

Vassar Student Association

The Vassar Student Association (VSA) works to meet the needs of the student body and to voice its concerns to the administration, faculty, and Board of Trustees. The VSA is composed of an executive board and a representative council.

The VSA Council is the legislative body of Vassar's student government. The Council consists of the Executive Board, which includes a President and Vice Presidents for Academics, Activities, Finance, Operations, and Student Life; the presidents of each residence hall, Town Houses, Terrace Apartments, South Commons, and town students; and each of the presidents of the four academic classes. Council meetings are held weekly and are open to the public. Information regarding the meetings is posted on the VSA bulletin board in the College Center (across from the Kiosk). Students wishing to bring a matter to the attention of council should contact the VSA president in advance of the meeting if possible; if not, issues can be brought at open discussion at the conclusion of the VSA meeting.

Students are elected to VSA council positions at the end of B semester and at the beginning of A semester of each year. Committee positions are filled at the end of B semester and at the beginning of A semester. For first-year students, positions are filled at the beginning of A semester. Those interested in positions should contact the VSA vice president for operations.

The VSA sponsors over 100 student organizations. These groups, described in more detail in the following pages, provide students with a wide range of extra-curricular activities, from performing arts to student publications.

VSA also includes a number of student committees. These committees, many of which are joint faculty-student committees, meet regularly to establish and review college policies. Student representatives sit on a wide variety of these committees including the Student Curriculum Committee, Master Planning Committee, Committee on College Life, Residential Life Committee, College Regulations Panel, Committee on Health and Counseling, and the Committee on Admission and Financial Aid.

For more information on any VSA organization, or on the VSA in general, students should feel free to stop by the VSA offices (located on the 2nd floor of the College Center) during "drop in" hours, or call the office at extension 5381 or email at vsa@vassar.edu.

Directory of Student Officers 2009/10

Vassar Student Association Executive Board

President: Caitlin Ly
 VP for Academics: Stephanie Damon-Moore
 VP for Activities: Aaron Grober
 VP for Finance: Scott Pascal
 VP for Operations: Brian Farkas
 VP for Student Life: Elizabeth Anderson

Vassar Student Association Council

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Ruth Sawyer	Town Students President
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Class of 2010

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President: Tanay Tatum
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Class of 2013

To be elected

House Officers

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President: Victoria Russo
Vice President: Alistair Hall
Treasurer: Tristan Feldman
Secretary: Lauren Goldberg

Noyes

President: Hannah Groch-Begley
Vice President: Keven Cabrera
Treasurer:
Secretary:

Davison (closed 08-09)

President: Louise Conner
Vice President: Erica Betancourt
Treasurer: Shawn Davis
Secretary: Roxanne "Roxy" Perez

Raymond

President: Syed Samin Shehab
Vice President: James Bacon
Treasurer: Lita Sacks
Secretary: Toru Momii

Jewett

President: Daryl Duran
 Vice President: Conor Dunn
 Treasurer: Gabriel Kelly-Ramirez
 Secretary: Daniel Pearlman

Strong

President: Laura Riker
 Vice President: Amielle Major
 Treasurer: Kristin Regler
 Secretary: Mie Omori

Josselyn

President: Elianne Schutze
 Vice President: Michelle Donnelly
 Treasurer: Noor Mir
 Secretary: Catherine Buxton

Terrace Apartments

President: Misho Ishikawa
 Treasurer: Leslie Roteta
 Programming Director: Sophie Laird

Lathrop

President: Alessandra Schmidt
 Vice President: Hilary Tandy
 Treasurer: Ruth Pardee
 Secretary: Eric Weiner

Town Houses

President: Riley Greene
 Treasurer: Jamie Stevenson
 Programming Director: Lizy Yagoda

Main

President: Maureen Byrne
 Vice President: Boyd Gardner
 Treasurer: Amanda Messenger
 Secretary: Mariclare Dasigenis

South Commons

President: Nicole Clark
 Treasurer: TBD

Town Students

President: Ruth Sawyer
 Programming Director: Ethan Fischer

VSA Organizations

The Vassar Student Association offers many organizations in which students can become involved and make the campus a better place!

Accidentals

Contact: Ryan Greenlee (rygreenlee)

The Accidentals is the first of Vassar's two current all-male a cappella groups, founded in 1980. It has rotating membership with new members auditioned as old members graduate. The Axies usually perform for dorm dinners, campus parties, and Founder's Day, as well as singing at other colleges and Alumni House. These travels usually include a spring break trip somewhere south like Florida. They also hold three major concerts a year: an a cappella jam with all of the other groups on campus, a post-holiday concert with guest groups from other schools, and a post-road-trip concert with guest groups.

Act Out

Contact: Leslie Hamilton (lehamilton), Casey Katims (cakatims)

ACT OUT aims to create a dialogue within and outside of the Vassar community in hopes of encouraging active participation in the national campaign to end lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) oppression. ACT OUT will choose specific projects to work on and organizations to work with, concentrating its efforts on these group and campaign-related activities.

African Students Union

Contact: Axa Fanny (axfanny)

The African Students' Union, formerly known as the Africa Club, came into existence as the Vassar Association of African Students in 1992 and was founded in an effort to stimulate an environment more sensitive to the particular academic, political, social, and psychological concerns of African students attending Vassar College. Membership is open to all matriculated students at Vassar College and all Africans not matriculated at Vassar to serve as a motivation for cultivation of all members on the social, academic, and psychological fronts.

Aikido Club

Contact: Jeff Stickle (jestickle)

Aikido is a Japanese martial art that emphasizes timing and balance breaking as the keys to successfully applying joint locks, throws, and submission holds. Aikido focuses on redirecting the opponent's energy and using it against them, rather than exerting force on the opponent, and therefore does not depend on body strength. Our instructor, Sean Masaki Flynn, is a third degree black belt who has studied Aikido extensively. Practices are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 8pm to 11pm. Attendance is not mandatory and the club is open to any member of the Vassar community.

AirCappella

Contact: Sadie Burzan (siburzan)

AirCappella is Vassar College's premier all-whistling a cappella group. Since its conception in 2005, AirCappella has made its way into the spotlight of worldwide professional whistling, having represented Vassar at the 2007 International Whistlers Convention in Louisburg, North Carolina.

Amnesty International

Contact: Amy Weintraub (amweintraub)

Amnesty International is an independent, worldwide human rights organization that works to free all people detained for the nonviolent exercise of belief, or for their race, sex, ethnicity, language, or religion. It strives toward fair and speedy trials for political prisoners and for an end to torture, political killings, and the death penalty. Its work is based upon the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all such international agreements. Amnesty condemns terrorism, taking of hostages, or any killing or torturing of prisoners by armed opposition groups and takes action by writing letters and petitions, setting up informational tables, increasing awareness about international events pertaining to human rights, and sponsoring special events to coincide with days of particular import, such as Human Rights Week.

