Student Organization Announcements

IMPORTANT! RIC Email Addresses for Student Organizations
All organizations should have received an email from Laurie Goff with information about RIC email addresses that have been set up for each organization. When you log into the account, remember to put ric-acad\ before the login name. It is important that you get used to using that account, as it will eventually be linked to your access to the online space reservation system, EMS. Until student organizations have access to log into the system, you can use the website, http://ricalendar.ric.edu/VirtualEMS/Default.aspx, to view space availability. Just click on the Browse button in the upper left-hand corner. Hopefully all organizations will be able to log into the online system next semester to submit space requests. We will notify all groups of this access as soon as it is ready.

Popcorn Machine
The Student Union has purchased a popcorn machine, which can be used by student organizations at events held in the Student Union. To request to use the machine, please contact the Director of the Student Union, Kristen Salemi, at ksalemi@ric.edu. Please note that you will need to meet with Kristen to go through a quick tutorial on proper machine use – we don't want anyone to burn down the building! Also, use of the machine depends on availability and the discretion of the Director.

Student Organization Showcase
The spring semester version of Campus Activities Day, known as Student Organization Showcase, will take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 12:30pm-2pm in the Student Union Ballroom. If you would like to reserve a table for the event, please e-mail Marissa at mweiss@ric.edu. Space is limited, so send your reservation request ASAP.

Student Union Organization Office Swipe Card Access
Many of you are aware that the Student Union has installed swipe card access on the organization offices. We hope that you enjoy this convenient upgrade! Please note that if there are any organization members that you would like to add to the list of those who have access, the organization president needs to give the names of the students to Dennis Sousa in Campus Card.

Black History Month 2010
If your program, department, office or organization is planning an event that you would like included on The Unity Center’s Black History Month calendar, please submit event details including title, sponsor, date, time & location, and a brief description by January 15, to agomes@ric.edu. Click here http://www.ric.edu/unitycenter/pdf/BHM_2010_EventSubmissionForm.doc for a downloadable pdf event submission form. To obtain additional information and/or assistance regarding Black History Month programming, visit our webpage www.ric.edu/unitycenter call 456-8791 or stop by The Unity Center (DDC lower level room 14).

Rhode Island Student Service Summit
Taking the Lead: Social Change Agents for the 21st Century
Friday, February 19, 2010 from 10am - 4pm college students from across Rhode Island will come together for the 2nd annual statewide student summit on community engagement, student leadership, service and service learning. College students have been called upon to provide leadership not only on their campuses
but also in Rhode Island communities. The goal of the RI Student Service Summit is for students to inspire and learn from each other and community members and to realize the power of working together towards positive goals for community achievement and change.

Highlights of the Summit include:
* Networking with college students in Rhode Island
* Student-led project presentations
* Breakout groups on Student Leadership
* Community member facilitated discussions on community based leadership


CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Student Activities Office is proud to announce the opening of nominations for the Second Annual Student Leadership Awards. Last year, thanks to many of you taking the time to submit nominations, we were able to recognize some outstanding student leaders. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members are welcome to submit nominations.

To submit a nomination, please go to http://www.ric.edu/student_activities/leadershipawards.php and click on the Online Nomination Form. Nominations are due by February 22, 2010. Nominators and nominees will be invited to attend the recognition ceremony on April 21, 2010.

Below are brief descriptions of the award categories. Complete details, including category criteria, can be found at http://www.ric.edu/student_activities/leadershipawards_awards.php. All nominees must be current Rhode Island College students in good academic standing.

**Individual Awards**

**Alan Chille Leadership Excellence**
Presented to graduating seniors who exemplify what it means to be a student leader.

**Vital Contribution to the Community**
Presented to undergraduate students who have shown that a community can be transformed through leadership and involvement.

**Campus Spirit**
Presented to undergraduate students who take pride in and embody the spirit of Rhode Island College and have inspired others to become engaged in the College and its mission.

**Rising Star**
Presented to undergraduate students who have shown great leadership potential. Although their leadership journey is in the beginning stages, they have gone above and beyond their assigned responsibilities and displayed great dedication and enthusiasm in their leadership roles.

**Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership**
Presented to graduate students who display a high level of professionalism, capacity to build community, passion, and integrity.

**Organization Awards**

**Organization Outreach**
Presented to student organizations that have formed successful partnerships with local, national, or international organizations in an effort to make a positive impact on society.

Please feel free to contact Joie Steele at 410-456-8469 or through email at jsteele@ric.edu with any questions. Thank you in advance for helping us to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Rhode Island College students.