

## **2006-2007 SAAC Events Roundup**

### **Fall 2006 Events**

#### *Freshman Welcome Dinner*

September 5, 2006

As SAAC's kick off event, the Freshman Welcome Dinner was a great success and was held on the first day of classes, Tuesday, September 5, 2006. SAAC representatives, with the help of Academic Support and compliance, sponsored a free meal for all new student-athletes. In attendance were Director of Athletics Jack Kvancz, Senior Associate Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator Mary Jo Warner, Compliance Director Chandra Bierwirth, Academic Support staff, and Tim Terpstra from GW's Office of Academic Integrity. Jack Kvancz addressed the new students, welcoming them to GW and preaching the dangers of *Facebook*.

#### *Freshman Pizza and Bowling*

October 4, 2006

With the help of Academic Support, SAAC sponsored an evening of pizza and bowling with SAAC representatives and freshmen student-athletes. The night of free bowling and pizza was an opportunity for new students to get to know the SAAC representatives and their Academic Advisors, but also to get to know one another. There was plenty of bad bowling and excessive eating, but both freshmen and representatives enjoyed an evening of laidback fun.

#### *Homeless Walk*

November 18, 2006

Approximately 60 student-athletes participated in the Annual DC Homeless Walk. The walk raises money and awareness in order to fight and eradicate poverty in the District.

#### *Adopt-A-Family*

Christmas 2006

SAAC successfully collected money from student-athletes to make the Christmas wishes of one DC family come true. Our SAAC Community Service Coordinator and promoter raided Target stores in the DC area to play Santa. SAAC then wrapped the presents and presented them to GW University officials to provide them to the family in time for the holidays.

#### *Fall Finals Ice Cream Break*

December 12, 2006

As SAAC's final fall event, we sponsored a free Ice Cream Finals Break social. With the help of local late night snack site DCSNACKS.com, we provided great holiday-themed ice cream treats for all student-athletes to enjoy during the stressful finals period.

### **Spring 2007 Events**

#### *Student Athlete Semi-Formal*

February 3, 2007

In February SAAC sponsored a Student-Athlete Semi-Formal to kick off the spring events season. The event was held on Saturday, February 3 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight on the beautiful top floor of 1957 E Street overlooking the skyline of the Nation's Capitol. The event offered music, dancing, and food which brought a number of GW student-athletes together in a social scene.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Talent Show*

April 20, 2007

The GW Student-Athlete Talent Show was back for its second year showcasing amazing (non-athletic) TALENT! Last year the volleyball team edged out 11 other acts to claim the first GW Student-Athlete Talent Show Title. This year it was the gymnastics team taking the top spot. A panel of GW celebrities judged the night of song, dance, and surprises at SAAC's newest event which was held this year at the Charles E. Smith Athletic Center.

*National Student-Athlete Day*

April 12, 2007

National Student-Athlete Day is recognized by every NCAA institution. At GW, a BBQ was hosted with the assistance of DC Snacks, a GW SAAC sponsor. The event was a great success as the beautiful day allowed for athletic department administrators to cook hotdogs and hamburgers for approximately 200 student-athletes who came out to the event. The day allowed the Department of Athletics and University to recognize the accomplishments and contributions that our student-athletes have made to the GW community.

*End of Year BBQ*

May 4, 2007

The End of the Year BBQ gives student-athletes the opportunity to celebrate the end of finals at the Mount Vernon Campus. SAAC reps worked hard to supply their fellow students with free food and fun to honor the end of another year. Student-athletes were given the opportunity to socialize and catch up before finals and the summer.

