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COSA NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of COSA

WHAT IS COSA?

The Committee on Student Activities (COSA) is a committee of students charged by the Student Activities Office and advised by the Assistant Director of Student Activities to improve the quality of club life at Choate Rosemary Hall.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

With clubs and student organizations being an integral aspect of the Choate community, our mission as your Chair and Vice Chair is to build a strong support system for our club leaders. While we are in charge of overseeing the club proposal process, end of term reports, and other administrative aspects of club life, COSA is, foremost, a resource for club leaders. In past years, students have expressed concern surrounding COSA's lack of transparency, citing issues like clubs being shut down without prior communication. One of our main goals as Chair and Vice Chair this year is to address the root of these issues, starting with increasing more direct communication between us and clubs. We hope that our new initiatives this year (pg. 3), with a focus on increasing COSA's accountability, will help ease the stress of club leadership and build a foundation for improving club life. With help from our Public Relations subcommittee, our first step in increasing transparency has been to implement this newsletter, which will update the student body on important information, events, and dates regarding club life at Choate. In doing so, students will be able to use this termly newsletter to learn more about COSA initiatives and the people behind them. As always, feel free to contact any member of the committee with questions or for more information. Our hope is that our work this year will help students see COSA as a committee of students dedicated to supporting clubs and their student leaders.

All the best,
Rhea Shah and Jessica Wu

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UPDATES FROM COSA

What you can expect to see from COSA this year:

- Continuation of the COSA Feedback Form: the form can be used to share ideas for club life and give honest feedback about COSA
- Updated Club Status document that will show upcoming deadlines and if your club has submitted required paperwork
- A poster featuring the “faces” of COSA
- Addition to the Choate portal that will house all COSA-related information
 - List of all clubs and contact information
 - Student Club and Adviser Manual
 - Master calendar that includes club meeting times and important dates for club leaders
 - Club status document
 - Resources for struggling clubs
 - Club proposal process
- Implementation of regular communication between club leaders and their respective COSA representatives
- Poster detailing the upcoming club proposal process
- Initiatives to increase diversity in clubs
- Social Media Subcommittee
 - Weekly meeting recaps



UPDATES FROM THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Club Status

Based on your feedback, we want to be more transparent about your status as a registered club. A Club Status document will be added to the Student Activities section of the portal. This is a document that will update in real time to show upcoming deadlines, and whether your club has submitted all required paperwork for the SAC and COSA.

Student Club & Adviser Manual

The Student Club & Adviser Manual assists club leaders, advisers, and the general Choate community with all relevant policies, procedures, and services related to clubs and organizations. Both students and advisers are expected to become familiar with this manual and to operate in accordance with its guidelines. The manual is subject to change at any time, and the most up-to-date version will be uploaded to the Student Activities section of the Choate Portal.

Fall Term Meetings

Clubs can return to in person meetings starting August 13, seeing that they abide by all safety procedures. Clubs are expected to meet regularly as defined in their constitution. Clubs who are not meeting based on the requirements outlined in their constitution will be removed as a recognized club. In order to host an in-person meeting, clubs MUST reserve a room. To reserve a room for club meetings, please email sac@choate.edu at least 48 hours prior to meeting.

Meeting Attendance

All clubs will be required to upload meeting attendance to their shared drive. An attendance tracker has been created for you and uploaded to your shared drive. Clubs that do not keep attendance will not be eligible to submit Blue Card rosters at the end of the year.

Fall Term Event Proposals

The Student Activities Office will be dedicating Friday nights for club events. We encourage you to think outside the box and host new, creative events. If your club would like to host an event in the fall term, please submit an Event Proposal Form by Wednesday, September 1. Remember, all clubs are required to host at least one event per year – the more the merrier!

*Events should be activities open to the entire campus community.

Club Fair

Save the date: Club Fair will be held on **Sunday, September 19** from **1:00 pm EST - 4:00 pm EST** on **St. John Hall Lawn**.

Club Constitution

Club constitutions should be reviewed and ratified during your first club meeting of the fall term. Constitutions must be reviewed in the presence of ALL club members, not just the cabinet, and uploaded to a club's shared drive no later than Friday, October 1. Clubs who fail to update their constitution will be placed on probationary status and may experience limitations as a club.

Shared Drive

Every club has a shared drive where you can store meeting minutes, attendance, official documents, etc.

Club and Adviser Communication

Club leaders must include their club advisor on ALL email correspondence. This includes emails about meetings, events, updates, etc.

