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What the extracurricular experience can do for you

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Have you heard that competitive employers are looking for well-rounded individuals with a variety of skills? Did you know that you can learn skills outside of the classroom that will rank you among top job candidates? College is a small window of opportunity for you to explore your options, create new experiences, and develop skills that will aid you in future success by getting involved in student activities.

So what are you waiting for? Don’t you want to reap the benefits Holy Cross has to offer? In case you are unsure of whether it will be worth it, I have outlined for you the reasons why you can’t wait another day to get involved. Professional Experience - It is obvious that much of what you learn in your major will prepare you for your career, but there are also many skills that can only be learned by getting involved. These skills, coupled with your knowledge of the field from the classroom, will make you quite marketable in your job search. You can learn how to manage budgets, run meetings, negotiate contracts, and even learn how to supervise and be an effective leader by joining a campus organization. The experience of being responsible for coordinating campus events and budget expenditures is very impressive to potential employers. Your hard work and dedication will prove that you are a responsible person with a strong foundation that could grow into management potential someday.

Personal Growth and Balance - Clearly, not every hour in your life will be spent at work. Getting involved can teach you how to maintain balance in your personal life, which can lead to healthy, happy living. You will learn the importance of setting goals and maintaining a vision for yourself. Having the drive and motivation to challenge yourself in a leadership role builds character. By being a leader in a campus organization, you will exhibit to others your ability to follow through with tasks and face life’s challenges. Facing these challenges will make you a flexible person who can adapt to change and manage stress. Accepting change and managing stress are two important elements on the road to success that cannot be learned in the classroom alone. Balancing your personal and professional life through the skill of time management is monumental to maintaining harmony in the fast-paced world we live in.

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Wednesday, January 30
Mulledy: Suspicious odor reported on second floor. Mulledy: Fire alarm activated in basement by burnt macaroni. WFD on scene.

Thursday, January 31
Student Lot 3: Car towed to Boulevard Towing.

Friday, February 1
Mulledy: CDC reports suspicious person.

Saturday, February 2

Sunday, February 3
Chapel: Chapel gate broken. Mulledy: RA requests public safety to investigate a suspicious smell.

Monday, February 4
Fieldhouse: Students request assistance in securing a door. Thirteen non-students dispersed.

Tuesday, February 5
Off Campus: Liquor store reports confiscation of a fake ID from a student.

Wednesday, February 6
Student Lot 1: 1998 Blue Dodge Neon torn. O’Kane: Car keys found in computer lab. Dropped off at Public Safety.