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| Hello Student Organization Leaders!Below is the Student Organization Newsletter for the month of February. 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. |

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| **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Resources**The Leadership and Service Center encourages your organization to get involved in diversity, equity and inclusion efforts and events on campus and to have critical conversations within your own organizations. Below are a number of resources and opportunities for you organization to learn more and engage with matters of diversity, equity and inclusion.OMSA: [The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/multicultural_student_affairs/) has a variety of resources to share with your organization members, as well as upcoming events that you can view on their [Garnet Gate](https://garnetgate.sa.sc.edu/organization/omsa/events) page. Their upcoming events for the month of February are listed below:* **Every Thursdsay:** Q'afe: LGBTQ+ Thursday Socials | 7:00 p.m. | Intersection Multicultural Lounge
* **Monday, Feb. 22:** Queer/Trans People of Color Affinity Group | 7:00 p.m. | Intersection Multicultural Lounge
* **Tuesday, Feb. 23:** Student SafeZone Workshop | 4:30 p.m. | Online

Roundtable: This month's Student Organization Roundtable will be on Wednesday, February 24 from 3-4 p.m.! This roundtable will be presented by a Peer Educator from the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs on the topic of "LGBTQ+ 101: Building Inclusive Communities." Register on Garnet Gate or by using this [link](https://garnetgate.sa.sc.edu/event/6748767).https://mcusercontent.com/c2efb689d8746de78f05497a6/images/d7731c00-86ef-44c7-b77e-2d3babdd65d6.pngCreating Meaningful Dialogues Guide: The Leadership and Service Center has also created this guide to "[Creating Meaningful Dialogue](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/documents/creating_meaningful_dialogue_guide.pdf)" that could be useful in conversations with your organization.**Garnet Gate Roster Update**Verified records of student organization memberships are collected in each student’s [**My U*of*SC Experience**](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/advising/advisor_toolbox/advising_technology/myuofsc_experience/index.php), a university platform which records the many experiences both for credit and not for credit that students engage in while at UofSC. In order for your organization members to have their involvement included in**My U*ofSC* Experience**, it is your responsibility as an organization to verify your roster is up to date for Spring 2021 and that it reflects your active membership. The accuracy and integrity of these student records is essential.  Only records of membership that have been verified will be collected in **My U*of*SC Experience**. Click [here](https://www.loom.com/share/cfb172079fcf4db7953371a57cf8f647) for a video showing how to complete this process through the manage portal in Garnet Gate.**Student Organization Toolbox**Head over to the Leadership and Service Center's website for resources on promotion/publicity, event planning and group leadership in our [Organization Toolbox](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/student_organizations/organization_toolbox/index.php)!**Leadership and Service Awards**The Leadership and Service Awards are designed to recognize the leadership of students, student organizations and faculty and staff members. These awards recognize outstanding Gamecocks who exemplify leadership or community service. Click [here](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/awards_and_recognition/leadership_and_service_awards/index.php)to learn more about the different awards and for nominations. Nominations will close on Feb. 12 and applications close on Feb. 19. https://mcusercontent.com/c2efb689d8746de78f05497a6/images/1f7164e2-4452-4325-b7c5-b98d5c47e8b2.jpg**Close Family Emerging Leaders Program (CFELP)**The Close Family Emerging Leaders Program (CFELP) is a multi-step introduction to leadership that explores various aspects of leadership and helps students understand what it means to be a leader at the University of South Carolina. Participants learn more about themselves, enhance their skills, and develop a plan to exercise leadership on campus and in the community. Click [here](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/leadership_development/carolinalead/index.php)to learn more and to register. https://mcusercontent.com/c2efb689d8746de78f05497a6/images/61bca55a-2ee8-49a0-99b4-08bbb389b8cc.png**Service Saturday**Service Saturday is a monthly service day where volunteers can choose from a range of service sites. This month's date is Feb. 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](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/service_opportunities/volunteering/service_saturdays/index.php). If you have any questions, contact Megan Michener in the Leadership and Service Center. |

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