

PC STUDENT LEADERSHIP DIGEST

Informing the leaders of today, inspiring the leaders of tomorrow



KATHLEEN DURKIN spends much of her time at St. Dominic Chapel, where she helps plan and participates in Campus Ministry programming

New Year Resolution: Get Involved!

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Whether you are a new face on campus or a returning PC student, the beginning of the academic year always bears new possibilities and opportunities.

Getting involved in campus life can improve student learning, transition to campus (or back to campus after a summer away), and the overall student experience. So make it your "New Year Resolution" to get involved in at least one new thing this fall.

Here are a few ways to start (or continue) the involvement process at PC:

Do Your Homework

Check out the SAIL Office's webpage (<http://www.providence.edu/Student+Life/Student+Activities/SAIL+Office/>) for a list of campus clubs and organizations. Contact the office at x2211, sail@providence.edu, or by stopping in to get contact information for most groups' executive board members.

Learn More Firsthand

Attend this semester's Involvement Fair (see ad on page 2) to learn more about what's offered in campus activities and to sign up for a club or organization (or several). Then attend different club and organization meetings to see which groups are the right fit for you.

Think Outside the Box

Getting involved does not just mean joining clubs and organizations. You should:

- Consider signing up for an intramural sport with your roommates, floormates, or on your own.
- Visit Campus Ministry or the Feinstein Center to learn more about service activities you can get involved with in the local community.
- Attend an event sponsored by an academic department, PC Athletics, Residence Life, the SAIL Office, or other campus offices to make connections with students, faculty and staff.

Get involved in at least one new thing this semester and you can be certain you will not regret it! ●

Student Leader of the Month: Kathleen Durkin '10

John Burke '11G, SAIL

When Kathleen Durkin came to Providence College in September 2006, she faced uncertainties that are experienced by many freshmen. Fortunately for Kathleen, she had a strong core of friends and family to guide her and provide her with advice. "My parents gave me so much - the opportunity to grow up. My two older sisters were also wonderful role models," she recalls. Kathleen also credits her upperclassmen friends for helping her find her niche on campus.

It did not take Kathleen long to quell her uncertainties and become immersed in service and leadership activities including Best Buddies, Campus Ministry, and New Student Orientation. Her freshman year, she participated in the Connections Retreat, during which Kathleen formed true friendships, transforming herself and others. Since then, she has also become a Student Minister, serving as a spiritual role model for other students.

Kathleen is a student worker in the SAIL Office, where her co-workers affectionately refer to her as "Ms. SAIL Office." There, Kathleen provides invaluable assistance in the planning of student events.

Some of Kathleen's best memories in her three years at PC were made the summer before her junior year, when she served as an Orientation Leader. The close bonds she formed with her fellow leaders and the incoming students really stayed with her. As a testament to her enthusiasm to help others, Kathleen was chosen as one of five Orientation Coordinators for this year's Orientation program. Her primary area of focus was service programming - or more specifically, the new Building Bridges program. According to Durkin: "Orientation has been a labor of love. The Building Bridges program is something that makes me feel very proud."

Kathleen's leadership roles at PC are apparent. But even she admits that she has faced some challenges along the way. "Spreading myself too thin has sometimes been an issue. I am not always able to devote one hundred percent to everything," she claims.

As a psychology major, Kathleen plans on pursuing a Masters in Social Work. No matter where she ends up, she wants to use her experiences at PC to help others.

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Student Leader of the Month Fact Sheet

Hometown: Basking Ridge, NJ

Favorite TV Shows: *How I Met Your Mother* and *The Office*

Favorite Thing to do in Providence: Walking and exploring downtown

Favorite Fictional Leader: Elizabeth Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*

Favorite "Real Life" Leader: Pope John Paul II

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized as "Student Leader of the Month"? We want to hear from YOU!

Visit the Student Leadership webpage or the SAIL Office for a nomination form

Nominations accepted on a rolling basis

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"My lifelong dream is to be truly happy and content serving others," she says.