Social Media

If you would like to post updates or announcements about your club on the SAC Instagram page, submit a request by filling out the linked form: <https://forms.gle/VAoxpxXfnB3bQzL66!>

2021-2022 CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Club Name	Adviser	Student Contact	Student Email	COSA Representative
Africanah	Melissa Koomson	Elsie Ngeno	engeno22@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
Amnesty International	Julia Brown	Ava Parker	aparker23@choate.edu	Clara Letourneau '22
Anime Club	Megan Shea	Christopher Manzon	cmanzon22@choate.edu	Nathan Lang '22
Art Club	Jessica Cuni	Rebecca Denhart	rdenhart23@choate.edu	Sabrina Wang '23
Asian Student Association	Yuxin Xie	Claire Hong	chong22@choate.edu	Annika Lee '23
Automotive Appreciation Club	James Davidson	Jackson Slater	jslater23@choate.edu	Clara Letourneau '22
Bellacanto	Charles Evans	Gavin Doak	gdoak22@choate.edu	Ryan Kim '23
Biology Club	Selena Gell	Jessica Wu	jwu22@choate.edu	Harry Chen '22
Black Student Alliance	Filipe Camarotti	Mia Desravines	mdesravines22@choate.edu	Jessica Wu '22
BoarPen	Justin Whittaker	Dylan Allen	dallen22@choate.edu	Rhea Shah '22
Body Project	Judie Bender	Rebecca Alston	ralston22@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
CGI 3D Graphics Club	Travis Feldman	Elton Zheng	ezheng22@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22
Chess Club	Dan Proulx	Samuel Qin	sqin22@choate.edu	Clara Letourneau '22
Chinese Club	Carol Chen-lin	Abby Lu	alu22@choate.edu	Jessica Wu '22
Choate Aerospace Association	Tom Larsen	Colin Higginson	chigginson23@choate.edu	Annika Lee '23
Choate Comedy People	Katharine Doak	Audrey Lim	alim23@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22
Choate Diversity Student Association	Filipe Camarotti	Dylan Allen	dallen22@choate.edu	Nathan Lang '22
Choate Economics Club	Ted Hartsoe	Conor Brown	cbrown22@choate.edu	Sabrina Wang '23
Choate Film Club	Joe Lampe	Lauren Cussler	lcussler22@choate.edu	Annika Lee '23
Choate Finance and Investment Club	Ted Hartsoe	Vastly Konachenkov	vkonachenkov22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Choate for Women	Kyra Jenney	Isabella Grau	igrau22@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22
Choate Korea Friendship Association	Ian Wollman	Claire Hong	chong22@choate.edu	Clara Letourneau '22
Choate Maker Club	Travis Feldman	Monty Singer	msinger22@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
Choate Mock Trial	Janet De Leon	Nathan Lang	nlang22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Choate Music Through Technology	Gene Wie	Ryan Kim	rkim23@choate.edu	Sabrina Wang '23
Choate Musicians Association	Matt Mclean	Summer Xu	sxu22@choate.edu	Harry Chen '22
Choate Programming Union	Joe Scanio	Spencer Bowles	sbowles22@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22
Choate Public Health	Edrik Lopez	Renee Jiang	rjiang22@choate.edu	Marcus Ding '22
Choate Quiz Bowl!	Dan Proulx	Nathan Nicholas	nnicholas23@choate.edu	Annika Lee '23
Choate Self Defense	Amy Howland	Lorraine Hilgen-Santa	hillgensanta24@choate.ed	Nathan Lang '22
Choate South Asian Association	Smita Sen	Shivani Sharma	ssharma22@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
Choate Taps!	Shelley Morgigno	Paige Loughlin	ploughlin22@choate.edu	Clara Letourneau '22
Choate Theatre Co.	Carol Jones	Katie Gendrich	kgendrich22@choate.ed	Ryan Kim '23
Choate Women in Business	Kyra Jenney	Charlotte Myers-Elkins	cmyerselkins22@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
Choate Young Democrats	Ned Gallagher	Honor O'Donnell	hodonnell22@choate.edu	Rhea Shah '22
Choate Young Libertarians		Alex Aronov	aaronov22@choate.edu	Ryan Kim '23
Choate Young Republicans	Katie Jewett	Conor Brown	cbrown22@choate.edu	Annika Lee '23
Choate's American Sign Language Learners	Jesse Minneman	Valerie Guadian	vguadian23@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
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Community Service Club	Melissa Koomson	Kenadi Waymire	kwaymire22@choate.edu	Jessica Wu '22
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Dance Company	Shelley Morgigno	Mia Millares	mmillares22@choate.edu	Harry Chen '22
DECA	Sam Doak	Praj Chirathivat	pchirathivat22@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
Do It Club	Katie Jewett	Monty Singer	msinger22@choate.edu	Clara Letourneau '22
Environmental Action Coalition	Joe Scanio	Livia Fingerson	lfingerson22@choate.edu	Rhea Shah '22
Ethics Bowl	Katie Jewett	Isabella Grau	igrau22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Games & Change	Travis Feldman	Andrew Robertson	arobertson22@choate.edu	Ryan Kim '23
Girl Up Choate	Alex Long	Rhea Shah	rshah22@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
GirlTech	Meghan Healey	Claire Fu	cfu22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Global Education Issues Forum	Aaron Sober	George Sun	gsun23@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22
Health Science Education Program - C4C	Thomas Larsen	Sophia Zhang	szhang23@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22
Hip Hop Club	Smita Sen, Brandon Couloute	Trista LeBlanc-Serbyn	tleblanc-serbyn22@choate.edu	Ryan Kim '23
Hispanic-Latinx Forum	Filipe Camarotti, Janet De Leon	Allyson Alavez	aalavez22@choate.edu	Jessica Wu '22
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Interact	Angela Weston	Arjun Singh	asingh22@choate.edu	Sabrina Wang '23
Japanese Club	Katie Jewett	Yuko Tanaka	ytanaka22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Lilith	Charles Evans	Angela Deng	adeng22@choate.edu	Harry Chen '22
Linguistics Club	Amanda Arcand	David Garsten	dgarsten23@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22

