

**American Red Cross** 

# Disclaimer

Before we begin, please note that this Crash Course Call will be recorded and posted as a resource for other youth volunteers onto RedCrossYouth.org.

Thank you for your cooperation!



#### What is the National Youth Council?





#### **National Youth Council**

- 1. Composed of 13 youth and young adult volunteers across the country
- 2. One adult unit paid or Red Cross volunteer as advisors
- Represent and support American Red Cross Youth volunteers through club guides, newsletters, social media, etc.





# Hi! I'm Himashi!

- Originally from the Central Florida Region (CFR) and is currently a student attending Seminole High School in Sanford, FL
- Field Ambassador Lead on the National Youth Council, CFR Regional Lead Advocate, and the Founder and Copresident of Seminole High School's Red Cross Club
- Formerly served as a Political Discourse Speaker at the IHL YAC Summit
- I volunteer with the Red Cross because I am passionate about helping and connecting with others! I love applying the skills I have learned in a way that can positively impact others.

# Transitioning Leadership as a Highschool student

- My club's approach
  - Create an Onboarding Guide
  - Hold an introductory meeting
- Goals when transferring leadership
  - Provide solutions
  - Answer Questions

#### **Officer Roles:**

Please take note of your role to ensure a smooth running club! All officers are expected to know how Volunteer Connections works during the school year.

- <u>President:</u> Responsible for setting and monitoring the goals of the club, running club meetings, delegating tasks as necessary, creating Google Forms and, maintaining regular communication through group chats and Remind.
- <u>Vice President</u>: Presides at meetings in the absence of the president, Assist the president and other club officers in completing their duties, keep track of sign-in sheets and member hours.
  - <u>Spreadsheet</u> for the 2020-2021 school year:
- <u>Secretary</u>: Maintaining effective records and administration, keeping a backup of sign-in sheets, create a calendar of all meetings,
  - o Update the Volunteer Connections Calendar with meetings
- <u>Treasurer</u>: Managing and help collect dues and establish the budget, monitor the RCC account with the school, establish communication with the bookkeeper, assist in ordering shirts earlier in the school year
  - Dues spreadsheet for the 2021-2022 school year:
- Only necessary if all of the officers are seniors: <u>Junior Officer</u>: Assist other officers with general tasks, observe the structure of the club, expected to establish communication with Ms. Linda (supervisor), will rise to a higher leadership position in the following year.

### **Contact Information**

#### Who to contact:

- Linda Collis,
  - Activity/General Questions
  - o Linda is our main point of contact! Make sure you keep in touch with her
- Nicole Wesley,
  - Sponsor for school related questions
  - Keep her updated on meeting dates
  - Contact for school approval
- Donna Anhert,
  - Volunteer Connections Questions/Problems
- Cynthia Stiffey, Bookkeeper,
  - Fundraising
  - Money Questions:

#### Important Links

- Google Drive: <u>Red Cross</u>
- Photos Folders:
  - <u>General</u>
  - <u>IHL 2019</u>
- Social Media:
  - Instagram: user: pswd;
  - o Social Media Guidelines (PLEASE KEEP THESE IN MIND)

#### Event Guides

- All of our Red Cross events come from these! Check them out for detailed instructions for each event
  - o <u>http://redcrossyouth.org/college-resources/activity-guides/</u>
- Virtual Events (COVID Safe)
  - <u>http://redcrossyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Youth-Virtual-Engagement.pd</u>
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  - Promote EDGE Trainings as well!



### Hi y'all! I'm Vennela :D

- Originally from the Northern California Coastal Region (CA Bay Area)
  - Started volunteering in high school and continued through college at UC Berkeley (same region)
- Red Cross Positions
  - Founded the ARC club at my high school with peers
  - Served as East Bay YEB Spirit & Publicity Coordinator and Leadership Development Camp Staff Member
  - Disaster Services Coordinator for ARC at Cal Club since 2019, and current Co-President since January
- I volunteer with the Red Cross because I deeply believe in the value of community service, and the impact it allows us to have on our local communities.
  - I have continued to volunteer because of the amazing network of volunteers and peers I have found through ARC

### Transitioning Leadership as a College student

- My personal experience
  - How did I get involved?
  - Why have I chosen to remain involved since?
- Things to Keep in Mind
  - Your university's campus culture can strongly influence your experiences and expected timelines
    - i.e. Are clubs competitive to become involved in? Are there set quarters/semesters to become involved?
    - If there is an active ARC club on campus, how independent is it from nationals?
  - College clubs are <u>not</u> the only way to remain an active ARC volunteer and leader
    - i.e. What to do if your college club does not have an active ARC club?

# Transitioning Leadership as a College student

#### • Tips and Advice

- Be proactive!
  - Club fairs (sometimes referred to as club rush or recruitment), reach out to ARC alumni from your high school region or ask around in your ARC network
  - Don't be afraid to reach out for help getting started
- Find organizations that you are *truly passionate* about!
- Be confident and go for it!
  - Trust me when I say any community would be <u>honored</u> to have your contributions and perspectives. Have faith in yourself!



My excitement for all the opportunities ahead for y'all!

# Finding Red Cross Activities as a College Student

- Some pathways to get involved
  - (pre-college) Leadership Development Camp
  - College club
  - Local ARC chapters
  - National Youth Council
- Tips and Advice
  - There is no set pathway—do what fits your life and time commitments!
  - Sign up for any available mailing lists (i.e. college clubs, local Chapter, YouthWire)
  - If desired, look into specific lines of service!
    - If your club is not doing an event, you can take the lead and make it happen
- College can be challenging, but there are also many exciting things it can introduce you to!
  - I would say the people you meet can be the most influential part of your experience in college, so I would encourage you all to stay active members of communities like the ARC

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# Thank you so much for your time

# We hope to see you in future Crash Course Calls!



# Any Questions?

