

Student Organization Kickstart to Campus Challenge

The Kickstart to Campus Challenge is a program to engage student organizations to connect with their members, adapt operations, and initiate collaborations with fellow organizations. This virtual, three-week program will help student organization leaders and members prepare for autumn semester 2020.

With our recent physical separation during spring and summer, many students may be feeling disengaged from their student organizations and other co-curricular activities. Many of our regular operations have been altered or paused, member motivations may be low, and connecting with others requires a different approach in our virtual environments.

It is essential that student organizations are proactive in planning for the upcoming year. Grounded in the [Student Organization Success Framework](#), the Kickstart to Campus Challenge offers a simple and engaging plan for organization leaders to guide their teams through this time of uncertainty and change.

Kickstart to Campus Challenge Overview

The Kickstart to Campus Challenge will run from August 2-22, 2020. Each week, student orgs will engage in a specific activity. Guidance will be provided so that org leaders can facilitate conversation among members. After completing each activity, org leaders will submit a brief re-cap and opportunity to ask questions. Student Activities staff will answer all submitted questions.

Challenge Week One | August 2-8 | The Show Must Go On

Activity: Host a virtual meeting with the leadership team of your student organization

Activity Goals: Discuss organization operations, programs, and internal processes

Time Needed: 45 minutes

Suggested Questions:

- Which of our operations need to change to a virtual format? For example: meetings, elections, recruitment.
- Which of our programs need to be offered virtually? Do any of our programs need to be cancelled?
- As organization leaders, what do we need to change about the way we fulfill our individual roles, work together as a team, and communicate?

Submit Re-cap and Questions: [Submit your Week One re-cap and questions](#)



Challenge Week Two | August 9-15 | Family Reunion

Activity: Host a virtual meeting with all members of your student organization

Activity Goals: Facilitate discussion to share experiences, talk about how to support one another, reevaluate goals for the coming year, and share new ideas

Time Needed: 45 minutes

Suggested Questions:

- What is one word to describe how you are feeling right now?
- How are you feeling about the upcoming year? What are you looking forward to? What concerns you?
- How can we support one another during the upcoming semester?
- Which of our goals for the year are still important? Which may not be as important right now?
- What opportunities are there for us to do things differently? What new things will we try?

Submit Re-cap and Questions: [Submit your Week Two re-cap and questions](#)

Challenge Week Three | August 16-22 | Stronger Together

Activity: Host a combined virtual meeting with the members of your student organization and another student organization

- Search the online directory: go.osu.edu/FindAStudentOrg
- Connect with orgs that your members are also in
- Contact csls@osu.edu for recommendations of orgs looking to collaborate
- Submit an announcement to the Student Org Insider to make a connection

Activity Goals: Engage in discussion to share information, highlight successes, reflect on current events, and make a plan for future connections

Time Needed: 45 minutes

Suggested Questions:

- Share your organization's purpose, organization structure, and membership.
- Share your organization's programs or initiatives you are most proud of.
- How have events of the past few months affected your organization and members?
- How can our organizations support and work with each other?

Submit Re-cap and Questions: [Submit your Week Three re-cap and questions](#)

After the Challenge | Autumn Semester 2020 | Together As Buckeyes

Check out these available resources:

- Safe and Healthy Buckeyes: safeandhealthy.osu.edu
- Student Org Guidance Document: go.osu.edu/StudentOrgGuidance
- Student Org Essentials virtual programs: go.osu.edu/StudentOrgProgramming
- Student Org Office Hours: activities.osu.edu/involvement/student_organizations

