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**Student Groups  
During Covid-19**

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# Challenges of Covid-19

- No in person activities
  - Clubs used to make over 2000 space requests each year
- Lack of student engagement
  - Harder time recruiting members
  - Zoom fatigue
- The Unknown
  - Reduction in active groups



# How Clubs Adapted



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# Women in Computer Science, Statistics and Mathematics

- Galentine's Day Alumni Panel
- The day before Valentine's Day where you celebrate friendships with WiCSM.
- Galentine's themed panel session where our fellow female UTSC CMS alumni will share their academia and career experiences as a woman in CMS.
- 35 in attendance



# Geography and City Studies Student Association and Environmental Sustainability Society

- GCSA x ESS Sustainable Planning Certificate
- The two-day event was centered around planning cities, neighbourhoods, streets and buildings with environmentally sustainable methods that can help to mitigate emissions and build resilience to prepare for the impacts of climate change.
- Keynote speakers led fun activity-oriented workshops based on their presentations, where students had the chance to network and learn something new
- 180 in attendance



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# UTSC Visual Arts Club

- **Mindfulness Art Journaling Series - A series of 3 online art sessions**
  - Provide students an environment where they could de-stress, relax and have a fun time creating art and learning new techniques.
  - Finding Beauty (Pencil Sketching)
  - Let Loose (Pen & Ink Drawing)
  - A Splash of Colour (Watercolor)
- **Campus Partnerships**
  - Health and Wellness Centre contributed by giving presentation on mental health resources and breathing techniques for relaxation.
  - The International Student Centre sent an art journal to the first 15 students who signed up for the first event, which was used throughout the series for various drawings and paintings.
- **15-22 students at each session**



# How We Adapted

- Focus on what we can impact
  - Providing student leaders with some of the learning opportunities they were missing out on
    - Club Leader Certificate
  - Provide students with a way to find a connection to campus without having to be on Zoom all day
    - The Meeting Place Podcast

# Club Leader Certificate

- Comprised of 5 components
  - How To Be A Club Leader
  - Online Events Best Practices
  - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for Student Groups
  - Sexual Violence Education and Prevention Online Module
  - A brief reflection paper
- 16 students completed the certificate in Winter 2021, with 110 completing at least one workshops in the series
- We will expand the program for 2021-22







# The Meeting Place

## PODCAST

WITH JONATHAN COLLATON

- 25 episodes interviewing students and staff about their experience at UTSC
  - Why did they pick their program?
  - What jobs have they had on campus?
  - What extra-curricular activities have they been involved in?
- 10 episode Pandemic Responders Series
  - Interviews with winners of the Covid-19 Student Engagement Award
- Students have listened to the podcast 2,700 times since April 2020



# Thank You

Questions?



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