



Student Organization Leadership Development Workshops

Monday, August 25th

Student Organization Fundraising Starts Here!

Carla Landeo-McQuide, Associate Director | Philanthropic Giving & Digital Initiatives

Kendall Nelson, Assistant Director | Philanthropic Giving & Digital Initiatives

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 12:15pm

Join us for an informative and practical session on fundraising for your student organization! Discover the wide range of fundraising opportunities available, learn how to navigate the submission process, and explore the tools and resources designed to support your success. Whether you're just getting started or looking to enhance your current efforts, this session will provide the guidance and strategies you need to plan effective campaigns, meet your goals, and make a lasting impact.

Cultivating Connections

Dr. Gisela Vega, Director | LGBTQ Student Center

Tony Williams, Director | Multicultural Student Affairs

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 5pm

As a student leader, YOU are an extension of the U. The student leader role is one that holds great importance and value. In this session, you will walk away with innovative ways to enhance and promote your student organizations that will allow students to cultivate connections here on campus.

Tuesday, August 26th

From Student Leader to Workplace Hero: Unleashing your Transferable Superpowers

Joanna Hsu Chen, Assistant Director of Career Engagement | Toppel Career Center

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 12:30pm

Being a student leader is the first step to gaining lifelong skills that are required to be successful in the workplace. During this interactive session, students will identify their transferable superpowers – skills gained throughout your college experience such as technology, teamwork, and problem-solving. By the end of this session, you'll be able to market your skills to employers and graduate schools while interviewing for your next career aspiration.

Help Your Advisor Help You — Planning Events with Intention and Clarity

Gabrielle Perez, Assistant Director | Butler Center for Service & Leadership

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 5:00pm

Planning a student event can be exciting—but turning a great idea into a successful program takes clear communication, intentional planning, and collaboration. This session will help student leaders translate their event vision into a structured plan that advisors and team members can easily support. Participants will learn how to align their events with their organization's mission, develop detailed action plans with clear roles and timelines, and create a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to guide execution and ensure continuity. Whether you're planning your first event or looking to improve your group's planning process, this workshop will equip you with tools to better communicate your ideas, delegate responsibilities, and make it easier for your advisor to advocate for and assist your group effectively.

Wednesday, August 27th

Creating Magic: 10 Leadership Strategies from Disney

Mike Baumhardt, Senior Director | Orientation and Commuter Student Involvement

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 12:15pm

This session will focus on your personal and professional development through leadership strategies and principles taught at the world-renowned Disney Institute and written in Lee Cockerell's book, *Creating Magic*. These concepts will allow you to reflect on your leadership skills and knowledge and further apply this to your future leadership endeavors and in your student organizations.

Remember Why YOU Started

Francine Coker, Associate Director | Student Activities & Student Organizations

Lindsey Goldstien, Associate Director | Butler Center for Service and Leadership

Shalala Student Center | Iron Arrow Room | 5pm

Learn how to lead your club/organization with purpose! This presentation will feature Simon Sinek's "Start with Why" model for student organization leaders to remember the heart of their organization. Student leaders will learn how to define their "Why" to foster a brighter community where innovation thrives and every member is empowered to reach their full potential. Also, they will learn strategies to elevate the vision of their student organization and continue to grow.

Thursday, August 28th

Better Understanding Conflict

Dean Ryan Holmes | Assoc. VP, Student Affairs and Dean of Students

University Center | 2300A | 12:30pm

In all interpersonal relationships, to include organizational leadership, conflicts will surface. With that, how you effectively work with and resolve conflict is up to all involved. Do you know your conflict style? How can context change the conflict style you use? This short session seeks to help you better understand conflict (and the positive aspects of it) as you seek to strengthen your leadership style and organization.

4D Thinking

David Mullings, B.S. '00, M.B.A. '03, President Elect | University of Miami Alumni Association

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 5:00pm

David Mullings is chairman and CEO of Blue Mahoe Holdings, Inc., a private investment firm focused on affordable housing and asset management with a strong Caribbean focus. As an entrepreneur, David credits his tenacity, competitiveness, and drive to the discipline of his early roots in Jamaica. He is the President-Elect of the Alumni Board of Directors and graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Miami at the young age of 19. He then played football (soccer) with Real Mona F.C. in Jamaica, returning to graduate school and completing his M.B.A. at the University of Miami Patti and Allan Herbert Business School at the age of 22, with concentrations in marketing and international business. Join David for a session on how you can become a top 0.1% leader in today's evolving world.

