

The Center for Orientation, Transitions and Leadership, in partnership with SAIL, is excited to announce the inaugural winners of our monthly Student Leadership Recognition program.

Adam Sienkiewicz is a sophomore double Accounting and Political Science major from Topsfield, Massachusetts and holds positions as Orientation Coordinator (2022-2023) and a past Orientation Leader (2021-2022), as well as being the Special Olympics United Coordinator, and the Sodexo Marketing Intern here at Raymond Dinning Hall.

Being on the Orientation Staff has helped Adam build on many skills, going on to excel as a leader at Providence College. He states, "Orientation is a significant highlight of my leadership experience at Providence College. I was not only grateful to be able to help the class of 2026, but also for the opportunity to meet other orientation leaders and take inspiration from their experiences as they helped me grow as a student leader."

Adam has grown through his leadership at PC and states Dr. Illuzzi from the History Department has been an influential leader through his academic journey, stating, "She challenged me to understand the importance of the unheard silences that occur in history. Dr. Illuzzi successfully makes the program feel rewarding for all of her students through the way that she teaches it as life lessons." Adam believes to be a strong leader, it can only be done through the help and inspiration of others.

The Ecolympics was a semester-long event to promote sustainability in the residence halls on campus. Different Resident Halls competed and earned points for using to-go boxes, attending the Eaton St. cleanup, having low energy use, and properly recycling. The club, ECOPC, used the Ecolympics to promote sustainability and help residents recognize how they can be more eco-friendly and mindful.

Sam Dietel '23 stated, "It was eye-opening to see the comparison of energy usage between dorms." ECOPC hopes to have achieved sustainability awareness on campus, and that next year's Ecolympics will see even higher participation.

The Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS) is a group of students of Latin American descent who bring awareness, culture, and support to all things Latin American/Hispanic. OLAS welcomes everyone regardless of national origin, identity, or language. They create a space in which students are able to fully explore and tap into their identities as Latin American students at Providence College, while embracing all of the other different parts of their identities.

Catalina Betancur '23 (President) states that, "One of the most memorable moments of OLAS this semester was our beautiful LatinXPo this semester. This event took place in October, to culminate Hispanic Heritage Month. It was held in the Moore Hall Boulingy Lounge. It was so special to have this room packed with over 170 students and other members of our community coming together to celebrate in our gallery-style portrait presentations of the various Latine identities here at PC. We had food from our favorite local restaurants La Sonrisa and Caprichos and it was the perfect way to show off our proud Latin American Identities."

OLAS is eager to keep growing their membership. The successful and meaningful events they present inform and attract people to the beauty and diversity of Latin American culture. The organization has already seen an increase in membership and want OLAS to be so present on campus that when Latine students come to visit, they are certain they have a familia here at PC within OLAS.

To learn more about OLAS, visit @pc__olas on Instagram.