

Greetings!

Mandel Council 2019 is excited to roll out the second edition of *The Mandel Monthly*, our way to open a line of communication between ourselves and the student body. See below for exciting updates!

## March in Review

### **Council Achievements**

- Facilitated committee placements and the reactivation of student groups, including the Black Student Association! Be on the lookout for more information in April!
- Collaborated with faculty and administration on the development of organizational values.
- Assisted in the revision process for [student group websites](#).
- Continued to fund student-led activities.
- Engaged prospective and incoming students at the Mandel School's March Open House Event.

### **GSC Representatives**

- Attended monthly Graduate Student Council meeting.

### **Brittany Rabb, Executive Director**

- Met with faculty candidates.
- Attended the NASW Annual Gala to represent the MSASS student body.
- Facilitated council meetings and voting processes.

### **Lindsey Gopinath, Director of Communications**

- Tabled for student groups at the Mandel School's March Open House Event.
- Contributed to The Mandel Monthly.
- Promoted campus-wide events via social media.

### **Rhonda Jones, Director of Programming**

- Began to engage with new and existing student groups to review bylaws and set them up for success.

### **Rebecca Smucker, Director of Finance**

- Facilitated funding requests from students and student groups .
- Dispersed funds to student groups/events that were awarded funding by the council:
  - Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Group's Dimensions of Disability event
  - Mandel Council's Mandel Mingle event
  - Collective Action's Spring Arts-in-Action community conversation

### **Sean O'Brien, MNO Representative**

- Provided invaluable insight in Mandel Council meetings from the perspective of MNO students.

### **James Ankeny, Intensive Weekend Representative**

- Revised Mandel Council Constitution.
- Advocated on behalf of Intensive Weekend student interests.
- Participated in advancing the interest of the Social Work role for the Student Run Health Clinic .

### **Abigail Schranz, Online Representative**

- Designed t-shirts for council, so that we are easily recognizable at events.
- Collaborated with other online students to begin the reactivation process for a student group.

### **Xinyuan Cui, International Student Representative**

- Provided invaluable insight in Mandel Council meetings from the perspective of international students.

### **Shannon Gardener, GSC Representative**

- Assisted with social media engagement.
- Began planning May social event for students - mark your calendar for May 4th!

### **Bridie McDonough and Donovan Young, GSC Representatives**

- Facilitated a successful first event where students engaged in meaningful conversations on poverty.

**Brenden Stinson, GSCP Representative**

- Continued to coordinate with Dean Milligan on the planning of a NASW and LISW informational session.

**Melissa Riskin, Advanced Standing Representative**

- Represented the Mandel Council at the Mandel School's March Open House Event.
- Assisted with Mandel Mingle.

## Looking Forward

Here's what's going on in April:

- **April 1-5** - Graduate Student Appreciation Week
- **April 2** - Part Two of Caring for Self, Caring for Others: The Art of Trauma Stewardship in Mandel School Rm 238 from 12:50 - 1:50 p.m.
- **April 2** - Ecuador Study Abroad Info Session in Mandel School Rm 236 from 1 - 2 p.m.
- **April 3** - Violence & Health Equity: Implications for Public Health and Social Work in Mandel Center Rm 107 from 1 - 2 p.m.
- **April 3** - Social Work and Social Work Education in Romania: A Diachronic Approach, 1929-1969 and 1990-2018 in Mandel School Rm 244 from 12:50 - 1:50 p.m.
- **April 9** - Information Session and Interview Event with Recruiter from Nationwide Children's Hospital in Mandel School Rm 275F
- **April 9** - Social Work Practice in China: Aging & Mental Health in Mandel School Rm 236 from 12:50 - 1:50 p.m.
- **April 16** - LINK International Silent Auction in Noble Commons from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **April 27** - Hudson Relay

Check the [event calendar](#) for more events and details!

## Leadership

Are YOU looking to get involved in the MSASS community? Want to take on a leadership role? See below for opportunities:

- **\*TIME SENSITIVE\*** Would you like to attend the Unity Banquet with the Dean? Fill out this [interest form](#) by 3 p.m. TODAY, Monday, April 1!
- **\*NEW OPPORTUNITY\*** The Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging is currently looking for volunteers to support the weekly friendly phone call initiative for this program. The details about the volunteer position, the application, and an infographic about Nutrition Solution are attached to this email.
- **\*NEW OPPORTUNITY\*** Do you want to run a leg of the Hudson Relay to represent the Graduate and Professional Students? It's happening on Saturday, April 27th!

- MSASS has many committees that are looking for student voice. See the attached document for descriptions of the committees, as well as the time commitment.
- The Interprofessional Community Initiative at 2100 Lakeside (in partnership with the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine students) is looking for volunteers and board members!
- Want to be part of Student Leaders Advocating for Mental Health (SLAM), Students United Advocating for Veterans (SUAV), or Spirituality in Social Work? You have the opportunity to activate one of these inactive student groups at the Mandel School! New groups must have 4 leaders and a constitution. Each group already has an assigned faculty ready to support you.

Email [mandelcouncil@case.edu](mailto:mandelcouncil@case.edu) if you are interested in any of these excellent opportunities.

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## Appreciation

We want to show gratitude to the **Harris Library Staff** for providing various treats during Social Work Month.

We want to thank the **student volunteers** who supported the community conversations with Glenville and Hough residents.

We are also appreciative of the faculty who participated in the first Mandel Mingle, namely **Dr. Miller, Dr. Fischer, Professor Kathi Gant** and **Professor Nicole Parker**.

We would like to thank **Dr. Chupp** for spontaneously joining a group of his students for Mitchell's Ice Cream after class. Thank you for your authentic dedication to students beyond the classroom.

Last, but not least, we would like to show gratitude to **Chris Knestrick**, Director of [NEOCH](#), for facilitating a community conversation during Collective Action's Spring Arts-in-Action Installation, Portraits of Homelessness.

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## Student Spotlight

Are you or another student you know doing something *inspiring* in the community? Fill out [this survey](#) to let us know, and you'll be featured in our next edition of the Mandel Monthly!



Shoutout to Amanda Lilly for piloting a MNO dual degree program as a current CWRU B.S. undergraduate student.

She says, “[The program] was something the school did not offer previously, but with the help of the Mandel and Weatherhead staff we were able to draft a program that would allow me to be the first to test it out. It has been a great experience thus far, and I cannot thank those that helped me enough for making this possible.”

Amanda loves being surrounded by those who have similar passions but different backgrounds and perspectives. She says it makes discussions lively but also restorative.

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## What We Are...

**Listening to:** [Self Care in Real Life](#) - It's less than 10 minutes. Give it a listen!

**Reading:** *The Privileged Poor*, by Anthony Abraham Jack. Check out this [New York Times summary](#) of this research!

**Watching:** [Toward a New Understanding of Mental Illness](#)

**Advocating for:** [National Minority Health Month](#) - April's theme is Active & Healthy. What's your next move?

Thanks for reading! We look forward to seeing you around campus, *Change Agents!*

Best wishes,

Mandel Council 2019



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