

Mid-Year Newsletter 2015-2016

SAAC has had a busy couple of weeks after returning to campus for Winter Study. Since our last newsletter, Women's Soccer and Women's Cross Country became National Champions, and Men's Cross Country placed 2nd in NCAA's. We are about halfway through the winter season now and our SAAC members continue to represent their teams well in our meetings. Each SAAC representative continues to bring great input and ideas to our meetings, as we have executed several successful events in the past few weeks.



On January 14th SAAC hosted Williams Alumni, Grace Rehnquist '13, Megan Casey '13, Jake Abrahams '14, Than Finan '13, Darren Hartwell '13, and Brianne Mirecki '14 as panelists for their event "Life after Sport: Finding Community and Career After Williams." The event was moderated by Nick Fogel '12, who recently spent six months traveling the country and interviewing alumni in a wide variety of careers. Inspired by his experiences, Nick decided to start a business, Jigsaw, that allows students from schools like Williams to explore a wider range of career options. Sports information recorded the event and a link to the video can be found online.



Just a few days later on January 17th SAAC hosted Williams' first ever 3-on-3 Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball Tournament. The tournament was open to all students, faculty, and staff and raised money for the American Cancer Society. We had an impressive turn out and the participants' spirits were high throughout the event. All in all the tournament ended up raising a couple hundred dollars, which is great.

SAAC has been meeting with the Zilkha Center to collaborate on an initiative emphasizing recycling among athletic teams and within athletic facilities. Athletes will soon have access to recycling receptacles in their locker rooms and on buses during road trips. SAAC hopes these changes will redirect a large amount of waste from the trash bins into recycling. We are planning a possible recycling competition with that other purple college for a few weeks during the spring semester. We would compete against Amherst to reduce waste, electricity usage and increase recycling.

Finally, SAAC has been in collaboration with many different organizations this year. The Davis Center has set up a first year meeting space with input from SAAC along with other groups on campus. SAAC reps have been active participants in a student leader roundtable, which will soon be holding a meeting where all student groups and governing bodies are invited. A meeting of this scale is a first on campus and an important step towards unity amongst the student body.