

STUDENT ORG NEWSLETTER



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Hello Student Organization Leaders!

Below is the Student Organization Newsletter for the month of March. 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 Organization Off-Campus Events

In keeping with state and local guidelines the Leadership and Service Center along with campus partners has updated student organization safety guidelines for off campus events. Click [here](#) to see all of the updated guidelines.

Key Updates:

- Expansion of attendance capacities: Off-campus events should not exceed 50% venue capacity or 250 people, **whichever is lower**.
 - It is recommended events are hosted at public venues that practice the above standard safety guidelines, following Governor McMaster's [safety guidelines for large gatherings](#).
- Extension of off-campus events perimeter: Off-campus events perimeter has been updated to a 45-mile radius from the Russell House
 - The institutional travel freeze still applies to student organizations. Conducting student organization business that adheres to the above standard safety guidelines (activities, meetings, events) within the Columbia Metro Area is encouraged.

Reminder:

- Please note that the policy on small gatherings in private residences has not changed and should comply with the ordinance of the City of Columbia, Richland County or another municipality in which they event may occur. [Visit this website for updates and details.](#)

Standard Safety Guidelines and Recommendations:

- Practice physical distancing.
- Wear face coverings. Please provide a remote option for members who may have a disability or medical condition that interferes with their ability to wear a face covering.
- Clean and sanitize frequently.
- Request members to monitor their own health, participate virtually if displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, and [get tested regularly.](#)
- Use RSVPs as a tool to monitor attendance, manage wait lines, and for contact tracing. Consider using Garnet Gate and its [Event Pass](#) tool.

Best Practices:

- Use RSVPs as a tool to monitor attendance, manage wait lines, and for contact tracing. Consider using Garnet Gate and its [Event Pass](#) tool to record RSVPs and attendance of students. Keep in mind that your venue or activity may require an RSVP as part of their safety guidelines.
- Activities involving food, alcohol, singing, dancing, or other physical activity may reduce venue capacities or require additional safety precautions or fees.
- Be mindful of the [campus alert level](#) regarding positive COVID-19 cases. If the alert level or positive rate changes, the details and status of your activity may be impacted. Be prepared to reduce event capacity or pivot to a hybrid or virtual format.
- Virtual and hybrid student organization gatherings may be best at times. Resources available to student organization leaders include [Microsoft Teams](#) using your university login and access to a [premium Zoom business account](#) through Student Government. Live streaming options include Vimeo, Instagram Live, and YouTube. Virtual event information can be posted on [Garnet Gate](#) and the 25Live calendar ANNOUNCE option for interested attendees to view.
- If you have questions or ideas, reach out to lsc@sc.edu to explore possibilities.
- Empower your members to hold each other accountable to these public health guidelines. If a member of your organization does not comply, we encourage you to ask them to do so. After repeated requests asking the person to address their behavior, fill out a [public health directive incident report.](#)

Professional Development Resources

The Leadership and Service Center encourages your organization to get involved with various professional development opportunities here on campus. Below are two opportunities to learn more and engage with professional development as an organization.

Kognito Training Contest: The “[Spring into Action Kognito Training Contest](#)” is a 30-minute online training that teaches participants how to respond to friends in crisis. Once you have completed the training, you can submit your certification to this [online form](#) and there will be prizes for student organizations with the most participants. See the graphic below for more information or contact [Kate Weaver](#) with any questions.

The graphic is a promotional poster for the 'Spring into Action Kognito Contest'. It features a dark red background with a gold trophy being held by hands. The text is white and yellow. At the top left, it says 'March 1- March 31'. The main title is 'SPRING INTO ACTION KOGNITO CONTEST'. Below the title, it says 'Use the online program Kognito to learn the signs of psychological distress in others and to practice getting someone else the help they need.' On the right side, there are two numbered steps: 1. 'Make an account on kognitocampus.com, use the code "uscolumbia" when you register.' 2. 'Complete the training and upload a copy of your certificate to: <http://bit.ly/2MkxW4ID>'. At the bottom right, it says 'The student organization with the most certificates will win prizes & university wide recognition!' and includes the 'Student Health Services' logo.

Resiliency Project: The college experience comes with its fair share of difficulties and challenges. Even in a supportive environment like the University of South Carolina, some students seem to thrive, while others struggle to bounce back. The goal of the Resiliency Project is to teach students about resiliency and keeping a positive mindset, while building that resilience in everyday life so that when things do go wrong, they are more equipped and comfortable handling things. The Resiliency Project Team at the Health Center would like to gather a diverse group of student leaders to partake in a full training, made up of four one hour sessions over four weeks. For more information on the project check out this [link](#). Fill out this [interest form](#) if you are interested in participating and contact Whitney Garland at wgarland@email.sc.edu.

Student Org Roundtable

This month's Student Organization Roundtable will be on March 17 from 3-4 p.m in the Russell House Ballroom! A virtual option will also be available for those who are not able to attend in-person. Snacks will be provided for those who are coming in-person! The topic of this roundtable is "Successful Elections and Transitions as a Student Organization." Register on Garnet Gate or by using this [link](#). For more tips and tricks on running smooth elections in your organization, check out this [Election Guide](#).

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ROUNDTABLE

**Successful Elections and Transitions
as a Student Organization**

MARCH 17, 3-4 PM
 RSVP at garnetgate.sa.sc.edu and
 search the event name in the event tab
 Location: Russell House Ballroom



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Questions? Contact the LSC at lsc@sc.edu

Mini Student Org Fairs

Mark your calendars for the Mini Org Fairs, which will take place on March 9 and 25 from 12-3 pm on Greene Street! Register your organization for the March 25th Fair using this [link](#).

MINI STUDENT ORG FAIRS

**What will you be involved
with this year?**
 March 9 & 25 | 12- 3 p.m.
 Greene Street
 Visit <http://bit.ly/StudentOrgTour>
 for more information!




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Close Family Emerging Leaders Program (CFELP)

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Wellness Holiday

The Leadership and Service Center wants to remind you that March 12 and 30 are University of South Carolina Wellness Holidays. We encourage you to take advantage of this time to take a break and

consider pausing student organization meetings and activities.

Service Saturday

Service Saturday is a monthly service day where volunteers can choose from a range of service sites. This month's date is March 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to engage with the Columbia community! Please register on the [Service Saturday website](#). If you have any questions, contact [Megan Michener](#) in the Leadership and Service Center.

Civic Engagement Events

Join the Leadership and Service Center and the Civic Leadership Education Action Team for a variety of civic engagement events throughout the month of March. Information on the events can be found below and students can RSVP through Garnet Gate.

- Wednesday, March 10 from 9-11 a.m.: Civility Series Brunch: Free Speech and the Inclusive Campus Dialogue
- Tuesday, March 23 from 6-7 p.m.: So You Want To Run For Public Office?
- Monday, March 29 from 6-7 p.m.: Your Vote, Your Superpower

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New and Reactivated Student Organizations Shoutout

Please join us in congratulating the following groups for recently starting or reactivating their student organizations during the month of February!

Skate Club
You Collaborate

Black Capstone Caucus
Indonesian Student Association

