



Leaving a Legacy

Graduation is around the corner and you want to leave behind all the tools and information to the organization you have invested your time and energy at BGSU. How can you make sure to leave behind a legacy and help your organization continue to build momentum?

Plan Ahead -

Start training a new member of your organization early. Identify an emerging leader and help to develop his/her leadership skills.

Delegate -

Pass along your responsibilities to new members, helping to build ownership to the organization. Hold officer transition meetings as early as possible.

Say Goodbye -

Hold an end of the year picnic, give out awards, evaluate the year, set goals for next year, and/or share pictures/stories. Have Fun!

Pass along the “history” of the group -

Develop a “guide for your organization.” What is the purpose of the group, how/why was it created, when was it created, what have been some of the major accomplishments.

~ Share with the group things you wish you knew when you were new to the group! Hold a meeting to allow new members of the group to ask questions and set goals for next year.

~ Compile an “End of the Year Report.” List projects you were involved with, resources you utilized, success/challenges throughout the year, and general comments/suggestions for next year.

Learn to let go...

You can only do so much to help leave behind a legacy. With new members and leadership, your organization will change to meet their needs. Developing a solid foundation for your group is important, but realize that once you leave, some small details will change.