Research tells us that students who are involved outside the classroom are more likely to stay in school and graduate. Involvement has a positive impact on academic performance and depth of learning. In addition, students who are able to connect to meaningful experiences outside the classroom report having a much richer overall college experience. So let Student Leadership & Involvement help you GET INVOLVED @ OSU!

***As you plan your involvement at OSU, remember a few simple suggestions:***

* You can connect to all that **Student Leadership & Involvement** has to offer at <http://oregonstate.edu/sli>
* Check out all of the **club** (400+) registered at OSU at <http://oregonstate.edu/sli/studentorgs/find_organization>
* Limit yourself to **2-3 organizations** during your first year… remember the main focus of your time here is to study and succeed academically
* **Be intentional** about your involvement. Try to tie some of your involvement in with your career goals. Think about how your involvement can relate to a job after college…. Will it help you develop the skills you’ll need for a future job? Will it help you decide if a particular career field is right for you?
* **Keep track** of your involvement, skills you gained, training received, and accomplishments. All of this will help with future plans, building your resume, and searching for jobs.
* Involvement in **service** **activities** is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have… volunteer and serve your new community!
* To help determine which groups to join, **think** about a few simple things:
	+ What have I done before that I really enjoyed or was interesting to me?
	+ What new skills or abilities would I like to gain?
	+ What new experiences would I like to have while I am here? **BE BOLD!**

*For more information, stop by the Student Events and Activities Center (Memorial Union #103) or the Center for Leadership Development (Memorial Union #203) or visit our website:* [*http://oregonstate.edu/sli/*](http://oregonstate.edu/sli/)