

2008-2009 SAAC Events Round-Up

Freshmen Welcome Dinner

September 4, 2008

With the help of the Office of Academic Support for Student-Athletes SAAC kicked off the year with the Freshman Welcome Dinner. SAAC representatives met with the entire freshman class and heard addresses from key figures in the athletics community over a free dinner. Our guests included: Director of Athletics Jack Kvancz, Senior Associate Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator Mary Jo Warner, Assistant Athletics Director/Compliance Chandra Bierwirth, Associate Athletics Director of Athletic Development Dom Perno and Assistant Athletics Director of Facilities Jason Wilson. SAAC felt it important to reach out to others in the University and invited the Director of Office of Community Service Timothy Kane, Associate Director of Student Judicial Services Gabriel Slifka, Student Activities Center Assistant Director Grace Henry, and Multicultural Coordinator Michael Tapscott, as well as Academic Support staff. There were approximately 120 people in attendance at this event.

Save A Life Blood Drive

October 6, 2008

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. SAAC volunteers helped with set up, tear down, and also with giving snacks to donors in the canteen.

Freshman Pizza and Bowling

October 7, 2008

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 athletic 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.

Help the Homeless Canned Food Drive

November 17-19, 2008

This canned food drive was made possible by a cooperative effort from SAAC members, Athletic Department Administrators, the 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 the men's and women's home game of this week. We received a lot of support and collected over 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.

Guest Speaker: Monster.com

December 3, 2008

A speaker from Monster.com gave a presentation for all interested student-athletes to attend. He discussed credit card and credit reports as well as 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.

ALL OUT GW Sports

Fall 2008

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 & 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.

Step Your Game Up, SAAC Service Information Session

February 23, 2009

Representatives from the Office of Community Service addressed over 60 student-athletes on ways they can perform community service as teams or individuals. They highlighted agencies and causes that would best fit a student-athletes demanding schedule. Student-athletes became mentors, big brothers/sisters, and got involved in many other ways. Hopefully a culture of service (particularly mentorship for urban youth) continues to grow within the student-athlete community.

National Student-Athlete Appreciation Day

April 7, 2009

National Student-Athlete Appreciation Day is recognized by most NCAA institutions. At GW, a BBQ was held with the help of local sponsors, the Athletics Compliance Office and the Office of Academic Support for Student-Athletes. The event included 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, 2009

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 well 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, 2009

SAAC hosted the Student-Athlete End of the Year BBQ to bring together the entire student-athlete community and round out the spring semester. Despite the inclement weather, participation was high. The event was free of charge for all student-athletes and a great time for all who attended.

