June 2021 CCC
Ensuring Continuous Leadership

American Red Cross
Disclaimer

Before we begin, please note that this Crash Course Call will be recorded and posted as a resource for other youth volunteers onto RedCrossYouth.org.

Thank you for your cooperation!
What is the National Youth Council?
National Youth Council

1. Composed of 13 youth and young adult volunteers across the country
2. One adult unit paid or Red Cross volunteer as advisors
3. Represent and support American Red Cross Youth volunteers through club guides, newsletters, social media, etc.
Hi! I’m Himashi!

- Originally from the Central Florida Region (CFR) and is currently a student attending Seminole High School in Sanford, FL.
- Field Ambassador Lead on the National Youth Council, CFR Regional Lead Advocate, and the Founder and Co-president of Seminole High School’s Red Cross Club.
- Formerly served as a Political Discourse Speaker at the IHL YAC Summit.
- I volunteer with the Red Cross because I am passionate about helping and connecting with others! I love applying the skills I have learned in a way that can positively impact others.
Transitioning Leadership as a Highschool student

- My club’s approach
  - Create an Onboarding Guide
  - Hold an introductory meeting

- Goals when transferring leadership
  - Provide solutions
  - Answer Questions

Officer Roles:
Please take note of your role to ensure a smooth running club. All officers are expected to know how Volunteer Connections works during the school year.

- **President**: Responsible for setting and monitoring the goals of the club, running club meetings, delegating tasks as necessary, creating Google Forms and, maintaining regular communication through group chats and Remind.

- **Vice President**: Presides at meetings in the absence of the president, Assist the president and other club officers in completing their duties, keep track of sign-in sheets and member hours.
  - Spreadsheet for the 2020-2021 school year:

- **Secretary**: Maintaining effective records and administration, keeping a backup of sign-in sheets, create a calendar of all meetings.
  - Update the Volunteer Connections Calendar with meetings

- **Treasurer**: Managing and help collect dues and establish the budget, monitor the RCC account with the school, establish communication with the bookkeeper, assist in ordering shirts earlier in the school year.
  - Dues spreadsheet for the 2021-2022 school year:

- **Only necessary if all of the officers are seniors**: **Junior Officer**: Assist other officers with general tasks, observe the structure of the club, expected to establish communication with Ms. Linda (supervisor), will rise to a higher leadership position in the following year.
Contact Information

Who to contact:

- **Linda Collis**, [Redacted]
  - Activity/General Questions
  - Linda is our main point of contact! Make sure you keep in touch with her
- **Nicole Wesley**, [Redacted]
  - Sponsor for school related questions
  - Keep her updated on meeting dates
  - Contact for school approval
- **Donna Anhert**, [Redacted]
  - Volunteer Connections Questions/Problems
- **Cynthia Stiffey**, Bookkeeper, [Redacted]
  - Fundraising
  - Money Questions:
Important Links

- Google Drive: Red Cross
- Photos Folders:
  - General
  - IHL 2019
- Social Media:
  - Instagram: user: pswd
  - Social Media Guidelines (PLEASE KEEP THESE IN MIND)

Event Guides

- All of our Red Cross events come from these! Check them out for detailed instructions for each event
  - http://redcrossyouth.org/college-resources/activity-guides/
- Virtual Events (COVID Safe)
  - Promote EDGE Trainings as well!
Hi y’all! I’m Vennela :D

- Originally from the Northern California Coastal Region (CA Bay Area)
  - Started volunteering in high school and continued through college at UC Berkeley (same region)
- Red Cross Positions
  - Founded the ARC club at my high school with peers
  - Served as East Bay YEB Spirit & Publicity Coordinator and Leadership Development Camp Staff Member
  - Disaster Services Coordinator for ARC at Cal Club since 2019, and current Co-President since January
- I volunteer with the Red Cross because I deeply believe in the value of community service, and the impact it allows us to have on our local communities.
  - I have continued to volunteer because of the amazing network of volunteers and peers I have found through ARC
Transitioning Leadership as a College student

● My personal experience
  ○ How did I get involved?
  ○ Why have I chosen to remain involved since?

● Things to Keep in Mind
  ○ Your university’s campus culture can strongly influence your experiences and expected timelines
    ■ i.e. Are clubs competitive to become involved in? Are there set quarters/semesters to become involved?
    ■ If there is an active ARC club on campus, how independent is it from nationals?
  ○ College clubs are **not** the only way to remain an active ARC volunteer and leader
    ■ i.e. What to do if your college club does not have an active ARC club?
Transitioning Leadership as a College student

Tips and Advice

- Be proactive!
  - Club fairs (sometimes referred to as club rush or recruitment), reach out to ARC alumni from your high school region or ask around in your ARC network
  - Don’t be afraid to reach out for help getting started
- Find organizations that you are truly passionate about!
- Be confident and go for it!
  - Trust me when I say any community would be honored to have your contributions and perspectives. Have faith in yourself!

My excitement for all the opportunities ahead for y’all!
Finding Red Cross Activities as a College Student

● Some pathways to get involved
  ○ (pre-college) Leadership Development Camp
  ○ College club
  ○ Local ARC chapters
  ○ National Youth Council

● Tips and Advice
  ○ There is no set pathway—do what fits your life and time commitments!
  ○ Sign up for any available mailing lists (i.e. college clubs, local Chapter, YouthWire)
  ○ If desired, look into specific lines of service!
    ■ If your club is not doing an event, you can take the lead and make it happen

● College can be challenging, but there are also many exciting things it can introduce you to!
  ○ I would say the people you meet can be the most influential part of your experience in college, so I would encourage you all to stay active members of communities like the ARC
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