Research tells us that getting students involved early in their college experience can help with retention. Astin’s Involvement Theory (1985) stressed that college students learn and progress when they are active and involved during their college experience. Upcraft (1995) stated that ‘The greater the quantity and quality of involvement, the more likely the student will succeed in college’ (p. 18). If students can make a connection to Missouri Western, they will have a sense of pride and ownership in the university community, and strive to be successful to remain eligible to continue in the role(s) they play with certain clubs and organizations.

As advisors, we can encourage our students to get involved with different campus organizations, campus events, and special activities related to their major. OrgSync is an online system where students can choose their interests and connect with clubs and organizations on campus.

**What Is OrgSync?**

OrgSync.com is where MWSU requires all of our organizations on campus to register to so students can easily find their organization, as well as find information about what that specific organization does. If students want to join an organization, but don’t know which organization to join, there is a list of all organizations with descriptions of what they do as a group for students to choose from. With this website, it is very simple to find an organization that best suits them.

Students can register for an organization at any time, by going to the Center for Student Involvement website: [https://www.missouriwestern.edu/csi/](https://www.missouriwestern.edu/csi/) and click on the drop down under “Home” on that link and click on “What is OrgSync” and get registered. This allows students to register and connect with clubs and organizations they are interested in. Here they can connect to a representatives for organizations, find out information regarding meetings and activities, and much more.

**Encourage students to register with OrgSync to promote student engagement and involvement at Missouri Western!**

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