Asian Quilt (AQ)

Contact: Amy Feltman (amfeltman)

AQ (formerly Asian Quilt) is an anthology featuring works highlighting a broad spectrum of commentary on the Asian American experience. AQ is dedicated to filling in the gaps we see in our communities. We pride ourselves on including submissions from the Vassar student body, students from other schools, alumnae/i and professional writers. Now in its tenth year, AQ is nationally recognized and distributed as an undergraduate art and literary journal that draws contributors from all corners of the country. We have featured poems, short stories, essays,

spoken word pieces, photographs, paintings, and prints. All are welcome to submit—we discriminate only on basis of talent! Please contact us at asianquilt@vassar.edu.

Asian Students Alliance

Contact: Iris Xu (irxu)

The primary goal of the Asian Students Alliance is for Asians and Asian-Americans to succeed and develop a strong sense of identity and to educate the larger community about the issues concerning Asians and Asian-Americans. To promote this goal, the members of ASA encourage the pursuit of cultural and linguistic knowledge of their ancestors to ensure that there is an understanding of Asian and Asian American roots. The ASA will provide support to its members and serve as a body to represent, to the best of its ability, the distinct cultures of all of the members of ASA. ASA's support extends to the community of color at large as well as other social awareness groups.

Ballroom Dancing

Contact: Stacey Kigner (stkigner)

Barefoot Monkeys

Contact: Felix Steiny (festeiny)

The Barefoot Monkeys is the rather unique name for this newly recognized Vassar organization. It is the official name of the group formerly known as the Vassar College Jugglers. The group exists to increase juggling awareness in the Vassar community, provide an opportunity for Vassar and its surrounding community to learn to juggle, and to maintain a regular forum, educating and entertaining all prospective jugglers. All one needs to become a Barefoot Monkey is the desire to learn, to juggle and to have a great time trying.

Better Body Image Project

Contact: Vendela Fehrm (vefehm)

Black Students Union (BSU)

Contact: Marquise Hopson (mahopson)

The Black Students Union is a student organization established to meet the needs and concerns of the Black students on Vassar's campus. Its dual purpose is to provide an on-campus support system for the individual Black student while establishing and cementing ties with our sisters and brothers on other campuses and to serve as a viable political, educational, and cultural force. Its goal is to cultivate sensitivity and awareness of various Black issues and concerns in the hope it will enlighten and foster a more diverse, informed Vassar community. Membership in the BSU is open to any Vassar student who is strongly committed to the tasks of the organization.

Broadway A Cappella

Contact: Kara Voght (kavoght)

Camerata

Contact: Emily Bookwalter (embookwalter)

The Camerata Ensemble is dedicated to providing opportunities for those who wish to perform and hear classical, baroque, and early music in the greater

Vassar community. The ensemble is entirely student run, and consists of 20 to 40 dedicated singers and instrumentalists who rehearse biweekly during the academic year. Camerata gives one concert a semester in the Martel Recital Hall in Skinner Hall, and also provides opportunity to bring our music out of Skinner. The ensemble performs its own fundraisers on campus and is available to perform for special events on and off campus such as faculty and school sponsored events. Camerata is also a resource for schools in the Poughkeepsie area, and hopes to participate as an active member of the Poughkeepsie Community.

Caribbean Students Alliance (CSA)

Contact: Kristen Bell (krbell), Davene Daley (dadaley)

The Caribbean Students Alliance (CSA) is an organization established to educate the Vassar community on the different traditional, cultural, social, and political aspects of Caribbean life and people. One of its important functions as a student organization is to serve as a support system by providing a union where Caribbean students can express and celebrate their cultural diversity. Membership in the Caribbean Students Alliance is all inclusive. All members of the Vassar community willing to uphold the CSA constitution are welcome to bear membership and partake in its celebrations and in its endeavors to educate. The CSA will provide the campus with a valuable source of information pertaining to Caribbean issues.

Catalyst

Contact: Robyn Smigel (rosmigel)

The Catalyst is a Zine/Media Collective committed to creating media objects that reflect radical political, economic, and social discourses. We are committed to providing the campus with radical discursive elements in the hope of bringing greater awareness to issues and to offer a space for discussions that take place left of liberalism. We welcome writers, artists, and everyone else to take part.

Catholic Community

Contact: Laurel Walker (lawalker), Katrina Mateo (kamateo)

The Catholic Community at Vassar works to foster three elements of religious life for those who identify themselves as Catholic in the wider Vassar Community: faith, community, social justice. As faith is the cornerstone for our identity, we will encourage Catholics to deepen and enrich their faith. We organize means for the community to interact both internally and externally in order to communicate our goals, needs, and frustrations as a collective body. We provide opportunities for all to work towards social justice on all levels of society and heighten our sense of responsibility to the world around us.

Ceramics Club

Contact: Sierra Starr (sistarr)

CHOICE

Contact: Katie Interlichia (kainterlichia)

CHOICE stands for Campus Health Organization for Information, Contraception, and Education. Our mission is to educate the campus about sexual health issues by distributing information about pregnancy, STIs, and contraception and to help to promote safer sex by providing free condoms, latex gloves, dental

dams, and lubricant. We believe that safer sex and sexual health education are integral to creating a sexually healthy and informed student body here at Vassar. We have an email address (CHOICE@vassar.edu), and an AIM screen name (CHOICEatVassar) for people to request safer sex supplies (which are delivered to mailboxes) and confidentially and anonymously ask questions. The CHOICE office is located in the Jewett basement to the right of the elevator, and is open to the entire Vassar Community during office hours. Members of the organization sit every Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 to 9:30pm and Friday 3:00 to 3:30pm. CHOICE allows students to borrow a variety of books and videos in the organization's library that deal with topics like pregnancy, STIs, contraception, sexuality, and other sexual health concerns. Meetings are held every Sunday from 7:00 to 8:00pm. CHOICE is a confidential and nonjudgmental organization. Student educators are selected on a volunteer basis.

Christian Fellowship

Contact: Ming-Hui Tseng (mitseng)

The Vassar Christian Fellowship is affiliated with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a student movement active at universities and colleges across the United States. The purposes of the Fellowship are to meet the needs of the Christian community, to provide members of the Christian community with an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth, and to inform the Vassar community of the Gospel of Jesus. Membership is open to all Vassar students regardless of race, color, sex, ethnicity, nationality, political or sexual orientation, marital status, or handicap, and to non-Vassar students at the discretion of the leaders. The group's major activities include a book table at least once a semester in the College Center with free Christian books, pamphlets, and information, and the sponsoring of informative and relevant concerts, speakers, films, or discussions.

