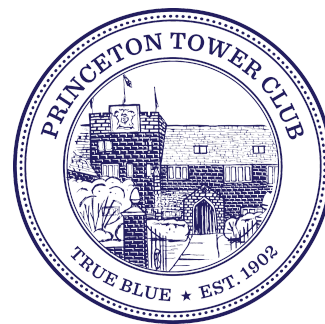


Princeton Tower Club

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As we fully return to our pre-pandemic operations, Princeton Tower Club has worked diligently to offer a home to its 300 plus members that encourages academic excellence, fosters a diverse community, and promotes civic engagement, all the while being a servant to the greater Princeton community.

Education

Tower has been supporting intellectual life at Princeton by providing a clean and well-maintained space for its members and guests to study. Furthermore, the club works to promote education throughout its membership through study groups and weekly study breaks. Beginning this past fall, we reestablished our pre-pandemic educational culture by resuming programs such as our Roundtable Discussions program, where we host leaders from the University and local community during meals, and the usage of our Woodbridge Precept Room for precepts and seminars. Led by our Roundtable Discussions Chair Aviva Schwarz '25, we held several dinner discussions in which invited guests could come and engage in a discourse with our members. Notable speakers included Princeton Professors Peter Singer and Dan-el Padilla Peralta. Furthermore, we hosted a graduate Near Eastern Studies seminar, "Problems in Late Ottoman History," in our Precept Room.

Tower has been working closely with our resident SHARE peer, Nica Evans '24, to educate the community about issues related to sexual assault and harassment and ensure a safe and comfortable environment that supports survivors and promptly addresses issues. In the spirit of educating on sexual harassment awareness and prevention, Tower also requires all its members to attend SHARE training and participated in the Communities of Light program. Additionally, this past year, officers have worked to institutionalize a uniform, public response plan in regards to these issues.

Community Service and Civic Engagement

Community service on and beyond Prospect Avenue is organized by our Community Service Chairs. This year, our outgoing chairs, Okezie Eze '25 and Ian Fernandes '25, began formally instituting a point-reward system within the club for completing community service. Outside of organized activities, many club members participate in service off-campus and in an online setting, including volunteer EMTs, volunteer public school tutors, and mental health hotline workers. Tower looks forward to continuing its community service and civic engagement mission with our new Community Service chairs.

Clubhouse

Tower has been pursuing a swath of renovations in order to improve food quality, accessibility, and the capacity of the club. This past year, our dining area was renovated to increase capacity so that we can create a more comfortable space for our increasing membership. We are also installing an elevator, and adding a gender-neutral bathroom, which we expect to be completed over Summer 2024.

Sustainability

Tower has been working to improve sustainability in all aspects of the club. Reusable dishes have been used and prioritized whenever possible. We worked with our Social Vice President to improve recycling of bottles and other waste materials at regular club events. Furthermore, collection of food scraps for composting has been ongoing, with food waste delivered to Organic Diversion, a local composting vendor. We have implemented a Meal Card system to prevent excessive ordering in order to minimize food waste, while donating leftover food to Share my Meals. Tower plans to continue this focus on sustainability by redoing our driveway and adding an electric vehicle charger for employees, which is expected to be completed over the summer.

Technology

Tower continues to maintain and update the club's technological infrastructure in both online and on-site fronts. We continue to improve our AV capabilities, renovating our speaker and presentation systems. We have also improved access to state-of-the-art video game consoles, purchasing a brand-new PS5 to supplement our Nintendo Switch and Xbox One. We also conducted an extensive repair of all of our video game controllers. Our former tech chairs also have worked to expand the capabilities of our club website, and we intend to completely overhaul and modernize the website in the coming months. We look forward to continuing these transformations with our new Tech Chair, Seth Kahn '25.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The Princeton Tower Club is constantly working towards making the club one that is welcoming and inclusive to all. The club has worked to encourage strong affinity spaces within the club for various communities. This includes offering large events to celebrate our queer and south asian communities, which we hope to expand to other groups in the future. In addition, over the past year, the club received continual guidance on ensuring an inclusive environment from our outgoing DEI chairs, Mohan Setty-Charity '24, Kareena Bhakta '24, and Emilie Chau '25. Led by these DEI chairs, we have strived to create an atmosphere that is welcoming of all affinity groups, allowing those with similar backgrounds a place to both interact with one another and become interwoven with numerous other groups. DEI was a central focus of our Bicker and the club's Bicker Committee organized a pre-bicker DEI information session for potential members to hear from current members about their experiences in Tower with regards to DEI matters.