

THE PRINCETON CHARTER CLUB
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PRINCETON PROSPECT FOUNDATION REPORT

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Club Life

Charter welcomed 112 new sophomores into the club after a busy but exciting Street Week and recruitment season. Throughout the week, we hosted a range of fun, engaging events that showcased both the spirit and tradition of Charter. From our very competitive and engaging Charter Decathlon, to classics like Charter Trivia Night, and even a lively Charter Friday that brought the house together. Our daily events allowed sophomores to get a glimpse of Charter's culture and show their interest in the club, ensuring that the community that we are continually building stays strong and enthusiastic. Rather than focusing on hosting the largest number of events, we prioritized quality and intentionality. We lowered our points cap to reflect a more curated schedule, emphasizing meaningful interactions over sheer volume. Despite the expansion in our membership from 100 to 112, to accommodate for the increased size of our house, interest in Charter remained very strong. Over 350 students demonstrated their interest in the club by either attending our events and/or participating in a coffee chat, and more than 800 ranked Charter in their top 4 clubs in the ICC portal.

Our new members represent an incredible diversity, not only in their backgrounds but also in their wide-ranging academic passions and extracurricular pursuits. Their unique experiences and perspectives will undoubtedly enrich our community and contribute to Charter's growth as an inclusive, vibrant, and welcoming space for all students. We are excited to see the ways they will shape and strengthen our shared culture while building on the values that make Charter such a special place.

Following the release of the eating club placement decisions, our team of officers went around campus and dropped off an invitation and small goodie bag at each new member's door, sharing our excitement and officially welcoming them to the club. That night, our new class was immediately welcomed to the club for a members only night at the clubhouse - our sophomore "pickups." Following pickups, sophomores were integrated into the club through a Super Bowl dinner and watch party, a blind dating show members night, Galentine's day events, study break, SHARE training, and official meeting where we introduced all the officers in a more formal setting. Meals have already begun for sophomores, and we implemented a seating policy to allow our current junior and senior members to meet new sophomores. 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 various social events, kicked off by our annual tradition -

Prohibition Night Club members remain deeply engaged, thanks in large part to the incredible social events organized by both officers and non-officers. These members' events included a comedy night, family feud, and blind dating show. We started off the new year with our new officer board incredibly strong with members actively excited and eager to come to the following week's members night. In addition to these new festivities, we have continued the weekly tradition of trivia nights, Charter intramural sports teams like volleyball, water polo and our semester long pool leaderboard. Beyond the structured events, these spontaneous moments—in addition to things like late-night board games and study sessions in the great room and UDR—play a huge role in fostering friendships and strengthening our community. None of this would be possible without our beautiful house and grounds, which are impeccably maintained.

Our new officer board strongly believes that the reputation of Charter starts from our own members' pride, respect, and confidence in our club community. Our events feature a mix of live performers, DJs, and a creative blend of fresh themes, thanks to the efforts of our social chairs. While we are proud of the success and appeal of these nights, we place even greater importance on fostering a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

To ensure safety, every night out is staffed by two officers and 5-7 on-duty members, all wearing bright reflective vests for easy identification. Additionally, all attendees must read aloud our community safety guidelines regarding sexual harassment and consent before entering the event. We are fortunate to have a SHARE peer in the club. Every member, including new sophomores, is required to attend SHARE training to emphasize the importance of safety within our community.

Our commitment to inclusion is also central to Charter's values. Our DEI Officers worked to make all prospective members feel welcome throughout recruitment and will continue to support affinity groups and address any potential concerns. Their work ensures that Charter remains a space where individuals of all identities and backgrounds feel welcome. We take DEI feedback seriously, striving to maintain an environment that reflects our dedication to inclusion, respect, and belonging for all.

Looking forward, I plan to continue to foster alumni engagement and undergraduate mentorship, with a goal to build a stronger connection between alumni and undergraduates. 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. In addition, as Project 79 and our clubhouse renovations come to an end, the officers are looking forward to taking advantage of the new opportunities and resources available both during and after the project.

Technology

This semester we introduced the tech chair as a new role in the board. The Tech chair has been responsible for maintaining critical apps for social engagement like Charter meals website that allow sophomores to sign up for meals in a safe and organized manner, a pool ranking system website(chool.app), along with websites and tech for our members nights like the very successful family feud website that made the entire show incredibly professional and well set up or the voice changer for our contestants in our blind dating show. On a more professional front, 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. We've updated our website to include our menu, which is now accessible and updated

weekly. Our Gear Chair is in the process of updating the online gear store, which will be open to alumni, friends, and families 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.

Media

This semester we also began a new effort to capture more of our amazing memories at Charter through pictures. Our officers have taken photos through a designated camera of members. These photos were subsequently printed out through polaroids and hung up in the members lounge. Our plan is to curate and fill the entire wall of our members lounge with these photos throughout the year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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