee (ARC) would like to recognize the Student Organizations below for receiving an Exceeds Expectations on their SOAR.

Cards Club | Friends of MSF (Doctors Without Borders) | Habitat for Humanity | Modern Languages and Cultures Undergraduate Council National Society of Black Engineers | Red Cross | ROC Players | Sailing | SALSEROS | Society Mathematics Students | Society of Physics Students | Society of Women Engineers | Society of Women in Astronomy and Physics | The French Culture Club | Undergraduate Chemistry Council | Undergraduate Film Council | Water Polo | Women's Rugby | Women's Ultimate Frisbee

#### 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 <u>Leadership Transition</u> page to

review a checklist you can use as an outgoing or incoming officer.

In addition to your officer transition, don't forget to submit your Spring Activity Reflections before the semester ends! It is important to include as many details as possible and you can consolidate some activity types to make this easier. In fact, one activity reflection form can be submitted to summarize all General Member Meetings (GMMs), rehearsals, or other ongoing semester long activities. This is one of your Organization's opportunities to share how and why your event, activity, or meeting went well or didn't. Be sure to reach out to your Organization's advisor if you have any questions!

## Save-the-Date: Fall Leadership Training

The in-person component for Fall Leadership Training will be on Tuesday, August 30th from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (time subject to change). Virtual leadership training components will open at the end of August to complement the in-person experience. Be sure to schedule your arrival back to campus so you don't miss out!

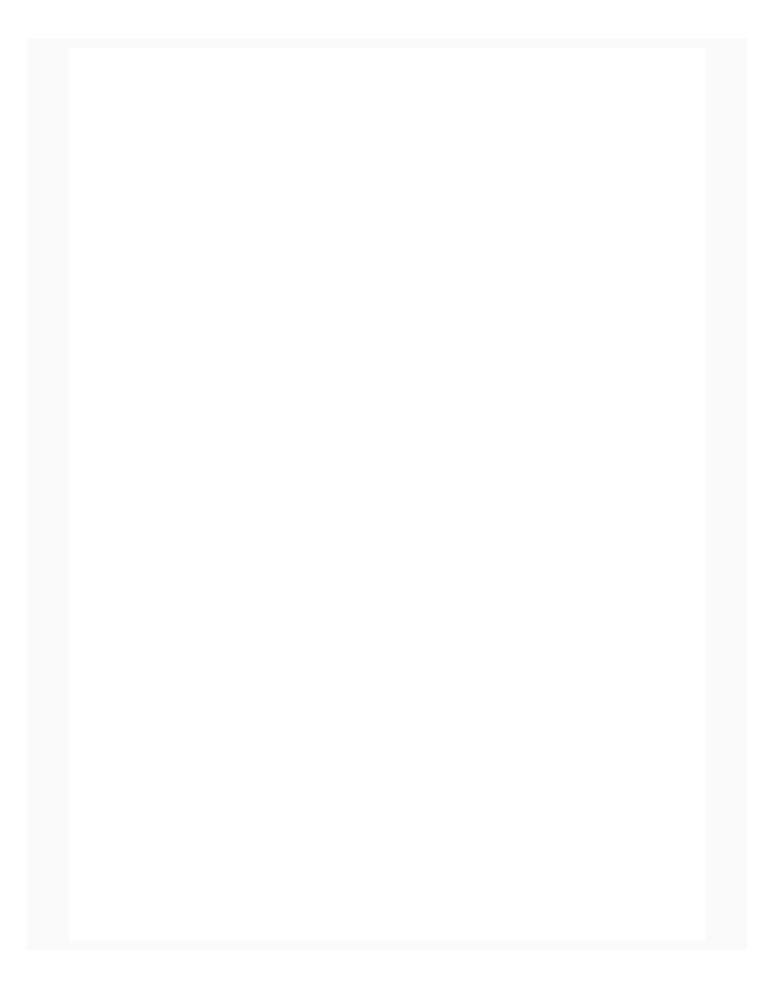
We ask Organizations to send their President and Business Manager to this training, which also meets the Administration & Review Committee's SOAR requirement for 2022. If you have elections coming up, please ensure your new leaders have also saved this date.

#### **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



## **Jackson Court Fire Pit Training**

If you would like to be trained on how to use the fire pit in Jackson Court, we encourage you to sign up for the Friday, April 8th training at 3 p.m. To reserve a spot, call (585)276-4682 by Wednesday, April 6th. Only individuals who have been properly training can make a reservation for the fire pit.

### **Student Input Needed - Sustainability Planning**

The University has launched a planning process to create its first-ever sustainability plan. The plan will include University-wide goals, to be approved by leadership, and high-level strategies to achieve those goals.

The Sustainability Planning Team has developed a survey to collect thoughts and ideas about sustainability efforts and practices across campus to

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