Emerging Leader Weekly Newsletter April 11, 2016

Happy Monday Emerging Leaders,

I hope everyone had a great weekend! The weather was fantastic, the crawfish were abundant, and the Grizzlies were THAT close to beating the Warriors (redemption this Wednesday??). With that being said, here is some information to start your week on the right note:

**IMPORTANT EL INFO**

**Reflections Update: A message from Justin**

"As you all know, written reflections submitted at the end of each semester are a program requirement. The intent for these reflections is to think about and plan for your development as a leader. Recently, we have updated the reflection process to better coincide with a model concentrating on Leadership Identity Development (LID model).

Effective this semester, your reflections will have an individual focus on the following areas:
Community service
Organizational Involvement
Personal Leadership Development

The intent is to separate experiences based on contribution to leadership growth and comprehension related to the LID Model. The goal is also to increase awareness of the LID model related to personal development and career presentation. We want you to view this is a development process not as something you merely submit to retain scholarship. It will also give us a better opportunity to gauge where you are in this model and how we can advise for future engagement.

The new forms, that will include the updated reflections, will be up on our new page on Tiger Zone that Brian invited you all to several weeks ago. More information, about the LID model will provided in next week’s newsletter and timelines. If you have any questions or concerns please email Brian and he will answer any question(s) that you may have."

**Tiger Zone:** As mentioned above, we are now on Tiger Zone! You all should have gotten an invite from me weeks ago to join. It is ESSENTIAL that you are all on Tiger Zone and accepted the invite to be a part of the EL page.

**LeaderShape:**

The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement is actively seeking applicants for LeaderShape May 8-13, 2016. 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. Below are two testimonials from former LeaderShape participants.

"I graduated from the LeaderShape Institute in May of 2015 and it was one of the best experiences of my college career. I did not know what to expect from this experience when I signed up. We were quickly introduced to the unique culture of LeaderShape and our camp facilitators who made the experience worthwhile. The camp soon transformed from a group of strangers to a group of expressive and innovative leaders. This experience was very different from participating in other UoM events such as Frosh Camp, Professional Connections, or Leadership Exchange. I made various lasting friendships through my family cluster and with other participants that I could have never gained through any other medium. I am very thankful for the experience and I highly encourage others to participate because you will definitely gain many experiences and grow as a leader and college student." - Rocio Agundis

“LeaderShape positively impacted me in so many ways. It challenged me to step out of my comfort zone, work with different people, and learn more about myself. I grew so much from one week and would do it all over again! Everyone there is very supportive and you will make a lot of new friends. You also get an opportunity to network with a few inspiring and great leaders around the Memphis community. I guarantee that you will get a positive outcome from this amazing program.” – Marisa Haynes

Application information is located here: https://leadershape.org/Applications/Apply/3304

Program information is here  http://www.memphis.edu/leadership/social/index.php

Applications are due April 13, 2016. If you have additional questions contact Zach Carr  zcarr@memphis.edu

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

**SERVICE LEARNING**

Several of you have reached out to me because you are struggling to come up with community service hours as this semester quickly comes to an end. If you are having a hard time, please check this out:

This is a list of 10 volunteer opportunities in the month of April that Volunteer Odyssey and the I Love Memphis blog has posted about how to end the academic year strong with service! We have posted the link on Tiger Zone:


**LUNCH WITH A LEADER ALTERNATIVES**

Please check with Zach or me beforehand if you have questions about a speaker counting or not!

**REGISTERED STUDENT ORG. UPDATES**

*University of Memphis German Department:*
Music in Flight: Dr. Andrea Orzoff from New Mexico State University will speak about Exiles, Refugees, Fugitives, and the Politics of Music in Latin America. This speaker will take place today, April 11, 2:30 PM Manning Hall Auditorium. For more information about Dr. Orzoff, her bio is attached above!

Senior Class Gift:
-Senior Week is this week, April 11-14, taking place in the Alumni Mall each day from 12-2pm. Here is a quick synopsis of the week:

Today: Wieners for Seniors
Tuesday: Bake Sale
Wednesday: Career Day
Thursday: Play with a Puppy
Friday night at 5pm: Senior class night at the U of M softball game

For more information about each event, please see the attached document!

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,

I'm sure some of you have a countdown going. How much longer do we have? A month? Few weeks? Regardless, keep up the great work!

Happy Monday,

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