

## **CLOISTER INN**

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### **PRINCETON PROSPECT FOUNDATION REPORT**

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#### **CLUB LIFE**

At Cloister Inn, we take pride in the fact that we are the smallest and most tightly-knit club on the Street. Cloister's motto for years has been "the club where everyone knows your name," and we are proud to say that we continue to live up to this mantra today. With members coming from across the country (and indeed, from around the world), Cloister prides itself in fostering an atmosphere of friendship-building and the forming of strong connections thanks to our having such a closely-knit community. We firmly believe that one should not have to jump through hoops to eat with their friends.

Following a successful first two weeks of this semester filled with numerous Street Week events (including our beloved Ice Cream Social, Game Night, numerous sophomore open-house dinners, and a Cloister DEI information panel), we are excited to be welcoming a large number of new members into the club this spring. Our current members have been extremely welcoming to the new sophomores and juniors, and our new members have already begun to treat Cloister as their "home away from home."

Looking forward to the rest of the semester, we have numerous events and activities planned for our members. We are also a club with members spread across many different activities across campus, and it is common to see many club members coming out to support their clubmates in their respective activities.

## **SERVICE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Recently, Cloister has been considering numerous different initiatives to improve our sustainability and service outreach. We continue to maintain a close relationship with The Seeing Eye, which is the oldest and one of the largest trainers of seeing-eye dogs in the country. We periodically host puppy study-breaks with their assistance during times of high stress on campus (such as midterms week and reading period) that are open to all students, and these visits can be highly beneficial for students' mental health during these times.

Working closely with our current sustainability chair we have been considering numerous possible strategies to improve our sustainability as a club, including initiatives to better recycle food waste and trash that would otherwise go to landfills. Cloister is also committed to reducing energy usage whenever possible, including improving the club's insulation to decrease the demand for heating in the winter.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Cloister is up-to-date with all modern technology needs for students, including in-club printing, high-speed WiFi comparable to that found anywhere else on campus, and plenty of space for students to fulfill their academic needs. We also have two TV rooms with numerous games, as well as a large projector and screen for larger group viewing, such as the Super Bowl watch party we held for members two weeks ago. Our hot tub (one of our most coveted assets) is also fully-functioning and cleaned regularly by our house manager, and is a consistent favorite for members looking to de-stress.

Cloister also takes pride in its kitchen technology; our members love our state-of-the-art coffee machine, with espressos, lattes, and more only a push-of-a-button away. Our athletes in particular also enjoy our new blenders and frozen fruit, which are available all hours of the day. Especially for those with busy schedules, having plenty of food options available at all hours (including bagels, toast, cereal, snacks, and a toaster oven) has proven to be one of our members' favorite features of the club.

## **CAMPUS PRESENCE**

While our membership may be small, our presence on campus certainly is not. The events we hold every year during the days before the first day of classes in the fall are some of the most attended on campus, and it's not uncommon to see the club nearly at full capacity on a Saturday night. Our members are also heavily involved in a myriad of activities across campus; although Cloister's reputation may be "floaters and boaters," our membership is incredibly diverse in their interests and involvement in campus activities. With members involved in Aerials, climbing, frisbee, Princeton Running Club, Engineers Without Borders, Princeton Ski & Snowboard Team, and more, one can find a Cloister member involved in something in nearly every corner of campus.

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**Thank you for your time, and we look forward to a great year ahead!**

Respectfully,

Patrick O'Connell

*Vice President, Cloister Inn*