



THE CAP AND GOWN CLUB OF PRINCETON
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In conjunction with our Chairs, the Officers, and the Graduate Board, the Cap & Gown Club has significantly improved various aspects of our club in the past year, especially in the areas of Community Outreach, Cultural Enrichment, and the Environment and Technology. We continue to seek out 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 safe 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 clubwide 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, Catherine Bauman and Janie Lee, had a large role in the success of TruckFest this year, which was an exciting interclub initiative that raised over \$20,000 for charitable causes. In addition to this, our club:

- Hosted middle schoolers from New Heights Academy Charter School for lunch at the club
- Princeton TruckFest 2014 and TruckFest 2015 (in planning stages)
 - Assisted by contacting local businesses, attending and contributing to planning meetings, and working with the Community Service InterClub Council
 - Kept Cap members informed of opportunities to serve the club and the community
- Hosted carolers from a local Community House program
- Ran two non-perishable food drives were targeted to provide Trenton Area Soup Kitchen with the specific goods that they were in need of

Cultural Enrichment

Cap & Gown prides itself on its diverse and welcoming club culture. Our Culturally Cap Chairs, Gabriella Ravida, Michael Iberkleid, and Cameron Maple, all 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. Our Culturally Cap Chairs and Officers work

closely to ensure that our club functions as a place of academic, social, and personal growth. Some additions to the club's events in the past year include:

- Professor Speaker Dinner with Prof. Jeff Nunokawa – offered an opportunity to bond with faculty and to network for our members
- The Cap Talent Show, which built camaraderie among club members on a Club Night and was an exciting opportunity to get to know members at the start of the school year
- Themed music at weekly Club Night meals to extend the cultural experience of the night beyond the food
- Field Day: games outside in the fall to encourage club bonding
- Cap tournaments such as Assassins, March Madness brackets, FIFA
- Bringing ideas from the membership to the Officers: liaisons, increasing communication between members and officers
- Movie nights
- Week of Cap Holidays: served as an acknowledgement and celebration of all the diverse cultures, holidays, and beliefs of our membership, as well as a fun way to celebrate the holidays and the end of the semester
- Cap Sukkah for Sukkot: embracing diverse holidays celebrated by different club members

Environment and Technology

The brunt of the Technology Chair's duty is the maintenance of the club's bicker website, to work closely with the Bicker Chair to discuss any modifications to be made on the site, and to be readily available for any instance that the site may not function up to standard. Our Technology Chair, Hannah Park, worked very hard this year to streamline and improve our bicker website, which accommodated a record 227 students who bickered our club. We also oversaw updates to the virtual presence of the club via its websites – bicker and informational – to ensure that all of the software needs of the club were met.

- Ensured the confidentiality of our bickerees and the impartiality and fairness of our bicker system
- Monitored the club's website, blog posts, and updates to field comments and questions from users
- Updated Wordpress and membership lists

Our Sustainability Chairs, Harry Silver and Ariana Lazzaroni, implemented an Organic Waste Separation program as part of their duties in making Cap a more environmentally friendly club. The point of the Separation Program is to separate food waste at meals with non-food waste (like cups, napkins, etc.), which minimizes the amount of waste sent to landfills and allows recyclable materials to be reused more than they would have been in the past. Our Sustainability Chairs have also focused on better controlling the pickup times of waste to improve efficiency within the club.

We are also looking into increasing our vegetarian meal program to both better accommodate the needs of our vegetarian club members and to implement more sustainable habits for the environment. We are considering starting off with one vegetarian dinner this semester and monitoring the club's response.