



The Cap and Gown Club of Princeton
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In conjunction with our Chairs, the Officers, and the Graduate Board, the Cap & Gown Club has significantly improved various aspects of our club in the past year, especially in the areas of Community Outreach, Cultural Enrichment, and the Environment and Technology. We continue to seek out options to develop Cap & Gown's relationships with its members, the University, and the community as a whole. Our club's members are well-represented in campus life, and we hope that Cap & Gown continues to serve as a safe place of growth for its members.

Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Chairs are responsible for collaborating with the Officers to plan and implement all aspects of club-wide community service events, as well as coordinating with the Community Outreach chairs of the other clubs and the Pace Center for Civic Values to increase service within the eating club community. Our new Community Outreach Chairs, Moni Owoade '17 and Vinicius Amaral '17 with the help of our outgoing chairs Justin Ziegler '16 and Collin Edwards '16, had a large role in the success of TruckFest this year, which was an exciting interclub initiative that raised over \$20,000 for charitable causes. In addition to this, our club:

- Princeton TruckFest 2016
 - Assisted by contacting local businesses, attending and contributing to planning meetings, and working with the Community Service InterClub Council
 - Kept Cap members informed of opportunities to serve the club and the community
 - Purchased tickets for our members to encourage participation in the event.
- Hosted students from the Community House Program for games on our lawn and have a movie night planned.
- Ran a non-perishable food drive that was targeted to provide Trenton Area Soup Kitchen with the specific goods that they needed.
- Running a pilot coding camp for the students in the Community House Program. Computer Science majors and certificates in Cap will help to tutor high school and middle school students in introductory coding.
- Hosted a dinner table discussion with the leaders of Princeton Against Global Hunger where member engaged in conversation and learning about international food security issues and ways to get involved in helping solve the problems.
- Cap hosted a discussion on diversity in Eating Clubs that was open to all members of the Princeton community in collaboration with the ICC. The afternoon brought about many important ideas and questions related to inclusion on the street and we were pleased with

the engagement of our members, members from other clubs, and other people involved in the Princeton campus community.

Cultural Enrichment

Cap & Gown prides itself on its diverse and welcoming club culture. Our new Culturally Cap Chairs, Tobi Aladesuru '17 and Matthew Silberman '17 and our outgoing chairs, Jack Mazzulo '16 and Dominique Ibekwe '16, all worked with the Officers to repeat old Cap traditions and to host new events that will give Cap members the positive club experience that we hope to provide every day. Our Culturally Cap Chairs and Officers work closely to ensure that our club functions as a place of academic, social, and personal growth. Some highlights of the last semester include:

- The Cap Talent Show, which built camaraderie among club members on a Club Night and was an exciting opportunity to see talents from new and old members.
- Themed music at weekly Club Night meals to extend the cultural experience of the night beyond the food
- Cap tournaments such as March Madness brackets and FIFA
- Facilitating greater exchange between members and officers: our Culturally Cap chairs did a great job acting as liaisons.
- Movie nights
- Week of Cap Holidays: served as an acknowledgement and celebration of all the diverse cultures, holidays, and beliefs of our membership, as well as a fun way to celebrate the holidays and the end of the semester
- Alumni outreach: connecting members of the cap alumni body to current members to facilitate relationships between the two and allowing cap members to learn about ways to take their success at Princeton into the world.
- Weekly bible study open to all cap members to help Christian members practice their faith, while encouraging others to learn about Christianity in general.

Environment and Technology

The brunt of the Technology Chair's duty is the maintenance of the club's bicker website, to work closely with the Bicker Chair to discuss any modifications to be made on the site, and to be readily available for any instance that the site may not function up to standard. Our former Technology Chair, Zheng Cong '16, worked very hard this year to streamline and improve our bicker website, ensuring a successful bicker and discussions process. We also oversaw updates to the virtual presence of the club via its websites – bicker and informational – to ensure that all of the software needs of the club were met. Our new Technology Chair Michal Prenovitz '17 along with the other officers has developed a meal exchange form to help streamline the meal exchange system and promote greater accountability on the part of members. We have also been working with other clubs in hopes that we might move into a completely paperless meal exchange system.

Our Sustainability Chairs, Jane Urheim '17 and Stephen Rossettie '17, have continued to promote good practices for a better environment around the club. They are currently working to eliminate Styrofoam bowls from our Monday ice cream night. In addition they are planning on having a Food Waste Awareness week as we have noticed that one of the areas we generate the most waste is in food that people take from the buffet and do not eat. This educational awareness

week will continually improve the membership's awareness about issues of sustainability. We have also increased our vegetarian meal program to both better accommodate the needs of our vegetarian club members and to implement more sustainable habits for the environment. We have further expanded our salad bar and had a vegetarian club night this semester. We hope to continue this trend into the fall.