

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## 2011-2012

### **Arts and Culture Association (ACA):** Moderator: Ms. O'Neal

#### *Leadership team/Board :*

Will consist of 10 student leaders who will meet every two months (representative from Music, Theatre, Visual Art/Design, and Cultural Diversity)

#### *General membership:*

Will meet 6 times a year or as needed during 5<sup>th</sup> Bell 2 Days

#### *Criteria:*

Any students can be a member of ACA that is interested in Music, Theatre, Visual Art/Design, and Cultural Diversity

#### *Goals & Objectives:*

- To bring together students who enjoy the arts and want to promote culture at SUA.
- Raise awareness for the arts and culture programs and events at school and in the community
- Participate in and promote art and cultural events at SUA. .
- Work with cultural institutions in Greater Cincinnati in creating valuable experiences for the SUA community. These institutions include the Cincinnati Art Museum, Playhouse in the Park, Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati Museum Center, Freedom Center, Holocaust Center ,etc
- Organization will create an online publication that highlights the arts and cultural activities
- To promote numerous programs and events that benefit the cultural life of the SUA community and the greater area
- To showcase students and community exhibitions .

#### *Outside of school activities:*

Attending/ supporting the various art and cultural events of the SUA community as well as the Greater Cincinnati community

#### *Meetings:*

The Board will meet during 5<sup>th</sup> Bell 2 Days

### **Academic Team:** Moderator – Ms. Catlin

#### *Leadership:*

A team captain and team secretary will be elected during the first month of practice.

#### *Criteria:*

Students must be quick-thinking, knowledge-seeking, and always ready to hit that buzzer! The academic team routinely represents the fastest thinkers who have incredible knowledge in a variety of subjects.

#### *Requirements:*

All members must be in attendance at all in-school meetings, sign up for at least 4 competitions/tournaments, and attend two practices a month after school

#### *Goals & Objectives:*

To represent St. Ursula Academy by competing in matches for the Greater Academic League. To foster an atmosphere that supports the pursuit of academic excellence.

#### *Outside of school activities:*

Competitions at Cincinnati State in the fall and early winter, practice sessions after school and an end-of-the year party. The academic team will also represent SUA at the Science Bowl.

*Meetings:*

Practices are Mondays after school in a room tbd. Competitions are on Tuesdays at Cincinnati State. 1<sup>st</sup> practice will be Monday, November 7.

**Ambassadors:** Moderators – Ms. Vonderhaar and Ms. Catlin

*Leadership:*

Shadow Liaisons:

Rachel Perkinson  
Caroline Baumgartner  
Jessica Bien  
Mackenzie Himmelbauer  
Rachel Muething  
Brittney Williams

Blog Editor:

Mary Kate Dorr

*Criteria:*

Students audition as freshmen (both in the fall and spring). Once accepted in the spring, they continue as Ambassadors for their remaining three years of high school.

*Requirements:*

Members are required to attend every meeting. Failure to attend meetings or scheduled events means that you may be suspended or dismissed from the Ambassador organization.

*Goals & Objectives:*

To represent St. Ursula Academy in a confident, enthusiastic and skilled manner in the school setting and in the community. Ambassadors participate in: 8<sup>th</sup> grade shadow visits to SUA, Open House, Entrance Test, Freshman Registration, Showcase Nights, correspondence for incoming freshmen, blogging for our website and various recruiting events throughout the school year.

*Outside of school activities:*

Some events are in the evenings and on weekends.

*Meetings:*

Various days during lunch in the Mezzanine level of the Gym.

**Campus Ministry Council:** Moderator- Mrs. Ragland

*Criteria:*

The Council is open to all St. Ursula Academy students in good standing.

*Requirements:*

Application is made to the Campus Minister for membership.

*Goals and Objectives:*

The Campus Ministry Council is a St. Ursula Academy student organization dedicated to planning and implementing the masses and prayer services with the Campus Minister. All school liturgies, class masses and prayer services are seen as a vital part of the St. Ursula Academy mission to unleash the potential of each student to become a woman of faith, integrity, and courage committed to building a better world.

*Meetings:*

**Cappies:** Moderator- Ms. Hinkel

*Criteria:*

Cappies is a group for students interested in the art of dramatic criticism. The team visits high schools around the Tri-State area to see their theatrical productions. Critics write and submit a review for each show they see, at the end of the year all critics from across the Tri-State gather to vote for the top shows, finally, the year culminates with a large Gala honoring the critics & the highest achieving shows.

*Requirements:*

The team is limited to nine students; students of any grade level may join the team. A writing sample may be asked for before admittance. Students should be ready to meet monthly for information sessions. Students should also have a flexible calendar that allows them to see a minimum of five shows at area high schools.

