

30 Ways to Recognize and Motivate

1. Write a note. So easy, and so meaningful!
2. Hold a mid-semester banquet. Don't wait until the end of the semester or year for fellowship, but instead plan a dinner or fun event to motivate mid-semester.
3. Hand out the "Stress Award" to a member who overcame obstacles (tough academic load, personal issues, etc) to fulfill their duties.
4. Make nametags to post in the office or workspace.
5. Write a press release for the Daily Campus about your upcoming programs or past accomplishments.
6. Give service pins to all members, or to those who went above and beyond that year.
7. Create a membership certificate and give to all members.
8. Collect everyone's favorite inspirational quote, and compile them in a booklet. Hand it out during a meeting.
9. If a member is having a tough time, encourage everyone else to bombard them with notes of encouragement.
10. Recognize another organization by "crashing" their meeting to briefly bring snacks, cards, or other treats.
11. Have a piñata. Why not?
12. After a successful program, decorate your workspace with streamers or balloons.
13. Ask your members what motivates them to do a great job in the organization. Post their answers in your workspace.
14. Declare a "day off" for all organization related business after a particularly busy time.
15. Recognize a "Member of the Month" for their hard work and dedication.
16. Celebrate birthdays.
17. Submit nominations for official campus awards.
18. Provide food and drinks during long meetings or programs.
19. Have a traveling award; the first week, the team votes on who should receive it. From then on, the recipient forwards it to the member who helped them out the past week.
20. Make a laminated wallet card with the organization's mission and purpose. Give it to members to remind them why they work so hard!
21. Give a small prize or token to members who met their GPA goal or achieved a high GPA.
22. Maintain contact with members who are abroad for a semester. Send a care package or card.
23. Order some official swag for your members: fancy nametags, polo shirts, or business cards.
24. Include a funny comic or quote on agendas.
25. Record your fun and funny moments during meetings – put them in the minutes and give a small prize to the first person who finds them.
26. Make time to socialize together outside of a meeting. Plan a "no-work lunch" – meet in the dining hall and vow not to talk about your organization, but instead just enjoy each other's company.
27. Share positive articles about your organization from the Daily Campus or Daily Mustang.
28. Give a framed event flier to the students who were instrumental in its success.
29. Create a "Wall of Fame" in your workspace and highlight a different member every week or month.
30. Make a photo collage (use a site like snapfish.com or smilebox.com) and put it on a coffee mug or calendar.