

2024 ECL PROGRAM CALENDAR

To graduate from the ECL program, we have minimum attendance requirements: Kickoff, 4 of 5 Seminars, Capstone Event, two Group Volunteer opportunities, active participation in team project (May – September) and 12 volunteer hours tracked online. Attendance at additional events not required but highly encouraged.

CORE CLASS EVENTS

For the best ECL experience, plan to attend all Core events! Our ECL events will start promptly at the time indicated.

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Thursday, April 4	ECL Kickoff Event	<i>All events are held in</i>	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Bring 50 business cards for our networking activity. Snacks & drinks provided.
Thursday, April 18	Seminar #1: Finding Your Why	<i>Champaign-Urbana. Specific locations</i>	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	You will receive your Team Project assignment at this event and have time to get to know each other. Snacks provided.
Thursday, May 9	Seminar #2: Nonprofit Operations and Role in the Community	<i>provided upon acceptance into the program.</i>	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Please review seminar resources provided in advance. Snacks provided.
Thursday, May 30	Seminar #3: Being an Effective Board/Committee Member		4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Please review seminar resources provided in advance. Snacks provided.
Thursday, June 13	Seminar #4: Fundraising for Impact		4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Please review seminar resources provided in advance. Snacks provided.
JULY – NO SCHEDULED EVENTS. OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON TEAM PROJECT.				
Thursday, August 8	Seminar #5: Accountability and Your Leadership in the Community		4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Please review seminar resources provided in advance. Snacks provided.
Thursday, September 5	Live United Bus Tour	Meet Bus in Downtown Champaign	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Optional social event afterwards - your first drink included.
Thursday, September 19	ECL Capstone Event		4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Groups will present their Team Projects. Snacks provided.
Thursday, October 10	ECL Graduation		5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	You are welcome to bring a guest.

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 27, 5:30am – 9am - Illinois Marathon Hydration Station
 Thursday, May 2 – United Way’s Power of the Purse
 July TBA – Repack at United Way’s Bottom Line Diaper Bank
 Tuesday, August 27 – United Way Battle of the Paddle
 Late September TBA - CU Oktoberfest

NETWORKING AND SOCIAL EVENTS

In addition to social events after every Seminar, plan to join us for:
 Summer TBA – ECL Alumni Happy Hour
 Summer TBA – DEI Workshop
 Late September TBA – United Way Pillar Celebration

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