College Democrats

Contact: Elsie Raymer (elraymer)

The Vassar College Democrats (VCD) pledges itself to provide a forum for discussing wide-ranging political issues on campus. Although constituted from a Democratic viewpoint, the purpose of the organization is to further the political education of the Vassar community and encourage student participation in the Democratic process. The organization will address issues pertaining both to the Democratic Party and to greater national, local, and social issues. The VCD is not controlled by outside political bodies, but serves to explore and define the philosophy of the Democratic Party, personal, liberal, and left-wing beliefs, and to work with the entire Vassar community to create forums for the discussion of national issues that transcend party politics. The VCD jointly sponsors Real Politik, a magazine which deals with national political issues, with the Republican/Libertarian Coalition.

Contrast

Contact: Rachel Gilmer (ragilmer)

We believe that fashion is a viable and valuable creative expression. Our mission is to reflect this in our publication, which will celebrate the Vassar fashion community by showcasing students while also embracing the larger fashion industry. We aim to provide an opportunity for students interested in the various aspects of fashion including design, photography, writing, and publishing.

Council of Black Seniors (CBS)

Contact: Dyana Boxley (dyboxley)

The Council of Black Seniors (CBS) is an organization for preprofessional services, and social and cultural events that reflect the diversity of the senior class. The preprofessional component of CBS includes career fairs, workshops, seminars, on-campus interviewing and other venues of this nature that focus specifically, but not exclusively, on the needs of black seniors. These services are garnered to prepare the black senior for leaving Vassar and entering the work force. The social and cultural component will focus on alternative programming designed to offer more diversity to the senior week proceedings. This programming consists primarily of the Baccalaureate Service and the Kente Cloth Ceremony.

Debate Society

Contact: Yisha Fan (yafan)

Debate to deliberate; consider. To discuss opposing points. To argue formally. Nobody does it better than debate. The Vassar Virginia Smith Debate Society exists to provide a forum whereby all kinds of people can get together and argue the issues in an organized fashion. The Debate Society competes intercollegiately, nationally, and internationally in large-scale formal debate competitions. In years past, various debaters on the team have ranked among the top in the nation. Although the Debate Society spends most of its time off campus, it also holds regular on-campus meetings and debate practice rounds. The Vassar Debate Society is open to all members of the Vassar community, especially the articulate, belligerent ones. Just kidding. (Mostly.)

Democracy Matters

Contact: Andrea Worby (anworby)

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Contact: Mike Faba (mifaba)

Entrepreneurs

Contact: Ling Hu (lihu), Hongzhen Huang (hohuang)

The Vassar College Entrepreneurs Club is established in order to cultivate an understanding of economics, finance, entrepreneurship, and investment among the Vassar community. Our goal is to provide all interested students with a forum to exchange ideas and opinions and learn how to apply their knowledge of entrepreneurship and finance in practical ways. Through guest lectures, fundraising efforts, an informative website, and active participation, both the experience and educational aspects of the club will be enhanced in Vassar's community. We also seek to work with industry personnel in order to establish a networking system to further provide information and support for business- and economics-related careers after Vassar.

Episcopal Church of Vassar College (ECVC)

Contact: Stephen McCarthy (stmccarthy)

ECVC, as the Episcopal Church at Vassar College is known, is an organization of Vassar community members committed to exploring Christianity in a comprehensive and thoughtful manner. While loyal to the Anglican tradition in particular, the group includes members of various Protestant denominations and none. Through both worship and service projects the organization seeks to

facilitate the spiritual growth of members and strives to enrich the life of Vassar college and the world beyond. In addition to a weekly Sunday evening worship service held in the chapel, ECVC sponsors “Free For All,” a Tuesday night dinner to which all are invited; as well as “Talk to the Collar” at designated times, when the chaplain is available for individual and group conversation.

Equestrian Club

Contact: Rachel Mestel (ramestel)

The Vassar College Equestrian Team offers competitive English riding at the intercollegiate level to any member of the Vassar student population. It maintains a membership in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) and competes both semesters of the college season. Students are trained by the Southerlands Foundation and ride weekly in group lessons as well as riding as a club both semesters. The group also hosts /cohosts an IHSA horse show every year or so. Members are expected to pay their own expenses but limited financial assistance is available in addition to the fundraising the group does to offset costs. Although Equestrian Team is a student-run club sport, they do have a coach and as one member puts it: “We are not a recreational sport! We train weekly and compete regularly! We’re also now one of the largest club sports!” Well said.

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA)

Contact: Irene Beauregard (irbeauregard)

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, or FMLA, is a group open to women and men interested in worldwide gender equity. We focus on national campaigns, for example: supporting Roe vs. Wade and reproductive rights, trying to get emergency contraception available over the counter, and working to get the Convention to End All Forms of Discrimination Against Women ratified. We often use petitioning, tabling, phone drives, and other specific direct action in our campaigns. Our members are both male and female, pro-choice, and interested in changing the stereotypical positions of women and men in society. We also try to initiate change in the Poughkeepsie community through public forums, Big Brothers Big Sisters, or voter registration drives. Our on-campus participation includes bringing progressive, feminist speakers or musicians to Vassar and gathering the support of Vassar students in our national campaigns.

Forum for Political Thought

Contact: Guillermo Farias (gufarias), Quynh Pham (qupham)

The Vassar College Forum for Political Thought serves the purpose of providing the Vassar community with a space for discussing and learning about politics outside of dominant Democrat vs. Republican or liberal vs. conservative ways of thinking. We aim to explore political topics from a variety of perspectives in a casual and non-intimidating environment. While other political student organizations focus on political activism and affiliate themselves with established parties or groups, we seek to foster uninhibited political discourse that engages a wide political spectrum. We share the conviction that political thought should serve as a theoretical compass to give direction to our understanding of the issues that face our society.

French Club

Contact: Allison Tilden (altilden)

The Vassar French Club is primarily a culture club, and though students

interested in improving their French will have the opportunity to practice with native francophone students, speaking ability is not necessary. Members of the French Club gather to prepare and enjoy French meals, raise funds by cooking and selling crepes, host French dinner and dessert banquets for the whole campus, transform the Mug into a discothèque for Europop Mug Night, attend delicious francophone-themed dinners hosted by West Point's French Club, and travel together to Virginia for the VCU French Film Festival. The club works closely with Vassar's French Department, and professors are often involved in events, such as the annual cheese tasting. New events planned for this year include a trip to New York City to enjoy French art and film and a campus-wide Mardi Gras bash.

Future Waitstaff of America (FWA)

Contact: Amanda Giglio (amgiglio)

Future Waitstaff of America is the campus's first and only theatre group that is devoted entirely to Musical Theatre. Founded in the fall of 2005, this group produces one show each semester. Past productions have included **Batboy**, **Songs for a New World**, and **Thoroughly Modern Millie**. All of the productions are completely student run, so there are many opportunities to get involved both onstage and off whether you like to act, direct, design, stage manage, be a backstage technician (techie), etc.

