What is SLAM?
The Student Leadership and Ministry (SLAM) team is a leadership development and faith formation program for undergraduate students interested in providing faith-based leadership and outreach to students across campus. We work together to foster the Dominican spirit by deepening and developing experiences of the Four Pillars - Community, Prayer, Service, and Study. SLAM is not a student organization or social club, but rather a leadership commitment that involves working with the University Ministry staff, fellow SLAM team members, and other partners across campus to build the Dominican University faith community.

Is SLAM For Me? Who Should Apply?
University Ministry is currently accepting applications from students who will be full-time at Dominican during the 2015-2016 academic year. Students previously involved in any of the following are strongly encouraged to apply:

♦ High school Campus Ministry involvement
♦ Parish church youth programs
♦ Retreat leadership (e.g., Kairos, etc.)
♦ Service trips, community involvement, or justice advocacy
♦ Liturgical ministry at Mass
♦ Other leadership roles or faith-based experiences

Other qualifications:
♦ Undergraduate students who maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0
♦ Commitment to deepening one’s faith, engaging in service and social justice, and developing an authentic university faith community with a welcoming, open, and inclusive spirit
♦ Ability to manage time and work in a collaborative setting with other SLAMers, University Ministry staff, and student leaders across campus
♦ Open to learning about Dominican heritage and mission, the Catholic faith, and other faith traditions
♦ Willingness to be empowered to provide student leadership and ownership in the Ministry Center
♦ Enthusiasm, commitment, and desire to reach out and make an impact within our Dominican community

Program Structure
SLAM Team members are leaders on campus who are interested in and committed to outreach and invitation. They demonstrate leadership through presence by welcoming diversity and striving to create a campus community where all feel a sense of belonging and of being at home. SLAMers build relationship so that our ministry can reach every corner of the university, the larger community, and the world.

Each week, team members will offer leadership in University Ministry and around campus through their presence at University Ministry events and those coordinated by our campus partners. This relationship-building work meets people where they are at and honors diverse expressions of faith, culture, and community. SLAM team members should expect to contribute 3-4 hours per week toward their leadership and reflection. Each team member will complete tasks to build successful programs in areas of service and justice, retreats and contemplation, liturgy and prayer, and community outreach.
Additionally, SLAMers will be expected to participate in bi-monthly theological reflection sessions in which members will be invited to consider the intersection of faith, life, leadership, and ministry. These sessions are meant to deepen a team member’s understanding of God, self, and others, and the ways that he or she is growing and developing throughout their college career.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

♦ Participation in the overnight retreat  
♦ Commit **3-4 hours per week** (total) to SLAM meetings, programs and presence  
♦ Participation in **monthly** SLAM formation experiences  
♦ Participation in a **weekly** Core Area team meeting to develop and execute outreach and programs  
♦ **Actively invite** and involve new students in University Ministry programs and outreach efforts  
♦ Presence, availability, and leadership in the University Ministry Center to provide support to University Ministry in the following ways:
  - Foster and strengthen an **inclusive** and **dynamic** community of faith and seek ways to collaborate across campus  
  - Create an inclusive environment where **all** are welcome  
  - Reach out to students across campus, at any time or in any place  
  - Build a supporting, joyful, and caring SLAM community

**Important Dates**

- **Opening SLAM Gatherings** – Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27, 2015  
  Resident student SLAMers will be allowed early move-in to campus.

- **Welcome Weekend** – August 28-30, 2015  
  Represent University Ministry by participating in Welcome Weekend activities, including move-in, freshmen & family orientation, DU Fest and Mass of the Holy Spirit.

- **Fall 2015 Leadership and Ministry Retreat** – September or October  
  Off-campus, weekend retreat; concludes with 7 p.m. Mass in Rosary Chapel.

**Monthly Sunday Formation** – One Sunday per month **4:00 – 6:00 PM**  
SLAMers gather for leadership development, spiritual formation, and community building. Dates TBD.