*Goals & Objectives:*

For students to grow in their appreciation and respect for the theatre and writing as well as to promote high school theatre across the Tri-State.

*Outside School Activities:*

Students can enjoy free tickets to area high school theatre productions, training workshops, voting workshops and Year End Gala at the Aronoff.

*Meetings:*

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 3 days

**Classics Club:** Moderator – Ms. Hammond

*Criteria:*

Students must meet one of the following requirements: (1) Be enrolled in a Latin class at SUA. This includes students who are not taking Latin in the fall semester but *are* enrolled in Latin for the spring semester. (2) Have previously been enrolled as a Latin student (at any level).

*Requirements:*

Attendance is *mandatory* at meetings, during which we have fun, organize social or service activities, and plan for our annual convention. To maintain active member status, members must attend meetings, attend at least one social event, assist with the club service project, and help with at least one club or convention planning event.

*Goals & Objectives:*

To promote knowledge of the classics and build a community among students of the classics at SUA. As members of the Junior Classical League (JCL), we also seek to promote the study of classics in our city, state, and national communities.

*Outside School Activities:*

Social events (e.g., themed parties, picnics, and outings); service events (e.g., volunteer with local agencies, participate in Make A Difference Day with the Ohio JCL); annual conventions (Ohio JCL Convention in Columbus, National JCL convention at Eastern Kentucky University).

*Meetings:*

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 2 in Room S202.



**Dance Team:** Coaches: Molly Bruns '07 and Jenny Bruns '10  
Moderator– Ms. Adamson (Zorek)

*Leadership:*

Team Captains: Natalie Welage and Natalie Shoemaker  
Junior Varsity Co-Captains: Anna Hopkins and Hope Montag  
All Star Hip Hop Captain: Paris Hamilton

*Criteria:*

The Dance Club will consist of SUA students who have attended tryouts, auditioned before judges and have been asked to be on the team.

*Requirements:*

Dance Club members must pay the fees; sign the Code of Conduct and Handbook, attend mandatory weekly practices between July and March; attend scheduled choreography rehearsals, performances and competitions.

*Goals & Objectives:*

By showcasing the talents of students through dance, the Dance Team promotes positive school spirit supporting the school teams and events; demonstrates a positive reflection of SUA when performing off campus; establishes healthy self esteem and increased fitness.

*Outside of school activities:*

Mandatory attendance to a 3 day choreography camp; mandatory performances at other high schools, universities, and community events.

*Meetings:*

Mandatory practice over the summer at SUA gym, once a week during the school year in the East/West dining room.

**Girls Athletic Association (GAA):** Moderators – Ms. Perry and Mr. Heizman

*Co-Presidents:* Mary Casey  
Elley Frank

*Co-Vice Presidents:* Ellie Bayer  
Kitty DiFalco

*Criteria:*

**All athletes MUST be a member of GAA.** Club members must conduct themselves with

dignity, courtesy and consideration during all meetings and activities. The GAA Board consists of 2 presidents, 2 vice-presidents and 8 board members.

*Requirements:*

Attend, be punctual, and actively participate in all club meetings and activities. Sell 8 magazines for the fall magazine drive. Prepay \$30 for spring flower sale. Attend the three mandatory GAA meetings per year. Failure to live up to GAA requirements may result in forced resignation.

*Goals & Objectives:*

We do whatever it takes to increase spirit and enthusiasm for our school athletic teams.

*Outside of school activities:*

Father-Daughter Dance, and attendance at athletic contests is expected.

*Meetings:*

GAA meets on 3 mandatory dates on August 25, January 24 and May 7. The board meets during 5<sup>th</sup> Bell 3 and additional meetings are held before school and in the summer when necessary.

**Images (student creative writing publication):** Moderator – Ms. S. Turner

*Leadership:*

Editor-in-Chief: *Cara Anderson*

Secretary: *To be elected*

*Criteria:*

Interest in creative writing, willingness to be a careful and critical reader of poetry, short stories and other creative works.

*Requirements:*

Attendance at meetings and a willingness to edit students' work.

*Goals & Objectives:*

To raise awareness of creative endeavors at SUA; to serve as an outlet of creative expression; to generate student interest in the literary arts and to encourage students to share their works with a larger audience. The end product is a student-created literary magazine.

*Outside of school activities:*

Coffeehouse Open Mic at end of year.

*Meetings:*

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 1 in room E303

**Mock Trial:** Moderator – Mr. Dauner

*Team Leader:*

Lauren Ashley

*Criteria:*

Interest in the court system and willingness to give up time from the end of October – February to prepare and compete.

*Requirements:*

Mock Trial is open to all students interested in the judicial system.

*Goals & Objectives:*

A legal case is presented before a judge and competitions are held with other high schools in the area.

