

# Princeton Tower Club

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### Education

Tower actively supports intellectual life at Princeton, both by providing a clean and well-maintained space for studying and by using the clubhouse as a venue for academic ventures. The History Department continues to hold precepts in the building – this semester, Tower is hosting five precepts for the department, including for “Asian American History.” The room has already received considerable requests for use throughout the semester under Tower’s new officer corps, which came into office two weeks ago.

Tower will continue its roundtable program allowing members to meet important figures on campus and discuss various issues with them over dinner. The club’s Roundtable Coordinators, Evan Soltas ’16 and Devansh Gupta ’16, scheduled a lineup of well-known professors recently including President Eisgruber, Elizabeth Bogan, Alan Krueger, Jill Dolan and Stacy Wolf, and Robert George. Tower’s Roundtable Coordinators are about to turn over, and the next coordinators will begin the program anew later this month.

### Civic Engagement and Community Service

Tower furthers its civic engagement mission by making itself available as a building and space available for the use of various campus groups. A variety of campus groups have already reserved rooms within the building as places to meet during the first two weeks of the new officer corps, including Princeton Faith in Action, All-Nighter with Eliot Linton, Mock Trial, and Orange Key. In addition, Tower’s community service chairs, Kate Gardner ’16 and Lawrence Liu ’16, have established partnerships with the Merwick Elderly Home and HomeFront’s ArtSpace program in Trenton. Tower was able to donate more than \$500 to the latter cause from club events.

### Sustainability

In order to discourage wasteful behaviors, Tower has been following a policy of eliminating the availability of to-go containers. Members and guests who want to take their food with them must ask for tinfoil, and Tower’s officer corps has found that this policy has significantly decreased waste associated with meals. Tower also has a successful initiative to recycle food waste, putting out a bin for every meal to collect excess food. The waste is then transported to a farm where it is repurposed as food for pigs.

Structurally, Tower has recently opened a new addition featuring energy efficient windows and lights that can be individually controlled to save energy and reduce use. The addition also has an air-conditioning system that is independent from the rest of the club to allow it to stay cool without losing air to non-ventilated areas of

the club. Furthermore, Tower continues to install LED bulbs throughout the club as well as new dimmers to keep up to date with the most recent technological advances.

## Technology

Tower's Technology Chairs, Henry Lu '16 and Ryan O'Shay '16, are maintaining a feature on the club's website that provides scheduling information for the various rooms in the club, making it easier for members to see how the club is being utilized and reserve various facilities. The club has also recently purchased a PlayStation 4 and an Xbox One, along with a number of games, for the use of the membership. Furthermore, the Technology Chairs have been working with the University to try to improve Tower's spotty access to puwireless, as well as establish a Cluster Printer in the club. So far, these projects are continuing as planned.