



CRS University Chapters: Roles

ORGANIZE YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR IMPACT

CRS UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OVERVIEW

The goal of CRS University Chapters is to partner with colleges and universities to equip university students as leaders and advocates for the global common good through CRS. Chapter Advisors, Chapter Leaders and Chapter Members become champions for the families and communities that CRS serves and take action that contributes to CRS' mission to create transformational change in collaboration with our global human family.

Through meaningful action focused on leadership, advocacy and fundraising, CRS University Chapters are joining others across the US in CRS' campaigns on pressing global issues, seeking to address the root causes of global injustices and inequities.

INVITATIONS FOR ALL CHAPTER LEADERS AND MEMBERS



TEAMWORK: You're all part of a movement of students and leaders across the US who are striving to make the world a better place, so be sure to collaborate as you keep this mission front and center and grow and diversify your team.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE CALLS: Join our national network of CRS Chapters on the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. ET to hear a keynote speaker and learn new skills. Be sure to join live or plan to listen to the recording after the call.



CHAPTER ACTIONS: Put your skills and passion into action each month by meeting as a CRS University Chapter to complete impactful advocacy and community giving actions. These actions can be found in the Monthly Action Guide.

"CRS has given college students like me the opportunity to advocate for my brothers and sisters around the world while creating avenues for networking and true leadership experiences."

Merina Cazares-Tate, University of the Incarnate Word

CRS CHAPTER ADVISORS (STAFF)

CRS Chapter Advisors are staff or faculty members of a university or Newman Center. They serve as the primary staff liaison between the CRS University Chapter and CRS Staff and the primary staff support for the student Chapter Leaders and Members.

As CRS Chapter Advisors, you will be invited to:

- **Participate** in a monthly Leader Call with other CRS Chapter Leaders.
- **Support and guide** student Chapter Leaders and Members as they: **Develop** leadership skills and take impactful action. **Coordinate** the Chapter's participation in the monthly National Conference Call and in taking the monthly chapter actions. **Plan** meeting agendas. **Communicate** regularly with the Chapter. **Report** on the Chapter's activities, victories, and challenges. **Sustain** the Chapter for the future by keeping an eye out for additional Chapter Members and Leaders.

CRS CHAPTER LEADERS (STUDENTS)

CRS Chapter Leaders serve as the primary student liaison between the CRS University Chapter and CRS Staff. Be sure to designate which student(s) will be considered Chapter Leader(s). If you already have a leadership position in your Chapter, such as President or Co-Chair, those individual(s) would be considered the CRS Student Chapter Leader(s).

As CRS Chapter Leaders, you will be invited to:

- **Participate** in a monthly Leader Call with other CRS Chapter Leaders.
- **Develop** your leadership skills through increased access to CRS Staff and resources, build community within your Chapter and support Chapter Members as they seek to take impactful action and make a difference.
- **Coordinate** your Chapter's participation in the monthly National Conference Call and in taking the monthly chapter actions. This includes **planning** meeting agendas and **communicating** regularly with your Chapter as a whole and with each Member.
- **Report** on your Chapter's activities, victories, and challenges.
- **Sustain** your Chapter for the future by keeping an eye out for additional Chapter Members and Leaders.

"I want to put my values into action and take up my responsibility to care for others and the earth."

Victoria Monteleone, Fordham University CRS Chapter President

CRS CHAPTER MEMBERS (STUDENTS)

CRS Chapter Members are invited to contribute fully to the actions and planning of the CRS University Chapter. Consider these key roles and committees to organize and share responsibilities, and if you already have additional roles (i.e. Vice President, Secretary), consider inviting those individuals to spearhead some of the below efforts:

- **Advocacy/Congressional Liaisons:** Develop and manage relationships with congressional offices that represent your university's state and district. This could include scheduling advocacy visits with the congressional offices as well as communicating with the legislative aides who work on issues related to our CRS campaigns and actions. Keep in mind that you will have 2 US Senators and 1 Member of the US House of Representatives, so you may consider having 3 Chapter Members serve in this role, 1 for each member of Congress.
- **Chapter Giving Coordinator:** Spearheads chapter giving initiatives on campus and in the community to raise funds to support CRS' strategic work around the world. This role seeks to coordinate at least one giving opportunity per semester, such as Ark of Hope, Table of Thanks or a DIY Fundraiser in the Fall and CRS Rice Bowl in the Spring.
- **Media/Social Media Coordinator:** Manages the CRS University Chapter's presence on social media, either through a designated account or by collaborating to share content through other campus social media accounts. This role also connects with campus or local news outlets to write letters to the editor or publicize the Chapter's work and CRS campaigns and priority issues.
- **Community Outreach Coordinator:** Seeks opportunities to present about your CRS University Chapter's work to classes and during other campus events. This role can liaise with other groups on campus to find opportunities to collaborate and can maintain relationships with relevant university stakeholders for event planning and recruitment opportunities.