Take a huge leap into the New Year!

This year is going to be awesome, I mean, for one, we get a whole extra day in it!

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and productive Christmas break. I certainly did. New is good because it gives hope. So, here’s hoping that this New Year brings with it a lot of beautiful, productive and fruitful things for you, your families, and especially, your student Clubs/Organizations.

This spring, you have the opportunity to start afresh and bring good things to your clubs as well as produce good things through your clubs. If fall semester was a successful one for your club, you can certainly improve upon that (Excellence is a lifestyle)! If things did not go so great, however (which is certainly part of the vagaries of life), you have this semester to make things up and exceed your expectations.

Leaders, remember that it is a new semester and therefore people are usually willing to check-out and try out new clubs. Don’t waste this opportunity! You need to make the most of it especially before people become so used to their routine and are less interested in trying out new things. Club Day has just been concluded, so reach out to those who signed up! Reach out and bring even those who did not sign up. Start hosting your events and let them truly be meaningful and worthy of having someone return to your club.

Also, remember that there are people who actually begin their college experience in the spring semester. I am a living example of that. And I know that obviously among about 4000 undergraduates, it is difficult to pick such people out, but this is just to encourage you to be a little more active in reaching out to students. There are such people around and if no one reaches out, they may be lost on where to start from. It’s certainly an extra challenge to begin college in the middle of the school year when everyone has already become well-adapted (or almost so) to the school system. Some ways of reaching out could be by having extra occasional informal club events/gatherings that do not require much planning, sending out logistics and such things in emails so club meeting times can be used more effectively, and using social media to stay engaged with people’s interests. These are just ideas. Feel free to do whatever suits you and your club best.

Have a Happy New Year and looking forward to hearing about the great things your clubs/student Organizations will do this year!

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Post-Club Day Catch up!

Winter Club Day was just concluded. Thank you all for coming out and for the clubs that hosted tables for the event, well done. Now the work begins!

Most of you are going to resume your club meetings in the coming days/next week, and so you need to remember a few things.

Follow up: Follow up! Follow up! Follow Up!!!

Take advantage of scholarship opportunities: Do you have club events you (and/or) your club members would like to attend? Make use of the Friedlander Family fund if you are not able to use money from your club budget for the program

Collaborate with clubs: Remember our campaign this year? #1DSyncWithOrgSync. Take advantage of the Club leaders Collaboration Group. Partner with other clubs and achieve your club goals!

Leading to serve: You are leaders in order to serve. Serve your club members well. Also encourage them to explore different clubs on campus. They can broaden their horizon that way.

Good luck with all your club endeavors and remember that you are not in this alone. The Office of Student Involvement is always here to help you!

We are @Xavierclubs on Instagram!

Take pictures of your club events and put them on social media with the hashtag: #Xavierclubs. Our Instagram name is @Xavierclubs. Feel free to mention us/tag us in your club pictures and we can repost your pictures on our page! Also, you can always rent out DSLR cameras from the Digital Media Lab for your events (The Digital Media Lab is on the 3rd floor of the CLC).

Oh, did you hear you whisper, that is still not enough? Also, there is more! If you believe that you want even the best of photography—i.e. the Xavier Photographers at your event—we can help you with that! Just let us know at the OIS office (You can meet Crystal or Muyiwa) in GSC Room 210 and we can request for a Xavier University Photographer to be sent to your event!

Also, we would love to have your pictures on OrgSync! Share your pictures in the Newsfeed or on your page on OrgSync and let the larger Xavier community see the awesome things your club is doing. This can inspire collaborations as well as attract people with similar interests to your club. So, start snapping and start posting!

SGA Budget Request will soon be available. Start gearing up to make your requests for your clubs!