



The Cap and Gown Club of Princeton
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The combined efforts of our Chairs, Officers, and the Graduate Board have significantly improved the member experience and community involvement of the Cap & Gown Club during the past year, specifically in the areas of Community Outreach, Cultural Enrichment, the Environment, and Technology. We continue to seek options to develop Cap & Gown’s relationships with its members, the University, and the community as a whole. Our club’s members are well-represented in campus life, and we hope that Cap & Gown continues to serve as a place of growth for its members.

Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Chairs are responsible for collaborating with the Officers to plan and implement all aspects of club-wide community service events, as well as coordinating with the Community Outreach chairs of the other clubs and the Pace Center for Civic Values to increase service within the eating club community. Our Community Outreach Chairs, Vincius Amaral ‘17 and Moni Owoade ‘17, have taken on leadership within the club, coordinating events and supporting a positive club culture oriented around giving back.

- As part of a partnership with the newly formed CSICC, they advertised, accepted donations, and distributed stickers for the recent “Trick-or-Feed” drive, which raised almost \$10,000 and collected non-perishable items, which went to the Trenton Area Food Kitchen.
- On September 30, in collaboration with CSICC and USG, they coordinated a voter registration event in the Cap Dining Room. The event included information about voting rules by state, absentee ballots, and postage supplies.
- In November, they coordinated a “learn-to-code” camp in partnership with our community partner, Community House. Community House is a program that provides after school help for families in the Princeton community.

Cultural Enrichment

Cap & Gown prides itself on its diverse and welcoming club culture. Our Culturally Cap Chairs, Tobi Aladesuru ‘17 and Matthew Silberman ‘17, worked with the Officers to repeat old Cap traditions and to host new events that will give Cap members the positive club experience that we hope to provide every day. Some events from the past year include:

- Tournaments and games to increase club cohesiveness, such as Assassins and Speed Dating
- Superbowl Party

- A Snapchat Geofilter Competition
- And of course, our annual Cap Christmas Festivities

Technology

The brunt of the Technology Chair's duty is the maintenance of the club's bicker website, working closely with the Bicker Chair to discuss any site modifications and being on-call for any potential malfunctions of the system. Cap hosted Fall Bicker this year and utilized the skills of Technology Chair Michael Prenovitz '17 to optimize the process. However, Treasurer Chris Piller '17 worked hard to further optimize the bicker website for Spring Bicker for what was the largest class of bickerees in Cap's 125 year history.

Our House Manager Austin Pruitt '17 has also spearheaded an effort to place phone chargers around Cap. Many members study late into the night in our wonderful facilities, but they often found themselves having to venture elsewhere after their phone batter dies. We have received much positive feedback about this new addition, and we've noticed many more members studying and working together after dinner at Cap than in years past. This helps promote a stronger club culture and provides an optimal environment for study and intellectual discourse.

Environment

Our Sustainability Chairs, Jane Urheim '17 and Steven Rosettie '17, led the drive away from Styrofoam cups at Cap. Regular use of the new paper cups has been widely adopted by the membership and plastic cup consumption has been virtually displaced. This will significantly reduce our carbon and plastic waste footprint moving forward. Additionally, they have worked to increase the number of recycling bins in Cap to boost recycling efforts and have invited a number of professors from the ENV Department to speak at Cap this semester. More generally, Jane and Steven have worked hard to educate the membership about good recycling and conservation practices, trying to not only provide these environmental improvements but also ensure that members understand the importance of taking part.