Habitat for Humanity

Contact: Brooke John Wojcik (jowojcik)

This organization's purpose is to pursue the goals of the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Chapter Program: to help educate the campus and community about the work of Habitat for Humanity, to help build and rehabilitate houses in partnership with the Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the Hudson Valley and other areas, and to help raise funds and contribute monies for the work of Habitat and other charitable causes (on an infrequent basis). The chapter also seeks to encourage interaction between diverse cross sections of the Vassar community. Anyone interested in participating in Habitat's projects, registered students and their families, is welcome to become a member of the chapter. Although Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian group, no discrimination will be made on the basis of religion or lack thereof. Members of all faiths will be welcomed and all efforts will be made to accommodate them and their beliefs.

Happily Ever Laughter

Contact: Madeline Joyce (majoyce)

Happily Ever Laughter (HEL) is a comedy troupe that relies primarily upon sketch comedy, with some improvisation, stand-up, guerrilla, and other phenomena. The group provides the Vassar community with at least two performances or happenings per semester, performance space pending. Membership to HEL is by audition. Auditions to HEL will be held on a need-only basis. Prospective members will be judged on the quality of written material, performance in improvisation games, and a short, meaningful discussion with the current members of the group.

Helicon

Contact: Amy Seslowsky (amseslowsky)

Helicon is an organization whose purpose is to serve the needs and expand the creative voice of Vassar's literary community. Helicon publishes a literary magazine featuring works by Vassar students. It also publishes a more frequent

publication consisting of creative works of writers and artists not necessarily a part of the Vassar student body. This includes a calendar of writers' events and assorted Helicon miscellanea. In addition to these publications, Helicon orchestrates events and activities garnered towards the enrichment of the Vassar writers' community. Some past events have included regularly scheduled Writing Workshops and Writer's Nights in the Cafe as well as the sponsoring of various relevant speakers brought by other organizations. Membership is open to all.

Hip Hop 101

Contact: Emma Carmichael (emcarmichael), Jay Leff (jaleff)

Hip Hop 101 is a group dedicated to honoring the foundation of hip hop. Through all four founding elements we strive to bring the Vassar community and the Poughkeepsie community together using a universal language. Peace, love, and having fun.

Homework Club

Contact: Austin Saddlemire (ausaddlemire)

Homework Club is a community service organization based on voluntary participation. This organization works with the Brookhaven Center for Victims of Domestic Violence in Poughkeepsie, NY. The purpose of this club is assisting children who live in this shelter with their school work. In addition, the club intends to build trust-based relationships with the children, so it can also serve as a positive influence on their development. This community service project is ONLY volunteer based; no academic credit, payment, or any other material reward is gained through this organization.

Hunger Action

Contact: Erica Light (erlight), Ezra Roth (ezroth)

Vassar's egalitarian chapter of the national organization Hunger Action Committee strives to alleviate hunger and homelessness. We cook and distribute meals at a local soup kitchen and shelter on a regular basis. We also give food, clothing, and toiletries to the homeless people of Poughkeepsie and New York City several times a semester. In addition, we raise funds and hold events to increase awareness about global hunger and poverty.

Idlewild Theater

Contact: Dorothy Thomas (dothomas)

Idlewild Theatre Ensemble is an all-female, nonhierarchical, collaborative theatre group. Our mission is to create, in a collaborative setting, theatre that centers around women. We aim to provide opportunities for women in all theatre disciplines to explore the areas of their theatrical interests, as well as educate the Vassar Community about the varying opportunities for women in the theatre. It is our intention to produce works that will not only illuminate the roles of women in theatre, but also compel our audience to think about the issues present in today's society.

Improv

Contact: Chris Root (chroot)

Improv is an improvisation-based performance group whose sole and never-ending mission is to bring laughter and good cheer to an otherwise dull world. Founded in 1908, by Jon Adams, Machiavelli, and Jean-Paul Sartre, Improv's first show was

held in the deserted town of Roanoke; no one attended to their dismay. Since those humble beginnings, Improv has blossomed into a well-loved and popular entertainment group. For almost 80 years Improv has performed consistently on campus and taken their shows to other colleges in order to spread the good cheer and uphold Vassar's reputation for the performing arts. Membership is open to all Vassar students. Improv uses all original material including whatever comes to mind, and whatever material is at hand.

Indecent Exposure

Contact: Molly Cahen (mocahen)

Indecent Exposure is Vassar College's only all-female comedy troupe. Founded in 2004 by Heather Trobe, the group was created in response to a very serious lack of female comedians. Not only does it provide a space for women comedians to come together and share ideas, but also to create smart, unusual, innovative, and progressive shows. Debunking the myth that women cannot be funny, Indecent Exposure consistently performs stand-up, and their shows also include sketches, songs, and dance.

Investment Club

Contact: Danny McBee (damcbee)

Italian Club

Contact: Anna Licht (anlicht)

A new organization, the Vassar Italian Club is very enthusiastic about celebrating and promoting Italian culture on Vassar Campus. While Italian Culture will be explored mainly through music, food, film, and art, those who wish to study the Italian language will also find opportunities to practice. Some of the activities that the Italian Club has are film screenings, Italian food cooking, Italian music parties, and collaborative events with other clubs. The club is open to all students, faculty, staff, and other members of the Vassar community regardless of their knowledge of the Italian language. In addition, membership is not limited to Italian majors, correlates, or students enrolled in the department's classes.

Knights of Commuknitty

Contact: Allison Cohen (alcohen)

The mission of this group is to provide Vassar students with a social outlet for knitting and using our shared interest to give back to the local and global community. We will donate what we knit to several important causes, from the homeless in Poughkeepsie to people in need around the world. Knitting is a fun, social, and relaxing activity that anyone can do, and it is a small and simple way to really make a difference. It is one individual at Vassar helping one individual elsewhere, and it is this direct connection that makes us unique among other social action groups on campus.

Mahagonny Ensemble

Contact: Mark Van Hare (mavanhare)

The Mahagonny Ensemble is a student-run choral and instrumental group focusing on works written within the last 100 years. Our goal is to provide musicians at Vassar with an opportunity to perform a challenging repertoire within the setting of a larger chamber ensemble and to give students the rare opportunity to work directly with living composers. Recent repertoire has included works

by Stravinsky (*Mass, Octet, Dumbarton Oaks Concerto for Chamber Orchestra*), Copland (*Appalachian Spring*), Menotti (*The Unicorn, the Gorgon and the Manticore*), Schoenberg, Poulenc, Britten, Carter, Ligeti, Rzewski, and Reich. Last winter, the ensemble had an opportunity to work in a masterclass with composer Yehudi Weiner (Pulitzer Prize in music 2006) on his work, *Passage*. Rehearsals are scheduled around department performing groups and are limited to once a week.

