

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Allocations Committee Open Houses- March 12, 4-6pm, Damen 122 & March 17, 6-8pm, Damen 114**
- **RSO Transition Summit, March 22 9:30AM-5:00PM Mundelin Auditorium Register on OrgSync!**
- **Student Organization Awards, April 10 6pm, Damen MPR**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**CAN Meeting  
March 13, 5pm  
Damen MPR  
South**

**Semester  
Budget Requests  
Due March 21,  
5pm**

**SBR Hearings  
March 29 & 30**

## RSO Highlight: Colleges Against Cancer

Relay for Life is a well-known and highly visible campus event. Therefore, we decided to hear more from the organization who puts it on each year, Colleges Against Cancer. We recently sat down with CAC President, Kyra Maree, to learn about her organization and how they plan for this huge event each year.

Colleges Against Cancer is one of many collegiate chapters across the country that fundraise for the American Cancer Society through their main philanthropy event, Relay for Life. The idea behind Relay for Life is that "cancer never sleeps, so we will not either."

Colleges Against Cancer is proud of the growing recognition and awareness for their organization over the past two years. From raising \$30,000 two years ago to \$50,000 last year, CAC is realistically hoping to raise around \$60,000 this year. Ultimately, their dream goal is hit \$100,000, which would

be the most ever raised by a private university! For now, they just hope to continue this great momentum and put on another memorable event.



Relay for Life is coming up on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Gentile Arena. During the event, there will be a "survivor lap," "caregiver lap" and "luminaria lap" to honor a plethora of individuals affected by the disease. This event hits home for essentially anyone. Maree stated "everyone has a cancer story, whether they have gone through it themselves or know someone who has."

Aside from the portions of the event to recognize others

and reflect, Colleges Against Cancer is excited about some of the fun components. They will be having some food trucks at the event, including the Cheesie's truck, a cupcake truck called "Sweet Ride," and a Jamaican jerk chick truck. All of these vendors will sell their food and donate 12-15% of their profits towards the cause. The event is a 90's era theme, and with that there will be some fun activities. There will be a mock beauty pageant called "Mr. Relay," as well as a 90's themed lap. Maree mentioned that she "heard some people are going to get together to recreate the Rugrats and the cast of All-That." There will also be performances from various singing and dancing organizations!

Overall, we are proud of the great work done by Colleges Against Cancer throughout the last few years and we are excited to see another great event!



Lauren Potter, cast member of Glee, speaks about her personal story, bullying and Best Buddies .

Lauren Potter poses with Loyola students after her talk.



## Best Buddies Brings Glee's Lauren Potter to Campus

Best Buddies is an organization on campus that is committed to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through friendship. In line with this mission statement, they recently brought Lauren Potter, an actress from the television series Glee who has Down syndrome.

Potter knew she loved the stage when she was three years old and had her first dance recital. She wanted to pursue acting, but was often discouraged by her disability. Despite this, she received her first acting role at the age of 16 in Mr. Blue Sky. It was here that she learned more about the acting profession and working on a team.

In combination with her love of acting and dancing,

Potter had also had an interest in being a cheerleader. When a friend told her about the opportunity with Glee, she decided to audition. This is how she became known for her role as Becky Jackson, a

experience firsthand. She now goes around the country giving talks on this topic. She also talked about Best Buddies as an organization, encouraging everyone to get involved and be a friend to a person with disabilities. She is



spunky cheerleader.

During her talk, she reflected on the loss of her fellow cast member and teammate, Corey Monteith. She expressed to the audience the dangers of using drugs, having experienced the impact from this incident firsthand.

Her role on Glee has given her the opportunity to speak up about the issue of bullying, something she has

a participant in this organization alongside her cousin.

She concluded the evening with a Q&A portion. Through this, she shared that her favorite actor to do scenes with is John Stamos and that her favorite song is *Applause* by Lady Gaga. She also told the audience that her favorite line that she has ever said on Glee is "give me chocolate or I'll cut you!"

Special thanks to Best Buddies for putting on a great event!

## Alliance



We recently caught up with Benjamin Ubani, president of the African Student Alliance, to talk about his organization and some of their recent events!

“You don’t have to be African to love Africa.” Formed by some Loyola African students who wanted to form a close knit community and spread their love for African culture and lifestyle in 2006, this organization has grown into a prominent force on campus. Its aim is to constantly promote the love for Africa, its people and the Diaspora, while dispelling the negativity that has been paraded in the media. “We have a very rich and powerful heritage that we have to offer” said Ubani.

He added that “we welcome all cultures, and people in our celebration of life”. Through hosting and partnering with several

cultural organizations, their events usually center around food, current events, dance, language, music and other forms of art. Some of their staple events include: The Taste of Africa (Fall Semester), several dance performances, African Arts Festival (which this year was turned into the Black Arts Expo in collaboration with BCC), poetry jam, etc. Positive African perspectives tend to be hidden most times in mainstream media, “but we strive to focus on the joyful and inspiring aspects of who we are.”

This year on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 marked the anniversary of Nelson Mandela’s release from Prison in 1990, and the “Remembering Mandela” event hosted by the organization and cosponsored by the Students for Justice in Palestine. It was a time of reflection, gratitude, celebration and learning. “The event was meant to celebrate and commemorate his life, and to see how his contribution to freedom and social justice affects us today, and see

what we can do to continue his legacy” shared Ubani.

Last year, ASA hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Midwest African Students Conference which opened Loyola’s doors to a variety of schools in the Midwest region in celebration and discussion of current issues and trends in Africa and the Diaspora. Through various workshops, and sub-events they focused on the sustenance of African culture in the diaspora, and the economic innovations that could improve the continent and the diaspora. It was not only entertaining but informative, and as tradition the hosting responsibilities was passed on to Indiana University and Purdue University.

Be on the lookout for their upcoming Africa week!

*For more information, you can follow ASA on social media:*

**Facebook:** Loyola Chicago African Student Alliance

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**“You don’t have to be African to love Africa.”**

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## RSO ProTips!

In this section, we will share some general information or resources for student organizations. This month, the Campus Activities Network wants to remind student organizations this month about the importance of communication. Here are some important tips that keep consistent and meaningful communication amongst your organization:

-**Update officers on OrgSync each time they change.** It does not benefit your organization if important CAN, SAGA, and university updates are going to someone that has graduated or is no longer involved.

-Try and **determine who is an active member each semester**, either through your general meetings or by asking people to indicate their continued interest in the organization via email. It is useful to know who is still invested and planning to actively participate in your meetings and events.

- **Share amongst your executive board when you are taking on a task.** You would be amazed how often organizations submit more than one Activity Request Form for an event, or sign up for the Org Fair twice because they did not know someone had already done it on their behalf!

-When possible, **list your regular meeting time and location** on OrgSync and your social media and try to keep it consistent. This way you avoid confusion and anyone who wants to participate knows where to find you.

-Instead of flooding you members' inboxes each time you have an update to share, **send out a regularly scheduled newsletter**. In this email, you can compile updates and information for all officers and members in one, clean message. If it comes on a regular day and time, members will know to look out for it and be more likely to read it!