Kathleen believes that everything happens for a reason. She wishes to remind students that even small acts of service can go a long way. She also wants others to remember the words of Mother Teresa: "We ourselves feel that what we

are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Kathleen—best of luck in all of your endeavors and congratulations on being selected September's "Student Leader of the Month!" ●

Event Planning 101

A Step by Step Approach

Compiled by Leslie J. Heller, SAIL

Step 1: Brainstorm

Work together as a group to figure out the event's theme and purpose. Think carefully about a date and location - taking major campus events, holidays, and space availability into consideration.

Step 2: Use Your Resources

Meet with your club or organization's advisor and your SAIL Office Resource Advisor to go over event planning details well in advance.

Step 3: Budget

Do your research and figure out exactly how much the event will cost to put on. Remember that time equals money, so ordering early could mean savings. Do not forget to include some funds for incidentals along the way.

Step 4: Consider Co-Sponsorship

Brainstorm other student groups or campus departments that might be interested in assisting with your event. Co-sponsorship is not always about funding; it could mean help with advertising, setup and breakdown, or group attendance.

Step 5: Make a Timeline

Work with the members of your group to determine a timeline and tasks to be completed before the event. Divide up the tasks and utilize the members of your group and any co-sponsors to get the ball rolling.

Step 6: Reserve Your Space

Using the College's reservation system - Resource25 - reserve your event space well in advance. To set-up a new account, email Victoria Moschou (vmoschou@providence.edu).

Step 7: Start Booking

Talk to on or off-campus performers and vendors to find out their availability and to get a price quote. Work with your SAIL Office Resource Advisor to find suggested vendors and to complete and approve all contracts. Remember that students may not make commitments until an event is approved, **cannot** sign contracts, and cannot pay performers in cash!

Step 8: Advertise

Utilize posters and flyers to get the word out on paper. (Do not forget to get approval from the SAIL Office to post on the kiosks, and Residence Life to post in the halls.) Send a Powerpoint slide to tincanta@providence.edu to have your event posted in the Access PC slide rotation. Email a blurb to sail@providence.edu - including the "who, what, where, when" - to be included in the SAIL Digest and weekly table tents. Use Facebook events and groups to get the word out on the web. And last but not least, do not forget the value of "word of mouth"!

Step 9: Put Strategy Into Action

Assign tasks for club members and any co-sponsors working the event to make sure all bases are covered that day. Be sure to leave ample time for event setup and breakdown. Finally - do not forget to clean up after yourselves and your attendees.

Step 10: Take Notes

After the event ends, take note of your group's impressions of what worked and what did not. Remember that no event is perfect, and that even the best events can stand for improvement now and again. If you think you will repeat the event, leave good records to ensure that next year's is even better! ●

Club & Organization Leaders: Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, September 17th

Treasurer Training

7:00-8:00pm, Feinstein 400

Required for the treasurers of all groups funded by Student Congress

Wednesday, September 23rd

Hazing Education Workshops

'64 Hall

6:00pm - Organizations beginning with the letters A-I
8:00pm - Organizations beginning with the letters J-Z

Required of at least two officers from each campus organization

Monday, September 28th

Club Executive Board Training

4-8pm, Slavin Center

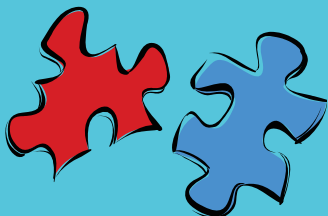
Required of all club officers

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

PROVIDENCE
COLLEGE

2009 Orientation Staff

FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



Find where you fit in

Attend the fall
Involvement Fair

Thursday, September 17
4:00-7:00pm

'64 Hall and Upper Slavin Center

WRITERS WANTED

The SAIL Office is always looking for contributors to the PC Student Leadership Digest

If you have an interest in leadership and a strong writing ability, please send a brief writing sample to lheller@providence.edu

Want even more information about leadership @ PC?

Visit the L3 webpage:
<http://www.providence.edu/Student+Life/Student+Activities/Student+Leadership/>

Join the Lifelong Leadership @ PC Facebook group