



# ON THE VINE

THE IVY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Ivy's Inaugural Parents Weekend

| By Camila Novo-Viaño, Social Chair



[above] Parents Weekend

The Ivy Club's inaugural Parents Weekend was a huge success. Parents began arriving from all over the world on Saturday to spend the day with their children. I took my parents to the Art Museum and showed them several of the lecture halls and libraries they had not seen during previous visits.

At 5 o'clock parents were treated to a tour of the club guided by Treasurer Corbin Miller. They learned about the history of the building, the membership, and the stories behind different paintings and pieces of furniture. Following the tour, parents and members were served cocktails and mingled in the taproom and on the outside terrace.

Heading inside, parents and members resumed their lively conversations over dinner where the tables featured lovely floral arrangements and Ivy Club china. Undergraduate President Folasade Runcie, Treasurer Corbin Miller, and President Dominic Moross welcomed parents and gave a few words about the spirit of Ivy membership. Parents

were offered a wide range of dinner options and two wines by Chef Jean and the staff. Following dinner, everyone dispersed to partake in desserts and further festivities. Many families headed to the Great Hall for hours of dancing to a live band.

The following morning, parents and members enjoyed mimosas and an impressive brunch spread provided by the dining room staff. Reminiscing on the events of the night before, one parent said, "I'd love to join the Ivy Club – this is like a resort!" Overall, the weekend was a perfect reflection of what we members love about the Club: fun, good company and excellent conversation.

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## Graduate President's Report



[above] Dominic Moross '90

Our club has been buzzing with activity over the past six months. The bicker committee once again did tremendous work, admitting 8 new members this fall. Currently we have 148 undergraduate members, 28% of whom are international students.

Under the capable leadership of Undergraduate President Folasade Runcie, the officers have taken the reins and are helping to build on the significant progress we made last year. Amongst other things, they are further developing our leadership forum with a host of impressive speakers. The undergraduate members, eager to have more substantial and regular interactions with graduate members, have started an Alumni Relations Committee. Their recent creative initiatives have been Ivy Spotlight, a semi-annual newsletter that will feature current undergraduate members, and Career Night, which gives undergraduate members the chance to meet and learn from the professional experiences of graduate members.

With the help of board member Shea Owens '94 and Director of Member Services Julia Wilson '11, our dynamic Leadership Committee hosted Ivy graduate member Pete Austin '93, senior broadcast producer at Good Morning America. Pete regaled his audience with memories of Ivy and stories about his career path, as well as sharing his thoughts on journalism in the current political environment and the role of digital media in the age of information (and misinformation). We were also pleased to host Margaret Crotty, Ivy '94, Executive Director of Partnership with Children, a non-profit that provides critical counseling and intervention services for 17,000 students in all 5

boroughs of NY. As the non-profit sector has been somewhat under-represented in our leadership forums, Margaret's talk was most welcome and well-attended by both Ivy and non-Ivy members.

A highlight of the Club's social calendar was our inaugural Parents Weekend, which took place in October. We hosted over 80 parents who flew in from all over the US and abroad. Betty and Chef Jean worked together to mastermind a remarkable evening. It was a most happy and enriching evening for parents and children alike. I very much enjoyed meeting many new faces, all of whom were thrilled to attend the dinner and, indeed, to be given a historical tour of the club by Treasurer Corbin Miller '71. The prevailing question of the evening was why we have never done such an evening before. Rest assured, Parents Night will be an annual fixture going forward!

I must, once again, compliment Chef Jean on having lifted our culinary bar, which she continues to raise. This was exemplified by our annual Oktoberfest dinner which received the accolade of having the best food on the Street. We anticipate a similar outstanding reception to our upcoming Homecoming and Casino Nights.

For some time, we have been the only eating club to house a resident security manager who provides oversight throughout the year. In September, Paul Casey, a 2014 graduate of Ithaca College and volunteer assistant coach of Men's Lightweight Rowing under Coach Marty Crotty, moved into the Club in this role. Paul has quickly become a well-liked and respected role model for our members.

