

MPC Update

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As part of an ongoing effort to connect forestry and natural resource management students with the Guild, the MPC in collaboration with Guild staff have been reaching out to faculty and engaging with students across each region of the country. We are sharing our newly minted [Student Chapter Toolkit](#), a collection of materials aimed at assisting interested students and faculty in creating a student Guild chapter at their institution.

Preliminary responses have been positive, and the energy level that the students bring to the work is invigorating! Since no two programs are the same, we feel that we have built enough flexibility into membership and association at the student level to meet the needs of each group of students. Examples include several groups that are creating hybrid organizations in which the Guild chapter is embedded in an existing Forestry Club or SAF chapter, as well as more traditional models in which the Guild student chapter is its own entity. MPC members, Guild professional members, and staff are working alongside the students to ensure a clear understanding of the nuances between the Guild and other professional forestry associations - not only highlighting the differences but promoting the similarities as well.

It is our hope and vision that a collection of student chapters will be established across the country. Professional Guild members can help by hosting field trips to project sites, engaging with the students at school events, and even serving as mentors to the next generation of foresters and natural resource professionals. Regional or national events between different student chapters could serve to build networks among students and expose them to Guild-style forest management in other parts of the country. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a student chapter at your institution and would like more information on how to do so, please contact Colleen at membership@forestguild.org.

Also, stay tuned at our new [student member webpage](#) for ways to connect, stories from student chapters, and more into the new year.