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Student Org Newsletter

 **Leadership and
Service Center**
University of South Carolina

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Hello, student organization leaders!

We can't wait to see you back on campus in just a few weeks! Below is the Student Organization Newsletter for the month of August 2021. Please reach out to us at lsc@sc.edu or 803-777-7130 if you have any questions or if there is anything that you need.

STUDENT ORG FAIRS

Fall 2021 Student Organization Fair

Sign ups for the Fall 2021 Student Organization Fair are now open! The Student Org Fair will take place on Aug. 25 from 11 am - 2 pm and again from 4 - 7 pm on Greene Street. There will be 160 organizations lined up to table at each session, in addition to a

DJ. Participating students will be able to flow through the event as they please to interact with all of the different organizations.

The link to sign up your organization can be found [here](#). You must sign-in to Garnet Gate with your personal USC Username and password (the same username you use for Blackboard and Wi-Fi) to complete the form. Do not sign-in to Garnet gate with your student organization's username and password. If you do, your request will be denied.

Student organizations will only be able to sign-up for one session. On the form, you will preference the session you would like to table in. Please note that if you fill out the form, you will be notified by August 18 if your organization has received a table.

We have 160 spots, and once those spots are filled, we will have a waitlist. However, there is no guarantee you will get a table if you are on the waitlist. Tables will be assigned prior to the event and will be communicated on August 18. For tabling, please bring any promotional materials, banners or decorations to showcase your organization! For more ideas on promoting your organization, click [here](#).

Please reach out to lsc@sc.edu, caublej@sc.edu or ayresj@mailbox.sc.edu with any questions.

[Click here to access the Student Org Fair Signup Link](#)

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

Fall 2021 Student Organization Gathering Guidance

The university is committed to creating a safe and engaging student experience. There are many possibilities for student organizations to bring students together and host gatherings (meetings, events, and activities) safely on and off campus. For any gathering, enter the planning process knowing your goals, work with your venue to bring your ideas to life, and create your marketing and risk management plans accordingly.

Student organizations play an integral part in protecting members and reducing the spread of COVID-19 on campus and in the surrounding Columbia community. As a leader of your organization, demonstrate your commitment to keeping the University of South Carolina community in good health by ensuring responsible gathering practices.

For more information on the responsibility of student organization leaders, questions to consider when planning gatherings, and on-campus resources, please click [here](#).

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Student Org Funding Requests

Student organizations may [request funding](#) for programming, conferences, competitions, and tournaments using the Garnet Gate budget request form. Organizations must attend a Treasurer's Workshop (August 24th and 26th at 7:30 p.m. in Russell House 303) and are encouraged to work with their [Comptrollers](#) as a resource throughout the allocation process. We know you have great ideas for programs this year – let's make those a reality!

STUDENT ORG RESOURCES

Organization Toolbox

Head over to the Leadership and Service Center's website for resources on promotion/publicity, event planning and group leadership in our [Organization Toolbox](#)!

Fall Renewal

Fall renewals for student organizations will begin on August 16th. An officer from your organization will need to complete the renewal form through Garnet Gate. To get started, navigate to the grid in the upper right corner of Garnet Gate, click the Manage tab and select the organization you would like to renew. On the next page you should see a blue box below your organization's name. For more information on renewals, visit our [FAQ](#) page. If you need any assistance, please email [Jamie Ayres](#).

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



CFELP is an introductory program that explores various aspects of leadership and helps students understand what it means to be a leader within their community. Participants will learn more about themselves, enhance their skills, and form a foundation to create positive change. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Service Saturday

Service Saturday is a monthly service day where volunteers can choose from a range of service sites. Take this opportunity to engage with the Columbia community! Interested in serving? Please [register](#) by completing the linked form in bold.



Community Service Fair

Join the Leadership and Service Center on Aug. 23 from 11 am - 2 pm on Greene Street for the Community Service Fair! This event is a great way to connect with local and national nonprofits partners to explore volunteer experiences, internships and potential jobs.

New and Reactivated **ORG SHOUTOUT**

**TCA Club Seeking Refuge
Podcast and Advocates
Sustainable Artists
Radius Southside College Ministry
The Horizon Retreat
NBA Discussion Club
Pride in Professionalism
Waffa Waffa Waffa
Rural Interest Group**

Don't see your org? Email lsc@sc.edu to make sure you have completed all the steps to becoming a student organization!





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