Matthew's Minstrels

Contact: Shelby Wardlaw (shwardlaw)

Matthew's Minstrels is a coed a cappella group that was founded in 1978 and has since provided Vassar with 25 years of fun music. The Minstrels sing a wide variety of music ranging from 50's doo-wop to jazz to your favorite tunes of the 80's and 90's. Matthew's Minstrels perform up to two major concerts a year on campus, and when invited, off campus. They also perform for dorm study breaks and special events upon request. Renowned for their interspersing splices of humor in their music making, Matthew's Minstrels is a highly entertaining and popular group. Quoting a fan, "There's just no one like the Minstrels!" Audition is required for membership.

Multiracial-Biracial Students Alliance (MBSA)

Contact: Sara Evans (saevans)

Measure 4 Measure

Contact: Kathryn Kozlark (kakozlark), Lillie McDonough (limcdonough)

Measure 4 Measure is one of Vassar's all-female a cappella groups. It was started in 1981 by a few of the Vassar Night Owls. The two groups are still in operation though in recognition of their common past, they try to maintain good relations. Each semester, M4M has at least one concert but in the past has had two in the last school semester. They usually invite other schools to sing at these functions and are themselves often invited to other schools to sing. M4M has a tradition of singing contemporary music and their repertoire contains songs that are intricately arranged. That is one of their trademarks. They sing often and well and are occasionally paid to do so. Membership is by audition.

MEChA

Contact: Anastasia Hardin (anhardin)

As the official Chicano/a voice of Vassar, MEChA seeks to create a sense of community and security for Chicano/a students on campus. The organization strives to fairly represent and reclaim their ethnic identity while increasing campus-wide consciousness of the social and political issues that have kept their people oppressed. Members are committed to joining the movement towards self-determination for the purpose of liberating Aztlán, the birthplace of nuestra gente. Membership is open to all Vassar students who share the values and interests of the organization, regardless of race and/or ethnicity.

Moderate Independent Conservative Alliance (MICA)

Contact: Jeremy Bright (jebright)

MICA of Vassar College is an organization aimed at promoting "non-liberal" views on campus. Despite this avowed purpose, however, open-minded liberals are welcome in the group. Our goal is to give those who may possess dissenting

political (primarily), moral, social, etc., opinions a forum to have their voices heard. We are both a shelter and a support group for those who may be fearful of expressing their views in the face of the Vassar majority. We aim to not only raise the visibility of non-liberal issues on campus, but also to promote greater political awareness and dialogue.

Miscellany News

Contact: Ruby Cramer (rucramer)

Founded in 1866, and originally named the **Vassar Miscellany**, the **Miscellany News** is the campus newspaper and events publication. As the oldest student publication at the College, the publication appreciates contributions from all members of the college community—students, administrators, faculty, alumni/alumnae, and trustees. Its purpose is to inform them of news, art, and sports in and around the college in a timely and complete manner; it also serves as an open forum for public dialogue on important issues pertaining to the community and world. Any student within the Vassar community may serve on the staff of the paper as long as s/he attends weekly writer's meetings and fulfills the obligations of a staff writer as defined in the **Miscellany News** constitution. The Editorial Board meets every week for an open paper critique and welcomes the community's comments at this time.

Night Owls

Contact: Kay Hautea (kahautea)

The Night Owls are the nation's oldest continuing all-female a cappella group. They were founded in 1942 when a plague struck campus that had everyone quarantined at night. A few brave women snuck out of their dorms and met in the basement of the library to sing into the night. They function now to arrange, rehearse, perform, and record a cappella music for the Vassar community and abroad. They perform at least two concerts a year and invite other college groups to perform with them. They also travel abroad to sing and compete in tournament. They were invited to sing at both of Bill Clinton's inaugurations. They are quite a spectacular group with a rich history. Their repertoire is mainly from the 20's but not exclusively. Membership is by audition.

No Offense

Contact: Andi Sharavsky (ansharavsky), Tom Stevenson (thstevenson)

No Such Organization (NSO)

Contact: Suzanne Rozier (surozier)

The No Such Organization (NSO) is a catch-all fantasy/scifi/gaming/comics/etc. organization. We host weekly events such as TV nights, which can range from cartoons and anime to the hit show, **Heroes**, and gaming weekends, where members get together to play tabletop games and **Magic: The Gathering**. Every year, we host a few campus-wide events, including our own production of the **Rocky Horror Picture Show**, and **NonCon**, a convention held right on Vassar campus. The NSO includes members of every geekdom and fandom, and we are happy to share their enthusiasm!

Nordic Team

Contact: Isaac Leslie (isleslie)

The Vassar Nordic Team (VNT) strives to rid the bias of the Vassar community

that all skiers require a chairlift. As a member of the United States Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA), the team provides cross country skiing and racing opportunities for students of all levels of ability. In addition to traveling to competitive events across the Northeast, the team makes regular expeditions to the Mohonk Preserve for recreation and training. Due to the high cost of skiing and unequal distribution of snow in the United States and around the world, few have experienced the unique opportunity of nordic skiing. It provides an excellent alternative for exercise in the winter and makes for exhilarating encounters with some of the Hudson Valley's and New England's pristine wilderness.

On Tap

Contact: Gabrielle Kotkov (gakotkov)

As the Vassar On Tap group, our mission is to provide a nondiscriminatory, nonselective outlet for tap dancers at Vassar to dance together and perform for the Vassar community. Our goal is to improve our dance and choreography skills by working together and performing for the Vassar community through weekly meetings and performances throughout the year.

Operation Donation

Contact: Lindsey Andon (liandon)

We, the members of Operation Donation, pledge to develop and implement innovative methods of service to support the Dutchess County community and the world around us. We will utilize funds raised by our members in order to purchase basic food and hygiene products in order to enhance the basic quality of life for Dutchess County residents in need. Through our efforts, we hope to set an example in order to raise and renew awareness of the heart of a cooperative spirit.

Outing Club

Contact: Nadine Reitman (nareitman)

The Outing Club is an entirely student run club sport. The purpose of the Outing Club is to stimulate participation in and appreciation for the outdoors; to promote low-impact usage of the outdoors; to provide trained, reliable, and safe outdoors leadership for the community; to provide specialized outdoor equipment and knowledge to the community; and to do all of this without financial discrimination. Some of their activities include backpacking, hiking, and mountain climbing in the scenic Hudson Valley area, rock climbing in the 'Gunks', cross country skiing, snowshoeing, whitewater rafting, and hikes around the Vassar Farm. The Outing Club plans extended trips for both October and Spring Breaks, and has ties with the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) and the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association (IOCA). The Outing Club stresses that all activities are open to any member of the Vassar community. All outdoor activities have trained leaders certified in CPR and First Aid, assigned to see to all the logistics of the activity, as well as to insure the safety of the group. Any member of the community may train to be a leader. For more specific leader qualification or general club information see the group contact person or the VSA Secretary.