*Outside of school activities:*

Meetings are held after school from October through February.  
Competitions are held on the city and state levels.

*Meetings:*

After school meetings in Room S302



**PAL Mentor Program:** Moderator – Ms. Utecht and Ms. Catlin

*Criteria:*

The Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) Mentor Program consists of 32 students. Only juniors and seniors may serve as PAL Mentors. Eligible students apply and will then interview with the moderators at the end of April for the following school year.

*Requirements:*

The following characteristics are required: a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; respect and support of SUA's name, teachers, administration and staff; constant adherence to all school policies, including uniform regulations; sense of collaboration with homeroom teachers, moderators and other mentors in the PAL program; compliance with what is expected of an SUA leader.

*Goals & Objectives:*

The St. Ursula Academy PAL Mentor Program facilitates the advisory sessions with their faculty advisor. The Junior and Senior Mentors spend time with their advisory groups building rapport, promoting school spirit and empowering the young women, so as to help them establish a foundation for success in high school. The advisory groups discuss topics relevant to the SUA experience as each student continues on her path to becoming a woman of faith, integrity and courage.

*Outside of school activities:*

Mentors attend an orientation session for the club and facilitate Freshman Orientation day in August. PALS will meet every two weeks with the moderators to discuss previous advisory sessions, upcoming advisory sessions, and current topics of interest amongst the student body. Mentors will actively promote school spirit by endorsing and encouraging attendance at school activities like sports events play performances, service opportunities, etc.

*Meetings:*

PALs will meet at least every two weeks during lunch bells. Dates and location of meetings to be scheduled as a group.

**St. Ursula Ensemble Theatre (S.E.T.):** Moderator – Ms. Bryll and Ms. Hinkel

*Officers:*

Co - Presidents: Anne Marie Brinkman & Kieran Conway

Co – Vice Presidents: Aimee Ward & Megan Devoto

Secretary: Rachel Court

Treasurer: Maria Broderick

Thespian Clerk: Sarah Kelley

Historians: Ali Lamping & Kathleen Coughlin

Publicity: Nicole Porter & Camilla McKenzie

Alumnae: Jenna Kalthoff & Katie Guilfoyle

*Criteria:*

St. Ursula Ensemble Theatre is an organization for those individuals who share a love for all aspects of theatre. Students can participate in a multitude of creative and performance opportunities throughout the year.

*Requirements:*

Attend club sponsored activities & meetings. Work in some capacity on each of the productions throughout the year. Display a love & respect for the performing arts.

*Goals & Objectives:*

For students to get in depth knowledge of theatrical productions both onstage and offstage as to promote the performing arts in the St. Ursula community & beyond.

*Outside School Activities:*

Students can be involved in a variety of theatrical events including; technical work, front of house work, workshops, showcases, cabaret nights, onstage performing & some performance community service.

*Meetings:*

After school in the theatre

**SFA (Students for Advancement) for SUA:** Moderator-Ms. Schuckman ('92, Director of Alumnae Relations and Annual Fund)

*Leadership:*

SFA Board of Officers elected and Event Chairs are selected by Officers and Moderator based on Member interest.

*Criteria:*

Invitation to interview with SFA Members after club fair in September 2011.

*Goals & Objectives:*

Provide volunteer support to our beloved school and serve as student liaisons for Alumnae/Advancement events and projects. Educate students on importance of the "sisterhood" legacy to cultivate the vine for another 100 more years of St. Ursula Academy.

*Requirements:*

- Members are expected to be able to interact with guests confidently and represent SUA in a professional, enthusiastic and confident manner.
- Members are expected to volunteer for majority of Alumnae/Advancement events. All service hours to our school count for NHS & Class of 2012 Cultivate the Vine project.
- Required to meet during 5<sup>th</sup> Bell Student Organization days and ad-hoc meetings scheduled after school. Members may not miss more than two meetings, unless excused by Moderator or Officers.
- Members are expected to wear their gold nametags at all school events and encouraged to wear it proudly during the school day.

*Outside school activities:*

- A majority of Advancement/Alumnae events are outside of school activities.

- Events for 2011-2012 include the following but not limited to 2011 Reunion Weekend & Bulldog “Hall of Fame” Bash (Sept. 23-25, 2011), Phonathons (Fall 2011 & Spring 2012), Alumnae Christmas Tea (Dec. 4, 2011), SUA Ball Auction Dinner (Feb. 11, 2012), Scholarship Reception (TBD), Angela Merici Annual Dinner (TBD).

*Meetings:*

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 2 Days in Keller Center Lunch Room (old faculty lounge). Feel free to stop by SUA Alumnae Office in FAB to see Ms. Schuckman with any questions.

