

Princeton Quadrangle Club

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Princeton Prospect Foundation Report

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Club Life

Quad continues to be an environment that fosters social and intellectual growth among members. We seek to offer our members not only a space to eat and relax, but where they can study and work with friends, members and non-members alike. Every week we host a Frist-like late meal, a study break featuring snacks and activities, and other social events for members. This year we have been particularly strong in addressing anonymous feedback from our members to constantly update the menu and make the clubhouse a more comfortable space. We have also fostered communication platforms in which members with shared interests, identities, and cultures can connect regardless of class year or academic focus.

Community Service

Quad’s commitment to serving our community remains strong. Every year, we hold our Quad auction, at which members offer various skills and services (a musical instrument lesson for example) on which other members can bid. Last spring, we raised a total of \$1,046, donating \$200 each to Camp Kesem and HiTOPS, and the remaining \$646 to Womanspace, according to a poll where we asked members which charities they wished to support. Earlier this month, we encouraged members to purchase small valentines which our Officers hand-wrote for each recipient member. The money raised from this activity will fund a service trip later in the semester, where members can partake in more hands-on service in the larger community.

Outreach

Outside the four corners of Quad, we continue to work to build relationships with our alumni, student groups on campus, and professors. Every month, we host a Princeton Area Alumni Association “Propeller Talk,” which is open to students, alumni, and the larger community. Each presentation explores a different groundbreaking research topic in science and technology. We also maintain alumni connections through frequent webinars, where members can learn about careers and entrepreneurship from distinguished alumni.

In addition to encouraging individuals from all cultural, art/performance, and career-oriented clubs to join Quad as members, we also host events in collaboration with different student groups regardless of their membership. One example of this is our Latin Night, which invites all students to learn about and celebrate Latin food and dance. Later this year, we hope to create similar partnerships with KoKo Pops, Princeton’s Korean pop dance group, and with the LGBT+ Center.

Sustainability

Quad began the semester by implementing a backyard composting system, which we hope to expand by working with a commercial compost service. Other sustainability efforts have been created around our menu, which now offers plant-based options that all members, not just vegetarians, seriously enjoy. The first study break of 2020 provided members with personalizable reusable travel tumblers, which have reduced the use of single-use coffee cups throughout the day. A main goal for the rest of this semester is to reduce and recycle disposable dishware that is used at our larger events.

Education

At the beginning of each semester, members are given the opportunity to list what classes they are taking on a spreadsheet that is shared with the whole membership, so that they can form study groups with other members in their classes. On any given weeknight, you will find these groups of students collaborating in our library or our Grand Salon. There are also a few rooms which are dedicated quiet spaces, perfect for independent work or taking interviews over the phone. Our partnership with the Princeton Area Alumni Association allows our members to take part in weekly Propeller Talks, where speakers share their research in biotechnology, robotics, and other STEM fields. We continue to partner with the Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources, and Education (SHARE) office on campus to educate our members on interpersonal violence intervention and prevention.

Technology

This year, members have been able to enjoy newly renovated TV and game rooms, where they gather to relax or engage in friendly competition. We welcome all students to participate in occasional gaming tournaments, which have become popular over the past few semesters, and our Tech/Games Chair frequently surveys the membership to determine which games and consoles to add to our collection. In order to better accommodate Propeller Talks and other activities, we have recently purchased a new projector and portable sound system. This semester, we aim to use the skills of our Publications/Media Officer to make our website more easily accessible and full of useful, frequently updated information.