

University Cottage Club

Report for Princeton Prospect Foundation

Fall 2013

Community Involvement

- Cottage maintains its community service chair position, and has placed a more important emphasis on the credentials required for fulfilling this role. This past year, Cottage Club elected two community service chairs, which has proved to be successful in making the club more community service oriented
- Cottage members have volunteered to serve as volunteer coaches for the Dillon Youth Basketball League.
- Cottage members participated the Fashion Speaks: Service In Style Fashion Show for the Eden Institute, taking on leadership roles in the overall production of the show, acting as the two chairs of the sponsorship committee, two chairs of the publicity committee, two chairs of the fundraising committee, and 7 of the models in the show.
- Cottage also participated for the first time in the Inter Club Community Fundraiser last spring, raising \$1000 through their 5K and email outreach
- Cottage members ran in a Team U half marathon to help raise money for their organization.
- After a successful “test-run” this past summer, the Cottage Grad board is implementing an internship program for our juniors. They will offer 6 paid internship opportunities across the US, with housing and transportation fees provided.
- Cottage has begun a renewed effort into inviting professors to dine with us at our meals. So far this year we have already had Professor Miller from the Religion Department and Professor Strigl, who is currently teaching Leadership Development for Business (EGR 494). We hope to have these lunches turn into more formal seminars at a later point in the semester.

Sustainability Efforts

- Cottage has once again revamped its sustainability chair this past spring, a position started in 2010 and updated most recently in 2012. We are planning on having our first “green” tap night, where students are encouraged to only use and reuse the one cup they receive
- Cottage continues its use of biodegradable “to-go” boxes at lunch. The staff regulates the number of these boxes used to make sure that they are not used in place of reusable plates and utensils.
- Similarly, Cottage staff is encouraging members to take our glasswear instead of our to-go boxes when planning on eating outside when the weather is nice out, as is custom
- Cottage continues to provide bigger, biodegradable “to-go” cups to encourage members to use fewer cups.
- Cottage only uses energy-efficient helium bulbs.

Campus Life

- Cottage members are very active in a number of groups on campus including the following:
 - **PACT** (Princeton Against Cancer Together): the past four Presidents have been Cottage members and members remain active on its Executive Board
 - **Circle of Women**: a non-profit group devoted to building schools in developing countries for girls – a large part of the executive committee is comprised of Cottage members
 - **SHARE**: a group dedicated to sexual harassment awareness and advising
 - **Athletes in Action**
 - **Princeton Wellness Leadership Institute**
 - **Princeton Faith in Action**
 - **Pace Council for Civic Values**
 - **Business Today**
- Starting in Fall 2012, Cottage and PFA have worked together to hold a weekly Bible Study on Fridays for both male and female members
 - A new bible study leader has been appointed for the 2013-2014 school year for the female group
- Cottage members also belong to a variety of Varsity sports teams including Field Hockey, Football, Sprint Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, Basketball, Swimming and Diving, Crew, Baseball, Track and Field, Cross Country, Water polo, Ice Hockey, Golf and Squash.

Possible Future Pursuits for consideration by the Princeton Prospect Foundation:

- Cottage is continuing to look for a community partner through which it can engage in regular community service events throughout the year
- Personal Finance Education: invite Princeton professors, as well as alumni, to instruct Cottage members regarding personal finance (everything from tax forms to investing in the stock market to managing personal accounts).