PEACE

Contact: Kelly Long (kelong)

PEACE is a nonprofit national organization devoted to the elimination of prejudices and racism. They believe hatred is something one learns not something

one is born with. Through activism, education, and the experience of diversity, one will not learn tolerance, but a genuine acceptance and appreciation of the difference. PEACE strives to celebrate commonalities, establish relationships, create memories, and promote understanding while building awareness through the knowledge of our difference. PEACE is not an organization that preaches diversity. It is an organization that provides people with the experience of diversity. To accomplish this, PEACE has, among other things, two major programs. PEACE's Brothers and Sisters program seeks to establish relationship among children of different races, ethnicities, and religions. It involves elementary to middle school students, as well as college students, teachers, administrators, and interested community members. The Awareness Day program is aimed more towards high school and college students. It is designed to create discussion on racism and prejudice and takes place in area high schools and at Vassar.

Philaletheis

Contact: Elizabeth London (ellondon)

The Philaletheis Society is an organization which provides the Vassar community with the opportunity to efficiently produce dramatic works of art. It is used as a means for aiding production through an advising and support system that encompasses the artistic, financial, and technical aspects of theater. The Philaletheis Society is the primary student production company, and as such assists in the management of the Coal Bin Theater through the Coal Bin Advisory Board (CBAB). The Society works closely with administrators and other campus groups to ensure fair and proper use of the theater. Membership to Philaletheis is open to all undergraduate students of Vassar College and is based upon their desire to participate.

PHOCUS

Contact: Erica Hersh (erhersh)

Phocus runs the community darkroom on a cooperative, members-only basis. Since the college does not offer a photography course, Phocus seeks to fill in some of the gaps. It sponsors showings of student work, offers mini-courses in various topics, and sponsors guest lectures and field trips. Many of the activities of the group involve fees, as does membership to the darkroom coop, although the fee is waived for those who see to its upkeep. Also, students participating in the photo mini-course are admitted free. Membership to PHOCUS is open to the entire Vassar community with or without experience in photography.

Poder Latino

Contact: Bonnie Velez (bovelez)

Poder Latino is an organization founded to address the needs and concerns of Vassar's Latino community and to serve as a support group and a political action group. Its purpose is to promote communication and understanding between the members of Poder Latino and the other members of the Vassar community through forums, lectures, and other social events. It also serves to create a network between Poder Latino and other Latino communities, particularly in the local area, in order to provide strength and support in dealing with Latino issues. All members of the Vassar community are eligible to become members of Poder Latino. Particular effort will be made to recruit Vassar Latino students, for whom the group is founded. Full membership in Poder Latino, as in any serious organization, is contingent upon regular attendance at meetings and other active forms of support.

Polo Team

Contact: Kaylin Myers (kamyers)

The Vassar College Polo Team is a nationally recognized, competitive polo team. We play at the varsity level against schools like Yale, UConn, and Skidmore. We travel throughout the region to compete and have attended regionals all the way to Indiana. We practice two times a week at Gardnertown Polo in Newburgh. We also participate in club chukkers 2-3 times a week. Members can conceivably practice 5-6 times a week if they are interested. We compete in about 3 or 4 games a month and our season lasts from September to April. Members pay a flat fee per semester and additional riding has no extra charge. We are actively seeking new members for our men's and women's teams. No experience is necessary; one of our two nationally ranked coaches will be happy to teach you to ride and to play.

ProHealth

Contact: Jared Augenstein (jaaugenstein)

ProHealth is dedicated to issues of health care and the promotion of health locally, nationally, and worldwide. In addition to physical and mental health promotions, we seek to discuss and present issues of health care and all forms of medicine and health, from its content to its quality and delivery and beyond, to all members of the Vassar community. We also seek to provide support and guidance to members of the Vassar community considering any of the allied health professions and related disciplines, such as Medicine, Public Health, Biomedical Sciences, Nursing, etc. We will provide the aforementioned support and guidance, such as how to approach the prospects of such careers, while also fostering knowledge and awareness of opportunities and contributions of all health professions.

Queer Coalition of Vassar College (QCVC)

Contact: queer@vassar.edu, Raymon Azcona (raazcona)

Queer Coalition of Vassar College exists to help various projects by and for Vassar's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ), and allied students. We use the word "queer" to recognize and affirm a plurality of sex, sexuality, and gender difference. Last year under the umbrella of QC, Gay-Straight Alliance, and Women's Group provided weekly meeting space in the College Center and Blegen House, the designated queer safe-space on campus. A Drag Revolution was also spawned under QC resources. **Queer Briefs**, a monthly newsletter, keeps us (through our bathroom stalls) aware of queer stuff on campus. Last year QC brought performers and held an all-campus party. First Step provides a confidential discussion group for students discovering new dimensions of their sexuality.

Quidditch

Contact: David Bridgman-Packer (dabridgmanpacker), Molly St. Clair (Mostclair), Daniel Bossert (dabossert)

Red Panda

Contact: Kartik Naram (kanaram), Brian Moody (brmoody)

RunVassar

Contact: Jon Erickson (joerickson)

The Track Team is a Vassar club sport. Club sports are teams that are entirely student run. Despite the lack of formal coaching, they continue to represent

Vassar at the national and international level. As Vassar's newest club sport, the Track Team has achieved enormous success in the past few years. They compete actively in the NCAA. The track that the team has to work with is decidedly inferior but the team does well despite it. Membership is open to anyone who runs for fun.

Sailing Team

Contact: Aubrey Wynn (auwynn)

The Sailing Team at Vassar is open to all students and includes a large range of skill levels. There are Learn-To-Sail clinics on land and on the water. There is also the opportunity to compete in many Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association races throughout the fall and spring. The club has a boathouse on the Hudson River with three 420s and a Laser. Transportation and equipment are provided and paid for by the club. All amounts of experience are welcome and encouraged, but swimming proficiency is required.

Shakespeare Troupe

Contact: Nate Silver (nasilver)

The Shakespeare Troupe is an ensemble of 10-15 actors, designers, and directors who produce one play from Shakespeare's cannon every spring semester in an outdoor setting. We strive to constantly challenge ourselves as artists, as well as always questioning and changing the approach and understanding of Shakespeare on the Vassar campus.

