

Greetings!

Here is the final edition of *The Mandel Monthly* for the Spring semester. See below for exciting updates and ways to stay engaged throughout the summer!

## *April in Review*

### **Council Achievements**

- Facilitated the reactivation of student groups, including the Black Student Association and most recently the Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Group (DDAG) and Student Leaders Advocating for Mental Health (SLAM)
- Continued to fund student-led activities

### **GSC Representatives**

- Attended monthly Graduate Student Council meeting

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

- Advocated for MSASS student interest during IPE focus group
- Facilitated engagement among Mandel Council Members
- Participated in Committee on Students meeting to review cases of students seeking to re-enter the program

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

- Promoted campus-wide events via social media
- Collaborating with Council members to plan a potential mentorship program for incoming students this fall

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

- Engaged with new and existing student groups to review bylaws and set them up for success
- Created organizational system for student group management

#### **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:
  - Black Student Association's 90s Mixer
  - Student Run Health Clinic Promotional Meeting and Lunch

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

- Revised Mandel Council Constitution
- Discussed and voted on Council agenda items
- Advocated on behalf of Intensive Weekend student interests

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

- 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**

- Planned May social event for students - mark your calendar for May 4th!
- Planning Social Justice Book Club to build community among MSASS students during the summer

#### **Donovan Young, GSC Representative**

- Collaborating with Council members to plan a potential mentorship program for incoming students this fall

**Bridie McDonough, GSC Representative**

- Planning Social Justice Book Club to build community among MSASS students during the summer

**Brenden Stinson, GSC Representative**

- Provided invaluable insight in Mandel Council meetings

**Melissa Riskin, Advanced Standing Representative**

- Provided invaluable insight in Mandel Council meetings from the perspective of advanced standing students
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## *Looking Forward*

Here's what's going on in May:

- May 4 - Student Run Health Clinic from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Circle Health
- May 4 - End of Year Bowling Bash from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- May 6 - Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) Spring Forum on Vaping from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Shaker Heights Middle School
- May 8 - Dispatches from Cleveland Screening from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Capitol Theatre
- May 18 - Student Run Health Clinic from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Circle Health
- May 19 - Commencement from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- May 21 - GenderSpeak Workshop from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Tinkham Veale University Center Ballrooms

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

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## *Summer Opportunities*

We've been working on a lot of cool ideas to stay connected! Be on the lookout for:

- Social Justice Book Club
- Sports Get Togethers
- Mentoring Program

Reach out to [mandelcouncil@case.edu](mailto:mandelcouncil@case.edu) if you want to participate or just want to know more.

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## *Leadership*

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

- An opportunity has opened up for two small interprofessional teams (2-4 students) to work with community members at Cleveland Clinic's Langston Hughes Community Health and Education Center. This community partner will be conducting its summer 8 Week Health Challenge which focuses on population health management for five Cleveland neighborhoods including Fairfax,

East Cleveland, Hough, Glenville, and Central-Kinsman. As a part of the IPE team working with this site you would have the opportunity to talk with and screen community members using a wellness survey as well take their baseline blood Pressures and BMI measurements. You will then conduct follow-up communication, evaluate data and provide health education for community members by preparing a presentation that will be included within the 8 Week Health Challenge itself. Contact Melissa Mick at [mnm105@case.edu](mailto:mnm105@case.edu) for more information!

- 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.
- Is there something you'd like to see at the Mandel School that isn't being done? You have the opportunity to activate a student group! New groups must have 4 leaders and a constitution. Check out our [website](#) to find out how!

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

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## Appreciation

We'd like to thank the professors who went above and beyond to support their students in preparing for their finals!

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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!



Alexandra and Raymond Utrup are both non-traditional, intensive weekend students. Raymond is a Case Western Reserve University employee and has worked at the Law School for the last 5 years. He got his undergraduate degree in Finance and didn't know what he wanted to do when he grew up...until he met Alexandra!

Alexandra got her undergraduate degree in Psychology and decided that Social Work made the most sense in order for her to reach her career goals. They dream of having a private practice together someday here in Cleveland. Despite both working 40+ hours a week, they make this lifestyle work for them!

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## What We Are...

**Listening to:** Decolonize Social Work - Give it a listen [here!](#)

**Reading:** [Ways to get involved for Mental Health Month](#)

**Watching:** [Brene Brown: The Call to Courage](#). The hour-long special is on Netflix!

**Advocating for:** The [Recover Hope Campaign](#). Sign the pledge for the “Case Western Reserve University” team [here!](#)

Thanks for reading! Have a restful summer break, *Change Agents!*

Best wishes,

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