



U+ COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY AUTUMN!

Great News - U+ has recruited **over 150 volunteers** so far! welcome to everyone who joined our community!

Here we will be sharing any upcoming events, opportunities, news, achievements, and shoutouts!

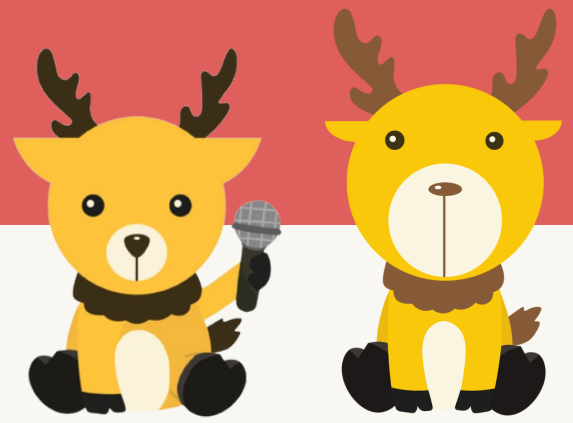
U+ Toastmasters is also rebranding— from now on, we will be known as **U+ Community!**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT:

- YRES X Ignite Volunteer Fair
- Volunteer success conference

UPDATES



NOTICE

We are seeing an overwhelming number of scams via texts and emails, and we would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant about potential scams. Please remember:

- No one from U+ will ever ask for your personal information over email
- No one on the management team will ask you, staff, or volunteers to buy gift cards or anything of the sort.
- We will never contact you to meet outside official program hours.
- All event communications will always be posted on our Slack channels first.
- If you receive a suspicious message, please forward it to your Volunteer Supervisor right away

A scam prevention training module will be coming soon, stay tuned!



Training Reminder

If you haven't yet completed your **mandatory volunteer training**, please try to do so as soon as possible! Completing it allows you to join a team and get involved in some exciting upcoming projects.



We Rebranded!

U+ Toastmasters has officially rebranded to U+ Community! You may have already noticed our rebrand roll out on our website, but does this change anything for you as a volunteer? No, this rebrand will not impact you, the Volunteer Connect project will continue to operate as usual!



Camp Recreation and Education Team

★ HIGHLIGHTS

- Our team successfully led a PA Day Camp at the Markham Public Library, hosting students in Grades 1–4 for a day of fun, learning, and teamwork!
- Campers participated in interactive math-themed activities such as Math Bingo and Pompom Division, making learning both engaging and exciting!

🚀 UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Networking Sessions
- Public Speaking Tips Podcast
- More PA Day Camps!

📣 SHOUTOUTS

- A huge thank-you to **Adrian S.** and **Kevin V.** for their incredible support during our PA Day Camp! Your energy, positivity, and ability to make math fun truly inspired our campers!



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Administration and Office Support Team

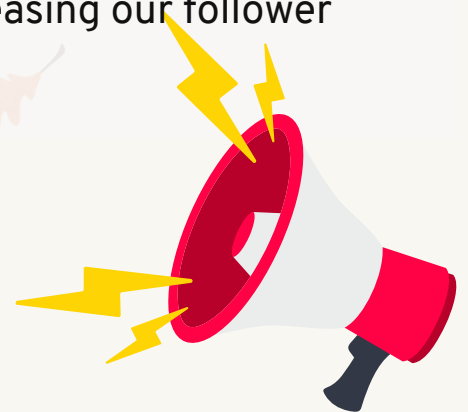
✦ HIGHLIGHTS

- The admin/office support team has been doing market research into competitors to find ways to make our programs more competitive!
- We are optimizing different forms and documents for future use!
- We have been analyzing reports and drawing insights for future consideration!

Marketing Media and Communication Team

✦ HIGHLIGHTS

- The U+ Marketing team has been editing videos for our marketing efforts!
- We have also made progress with the Instagram outreach project, interacting with fellow organizations and increasing our follower counts!



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Technology and Research Team

🌟 HIGHLIGHTS

- Volunteers dove into Pandas and Matplotlib to explore foundational data analysis and visualization skills.
- Our Data Cleaning & Web Views Analysis Lab gave volunteers insight into real-world data wrangling and web traffic interpretation.
- Budding designers created interactive Figma mockups, learning the ropes of modern UI/UX workflows and design thinking!

🚀 UPCOMING PROJECTS

- More mini labs in Python, data storytelling, and web development
- Website Diagnostics Project: Work on evaluating and improving real websites
- Continued design and dev collabs for real-world training and portfolio building

📢 SHOUTOUTS

- A huge thank-you to **Laud Randy Amofah**, **Vienna Zhao**, **Afroja Akter**, and **Amina Alam** for their excellent work in the Tech and Research team!



UPCOMING EVENTS

IN-PERSON NETWORKING EVENTS

OCT 23 - HALLOWEEN TRIVIA!

- Oct 3: Board Games & Networking Night
 - Oct 30: Halloween Trivia Night
 - Register [HERE!](#)
- + more to come in November!**



VIRTUAL NETWORKING SESSION

OCT 24, 4 PM –5 PM

- **Theme:** Building Confidence Through Impromptu Speaking
- Join us for an interactive session filled with fun conversations, quick-thinking games, and confidence-building activities designed to help you sharpen your communication skills and think on your feet!
- RSVP [HERE!](#) (Same for In-person and Virtual Networking Sessions)



UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FAIR

OCT 25, 2:00PM-4:30PM

THORNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Oct 3: Board Games & Networking Night
- Oct 30: Halloween Trivia Night
- Register [HERE!](#)



2025 VOLUNTEER SUCCESS CONFERENCE & APPRECIATION

NOV 1, 1PM-5PM

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Get ready to be inspired by amazing stories, connect with fellow volunteers, and celebrate your impact!
- Register [HERE!](#)



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



SIPPER KHAN

A huge thank-you to Sipper, who has been a very active volunteer who is willing to take on any task and is very dedicated to honing her skills!



FARIS OMER

Congratulations to Faris, a graduating volunteer, for his completion of over 120 volunteer hours since July. We wish him success in his future upon his graduation as a volunteer!

