**CEC Student Chapter Event Idea Bank**

Whether planning your next chapter meeting or organizing a social or fundraising event, we've got some ideas for you. We've also indicated which ideas could be executed virtually!

**Meetings**

Consider the needs and interests of chapter members when planning your meetings. What are they most interested in learning? What info is most relevant to them at this time?

**Ice Breakers [All Virtual Ideas!]**

* Guess Who: Ask members to write their name on a piece of paper along with three little-known facts about them. Throughout the meeting, read a member's facts without disclosing their name. Let everyone guess who you're describing.
* Two Truths and a Lie: Ask each member to tell three quick facts about themselves (one is a lie). Let everyone guess which is the lie.
* Why (in 6 Words): Ask each member to share why they chose your school or major (in just six words!).

**Knowledge Sharing [All Virtual Ideas!]**

* Host a faculty lecture series—ask students to vote on topics for discussion
* Host a student teaching exchange—students can share experiences/ideas/tips and tricks
* Host office hours or sessions (with Q&As) on topics like going through the grad application process; Praxis prep; what to do when you're accepted, waitlisted, or rejected to a grad program; etc. Psst, invite alumni to participate too!

**Chapter Membership Recruitment and Retention**

* Hold a membership drive

**Socials and Networking**

Consider the needs and interests of chapter members when planning your social events. What are they most interested in? What resources (including funds, locations, volunteer time, and professionals!) are available to you?

**With Chapter Members**

* Welcome-back gatherings at the beginning of each semester **[VIRTUAL IDEA]**
* Homecoming activities
* Block seating at sporting events
* Faculty appreciation day
* Potluck meals
* Ropes courses
* Game nights
* Host a book club **[VIRTUAL IDEA]**
* Host a movie night (use the [Netflix Party](https://www.netflixparty.com/) Chrome extension if doing it virtually) **[VIRTUAL IDEA]**
* Host a "Great Debate" over a professional topic **[VIRTUAL IDEA]**
* Banquet honoring graduating seniors and/or graduate students

**With Professionals [All Virtual Ideas!]**

* Put together a panel of recent graduates to talk about their real-world experiences
* Invite local alumni to share about the job-hunting process
* Hold a faculty lecture series—students can vote on topics of discussion
* Invite local teachers and/or administrators to come speak about various topics of discussion

**Service Projects**

Consider organizing service projects that will have a large impact on your local community.

* School supply/backpack drive
* Tutoring for local students in the area
* Reading to children at a local library
* Teacher appreciation events at local schools
* Picking up trash or cleaning up local parks/playgrounds
* Host a bake sale and donate the funds to a local cause