Event Planning Checklist

Tasks
Logistics Team
Confirm the date and time of your event
Reserve a reasonable size space for your event, if applicable
Arrange for a microphone, computer, screen & projector, if necessary
Get a parking pass from campus security for your guest speaker, if necessary
Reserve a parking space with cones close to the event location for your guest speaker
Arrange for beverages and snacks at the event, or contact campus catering
Arrange transportation to and from the event for student attendees, if necessary
Set up and decorate the event location, if necessary
Communications Team
Advertise the event via email, posters, facebook, etc.
Extend personal invitations to specific faculty or clubs, asking for their students to attend
Contact campus and local media (newspaper, radio, tv) to arrange an interview at the event
Notify your Public Information Office (PIO) about the event details
Update your team regularly to manage expectations regarding attendance
Manage the RSVP list and send periodic reminders
Ask the President's Office if the President will attend the recognition ceremony
Man a sign-in sheet the day of the event
Master of Ceremony
Obtain materials for the event such as decorations, certificates, t-shirts and prizes, etc.
Speak at the event (greet the audience, introduce the speaker, etc.)
Guest Speaker Liaison
Provide the guest speaker's staff with regular updates
Provide guest speaker's staff with your personal cell phone number
Ask for a short introduction about the guest speaker to read at the event
Arrange for your guest's transportation to and from the airport, if necessary
Greet the guest speaker and escort him/her to every location on the agenda
If yours is a meal-time event, make sure your guest eats before it is time to speak
Return your guest to wherever you met; the parking lot or the airport
Email photos of the event to your guest speaker's staff after the event