In line with the University's focus to support students needing financial aid, Ivy has led the way for some time, partly subsidizing the dues payments of 10-12 members annually through our 1879 Foundation. This year we provided assistance



to a record 19 members, a significant increase of which we should all be proud. I am very pleased to welcome Holly Sanderson Schade '91 p'20 as a new Trustee of the 1879 Foundation. Holly is the former Executive Director of Princeton in Africa and brings a wealth of valuable non-profit experience to our Foundation, which we continue to build into a cornerstone of Ivy's future.

As the festive season approaches, I wish you all a very happy holiday and, as always, encourage you to visit your club whenever you are on campus. If you would like to participate in any alumni functions to meet the undergraduate members, please do not hesitate to be in touch with Julia Wilson ([julia.wilson@theivyclub.net](mailto:julia.wilson@theivyclub.net)).

All the best,  
Dominic Moross '90



[above] The Margaret Crotty Leadership event



[above] The Pete Austin Leadership event

## Meet the New Officers



**Folasade Runcie**  
President

Folasade is a senior in the Philosophy Department. Born and raised in Chicago, she recently relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Folasade has played the violin since the age of four and was a member of the Princeton University Sinfonia. She is in a dance group at Princeton, and in her spare time she likes to play tennis and read.



**Tobi Aboaba**  
Vice President

Tobi was born in Lagos, Nigeria but has also lived in the UK and South Africa. He is currently a member of Princeton's rugby team. Tobi is majoring in Chemical and Biological Engineering and pursuing a certificate in Sustainable Energy. He looks forward to working alongside Julia and the graduate board to bolster undergraduate-graduate member relations.



**Ben Lawton**  
Treasurer

Ben was born in Chicago but spent his childhood in a suburb of Milwaukee. He is a math major and plans to work in a field that challenges him intellectually. Outside of class, Ben is a member of Princeton's rowing team and enjoys expanding his cultural horizons by listening to music, reading, and watching films, often classics.



**Jack Jundunian**  
House Manager/Bicker Chair

Jack is an English major from Chevy Chase, MD pursuing certificates in Spanish and Entrepreneurship. He makes his own deodorant from beeswax and coconut oil and is a member of the SAE fraternity. Jack loves Chef Jean's Japanese chicken cakes and is very grateful for the literal and proverbial spice that Ivy's new chef adds to the Club each day.



**Camila Nova- Viaño**  
Social Chair

Hailing from Chicago, Camila studies in the Woodrow Wilson School and is pursuing a certificate in Latin American Studies, focusing on Human Rights Policies and Human Rights abuses in Latin American countries. Camila is involved with DREAM Team, an immigration advocacy group; Princeton Advocates for Justice; and Princeton Students for Reproductive Justice.

## Graduates in the News

Award-winning filmmaker **Alexander “Xandy” Janko ’91** recently made his directorial debut with *Year by the Sea*. Based on Joan Anderson’s New York Times best-selling memoir, the film won 16 festival awards (including Best Screenplay, Best Actor, and Best Film) before its national release this fall.

Hospice and palliative care specialist **Dr. Bernard “B.J.” Miller ’93** appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Network last May to discuss the important lessons he’s learned after years of working with terminally ill patients.

The Kansas City chapter of the Urban Land Institute presented land-broker **Whitney Kerr ’56** with its Lifetime Achievement Award for his “leadership in the responsible use of land.”

**Doug Schachtel ’01** co-founded the Portfolio School in New York City, which focuses on “guided choice and a personalized education” and is part of a growing trend of schools rooted in technology and creativity-based teaching.

**Ryann Manning ’01** received Harvard Business School’s Dean’s Award for her work in Sierra Leone during the Ebola crisis. She co-founded a charity dedicated to improving health care for children and mothers in Sierra Leone.

