Planning and Promoting an Event or News at the College

Reminders and tips for event planning and request forms:

Advance event planning is important. You will get better attendance and we can offer you the best support if you plan your events well in advance (at least 3-6 months depending on the type of event) and order your posters or promotional materials at LEAST 3 weeks in advance (preferably more).

- If you have never filled out a calendar event/room request form or need help, please contact the Director of College Events, <u>Cameron Cary</u>.
- On the Event Request form, you will be asked questions about
 - Date, time, spacial requirements, and set-up
 - Description of your event
 - Catering services, if required
- Please fill out the Event Request Forms as accurately and completely as possible (i.e. full event titles, event descriptions, and all relevant details)
- The information that you provide on the Event Request Form is very important because it is used by multiple offices on campus and applies to multiple elements of the event planning/promotion process
- This is an automated system. Your responses regarding the event title and description on the form **appear directly on the calendar**, so use complete sentences, and check your spelling and grammar. Never use "TBA," please.
- Please do not substitute an answer to a question with "I will call you..." unless absolutely necessary.
- If this is a public event, be sure to select "Public"
 - What is considered "Public"? Events that involve the entirety of the College community AND the outside public.
 - If this is a departmental/internal meeting or a recurring (weekly or monthly) event, it is usually *not* considered "public"

Promotion of an Event

- The Communications Office can help you promote your event electronically based on the information we receive from the calendar ems system.
- Print and promotional material requests (posters, programs, directional signage, promotional items, tickets, trophies, gifts, etc) can be requested using the Print and Digital Design Requests Form: <u>https://secure4.hsc.edu/forms/view.php?id=220398</u>
- Contact: the <u>Communications & Marketing Coordinator</u>

Promotion of the College and its constituents

The Communications Office collects H-SC news, information, and stories to distribute to College constituents, promote the College, and support admissions and advancement efforts and institutional priorities.

• If you have personal stories and news to report involving a faculty member, student, project, the College, or a member of the community, please email <u>communications@hsc.edu</u>. Depending on

the editorial timeline, it may be used on the website, in a news story, on social media, in the *Record*, and/or other media.

The following are forms that enable you to self-report your news:

- Student Story Form: <u>https://secure4.hsc.edu/forms/view.php?id=91967</u>
- Faculty Story Form (personal news) <u>https://secure4.hsc.edu/forms/view.php?id=91006</u>
- Faculty Scholarship Form (professional/scholarly news): <u>https://secure4.hsc.edu/forms/view.php?id=90711</u>

Who to Go To:

Office of Communications and Marketing

The College brand, marketing and communications, news, public relations, print and creative services, print and electronic promotion, digital media.

For general inquiries or for sharing news and story leads: communications@hsc.edu

Justin McGregor, Vice President for Marketing, Communications, and Information Services jmcgregor@hsc.edu | (434) 223-7229

Cristal Senger, Administrative Assistant csenger@hsc.edu |(434) 223-6393

Kelly Malone Dudley, Web Content Manager

 — contact for all Hampden-Sydney College website content requests, changes, updates kmalonedudley@hsc.edu | (434)-223-6391

Alexandra (Allie) Evans, Editorial Content Manager

 contact for content and information about the *Record*, College or alumni news aevans@hsc.edu | (434) 223-6394

Alexandria Grant, Graphic Design Manager — please submit graphic design requests via Jennifer Cochrane agrant@hsc.edu | (434) 223-6970

Wesley Smith, Web Developer —contact for website, blog, or digital technical support wsmith@hsc.edu | (804) 477-2349

Event Planning and College Calendar:

For scheduling an event, planning logistics, reserving a space, or getting your event on the College calendar, please contact:

Cameron Cary, Director of College Events ccary@hsc.edu | (434) 223-6138

Catering Services:

For information about a catered event or utilizing "through the line" food service in the Main Dining Hall, please contact:

Lynn Cuba, Catering Manager <u>lcuba@merig.com</u> | (434) 223-6150

Audiovisual Equipment:

For questions about projection equipment, laptops, or existing technology in a space, please contact:

Mike Timma, Library Technologist and Canvas Administrator <u>mtimma@hsc.edu</u> | (434) 223-6292