Blueprint User Interface Updates – July 2015

In July 2015, the user interface for the Blueprint involvement platform was updated. This update was made across all CollegiateLink platforms (of which Blueprint is the UChicago version) and is intended to improve navigation, enhance the mobile functionality of the site, and to introduce a more modern design. All of the functions of the site remain intact, along with all of your organization data. Here are the highlights of the updates most pertinent to managing your organizations:

**New Cover Photo System**

The static header images you had previously set for your organization pages have been retired to make way for a new Cover Photo option that utilizes large scale, high-res photos to create an enhanced look for your page. The new Cover Photos will scale with window size and work more effectively on the mobile site.

Currently, stock photos have been set for all of your organizations, so I would recommend taking some time in the coming weeks to identify a new Cover Photo to upload for your page. If you choose to upload more than one Cover Photo the images will rotate as people move through your page.

**Adding a Cover Photo**

To upload your cover photo, navigate to your organization's page and select "Cover Photos" from the Manage menu.

Images should be at least 1024px x 600px and must be JPG, PNG, or GIF format, no larger than 10MB.

The image will be centered in the Cover Photo, and the amount of the image visible varies with window size. Take some time with sizing and cropping to get the effect you want, but be sure to check multiple window sizes and your mobile page!

Current and new students will be looking for ways to get involved on campus by browsing Blueprint. A robust profile with events, photo galleries, and news items, along with a nice Cover Photo, can go along way to attracting prospective members.
Organization Profile Pictures

Each organization page previously had a profile picture in a rectangular matte similar to Facebook. That feature has now been converted to a new icon style image. The Profile Picture icons appear in the center of your Cover Photo, in a circular matte. The icons for each group are also used when browsing the organization directory.

Your previous profile pictures have been converted, but you may find that your picture is not ideal for an icon format; Profile Picture icons work best with a small, graphic element such as a logo or seal.

The name of your group is automatically displayed on the page, so a word mark of your organization's name isn't ideal for an icon.

If you don't currently have an Profile Picture set, the first letter of your group's name will appear in the icon circle.

Adding or Updating Profile Pictures
To set a new Profile Picture for your group, go to your Profile section of your page and click "Edit" in the upper right hand corner of the content window.

Group Page Previews

When on your home page, you will find some of your groups will show a preview combining the cover photo and Profile Picture into a graphic preview for the organization.

When you have neither a Cover Photo nor an Icon set, you'll find a stock photo with a letter icon displayed for you. Making sure your Cover Photo and Icon are up to date will make this preview more enticing for potential members.
Event Pages Updates

The images for your event pages now function very similarly to the Cover Photos, creating more visually enticing event pages with description, details, image, map, and options all integrated into a easily navigable event page.

You can create new events from the Events menu of your organization page.

If you need to update your event details or manage RSVPs, for example, you now can find all of the administrative features for your events below the event information.

Opportunities Bar replacing the Events Board

The bulletin board style Events Calendar from the Blueprint homepage has been replaced with a more dynamic “Opportunities Bar” which includes events as well as Group Page Previews for recommended organizations.

This system offers a more modern interface that provides key information such as event date, time, and location when hovering over any event entry.
Updated Site Navigation

The navigation menu is now in the upper-Right corner of the window. The “My Involvement” menu item with your organizations, events and form submissions as well as your inbox can now be found in the drop-down menu under your name.

Updated Group Page Navigation

On your organization page, you will find the former left-hand menu items in a row below your cover photo. These will allow access to all of the same features and functions as before. All of the administrative functions that were previously in sub-menus in the left-hand navigation pane are now buttons at the top of each section page.