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA has awarded orthopedic surgeon **Nicholas Bernthal ’02** the 2017 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award in recognition of his “clinical excellence and outstanding compassion in the delivery of care.”

The Los Angeles Times announced that **Kerry Song ’04** has started a vegan food company called The Abbot’s Butcher, which produces a variety of plant-based products “that taste so good even meat-eaters will want a bite.”

University of Hawaii mechanical engineering professor **John Allen ’88** has been elected to the Acoustical Society of America’s College of Fellows for his contributions to the understanding of ultrasound contrast agents.

Actress **Ellie Kemper ’02** continues to garner critical acclaim for her starring role in the Emmy-nominated Netflix comedy *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*. Currently in its third season, the show has been renewed for a fourth season.

Author **Bianca Bosker ’08** will star alongside actress Judy Kuhn and comedian Mo Rocca on the live show (and podcast) *In Your Face*, which features sketches, songs, and monologues at the Merkin Concert Hall.



## Greetings from Ivy's Undergraduate President

Dear Graduate Members,

My name is Folasade Runcie, and this past February I was elected as the new Undergraduate President. Ivy has been such a source of joy and love in my life this past year and a half. I have enjoyed serving as the president thus far and look forward to finishing up my term on a strong note. I am a member of the Class of 2018 and am majoring in Philosophy. I was born and raised in Chicago, IL and relocated to sunny Fort Lauderdale, FL shortly after high school. Outside of Ivy, I am a member of the Disiac Dance Company, for which I formerly served as the Vice President and gear chair, I play the violin, and I previously served as a Residential College Advisor in Forbes College.

It has been a pleasure to serve with this officer corps. We are involved in a range of campus activities from rowing, to dancing, to student activism. So far, we have gotten along very well and work cohesively as a unit. Being an officer corps of only five people was an adjustment at first, but we have made it over the initial hump. The Vice President, Tobi Aboaba, has been wonderful, always providing help and support in any way he can. The Treasurer, Benjamin Lawton, has proven to be very responsible and has put his mathematics major skills to good use. Our Social Chair, Camila Novo-Viaño, has been a hit around the club, planning fun and well-attended social events. Finally, our House Manager and Bicker Chair, Jack Jundanian, has been of great help making sure the house is in order and the house rules are upheld by the membership.

Ivy continues to be a place filled with vibrant conversation, laughter, and friendship. Coming into Ivy, I did not know many members, but Ivy's character of fostering relationships has allowed me to meet and form life-long friendships with many new people. On a normal day, you can find

members scattered throughout the club studying, eating, engaging in intellectually stimulating discussions, and playing games. Ivy continues to host many successful Roundtable and Leadership discussions with distinguished faculty and Ivy graduate members.

This past February, Ivy admitted a new class of members. This class has been the most diverse thus far, both culturally and in terms of campus group involvement. The newest members are very active within the Club, taking advantage of all that Ivy offers and embracing it as their home away from home.

The Ivy Club remains a special place, uniting Princetonians from different walks of life and across generations. The value of being an Ivy member has certainly not diminished since the Club's founding in 1879; if anything, it has only grown.

We always look forward to seeing more of you at the Club, as undergraduate members love meeting graduate members and hearing your memories of Ivy. We hope to see you here soon!

