

New student clubs expand campus voices

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During the current academic year, six new clubs have been introduced and approved by the Student Government Association.

Students Demand Action, Turning Point USA, Communist Club, The Content Creatives, Club Management Association of America and the National Association for Black Accountants highlights how the university is continuing to diversify its offerings to students.

“I think Students Demand Action is something the club community has needed for a while, and now it is finally here,” English major Grayson Mott-Morin, a junior and the current president of the new club, said.

Students Demand Action is a nationally recognized initiative for students to organize to end gun violence in America. It is the biggest student-led grassroots network created by and for students.

The goals of the organization are to provide resources and an environment where students can actively support their local community and country.

The first body meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 18 in Adanti Student Center Room 308.

“This semester, I’m most looking forward to giving students a resource to do something with their anger and their sadness instead of being paralyzed by the violence shown in our community and across social media,”



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Mathematics major Lena Nguyen, a senior, political science major William Moroz, a senior, and journalism major Christian Schloemer, a junior, after the Student Government Association meeting on the second floor of the Adanti Student Center on Feb. 9

Mott-Morin said.

For Turning Point USA, the mission is to educate young people on politics and the government.

Through debate, discussion and open dialogue for all students, the goal is for members to be better equipped in understanding free markets, limited government and fiscal responsibility.

Although Turning Point USA became an official organization at the university on Oct. 20, 2025, there have been no set meeting times released yet.

Communist Club’s mission is to create a space to host critical dialogue and engagement regarding current events, history and ideas of

socialism. They want to educate students on ideas of economic and social justice through means of collective action and solidarity within the community.

The club is open to all students, especially those who want to learn more about Marxism and communism.

The Communist Club meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Adanti Student Center Room 311.

The Content Creatives hosts informative workshops and experiences to help build skills in content creation.

It is designed for aspiring digital creators who wish to build their portfolios by exploring content creation across multiple mediums.

The Content Creatives meet every Monday at 2:30 p.m. in ASC 217. They will also host their first event this semester, the Confidence Workshop T.C.C on Monday, Feb. 23, at 2:30 p.m. in ASC 217.

Marketing major Natalie Forbes, a sophomore and the president of The Content Creatives, said that her experience has been both motivating and rewarding.

“It’s empowering to see students step into leadership roles, build their portfolio and bring their ideas to life,” Forbes said. “Our goal is to create a space where creativity meets consistency, confidence and real opportunities.”

Whether it is engaging in content for social

media, film, fashion or branding, Forbes said she hopes all members take advantage of the opportunity to develop their skills.

“I’m mostly looking forward to building a strong creative community on campus where students feel confident expressing themselves and pursuing content creation,” Forbes said.

Club Management Association of America’s vision is to build a thriving club that is led by CMAA-educated professionals.

The professional club for management helps to fulfill the educational and professional needs of its students. There are no current set meeting times to be reported.

The National Association for Black Accountants’s goal is to create an inclusive culture for accountants to foster their talent.

The national association has access to resources and educational products that can foster innovation and meaningful career connections.

The organization looks to empower its members and future generations of leaders. NABA meets every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the School of Business Room 204.

Political science major William Moroz, a senior and the president of SGA, said that adding this many clubs in one year reflects strong momentum in student involvement.

“It shows that students are not just attending Southern; they are actively building it,” Moroz said. “When new organizations form, it means students are identifying gaps, creating spaces for others and taking ownership of campus life.”

Moroz said the growth in student organizations is helping to create more opportunities for connection across campus.

“What excites me most is the energy behind it. Each new club brings a different community, interest or passion into the spotlight. The more opportunities students have to connect, the stronger our campus community becomes,” Moroz said.

With so many new organizations being introduced to the club catalog, the campus community can expect diverse offerings and new ways to get involved.

Students speak out after Minneapolis ICE encounters

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Minneapolis, a sanctuary city in Minnesota, has become the battleground for resistance against the growing Immigration and Customs Enforcement presence in the U.S.

In January, there were two fatal shootings of U.S. citizens by ICE agents during the protests. Renée Nicole Macklin Good was killed on Jan. 7, followed by Alex Pretti on Jan. 24.

“ICE is putting fear into U.S. citizens all over. It is truly heartbreaking, especially coming from a federal agency like homeland security, the department that’s supposed to keep citizens safe,” finance major Julio Merced, a junior, said.

Teams of immigration officers began to enter the streets of Minneapolis in December 2025 to find and arrest illegal immigrants.

After their arrival, Minneapolis residents took to the streets to protest. That is when two anti-ICE protesters were killed.

The state and local government of Minneapolis have been outspoken in their disagreement with ICE presence and have publicly denounced action taken by the enforcement officers. This has led to arguments between the state and federal government.

The federal government is currently in charge of the investigations involving ICE and has not taken action to remove

ICE agents from Minneapolis even after an explicit request by Tim Walz, the governor of Minnesota, said the BBC.

Recent polls by NPR show that voters are split about how enforcement is being carried out in local communities, including students at the university.

“I think it is unnecessarily belligerent. Fear doesn’t amplify change; it only tears a nation apart,” Merced said.

One concern raised by many students is the precedent being set by ICE, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice, and how recent escalations in Minneapolis could shape enforcement practices in other states, including Connecticut.

“It’s making people afraid no matter where you live since you see it happening. It’s making anybody of a different ethnicity scared to be able to walk out on their own,” business administration major Ethan Lemon, a junior, said.

Scrutiny toward the Trump administration’s response continues, and the entire Minneapolis community remains on edge.

ICE is set to remain in Minneapolis, and no current litigation or action has been taken towards the agents responsible for the deaths of Good and Pretti.

“It is disgraceful. ICE terrifies people, and you can see it every day,” Lemon said.

Students have already

noticed an increase in ICE presence in New Haven and Connecticut as a whole.

“Stay strong; bond together. Just know there are people who support you and are here to support you as you are. We all live in the same country, a country built on immigration, and we all have to be there to support each other,” Lemon said.

More updates are expected from the White House as the investigation into the shootings continues. Protests in Minneapolis remain steady, and residents are determined to seek justice and make their voices heard.



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Protesters holding up an “ICE out of MN” sign as they walk.



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An ICE agent pepper spraying a protester while other protesters record in Minneapolis.