Listen Up	Filipe Camarotti	Macie Simmons	msimmons22@choate.edu	Harry Chen '22
Lorem Ipsum	Travis Feldman	Athena Liu	aliu23@choate.edu	Marcus Ding '22
Love Your Locs	Michelle Thompson-Taylor	Jada Dixon	jdixon24@choate.edu	Martha Chessen '22
Maiyeros	Charles Evans	Cris Castro	ccastro22@choate.edu	Annika Lee '23
March for Our Lives	Cindy Okrah	Kate Bailey	kbailey22@choate.edu	Nathan Lang '22
Math Team	Jeremy Oliver	Joy An	jan23@choate.edu	Nathan Lang '22
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Photography Club	Sam Jonynas	Praj Chirathivat	pchirathivat22@choate.edu	Ryan Kim '23
Physics Club	Jon Gaduo	Sophie Vulpe	svulpe22@choate.edu	Annika Lee '23
Psychology Club	James Davidson	Lisa Ji	lji22@choate.edu	Sabrina Wang '23
Readers United	Sandra Rampertab	Zara Pasha	zpasha22@choate.edu	Clara Letourneau '22
Red Cross	Morgan Harris	Juliet Ainsley	jainsley22@choate.edu	Harry Chen '22
SciTECH	Matt Bardoe, Ben Small, Chris Hogue	Sophie Vulpe	svulpe22@choate.edu	Marcus Ding '22
Spectrum	Scott Davis, Aliya Cox	Jordan Azzinaro	jazzinaro22@choate.edu	Jessica Wu '22
Step Squad	Smita Sen, Brandon Couloute	Kennedy Walker	kwalker22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Students Advocating Gender Equality	Amy Howland	Charlotte Myers-Elkins	cmyerselkins22@choate.edu	Brooke Edwards '22
Students Engaging in Philosophy	James Davidson	Carissa Bruno	cbruno22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Tech Crew	Alex Long	Wylie Doak	wdoak22@choate.edu	Rhea Shah '22
TED Ed Club	Sam Christenfeld	Julian Hurley	hurley22@choate.edu	Nathan Lang '22
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The Choate Inquiry	Amy Salot	Finn McGaan	fmccgan22@choate.edu	Marcus Ding '22
The Currency	Ned Gallagher	Brooke Edwards	bedwards22@choate.edu	Marcus Ding '22
The Lit	Stephen Siperstein	Marcus Ding	mding22@choate.edu	Marcus Ding '22
The Moth	Rachel Myers, Will Gilyard	Sydney Alleyne	salleynes23@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
The Ukulele Club	Yaser Robles	Rachel Pittman	rpittman22@choate.edu	Rhea Shah '22
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Victoria Pierotti	Ellie Pyper	epyper22@choate.edu	Will Hare '23
Voices Magazine	Megan Shea	Emma Hermacinski	ehermacinski22@choate.edu	Marcus Ding '22
Whimawehs	Charles Evans	Rebecca Alston	ralston22@choate.edu	Nathan Lang '22
Women Student-Athlete Association	Susan Farrell	Ava Parker	aparker23@choate.edu	Jessica Wu '22
WONDER	Ashley Sinclair	Dylan Allen	dallen22@choate.edu	Harry Chen '22

Affinity Group	Advsier
CALM	Filipe Camarotti
RISE	Helene Ramirez, Raynetta Gibbs
Spiritual Life Organization	Advsier
Buddhist Meditation Group	Jim Davidson
Catholic Students at Choate	Father Andrew O'Connor
Christian Fellowship	Rev. Aaron Rathbun
Edat Choate	Rabbi Barbara Paris, Miriam Cohen
Muslim Student Association	
Student Organization	Advsier
Assessment Team	Judie Bender
Bystander Education Program	Jim Davidson
Choate Debate Team	Neil Shimmield, Kyra Jenney
Choate Model United Nations	Cindy Okrah
Choate Robotics Team	Andrew Murgio
Committee on Student Activities	Colleen Kazar
Conservation Proctors	Katrina Linthorst Homan
Humans of Choate	Amy Salot
Judicial Committee	Todd Currie
Peer Educators	Kyra Jenney, Zach Kaflogis
Student Council	Ian Wollman, John Connolley
The Brief	Andrea Sorrells
The Choate News	Mike Peed
Wellness Committee	Alexandra Copeland

