Happy New Year! (Is that a thing for the school year too? Haha) Anyways, welcome back and hope you had an amazing summer. My name is Munyu Oyaotgun and I am the Student Organization and Programming Intern at the Office of Student Involvement. Congratulations on being (selected) leaders for your clubs; whether a first-timer or a returning officer on your club’s board, this is definitely an experience worth having and you should be proud of yourself and your team.

Most clubs have just recently had their first meeting and for those who have not, it’s time. Remember to keep your meetings meaningful. Have a clear plan for what you want to do at the meetings and make sure you follow through with your plans. Your meetings need not be rigid but they definitely should be filled with meaningful information/activities to keep your members engaged and interested. Also, be consistent with meetings. It is easier for people to remain consistent when they are aware there is a clear schedule and order for meeting times and that the meetings are productive.

Follow up with old/new members:
The last thing you want to do is have a good turnout at your first meeting and return to your club meetings with stagnant members as the only souls breathing in that room (Well I guess that would make for a really intimate club meeting. Um..no). So, follow up with your members. Email them thanking them for coming for the meeting or might them about time for the next meeting. Meet up with some new faces; you probably won’t be able to do with every new person. And that’s ok. But reach out somehow. Also don’t overwhelm people with emails/reminders because you are dealing with college students and I bet they’ll find a way to get themselves out of that mailing list.

Remember to use your resources:
You are not in this alone. I promise. Your club was not created for you to be “fully” independent and to go figure everything out on your own. Your club was created for purpose and success. So don’t be afraid to ask for help. Use your club advisors, use fellow leaders in other clubs. Remember, clubs are all divided into different sections (Academic, Cultural etc). Find clubs in the same section as you and ask for ideas or ways your clubs could team up if it is possible. And of course, reach out to the Office of Student Involvement. We are literally rooting for you all so you can BRANCH out and SHOOT for the stars because every great club LEAVES a mark in Xavier.

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Promoting On Campus: What’s New?

After all the changes and updates to campus this summer, student organizations have come away with a few new benefits! Although we are still hoping for more programming space, the opening of new hallways to both the Academic Mall and the Xavier Yard have provided us some places to hold meetings and options for hosting programs.

Along with space additions, there have been a few additional programs! A kiosk has been added to the new outdoor space between Fenwick and Hailstones. This kiosk will be available primarily for student organization flyer posting. Although this kiosk is new, we have two other student organizations have had access to it for a few years, one on the Academic Mall and one in front of Citrus. If you are interested in having your flyer displayed in any of these kiosks, simply drop off 1, 2, or 3 flyers to the Offices of Student Involvement and we’ll hang them for you (please allow at least one week before the start of any event).

After Hall gets a lot of foot traffic and is a great new place to advertise. A bulletin board has been provided in the entrance lobby for you to hang flyers. You’ve probably noticed glass dry-erase boards lining the hallways; get innovative with your advertising by bringing in your own dry-erase markers and leaving a message on a few blank boards. Write an invitation in a way that is compelling and invite your club to come to your meeting or leave the date, time, place, and details of YOUR event; get creative by drawing a picture or using a catchy phrase to grab people’s attention.

Although advertising in the dining hall is not new, there are a few changes to their process. Check out the Dining Services website at http://www.xavier.edu/office-of-student-involvement/important-dates.ORGSCalendar

Don’t forget to continue adding your events to the ORGSCalendar Community Calendar!

The Community Calendar on ORGSCalendar is the central location for all student organization events and activities as well as major activities sponsored by Xavier departments and offices.

To add an event, choose the Events tool on your organization’stoolkit. Next, select Create an Event in the top right of the page.

Storage Room Availability

Does your organization need a place to store stuff? Reserve storage space in the Student Organization Storage Room!

The storage room is accessible Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
year-round. You will receive a medium or large storage area (depending on your needs) labeled with your club name.

Reserve a bin by contacting Crystal Gufer, Student Organizations Coordinator, in the Office of Student Involvement. Availability is limited.