

**THE PRINCETON CHARTER CLUB**  
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**PRINCETON PROSPECT FOUNDATION REPORT**

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**Club Life**

Charter had another incredible Street Week and recruitment season this year with Street Week events averaging 280+ attendees. Charter members rose to the occasion to meet the increased demand, all committing several hours to help run events and do coffee chats with interested sophomores. We were thrilled to accept 110 incredibly passionate and enthusiastic sophomores at the end of Street Week, all of whom ranked Charter first in the ICC portal. Our new class hails from all corners of campus, the country, and even the world. All told, over 420 sophomores attended two or more of our recruitment events, and over 750 ranked Charter somewhere in their top 4 in the ICC portal.

The new sophomores were immediately welcomed to the club the night after eating club placement decisions were released at 'pickups', a fun evening where upperclassmen and alike sophomores mingled. Following pickups, sophomores were integrated into the club through a Super Bowl dinner and watch party, as well as a Valentines Day study break and affinity group events such as dumpling making with AAPIDA Charter. Many have already taken to studying and hanging out in the house and we are confident that they will be further integrated into the club through our myriad social events and sophomore meal program which will start on February 24th, kicked off by our annual tradition of Prohibition Night dinner.

Club members remain incredibly engaged with the club, in no small part due to all of the incredible social events organized and hosted by officers and non-officers alike. Popular this past fall has been competing in weekly trivia nights, representing Charter in intramural sports, playing in (or predicting) the pool tournament, hosting the 3v3 soccer tournament, and participating in movie nights. While these structured social events are great, the abundance of friendships formed by spontaneous games of Mario Kart or Catan and late-night studying in the UDR cannot be understated. Furthermore, these opportunities could not occur without our

beautiful house and grounds, which are maintained incredibly well. We have a wide variety of rooms which support many different social activities. Furthermore, during the warmer months, our patio is a popular locale to eat, work, and hang out. Our spacious backyard has played host to several nights out, and is also a great place for basketball tournaments, picnics, and games of beach volleyball.

Charter Fridays (our weekly night out) are always well-attended by both members and non-members. We have hosted live performers and DJs, and our social chairs have done a wonderful job of mixing traditionally popular Charter Friday themes with creatively new themes. We also had a popular joint Olympics event with Cap & Gown. While we are happy that our social events are popular, we also take pride in our strict commitment to safety and inclusion. Every night out, we have two officers and 5-7 members on-duty, all clearly denoted by bright reflective vests, to ensure that all attendees are safe. They are easily identified by their reflective vests. Furthermore, every attendee must read aloud our community safety regulations regarding sexual harassment and consent before entering. We have three SHARE peers in the club (one of whom is our dedicated Accountability Chair) to whom concerns can be confidentially voiced. We require all members and new sophomore members to attend a SHARE training session to ensure that they understand how seriously safety is taken at Charter. Our DEI Officer played an active role in ensuring that diversity, equity, and inclusion remained at the forefront of our recruitment efforts, and will continue to do so going forward. They will be an invaluable resource, helping to support affinity groups and looking out for potential causes for concern. Our goal is to ensure that members of all identities and backgrounds feel welcome in Charter, and we will take DEI feedback very seriously.

Looking forward, I plan on spearheading the organization of alumni-undergraduate summer meetups/mixers in various locations throughout the country to foster alumni engagement and undergraduate mentorship. Therein, both alumni and undergraduates will be able to learn together and create lasting relationships and connections. I also hope to plan alumni speaker events and career mixers where undergraduates will be able to listen to and learn about the diverse and impressive career paths of Charter alumni.

## **Technology**

Charter's website is currently undergoing development for updates to the information currently provided (e.g., officers, graduate board, weekly menu, schedule of events) and to share additional photos of the club and membership. Furthermore, a gear store open to alumni, friends, and families (beyond just the undergraduate members) is in the works and will be accessible via the website in the next few weeks.

Our Computer Cluster is up-to-date with multiple monitors (and requisite cords and adapters) and standing desks for students to use. We have several bluetooth keyboards, wireless mice, and a printer that are available to members on a daily basis. Our current and former House

Managers have ensured there are fun and engaging video games in the TV room for members to play, as well as board and card games throughout the club. This winter, we added a basketball arcade game and a ping-pong table to the already-impressive collection of games and amenities in the house.

### **Service and Sustainability**

Service, in a variety of forms, is important to Charter. Our Community Service Chairs are currently organizing a ‘Thesis Fairies’ program, where sophomore and junior members support thesis-writing seniors, and the seniors share wisdom and advice with the younger members. Furthermore, in the fall semester, Charter managed to raise (through the efforts of our former Community Service Chair) \$388 to support 1000 Schools, an organization that supports education and youth empowerment in Honduras to alleviate violence and extreme poverty. There are also inter-club and other external service projects in the works.

Our dedicated Sustainability Chairs are hard at work improving Charter’s commitment to sustainability. In an effort to reduce food waste, a new half portion option is now available at pub nights. Furthermore, since last semester, we have been growing our own vegetables in an indoor hydroponic garden. Our Sustainability Chairs are working alongside the Kitchen Managers, the House Manager, and our General Manager to explore areas in which we can become more sustainable, including composting and improving insulation in the house.

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**We look forward to the year ahead - thank you! Please reach out with any questions or comments!**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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