**Sisters in Cultural Unity (SICU):** Moderator: Ms. O’Neal

*Criteria:*

This organization is open to any Saint Ursula student interested in promoting sisterhood and promoting awareness of African and African American history and culture.

*Requirements:*

Students must be willing to attend afterschool meeting 1- 2 times a month and participate in group activities. Members are expected to volunteer, mentor and assist with activities for the Young Women’s Institute students( 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade leadership program at SUA) hosted throughout the academic year.

*Goals & Objectives:*

Organization mission: to celebrate and bring awareness to African and African American culture and achievement through art, history, presentation, and education.

*Outside of school activities:*

African Culturefest at Museum Center, Martin Luther King Breakfast, NAACP Dinner, Dada Rafiki Girls Conference, Volunteer opportunities, Various other field trips

*Meetings:*

Afterschool twice a month in Diversity office (dates on school calendar)

**SUASO (Orchestra):** Moderator: Ms. Backherms

*Criteria:*

This instrumental ensemble is a full orchestra consisting of string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments.

*Requirements:*

Previous playing experience on an orchestral instrument is required.

*Goals & Objectives/Activities:*

The orchestra performs a variety of music in the Christmas Carol Program and Spring Concert, accompanies the choral ensembles, performs in the tri-state area, and participates in a music festival or competition each year.

*Meetings:* The Orchestra is an academic class that meets during the school day all year.

**SUAVE (Vocal Ensemble):** Moderator: Ms. Backherms

*Criteria:*

The St. Ursula Academy Vocal Ensemble (SUAVE) is a small select vocal ensemble of 9-12 vocalists.

*Requirements:*

Students selected for membership in this award-winning group are expected to be

serious choral singers with well-developed sight-singing and basic musicianship skills. They must be willing to devote numerous hours to rehearsing and performing. Formal concert attire is required. (**Prerequisite:** Audition and membership in a Music Department Ensemble)

**Goals & Objectives/Activities:**

SUAVE performs a variety of styles of music for the Christmas Concert and Spring Concert, and tours extensively in the Tri-State area. The ensemble also participates in music festivals and competitions out-of-town each year.

**Meetings:**

This class meets Monday through Thursday after school from 3:00-4:00 PM.

## **SUAT team (SUA Tech team) Moderators-Ms. Matthews**

**Officers:**

To be determined

**Criteria:**

Open to all students interested in exploring technology.

**Requirements:**

Members are expected to attend meetings and participate in activities. Some activities may take place outside of the school day on an as needed basis.

**Goals & Objectives:**

Explore and have fun with technology beyond the typical everyday necessities. Students use their tech expertise to support the SUA Community when tech assistance is needed (ex, in the classroom, assemblies, special events, specific tech devices, tech activities)

**Meetings:**

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 3

## **Student Council: Moderators – Mr. Fleming & Ms. Huey**

**Officers:**

*Student Body Co-Presidents:* Grace Bolan and Dawn Thomas

*Secretary:* Kelli Miller

*Class of 2011 Co-Presidents:* Maria Hopkins and Hana Fischesser

*Class of 2012 Co-Presidents:* Elizabeth Bradford and Cari Speed

*Class of 2013 Co-Presidents:* Mackenzie Corbin and Madeline Pescovitz

*Class of 2014 Co-Presidents:* To be elected

**Criteria:**

All students are eligible for membership. However, participation is contingent upon maintaining a passing grade in all classes.

**Requirements:**

All class levels elect Student Council Co-chairs, a secretary, class presidents and classroom officers. All members should attend meetings and events sponsored by the Student Council unless excused by the moderators.

**Goals & Objectives:**

To provide for training and experience in the skills and techniques of good citizenship and leadership through democratic procedure.

**Outside school activities:**

Some events Student Council sponsors are not held during the schoolday (example: dances).

**Meetings:**

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 1

***The Crest (school yearbook):*** Moderator- Ms. Egan

*Leadership:*

Senior Editors: Maddie D'Agostino and

Junior Editor: To be selected

*Criteria:*

Students must be willing to commit to a full year of work, must be willing to learn desktop publishing, must be able to select and crop photos and must be able to write and proofread.

*Goals & Objectives:* The Club seeks to record and present the events of the school year in a manner that is comprehensive, meaningful and visually appealing.

*Outside school activities:*

Meetings are after school as needed in the Student Publications Room (E103)

*Meetings:*

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 2

***The Light (student newspaper):*** Moderator – Mr. King

*Criteria:*

All grade levels may join.

*Requirements:*

Students must be interested in and adept at writing, and also be good at honoring deadlines.

*Goals & Objectives:*

Our goal is to produce at least four issues a year. Within each issue we strive for clear and concise writing, strong visual elements, and up-to-date and interesting information.

*Outside school activities:*

To be determined.

*Meetings:*

5<sup>th</sup> Bell 1