Ski Team

Contact: Scott Pascal (scpascal), Ben Crawford (becrawford)

Ski Team organizes competitive ski racing for the students of Vassar College. It is our fervent belief that ski racing, due to its prodigious cost, is chiefly a pastime of the elite. These elites perpetuate the capitalist superstructures that preserve our low socioeconomic status. To combat the unyielding class homogeneity inherent in ski culture, we, the proletariat, secure funds and disperse them freely to help the common, working class Vassar students (as well as their capitalist overlord fellow students) to participate in and to subvert a principle bastion of neocolonial patriarchy – ski racing. As a competitive club we are members of the National Collegiate Skiing Association (NCSA) and race in the MacBride Division. The team is competitive, although no race experience is necessary to join.

South Asian Students Alliance (SASA)

Contact: Anna Karra (ankarra), Adhira Mangalagiri (admangalagiri)

The South Asian Students Alliance (SASA) is an organization established to meet the needs and concerns of the South Asian community at Vassar College. Its goal is to provide a forum for students in which issues of cultural, political, religious, and ethnic relevance are discussed and dealt with. Furthermore, it seeks to inject a South Asian component into the academic curriculum of Vassar College. It unifies the students of South Asian descent and at the same time provides the Vassar community with an insight into and understanding of issues of South Asian culture and politics. Membership into SASA is voluntary and open to all Vassar students.

Squirm

Contact: Allison Brill (albrilla)

Squirm is a submissions-based magazine about sex and sexuality. Squirm seeks to create a sex-positive forum on campus for the artistic, literary, and creative exploration of sex. All members of the Vassar community are welcome and encouraged to submit artwork, photography, and written work to Squirm.

Student Activist's Union (SAU)

Contact: Sarah Muenzinger (samuenzinger)

The Vassar College Student Activist's Union (SAU) is an action-oriented organization that seeks to promote human rights and equality. The SAU interacts with other organizations in the promotion of issues of mutual concerns and provides speakers, films, workshops, and newsletters on relevant human rights issues. The SAU has been active at Vassar for the past eight years. We fight for recognition of women's rights, work against racism and bigotry, and give support to the worker's and environmental movements. Through rallying, letter-writing campaigns, speak-out, and petitions we promote progressive social action at Vassar College, in Dutchess County, in Washington, D.C., and abroad. On campus, we sponsor films, lectures, and an annual Earth Day celebration to educate and inform the campus.

Synchronized Skating

Contact: Hannah Erdheim (haerdheim)

The mission of Iced Brew, Vassar's synchronized skating team, is to compete at various synchronized ice skating competitions representing Vassar College. Also, we aim to educate the campus community about synchronized ice skating. We also want to promote school spirit through competing and provide an additional way for Vassar students to express themselves.

The Limit

Contact: Kristen Lauer (krlauer)

TONCA

Contact: David Prentice (daprentice), Heather Tannenbaum (hetannenbaum)
Together Opposing Neglect and Child Abuse (TONCA), formally known as I Won't Grow Up Day (IWGUD), is an on campus organization devoted to increasing awareness of child abuse, raising money for the Child Abuse Prevention Center of Poughkeepsie through the event IWGUD, and providing on-campus activities with a childhood focus. IWGUD, our founding event, was created by Dr. Julie Riess (Class of '87) and it will remain our primary purpose/goal on campus. Dr. Riess, the Director of Wimpfheimer Nursery School and Associate Professor of Psychology, sought to bridge the gap between Vassar College and its surrounding community. TONCA will continue this mission on a broader scale.

Transmission

Contact: Logan Rimel (lorimel)

Unbound

Contact: Stephanie Mischell (stmischell)

UNBOUND brings to life the voice of the voiceless through performance. We are committed to presenting progressive works and creating a meaningful forum

for discussion. We aim to achieve a stronger sense of self and community through the process of performance; promote creative expression that cannot easily be categorized or digested; bring together different cultural and political groups on campus; dramatize through performance the ways in which all forms of oppression interact; make the personal a political project and the political a personal project. This organization is open to anyone regardless of age, sex, gender, sexuality, race, religion, creed, or physical handicap.

Unicef

Contact: Jennifer Richards (jerichards)

Unitarian Universalists

Contact: Katia Chapman (kachampman)

Unitarian Universalism (UU) is a liberal, noncreedal religious tradition that values the inherent worth and dignity of ALL people. With this in mind, Vassar's UU group seeks to explore spirituality, discuss social issues, and build a safe, welcoming community. Students run weekly worships and discussions, and some participate in services at the Poughkeepsie UU Fellowship. All students are welcome, regardless of previous knowledge of or involvement with, UUism.

Vassar Animal Rescue Coalition (VARC)

Contact: Mollie Flannery (moflannery), Laura Saiz (lasaiz)

The main goal of the VARC is to educate the campus about its obligation to maintain the safety and welfare of its nonhuman animal residents. Animals are constantly abandoned on campus, often to negligent students. Most of the funds for the group go to a spay-neuter release program which serves to control the pet population by vaccinating Vassar strays, spaying/neutering them, and then releasing them in a rural and safer area or placing them with loving adopting families. VARC also brings pertinent speakers to the campus and sets up tables in the College Center to further educate the campus about issues pertaining to animal welfare.

Vassar Association of Class Activists

Contact: Thomas Facchine (thfacchine)

Vassar Bikes

Contact: Jeffrey Cross (jecross)

Vassar Bikes runs the on-campus bike shop, organizes recreational rides off campus, and races in the Eastern Collegiate racing circuit (road and mountain). We welcome everyone, beginner or experienced racer, to ride with the club, learn about bike maintenance, and just share some bike love. Students are encouraged to send us an email or drop in during our weekly meetings or shop hours. Our Facebook group is Vassar Cycling.

Vassar Devils

Contact: Julia Hanna (juhanna)

"Vassar Devils" is synonymous with quality in every price range. This affordable a cappella group is seriously fun, and makes listeners say, "pour me more!" It's succulent and juicy, bursting with black cherry and raspberry flavors, yet sports enough power and complexity to raise an approving eyebrow...or two.

Vassar Filmmakers

Contact: Kyle Porter (kyporter)

Vassar Filmmakers provides all students with a chance to direct, produce, and edit their own films with access to industry-rate materials and services, funds, and a talented, motivated group of individuals. Vassar Filmmakers strives to construct a community of filmmakers across campus who work collaboratively with faculty and departments to get their visions realized. Meetings are set up for feedback and constructive criticism on individual projects, as well as screenings, discussions, and production organizing.

Vassar Flypeople

Contact: Rachel Brillon (rabrillon)

The FlyPeople is a fun-loving, booty-shakin' dance group that aims to move its groove thang while entertaining people in the process. Combining jazz, hip-hop, modern, and lyrical dance the group is entirely student run and varies in its focus semester to semester, depending on its members. Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester and the number of members is kept at around 30. Dancers do not have to have had years of rigorous technique, but more importantly a presence and vivacity when performing. Commitment is once a week on Sundays and weekly as needed closer to performances. There is at least one performance per semester, with occasional guest appearances at other events.