Sincerely,  
Folasade Runcie

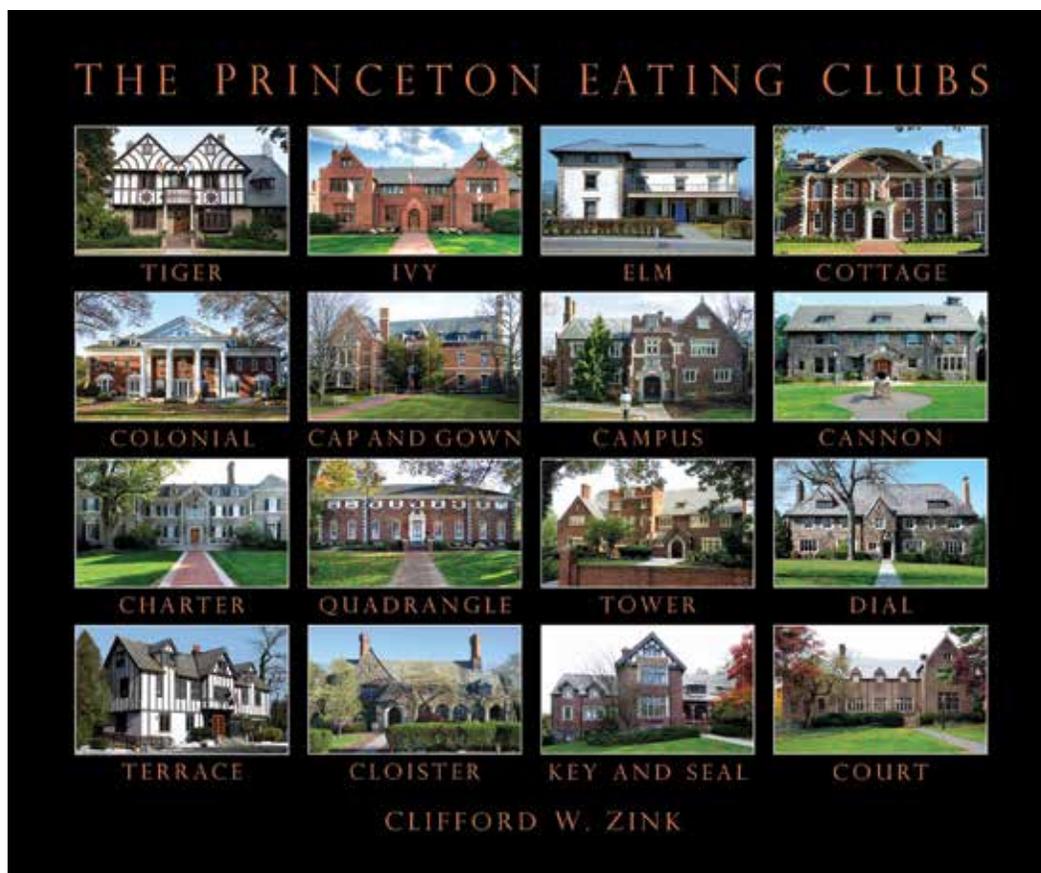


[above] Folasade Runcie '18 with her parents



# PRINCETON PROSPECT FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE PUBLICATION OF THE PRINCETON EATING CLUBS

By Clifford W. Zink



This beautifully illustrated volume tells the story of Princeton University's unique system of Eating Clubs, which have been the center of dining and social life for most of its juniors and seniors since the late 19th century. The majestic clubhouses lining Prospect Avenue have also provided homes away from home for tens of thousands of alumni returning to campus for events and Reunions.

Now, for the first time, the origins, evolution, and architectural grandeur of the Princeton Eating Clubs are described in a captivating manner that sheds light on the growth of one of the world's great universities and changes in American society that influenced Princeton and the independent clubs.

The eleven private clubs that continue to operate as they have since the beginning, and the University, which now owns five former club

buildings, all cooperated in the author's research and documentation. Striking images from the University archives and exclusive new photos illustrate the creativity of the clubs' architects, some of whom had a lasting impact on collegiate design and American architecture as a whole.

Princeton-based author Clifford W. Zink has written six previous books that have won six awards, and he has also received several historic preservation awards.

This full-color, hardcover book is 12 by 10 in. with 192 pages and over 500 illustrations. The book is \$75 and is available to order now. To order your copy, please contact Ivy's Steward at [steward@theivyclub.net](mailto:steward@theivyclub.net) or (609) 924-2236, or visit [http://theivyclub.net/page/ivy\\_gear](http://theivyclub.net/page/ivy_gear).

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