Happy Monday Emerging Leaders,

I hope everyone had a great weekend! Mine was filled with screaming at my television while watching my college basketball March Madness bracket slowly deteriorate with each passing game. If you share my frustration and misery, just know that you're not alone. And if you managed to survive relatively unscathed, well...

**IMPORTANT EL INFO**

**Females:** Our Lunch with a Leader Women's Luncheon is this **Wednesday, March 23rd at 12:30** in the UC River Room. The speaker is **Renee White, CFO of Oak Hall**, and she is a young alumna of U of M who is actively involved in a variety of community organizations! Needless to say, this is a great opportunity to hear some valuable insight from a young, female U of M grad who has been extremely successful within the Memphis community! To RSVP please click on this link: [http://goo.gl/forms/lgjIORT1sC](http://goo.gl/forms/lgjIORT1sC)

**Lunch with a Leader TONIGHT:** For those of you who have wanted a L w/a L later in the evening now is your chance! It will be tonight starting a 6 in the Rose Theater! For more information, please scroll down.

**LeaderShape:**
The LeaderShape® Institute is an intensive, energizing, integrity-based educational experience designed to equip young adults to become extraordinary leaders.

Much of the week's work is done in small groups called "Family Clusters," which create a safe, supportive learning environment that allows participants to work together, form close friendships, and benefit from new perspectives. Each student in the cluster works to define his/her personal vision - an extraordinary commitment to changing or contributing to the world in a positive way.

Dynamic, challenging, and exciting, the week is intended to produce a breakthrough in the leadership capacity
of participants - benefiting the students themselves, their respective organizations, and the institutions that they will go on to lead and serve in the future.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me or to stop by the LEAD Center.

For more information and to apply:
http://www.memphis.edu/leadership/social/index.php

**Outstanding Fr, So, & Jr Nominations:** You have an Emerging Leader in mind that has gone above and beyond their responsibilities? They always seemingly have a great attitude? They embody what it means to be an Emerging Leader? Well, here is your chance to recognize that individual! If you have someone in mind, please email me that individual's name as well as a short explanation as to why you think that person should receive that recognition.

**PLRA Nominations:** The University of Memphis President's Leadership Recognition Awards ceremony on April 24th, 2016 will honor students, advisors, and registered student organizations for exemplary leadership and service on campus and in the community during the 2015-2016 academic year. To nominate students, advisors, and registered student organizations please visit the Student Leadership & Involvement page on Tiger Zone or follow the links below to nominate for each award.

2016 Dr. William E. Porter RSO Advisor of the Year Award
https://memphis.collegiatelink.net/form/start/94853
2016 PLRA Student Leader of the Year Award
https://memphis.collegiatelink.net/form/start/94876
2016 PLRA Organization of the Year Award
https://memphis.collegiatelink.net/form/start/94878
2016 All Other Organization Awards
https://memphis.collegiatelink.net/form/start/94882
2016 All Other Individual Awards
https://memphis.collegiatelink.net/form/start/94890

These applications are due by the end of Friday night!!

**Seniors:** A friendly reminder that your Emerging Leader Graduation is coming up and you must RSVP by April 1st. Thank you.

**Sophomores:** A friendly reminder to those of you who have to do the alternative assignment that it is due April 15.

**Lunch with A Leader Dates**

March 21, 2016 @ 6PM – 7PM, Rose Theatre Entertainment Lobby
Speaker: Issac Rodriguez, Co-Founder & CEO of SweetBio, Inc.

March 23, 2016 @ 12:30PM – 2PM, UC River Room
Speaker: Women’s History Month Luncheon
April 7, 2016 @ 1PM – 2PM, UC Bluff  
Speaker: Stan Joyner, Mayor of Collierville

April 15, 2016 @ 1PM – 2PM, UC Shelby  
Speaker: Diane Terrell, Vice President, Community Engagement & Executive Director of Grizzlies Foundation

SERVICE LEARNING  
Looking for more ways to volunteer?? Then check out Tiger Volunteer Network on Tiger Zone (https://memphis.collegiatelink.net/organization/tigervolunteernetwork). This is a great resource for you all to find service opportunities. This page is now being updated consistently with any agencies that reach out to us looking for volunteers. We are also trying to incorporate the monthly Volunteer Odyssey newsletter in the News portion as well.  

This is a phenomenal resource if you are struggling finding ways to volunteer or if you want to serve your community more! I encourage all of you to check it out.

LUNCH WITH A LEADER ALTERNATIVES

Serve901: is hosting a couple Urban Issues Panels this March. Each panel will bring together a variety of Memphis leaders who are working for change and renewal in our city. Panel members will contribute their expertise around issues like criminal justice, community development, working with refugee communities and more. The panel will take place at Living Hope Church (815 N McLean) from 6:30-9:00pm each time. There will be different panel themes each week and dinner will be served from 6:30-7:15pm. The panel will start at 7:15pm. You can visit the EventBrite links below for each week to purchase tickets for your group (dinner included in the price):

March 22nd: Navigating Urban Disparities  https://www.eventbrite.com/e/navigating-urban-disparities-tickets-22118514071

REGISTERED STUDENT ORG. UPDATES

SEA Applications: They are now online on Tiger Zone!

Tiger Elite: Ambassador applications are now available for the 2016-2017 school year. The applications are due on Wednesday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m. in 101 Wilder Tower. Applications can be picked up in 101 Wilder Tower.

Here is a little more information about what they do:  
"Tiger Elite Ambassadors work with us throughout the school year on many recruitment efforts. They are instrumental in our large-scale events like Campus Day for High School Seniors, and they do a variety of one-on-one visits with high-ability students."

If you love this university and want to interact with prospective students and families in order to sell them on what it means to be a U of M Tiger, then this job may be perfect for you!

As always, if you have anything you would like to promote for any of your organizations then please fill out this google form. Fill out the categories that apply to whatever you wish to promote and then I will make sure to add your event onto the next weekly email. Here is the link: http://goo.gl/forms/iOglYU7egH
Lastly, International Day of Happiness was yesterday...

Therefore let us not forget that no matter how stressful life may get, how angry or sad we may become, everything is going to be alright! And along those lines, each day I encourage you all to AT LEAST take 30 minutes for yourselves. Watch Netflix, work out, go lay in a field of grass and take a selfie, whatever it may be! You all owe that to yourselves to do so.

Have a great Monday,

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