**Benefits and Incentives**

**Mentoring and Collaboration**  
SLAMers work collaboratively with University Ministry staff, providing opportunities for **mentoring and formation** around personal, social, and spiritual development.

**Leadership Development**  
Formation gatherings, intentional reflection, and numerous opportunities for hands-on leadership roles allow for skill-building and developing one’s self as a leader and minister. It is an opportunity to **make a difference** on campus, exercising leadership in the spirit of Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P. who implored us to “make school as much like home as possible.”

**Integration of Faith and Leadership**  
A safe, faith-based space to **reflect**, share joys and struggles of life, be held accountable and challenged to grow, and to contribute gifts and talents in service to others. A unique opportunity to explore spirituality, the intersection of vocation, calling, and leadership in the light of faith.

**Community Building and Fun**  
The SLAM community provides a base from which students build meaningful relationships, find a system of **support and encouragement**, and are empowered for outreach and ministry to others.
**Application Process**

- Applications are available online at dom.edu/ministry or in the University Ministry Center (Lewis 216), and can be submitted via email at ministry@dom.edu or mailed to University Ministry. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

- Once your application is received, you will be contacted to set-up an interview either over the phone or in person.
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2015 – 2016 

APPLICATION

Name: _______________________________  ID# ________________

Anticipated year of graduation: ______    Major: __________________________

In 2015-2016 I plan to be a:  ☐ Commuter  ☐ Resident

Home (Permanent/Family) Address

______________________________________________________________
Street                              City            State     ZIP

Home Phone: (___)_______________  Cell Phone: (___) ________________

E-mail address: ___________________@my.dom.edu    Date of Birth: __________

T-Shirt Size: ______

Dietary Needs (i.e., food allergies, vegetarian): _______________________________

ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT
List any other commitments or activities you plan to participate in during the 2014 – 2015 school year (include on- and off-campus jobs, clubs, sports, music groups, officer positions, newspaper, internships, etc.). Also, please let us know if you plan to study abroad and when.

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MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP INTERESTS
As you begin to think about your involvement in SLAM next year, which of the following areas of ministry most interest you (select all that apply). Please feel welcome to leave any comments.

☐ retreats, reflection opportunities  ☐ community-building, social events
☐ liturgy & prayer, leadership at Mass  ☐ justice advocacy, compassionate service

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REFERENCES

Please list two people who can attest to your leadership abilities and/or your commitment to your faith development. These cannot be family or friends, but rather, teachers, campus or youth ministers, coaches, mentors, or a job supervisor.

1. Name: ___________________________       Title: ___________________________
   Phone:_____________________________       E-mail: ___________________________

2. Name: ___________________________       Title: ___________________________
   Phone:_____________________________       E-mail: ___________________________

SHORT ANSWERS

Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet and attach with your application materials. Each answer should be 1-2 paragraphs each.

1. How are the Dominican University pillars of Prayer, Study, Service, and Community expressed in your life? You may reflect on all of the Pillars or focus on 2 or 3 that particularly stand out for you. Use specific examples.

2. What constitutes being a leader and how do you demonstrate those characteristics?

3. Identify and explain three specific talents, qualities, or experiences that you will bring to University Ministry in your leadership and ministry role.

I have read and understand the roles, responsibilities, and commitments of the Student Leadership and Ministry program, and attest that the contents of this application are a true reflection of my character and experience.

__________________________       ___________________________
Signature (if submitting electronically, please type name)       Date

Completed applications can be submitted via email, postal mail, or in person at the contact information below. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until Friday, August 8, or until the program is filled as places are limited.

Once your application is received, you will be contacted to set-up an interview, either in person or over the phone. Please contact John DeCostanza (jdecostanza@dom.edu, 708.524.6685) or Ann Hillman (ahillman@dom.edu, 708.524.6684) with any questions – we are happy to talk with you!

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