

The Princeton Quadrangle Club

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Club Life

The Princeton Quadrangle Club continues to be an environment that fosters social and intellectual growth among members. We encourage an atmosphere of openness and inclusivity, providing a space for students to connect with one another as well as alumni and faculty at the university. Quad has continued to partner with a number of organizations on and off campus, which includes working with USG for Lawnparties, as well as hosting events sponsored by the Alcohol Initiative to provide and encourage social activities which do not involve alcohol. We are also currently hosting the US Olympic men's crew team this semester, who engage with members and join us for meals.

Education

We have been working to enhance the educational experiences of members in the club, so this semester we have expanded our relationship with the university and invite professors to dine at the club each week. So far this semester, our education committee has brought in James Rankin (German), Michael Flower and Andrew Ford (Classics), Andrea Graham (EEB), Fred Hughson (MOL), Joshua Katz (Linguistics), and Jeff Nunokawa (English). As many of our members have an interest in American Sign Language, we hosted a weekly ASL Language Table last semester and are looking to create more language and discussion tables at meals in the future. Additionally, Quad's House Chair holds weekly Music Appreciation sessions, where members can come enjoy and learn old and new pieces of music, increasing their knowledge in the arts. We continue to partner with the Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources, and Education (SHARE) office on campus, and educate all of our members on interpersonal violence intervention and prevention.

Community Service and Sustainability

Quad put on its annual charity auction last spring and successfully raised \$700. In order to raise awareness among club members about community service opportunities and to get more members involved in these causes, we took suggestions about the organizations to which we should donate, provided information and education about the suggested options, and allowed members vote on which cause to support. Club members voted to donate the money to Heifer International, which provides clean water and sustainable food sources to developing countries. This is in line with Quad's commitment to sustainability and fighting food insecurity, as demonstrated by our participation in TruckFest last spring and Trick-or-Feed this fall along with other eating clubs, which helped to support the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, and Mercer Street Friends. Last semester, we also held a run to support Covenant House and raised nearly \$500 for the organization.

In order to reduce our carbon footprint, Quad has increased efforts to recycle its leftover cardboard, plastic, glass and food. Additionally, we implemented a composting system last semester and are continuing

to find ways to minimize food waste. This past year, Quad's greenhouse was updated with insulation, heating, circulation, and power. This new setup was due to a Greenhouse Partnership with the Princeton University Botany Club, and will be shared to collectively grow plants and herbs for more sustainable eating, as well as to educate students on campus about sustainability.

Technology and Entertainment

Quad continues to have wireless Internet service for all members, as well as desktop computers for students who do not have access to laptops. The university is planning to upgrade the wireless internet service on December 7th, which will improve the ease of internet access for club members. Other technology accessible to members includes cluster printers, computer and phone charging stations, and TV/game rooms to provide members with alternative socializing activities. The Quad website has recently undergone a significant upgrade, and we now have one site for current and potential members (which offers weekly menus, officer bios, and a schedule of upcoming events), in addition to the old website that caters to non-members.