Friday, August 29th

Student Organization Store and SAFAC Fund Utilization Information Session

Thierry Bien-Aime, Manager, Business and Financial Operations | Student Activities & Student Organizations

Isabella Delabat, Sr. Financial Assistant | Student Activities & Student Organizations

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 12:15pm

The Student Organization Store and SAFAC Fund Utilization Information Session will discuss how clubs and organizations are able to utilize the Store for their e-commerce activities as well as how they are able to access their SAFAC approved funds. We will go over the functionalities of the Student Org Store and commonly asked questions regarding its use. Join us as we share the benefits of the Store as an on-campus resource to student organizations.

Power Tools for Student Leaders: Using What's Already in Your Toolbox

Adriana Gonzalez, Chair | Committee on Student Organizations

Stephanie Castillo, Vice-Chair | Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 5:00PM-6:00PM

Managing a student org. is no easy task. Whether it's leading your e-board, planning, and executing events, or submitting a budget, being a president may feel overwhelming. But it doesn't have to be! Join us for an engaging session where COSO and SAFAC will share their insider tips and strategies to help you maximize university resources, streamline your processes, and lead your organization with confidence. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to turn your challenges into triumphs and take your student org to the next level!

Tuesday, September 2nd

Promoting Your Student Organization

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 12:30PM

Jenny Hudak, Director, Strategic Communications | University Communications

Gaby Torna, Marketing Specialist | Student Affairs Communications and Marketing

Tracy Pottker-Fishel, Communications Specialist | Student Affairs Communications and Marketing

Come engage in best practices on how to promote your student org and strengthen our University of Miami brand. Student Affairs Communications and Marketing partnered with University Communications to bring you the information need to market your brand, while keeping the University spirit.

Make it Count: Turn Your Activities into LinkedIn Badges & Beyond with Cane Commitment

Vanessa Velis Barbieri, Program Director | Cane Commitment

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 5:00PM-6:00PM

Student organizations provide hands-on learning that helps students build lifelong skills. In this session, students will learn how to add their activities to Cane Commitment, expanding their reach and translating experiences into skill development recognized with LinkedIn badges across five key competencies. By participating, students gain access to tools such as QR codes for event attendance and an experiential learning record that showcases their undergraduate journey for their future endeavors. Cane Commitment highlights the value of experiential learning in campus life and student engagement, while helping students plan, track, and articulate their academic, professional, and personal goals.

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Mission Possible: The Student Leader's Guide to Sanity

Adriana Gonzalez, Chair | Committee on Student Organizations

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Thursday, September 4th

Event Magic: Transform Ideas into Unforgettable Experiences

Francine Coker, Associate Director | Student Activities & Student Organizations

Holly Miller, Assistant Director | Student Activities & Student Organizations

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 12:30pm

The event planning process is a powerful tool for student leaders aiming to make a lasting impact. It begins with identifying a meaningful goal, followed by brainstorming innovative ideas that resonate with the campus community. Strategic planning ensures resources are efficiently managed, while collaboration with peers and campus stakeholders amplifies the reach and influence of the event.

The Leader's Seat: Student Leaders Unplugged

Shalala Student Center | Senate Room | 5pm

This panel of experienced student leaders will share their experiences, challenges, and advice with attendees. Bring your questions to this collaborative conversation on how to thrive as a leader at UM.

Friday, September 5th

X Marks the Spot: Unlocking Student Leadership Treasure

Parth Agarwal, Chair | Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee

Shalala Student Center | East Ballroom | 12:15PM

Treasurers are the superheroes of your organization's financial success! Join us for Treasurer Training, where you can ask all your burning questions and dive into the world of SAFAC budgets, guidelines, and the treasure trove of resources at your disposal. This fun and interactive session will arm you with everything you need to keep your organization's finances in tip-top shape. Don't miss out—let's make managing money a breeze!

Surviving the Storm: A Guide to Student Leadership Success

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Stephanie Castillo, Vice-Chair | Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee

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To fulfill the SOLD requirements and remain in good standing, each organization's president must attend the mandatory SOLD Summit on Saturday, August 23rd. In addition, any members of the executive board must attend a total of three of the workshops listed above. Attendees may sign in on behalf of more than one student organization as long as they are an executive board member of both. For more information, please contact coso_chair@miami.edu.