



The Cap and Gown Club of Princeton
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Jack L. Allen '21, Vice President of 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 to our members and guests and serve as a place of growth for our members.

Community Outreach

Community Outreach Chairs encourage civic service by working with community partners to provide volunteer opportunities for membership and organizing events and fundraisers within the club. In addition, Community Outreach Chairs must serve on the Community Service Inter-Cub Council, which organizes the Trick or Feed fundraiser and TruckFest. In our time as Chairs we prioritized strengthening our relationship with Cap's community partners. We accomplished this by organizing service trips to our community partner HomeFront, a local organization that serves thousands of families in Mercer County to break the cycle of poverty in Central New Jersey. We also conducted a pie-an-officer fundraiser for HomeWorks, a non-profit founded by Cap's own Nat Tung '18 that provides an after school boarding program to underserved middle and high school girls in Trenton, NJ. Lastly, we put together a very successful club-wide fundraiser to support a Cap alum who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia, showing support to our Cap family across classes.

Kennan Ewing and Ellie Breinfeld, Class of 2020

Technology

As the Cap Technology Chair for 2019-20, my main objective was to create a new bicker website for spring 2020 bicker. The old website was using old software that made it difficult to manage and make changes. This new website is built on a ReactJS-Django Heroku application, allowing the developer (future tech chairs) to implement highly interactive components very quickly and roll out changes. In addition, I made a comprehensive step-by-step wiki page to allow tech chairs to be more easily onboarded with the tools and overall website setup.

Daniel Chae, Class of 2020

Cultural Enrichment

The Cap and Gown Club prides itself on its diverse and welcoming club culture. For the 2019-2020 academic year, our Culturally Cap Chairs were Bojan Lazarevic '20 and Sneha Iyer '20. They worked hard this year with the Officers to repeat fun Cap traditions and plan new and exciting events that gave Cap members a positive club experience. They worked hard to ensure that our club functioned as a place of academic, social, and personal growth. Some highlights from this past year include:

- The Cap Talent Show, which built camaraderie among club members on a Club Night and was an exciting opportunity to see talents from members
- A climate change presentation and discussion, given by graduate board member Karl Pettit
- Club-wide trips to bowling and Six Flags
- Cap tournaments for March Madness
- Secret Santa gift exchange for the holiday season

Bojan Lazarevic and Sneha Iyer, Class of 2020

Sustainability

Overall, I'm really proud of the sustainability efforts that were implemented at the Cap & Gown Club during my time as Sustainability Chair. In an effort to increase transparency, I spoke with the club steward and found out everything that cap does behind the scenes to be sustainable and shared that with the rest of the club! From a groundwater recharge system to ground source heat pumps, Cap is already doing what it can to limit environmental impact. I also instituted a monthly newsletter titled *Being More Sustainable Isn't Unobtainable* in which we highlight sustainable (and some unsustainable) behavior around the club. It was a great way to engage the entire club and open up more dialogue about how simple changes could lead to a more sustainable club all around. Last year, the IM/Gear chair and I worked together to give each member a travel mug that they can use both inside and outside of Cap which are still quite popular. We still have a long way in terms of reaching full sustainability, but we are making small, positive changes which I hope will last for the long-term!

Riley Wagner, Class of 2020

Safety

As the first Safety Chair of Cap, a lot of the past year was spent shaping and developing the role itself. Within this role, I developed a safety duty schedule for members based on their personal preferences and availability and sent reminders on the day of each member's duty. I also sent out emails to the club before big club-wide or campus-wide events to remind members of safe practices and how to keep the club itself safe. Finally, I collaborated with the Officers to create safety guidelines for events and provided an extra set of eyes at all events to make sure that all members and guests were safe and not taking part in any dangerous behavior.

Kate Andre, Class of 2020