

The Cap and Gown Club of Princeton
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Irène Diane '27, Vice President of the Cap and Gown Club

The Cap and Gown Club recognizes the importance of the cooperation of our Officers, Chairs, and Graduate Board to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for our members. The chairpersons have worked over the past year to improve the experience of the membership and increase the club's involvement in the community. We hope that Cap and Gown continues to be an inviting environment for our members and guests and serve as a place of growth for our members.

Community Outreach

Community Outreach Chairs provide opportunities for community service by partnering with local Princeton organizations and the university itself to support and encourage member participation. Community Outreach Chairs are responsible for encouraging the club's involvement with the surrounding local community through either volunteer-based events, clothing drives, or fundraising to support non-profit organizations in Princeton and Mercer County. Through accessible, fun and engaging, inclusive fundraising events within the club, we successfully raised over \$1090 in donations for Rescue Mission Trenton. As Community Outreach Chairs, we believe that careful consideration of the community around us is the most significant aspect of our role and therefore take care in choosing our partners.

Catherine Ruiz, Class of 2026 Valentina Moreno, Class of 2026

Cultural Enrichment

Cap & Gown Club is proud of its commitment to a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive community. As "Culturally Cap" Chairs we were responsible for communicating and holding up Cap's traditions, such as the seating policy to uphold our high standard of inclusion. We were also dedicated to engaging membership and promoting familiarity with one another by doing "Member of the Week" shoutouts and keeping track of all Cap member's birthdays and communicating them to the club. Additionally, Culturally Cap is responsible for engaging with the club with fun content via Capspam. For us, this included weekly(ish) social newsletters, and "timelines" for formals. In the fall, we also hosted Club tournaments (such as pool, die, and pickleball). In order to move away from emails (which people sometimes don't read) we took over a bulletin board in the club near the entrance and updated it with birthdays and member of the week information. This was the first time Culturally Cap did this and it was great to have something fun to have something for members to look at near the door.

Rowan King, Class of 2026 & Ava Krochenski-Meyer Class of 2026

Technology

As the Cap Technology Chair for 2025–2026, I had the responsibility of running the website we use for bicker and creating community at Cap through online activities. Our bicker website (created by our previous five Tech Chairs) is an incredibly useful and well-made tool, so I maintain it by setting it up for fall and spring bicker and updating it with new functionality and adjusting code as needed. This included support for 1-on-1 bicker conversations as well as improvements to the discussions interface. Aside from bicker, I also ran our online, club-wide Valentine's Day pairing system to include more fun and interesting matching criteria.

Brian Zhou, Class of 2026

Sustainability

Cap does a lot of great work in terms of sustainability—including carbon-neutral heating, only providing takeout containers upon request, and recycling. I have worked hard to improve member awareness of sustainability here at Cap and create continuity between this semester and the next to work on larger long-term sustainability goals. I served as the club's official representative to the Interclub Sustainability Committee (ICSC), attended semesterly ICSC meetings and communicated relevant updates, initiatives, and policy developments back to club leadership and members. I also planned and executed semesterly “Cap & Thrift” events to promote reuse and circular consumption. Coordinate logistics, marketing, collection, sorting, and redistribution of donated items. We had the pleasure of partnering with other campus organizations where appropriate to maximize participation and impact (i.e: Mend, EcoReps, etc.). Additionally, I gathered and elevated member sustainability concerns to club leadership and assessed the environmental and financial feasibility of proposed changes (e.g., transitioning to paper-based to-go containers, implementing reusable cup systems for events). To foster a culture in which environmental responsibility is understood as a shared norm rather than a single-officer initiative. And, to keep the club engaged I lead a new initiative “Sus Member of the Week”, highlighting members who demonstrate leadership in waste reduction, sustainable event planning, or creative environmental initiatives.

Vicky Quinn-Caballero, Class of 2026

Safety

The Cap & Gown Club is always committed to maintaining a safe space for both members and guests at all times. As Safety Chairs, we focused on improving safety processes, particularly safety duty. As Safety Chairs, we managed the safety shift program for Cap and Gown's social events. We built the semester safety schedule, coordinated shift logistics, and ensured events ran smoothly and responsibly. Since members are required to complete at least one safety shift each semester, we set clear expectations and communicated procedures by creating a safety policy slideshow for the club.

Anthony Lopez, Class of 2026 & Azhar Razin, Class of 2026

Alumni Relations

The Cap & Gown Alumni Relations Chairs aimed to bridge Cap's diverse undergraduate population with its tight-knit alumni community. We began planning some events/potential partnerships, especially for alumni matching for our annual assassins game and a consulting information session. We facilitated Cap Connections over the summer with the help of the Grad Board Alumni Chairs. Develop Algorithms to match undergraduates with alumni and Planned any events pertaining to alumni-undergraduate networking Cap Connections forms, emails and algorithms were developed as well as a guideline (outreach emails, possible dates, contact sheet email) to establish alumni panels separated by industry. We hope future Alumni Relations Chairs can continue to build upon Cap Connections and also utilize the Cap LinkedIn group to create a more comprehensive year-round alumni database that students can reach out to during their job/internship search, particularly for more networking-heavy industries. Would be especially helpful if one of the chairs would be able to webscrape the LinkedIn group and TigerNet into a singular combined sheet (if possible).

Brandon Hwang Class of 2026 & Lucia Achucarro Class of 2026

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The DEI Chairs are dedicated to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within Cap & Gown. We are committed to incorporating DEI considerations into every aspect of the club as an important step in creating an environment that is welcoming and inclusive to all members.

For Fall Bicker, we set up an anonymous DEI hotline so bickerees and members could share any complaints or concerns that came up during bicker. We also gave a presentation before bicker to all members that included information on do's and don't's for maintaining an inclusive and equitable environment during bicker and with bickerees. Additionally, we were dutifully attentive throughout the bicker process and provided support for members who wished to bring up DEI concerns during bicker and discussions. We then promptly met with officers to discuss the best ways to address these concerns and took action. Aside from bicker we met with the DEI Grad Board to discuss the results of the annual Cap DEI survey and discuss how changes could be implemented and presented to the larger grad board. We hope future DEI chairs will continue to advocate for the importance of all DEI issues in Cap & Gown, including - but not limited to - physical accessibility in the club, the safety of all students and guests during nights out at Cap, and continuing to work with affinity groups in the club to promote and maintain our inclusive environment in the Cap & Gown club.

Christopher Robles, Class of 2026; Brian Mhando, Class of 2026