

February 2024 Newsletter

This newsletter is shared with organization Presidents, Advisors, and Council Officers. Other officers or members may find this information useful so please feel free to copy and paste important parts into your meeting minutes or into emails to share the knowledge, announcements, and important dates.

I. Administration Updates

A. FSCL Officer Basics Course

1. Registration is open for the FSCL Officer Basics Spring 2024 Course on Brightspace. Please sign up and complete it by **this Friday, February 2 at 11:59 PM.**
 - a) [Register Here](#)
 - b) The course will appear on Brightspace once you self-enroll with the link above.
2. This course will provide valuable information for you in a variety of content areas. Information has been included to expand your understanding of university resources, policies, and procedures of FSCL and the councils, as well as give you the opportunity to access resources that will help you perform your role more easily.
3. Completion of FSCL Officer Basics is tracked in organization compliance. The end of the course includes a course assessment (we value your feedback) and an honor statement regarding completion. The course has been completed when the course assessment and honor statement have been submitted.

B. FSCL Staff Liaisons for Spring 2024

1. You must meet with your organization coach once per semester to be in compliance with the Office of Fraternity, Sorority, & Cooperative Life. Chapter and House Presidents, please use this link to see who your organization coach is to set up time to meet in the Spring Semester: [Spring 2024 Coaching Designations](#)

II. Programming

A. **Registration for Purdue Day of Giving 2024 is now open! [Sign up here](#). The deadline to register is January 31st.**

1. Purdue Day of Giving is one of the largest annual single-day fundraising events in the world, raising over \$110 million last year! It's an incredible opportunity for student leaders *like you* to raise money for your organizations. Don't miss out! Questions or concerns? Please reach out to pfsb.exec@gmail.com.

B. Thank you to the groups that participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Food Drive!

1. We are happy to report that the ACE Food Pantry received 2,700 total items from FSCL, which surpassed previous years donations (500 items) by over 400%! Also, shout out to Sigma Pi for all you did to manage the pick up donations for the event.

C. Habitat for Humanity Purdue Friendship Build

1. Habitat for Humanity Purdue is looking for 20-22 teams of volunteers. If interested, please contact Wendy Medbourn - wendy@lafayettehabitat.org with Habitat.

III. Health & Safety

A. “Spring Fever” and Spontaneous Gatherings

1. As the spring weather brings longer and warmer days, we encourage all groups to develop a plan to address spontaneous gatherings either at an organization house, off-campus residence or satellite houses.
2. Preparing for potential gatherings around big events (IU vs. Purdue game, NCAA Tournament, or sunny and 60 degree weather) is very important when students have spent the majority of the last 3 months indoors with cold weather. Ensuring you have responsible and sober members present and prepared to address issues, talking through a response plan with your leadership team and advisors, and communicating expectations to members and guests prior to the event are very helpful.
3. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your preparedness with our staff or other campus partners, please let the FSCL Team know.

B. Hazing Prevention and Intervention Strategies

1. If you see something, say something: Contact your headquarters or organization advisor; tell a parent, friend, professor, advisor, etc.; call or text 911
 - a) Fill out an incident report: <https://www.purdue.edu/fscl/>
 - b) Share this information with your members/new members.
2. Complete a Student of Concern Report: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?PurdueUniv&layout_id=12

C. Bystander Intervention and Sexual Assault Prevention Resources

1. Bystander Intervention is recognizing a potentially harmful situation or interaction and choosing to respond in a way that could positively influence the outcome. Here are some resources to help understand how to speak up and step in when you see something wrong.
 - a) [Dr. Alan Berkowitz - Bystander Intervention](#)
 - b) [It's On Us - Educational Tools](#)

- c) [CARE \(Center for Advocacy, Response & Education\)](#)

D. Mental Health

1. Mental Health is an undeniably important matter, yet most people don't have access to the resources they need or know where to turn when they need help. Here are some resources to share with chapter/house membership.
 - a) [60 Digital Resources for Mental Health](#)
 - b) [The College Student's Guide to Stress Management](#)
 - c) [CAPS \(Counseling & Psychological Services\)](#)
 - d) [QPR - Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training Sessions at Purdue](#)

E. Alcohol and Other Drugs

1. Alcohol and other drugs are substances many people will choose to consume or feel pressured to consume, and it is important for them to make informed decisions that will keep them safe. Here are some resources for understanding more about alcohol and other drugs.
 - a) [College Student Drinking](#)
 - b) [Calculate How Alcohol Affects You](#)
 - c) [Drug and Alcohol Helpline Live Chat](#) | 877.872.0540
 - d) [Recreation and Wellness at Purdue](#)

F. Safer Sex Week

1. From Sunday, February 25 to Wednesday, February 28 this week-long programming initiative provides members of Purdue's Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life community with a multifaceted approach to sex.
2. Topics covered will range from educational, medical health, socialization, religion and power-based personal violence prevention all to support one's sexual wellness.

IV. What is Happening on Campus?

A. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is officially Student Organization at Purdue

1. To celebrate this achievement and hit the ground running this semester, we would like to let you know about our flagship event, the Out of the Darkness Walk, which will be on Sunday April 7th. More details can be found at:
 - a) [Digital Flyer for Out of the Darkness Walk](#)
2. If able, we would greatly appreciate a donation to help us further our cause to create an uplifting campus environment dedicated to supporting each and every person struggling to navigate the pressures of today's world.
 - a) [Donation Link](#)

B. Activity Planning Forms (APF) Guidance

1. Please review this [guidance on APFs](#) to know when you need to register an event.

- a) Concerts - Please note that for a high profile or international artist, the APF and contracts must be submitted at least 90 days in advance of the event.
- b) Organization events/activities that include any travel outside of Tippecanoe County.

V. Save the Date

A. FSCL Advisor and Volunteer Meeting

- 1. Saturday, February 10th from 9:30-12:30 PM in Krach Leadership Center

B. New Member Orientation for IFC & PHA

- 1. Sunday, February 18th from 5-7 PM in WTHR 200 (subject to change)

C. New Member Orientation for MGC

- 1. Sunday, February 18th from 2pm-4:30pm in WALC 1018

D. Safer Sex Week

- 1. Sunday, February 25th to Wednesday, February 28th

E. Health & Safety Forum

- 1. Monday, March 26th from 6:30-8 PM in Fowler Hall, doors open at 6 PM

F. PCC New Member Educator Training

- 1. Monday, April 1st from 6-7 PM in KRCH 260

G. PCC's Inaugural Oaken Bucket Week

- 1. April 7th - April 12th

H. MGC's Annual Stroll Competition - Open to All

- 1. Sunday, April 21st

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- 1. Sunday, May 5 - Thursday, May 9th

VI. Action Items

- The FSCL Semester Report will be distributed by the end of the first week of February!**
- Student Organization Registration Process** must be renewed upon the election of new chapter/house officers: <https://www.purdue.edu/sao/organizationofficers/index.html>. This is happening now for most FSCL organizations.
- If you DO NOT have an active **Faculty/Staff Advisor** - you should begin looking for that person now so that your registration process is not delayed. https://www.purdue.edu/sao/Advisors/Expectations_of_Advisors.html