

2007-2008 SAAC Events Round-Up

Freshmen Welcome Dinner

September 4, 2007

With the help of Academic Support Services and compliance, SAAC kicked off the year with the Freshman Welcome Dinner. Addresses from key figures in the athletics community and a free dinner were provided to welcome all of the new student-athletes.

Invited to the dinner were the following: Director of Athletics Jack Kvancz, Senior Associate Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator Mary Jo Warner, Assistant Athletics Director/Compliance Chandra Bierwirth, Assistant Athletics Director of Health & Wellness Andre Julian, Associate Athletics Director of Athletic Development Dom Perno, Assistant Athletics Director of Facilities Jason Wilson, Director of University Students and Academic Integrity Tim Terpstra, Student Activities Multicultural Coordinator Grace Henry, as well as Academic Support staff, SAAC Officers, and SAAC Team Representatives. There were approximately 120 people in attendance at this event.

Save A Life Blood Drive

October 3, 2007

In conjunction with the American Red Cross, Donors for Life, and the Athletics Department, SAAC provided volunteers for the campus-wide Save a Life Blood Drive.

The event would have been the largest blood drive ever on GW's campus. SAAC volunteers helped with set up, tear down, and also with giving snacks to donors in the canteen. Due to unforeseen difficulties the drive only went a few hours before it had to be closed. The SAAC and Athletics Department is looking forward to hosting the event again in fall 2008.

Freshman Pizza and Bowling

October 3, 2007

With the help of the Office of Academic Support for Student-Athletes, SAAC sponsored a night of pizza and bowling for the freshmen student-athletes and SAAC representatives. The event was an opportunity for new students to get to know the SAAC representatives and the Academic Advisors, as well as one another. With plenty of bad bowling and excessive eating, both freshmen and representatives enjoyed an evening of laidback fun.

There were approximately 80 people at this event.

KidsFest

October 27, 2007

In October SAAC was involved in a GW student body activity called KidsFest. The goal of the event was to give local children an opportunity to participate in safe Halloween activities. The gymnastics team set up a booth at the event for children to try simple gymnastics moves and gave out gymnastics coloring sheets. The event was very successful and many children were able to come to the booth and enjoy the activity.

There were approximately 200 people at the event overall.

Guest Speaker: Monster.com

November 7, 2007

A speaker from Monster.com gave a presentation for all interested student-athletes to attend. He discussed financial strategies and ways to avoid debt geared toward upperclassmen who will soon be graduating. The event was free of charge for the student-athletes, and around 50 were in attendance.

Help the Homeless Canned Food Drive

November 14, 2007

This canned food drive was made possible by a cooperative effort from SAAC members, Athletic Department Administrators, the GW Office of Community Service, and local businesses. The SAAC event was part of a weeklong campus food drive event. Each person donating received a raffle ticket good for a half time drawing for either GW apparel or a gift certificate to a local restaurant. The drive was held during a basketball double header, therefore two different drawings were conducted, one during halftime of the women's game and another during halftime of the men's game. Many patrons brought in food and the drive collected two large trash bins filled with food. The event provided the opportunity to collect food for a local food bank in a time of great need and publicly showed GW and GW Athletics' commitment to our community.

Student Athlete Semi-Formal

December 7, 2007

In December SAAC hosted the 3rd Annual Student-Athlete Semi-Formal to round out the fall events season. The event was held in the beautiful 1957 E Street, 7th floor which overlooks the skyline of the nation's capital. The event offered music, dancing, food, as well as a chance for GW's student-athletes to get dressed up and mingle with friends. Tickets were sold for \$12 per person or \$20 per couple, and proceeds went to Adopt-a-Family. There were approximately 150 people at this event.

Adopt-A-Family

December 2007

Each year SAAC collects money from student-athletes to make the Christmas wishes of one DC family come true. This year SAAC donated \$800 in proceeds from the Student-Athlete semi-formal in order to purchase Safeway gift cards for GW's university-wide Adopt-A-Family effort.

ALL OUT GW Sports

Fall 2007

Throughout the fall semester, SAAC initiated ALL OUT GW sports games, in which SAAC provided extra promotions for a specific game for men's and women's soccer, swimming and diving, and volleyball. SAAC also held pizza fundraisers and student-athlete T-shirt sales at these games in order to bring more people to the games, as well as foster a sense of community among the student-athletes.

3rd Annual Talent Show

March 6, 2008

The GW Student-Athlete Talent Show returned for the 3rd year to showcase amazing (non-athletic) TALENT! Last year, the Gymnastics team edged out all of the other acts to claim the 2nd GW Student-Athlete Talent Show Title. This year it was 2 members of the cross country team who finally won the title. Joined by a panel of GW celebrity judges in a night of song, dance, and surprises, this SAAC event was held at the Marvin Center's Dorothy Betts Theater.

National Student-Athlete Appreciation Day

April 7, 2008

National Student-Athlete Appreciation Day is recognized by most NCAA institutions. At GW, a BBQ was held with the help of local sponsors, the compliance office, and the Office of Academic Support for Student-Athletes. The event included raffles, giveaways, free food, and games to recognize the accomplishments and contributions that our student-athletes have made to the GW community. The event was held at the Charles E. Smith Center and approximately 150 student-athletes and GW community members partook in the festivities.

Freshmen Ice Cream Social

April 25, 2008

The Freshmen Ice Cream Social was a chance for GW's freshman class to get together and reflect on the past year and enjoy free ice cream, as well as to take a deserved study break. SAAC representatives as well as the Office of Academic Support for Student-Athletes were in attendance to look back on the good times and forward to the year to come.

End of the Year BBQ

April 29, 2008

SAAC hosted the Student-Athlete End of the Year BBQ to bring together the entire student-athlete community and round out the spring semester. The event was held at Anniversary Park on F Street where food was grilled, and beverages and deserts were served to the approximate 150 student-athletes that attended. The event was free of charge for all student athletes and a great time for all who attended.

