

## Digital Toolkit

For CSS Campus Chapters



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#### Introduction Utilizing online resources

Collaboration and communication became increasingly challenging for campus chapters over the transition from fully in-person to remote schooling. In an effort to better support our new hybrid communities, we've put together this guide to eliminate any participation barriers and help our chapter leaders utilize the resources available online.

# What you will need:

- Access to your campus chapter's email account (Chapter leaders must create a Gmail for their chapter) to sign up for most online tools.
- Access to the internet and an electronic device such as a computer, laptop, or tablet.



#### Online Collaboration

These tools will help CSS chapter leaders work together despite working from different locations.



## **Google Drive**

#### Documents, spreadsheets, calendars, and forms

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner

**COST:** Free

**ABOUT:** Chapter leaders can use <u>Google Drive</u> to make word documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and surveys. Google Drive allows files to be easily shared with others so they can view or contribute. This is a great place to store important chapter-related documents!

(The CSS National Team used Google Drive!)





#### Zoom

Video conferencing

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner

**COST:** Free with a basic account

ABOUT: <u>Zoom</u> is a platform used for hosting video meetings, webinars, or breakout sessions in conference rooms. Zoom became increasingly popular due to remote schooling and remote work environments.

Slack

**Direct messaging** 

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner



**COST:** Free with a basic account

ABOUT: <u>Slack</u> is a messenger app that brings hybrid communities together and makes communication quick and easy. Chapter leaders can create channels for specific topics of discussion, share documents and create folders.

(The CSS National Team used Slack!)

### Doodle

#### Scheduling

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner/Intermediate



**COST:** Free

ABOUT: Doodle is an easy-to-use scheduling tool that helps organize meeting times. Create a <u>Doodle</u> poll with suggested times, and share it with your fellow chapter executives or chapter members to find the best time for everyone to meet. This is helpful when setting meeting dates.



Trello

**Project management** 

**DIFFICULTY:** Intermediate

**COST:** Free

**ABOUT:** <u>Trello</u> is a collaborative project management tool. It allows teams to add tasks and to-do list items to a visual pinboard. It's useful for setting up projects and assigning tasks. It also gives a great overview of everything your chapter's e-board is working on.





Asana

Task management

**DIFFICULTY:** Intermediate/Advanced

**COST:** Free with a basic account

ABOUT: <u>Asana</u> is a project management tool. It's useful for creating checklists for tasks and assigning these tasks to different chapter executives and getting updates on projects.

(The CSS National Team used Asana!)



## LinkTree

A 1-stop shop for links

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner

**COST:** Free



(The CSS National Team used LinkTree!)







QR code generator

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner

**COST:** Free



**ABOUT:** Powered by Bitly, this <u>QR Code Generator</u> is helpful to chapters when wanting to post meetings or recruitment flyers around campus. Adding a QR code that directs students to your meeting link or forms will be helpful in encouraging participation.



### Community Engagement

Using digital tools to communicate with members of your campus chapters is a great way to keep everyone updated, involved, and engaged!



### **Survey Monkey**

#### Survey, polls, and forms

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner/Intermediate

**COST:** Free with a basic account

**ABOUT:** <u>Survey Monkey</u> enables chapters to send out polls and analyze the responses they receive. It can be really useful for asking questions about your member's experiences and finding out what people think about chapter events.



Buffer

Social media management

**DIFFICULTY:** Intermediate

**COST:** Free with a basic account

ABOUT: <u>Buffer</u> is one of the most simple and easy-to-use tools for managing your chapter's social media profiles. Simply connect your chapter's social media accounts, add a graphic, create a caption, and assign it to the date and time you'd like it posted.



### Hootsuite

Social media management

**DIFFICULTY:** Intermediate/Advanced

**COST:** Free with a basic account

**ABOUT:** <u>Hootsuite</u> is a social media management platform for social media users. It allows chapter marketing executives to schedule posts across multiple platforms and tracks comments, mentions, and hashtags.

(The CSS National Team used Hootsuite!)



#### CSS COLLEGIATE SALES SOCIETY MailChimp

#### **Email automation**

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner/Intermediate

**COST:** Free with a basic account



ABOUT: <u>MailChimp</u> is an all-in-one marketing platform typically used to send email newsletters. Chapter leaders can customize unique newsletters or use one of MailChimp's many templates. This is a great resource to use when sending out event reminders.

**Design tools** 

Canva

**DIFFICULTY:** Beginner

**COST:** Free for a basic account

ABOUT: <u>Canva</u> is a graphic design platform that enables the user to create social media images, meeting flyers, or any other visual content. It's very simple to use, with free stock images, and different fonts. It also has a lot of templates to use or get inspiration from!

(The CSS National Team used Canva!)







### Weebly

Website building

**DIFFICULTY:** Intermediate



**COST:** Free with a basic account

ABOUT: <u>Weebly</u> is a user-friendly website builder. It lets users create and publish well-structured sites, blog posts, and more. Chapters will rarely (if ever) need to create a unique webpage.



# CSS Suggested Social Platforms



#### **Need support?**

If your campus chapter needs support setting up accounts, creating marketing material, or crafting outreach or engagement plans schedule a meeting during our Marketing Office Hours!

> Tuesday/Thursday 12 - 4 PM PST <u>https://meetings.hubspot.com/juliette-duran</u>