Vassar Green Party

Contact: Peter Satin (pesatin)

Vassar Greens

Contact: Vanessa Raditz (varaditz)

The Vassar Greens seek to increase awareness of local, national, and global environmental issues on campus. They accomplish this goal by dispersing information to students, sponsoring lectures, films, and groups that are concerned with environmental issues, providing a forum for discussion on environmental issues, and evaluating the state of campus ecology while serving as a vehicle for action on these concerns. Membership is voluntary and open to all students in the Vassar College community.

Vassar Jewish Union (VJU)

Contact: Jordana Cohen (jocohen)

The Vassar Jewish Union seeks to serve all Jewish members of the Vassar community regardless of their backgrounds or form of Jewish expression. The VJU does not endorse a partisan view of Jewish life, and encourages expression of all the facets of Jewish experience in search of an actively diverse Jewish life on campus. The VJU's purpose is to teach students about Jewish heritage, Israel, and the variety of Jewish experiences throughout the world; to strengthen the bonds between the Jewish religion and its cultures; to serve as a political voice of Judaism in the Vassar community; to promote political, cultural, and religious dialogue with members of other cultural and religious communities in order to foster communication and understanding; to help enrich the lives of the Vassar community as a whole; and to prepare students for an informed and active participation in the Jewish communities that reside outside of Vassar's gates and those communities they may enter after Vassar. VJU has a base of operations in

the Bayit, a house located on Collegeview Avenue near the cemetery. Membership in the VJU is open to all students and most meetings are open to the public.

Vassar Pagan Circle

Contact: Aaron Fagan (aafagan)

The Pagan Circle works to provide a space for all those who identify with or would like to learn more about Paganism. The mission of the group is to offer resources for Pagans and non-Pagans to discuss issues of belief and share in their experiences. These efforts provide a space for intimate discussion and education concerning Pagan issues. We have a variety of social, spiritual, and educational events throughout the semester. The basic format of our meetings is a sharing of each other's interests and beliefs. All are welcome to come learn more about Paganism.

Vassar Prison Initiative

Contact: Hensleigh Crowell (hecrowell)

Vassar Public Art Committee

Contact: Joseph Martinez (jomartinez)

The Vassar Public Art Committee is a group of students and faculty advisors at Vassar College who facilitate student artists with the means of producing public art on campus. The goal of VPAC is to respond to the college's diverse communities and aesthetics and facilitate artists with the means of producing their works to heighten the quality of the common experience. VPAC commissions artwork that engages the surrounding environment to create, enrich, or reveal a sense of place, and to express the spirit, values, visions, and poetry that collectively define Vassar College.

Vassar Punx

Contact: Andres Gutierrez (Angutierrez), Hassan Sakhtah (hasakhtah), (vcpunx@gmail.com)

Vassar Teknowledgy

Contact: Paul Noonan (paunoonan)

Vassar Teknowledgy (VT) is the face of Vassar electronic music. It will be VT's mission to bring electronic music to Vassar college by any means necessary. Each year, there will be a president, treasurer, and secretary in charge of organizing events, trips to concerts, training new DJs and composers, and otherwise publicizing electronic music. The principle focus of VT is on the art of DJing and music production, but other talents including light design, VJing and electrical engineering.

Vassar Ultimate Frisbee

Contact: Nate Mandel (namandel), Marco Brydolf-Horwitz (mabrydolfhorwitz), Marika Faytell (mafaytell), Jennie Harkness (jeharkness)

Ultimate Frisbee is one of Vassar's club sports. These are teams that are entirely student run. Despite the lack of formal coaching, they represent Vassar at the national and international level. The purpose of Ultimate Frisbee is to recruit and train its members with the goals of general fun and competition. They practice often and compete regularly. They may also host tournaments among Vassar students or with other Frisbee teams.

Vassarion

Contact: Shannon Wilton (shwilton)

The **Vassarion** is the Vassar College yearbook. Our student-run organization is primarily self funded and provides a service to the school in the publication of an annual. The sections of this year's book are: Student Life, Academics, Seniors, Organizations, Athletics, and Community. The Community section is this year's endeavor to sell ads to students, parents, faculty, administration, and community businesses. The funds will be allotted for the payment of this year's book. The yearbook is usually sold for \$60. The Vassar community is encouraged to preorder their copy since it is less expensive to buy during the fall semester. The price goes up to \$70 in the spring. Any interested Vassar student is eligible to be on the yearbook staff provided that they are qualified for the position they seek.

Vastards

Contact: Sam Fleming (safleming)

The Vastards are a fun-loving, extra-loud, coed a cappella group that gets an almost embarrassing amount of pleasure from a good harmony. They sing all the songs you loved in Middle School, or at least the songs you loved to hate. They enjoy long walks on the beach, sunsets, and kittens.

ViCE

Contact: Peter Denny (pedenny)

ViCE stands for Vassar College Entertainment (don't ask ME where the 'i' comes from). It is the large-scale programming body on campus and serves to bring a variety of entertainment to Vassar. It also sponsors campus events. The goal of ViCE is to provide diverse programming designed to satisfy the entertainment needs of the student body. Membership is voluntary and open to all members of the Vassar student body.

VISA

Contact: Manasi Jiwrajka (majiwrjka)

VISA is an organization to help international students overcome cultural shock in America, and integrate in the Vassar Community.

Water Polo

Contact: Andras Vaisman (anvaisman)

We, the members of the Vassar Water Polo Team, as members of the Vassar Student Association of Vassar College, are in union to exercise our right to enjoy Water Polo at the organized level. This Water Polo Team has been formed to take part in the following principles:

1. It is a Vassar College student's right to enjoy water polo.
2. It is up to the member to take the sport as seriously as he or she wants to.
3. The Vassar Water Polo Team at this moment in its development is not yet ready for competition, but does intend to compete when it is ready for competition. No water polo experience is required, however swimming experience is highly recommended.

Women of Color Alliance (WOCA)

Contact: Leona Brannon (lebrannon)

The Women of Color Alliance (WOCA) is a student-run organization comprised of women of various ethnic backgrounds. The organization is centered around

the needs and concerns of women of color globally and locally at Vassar College. Though female students continue to be the majority, and as talk of the need for diversity is continually promulgated on Vassar's campus, a space where the primary focus is on issues directly affecting those who occupy that tenuous space, that of the "majority" and the minority, has yet to be established. WOCA is pleased and honored to take on the task of addressing issues of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and class that intersectionally affect the lives of our members.

Wholistic

Contact: wholistic, Melissa Dion (medion)

Wholistic is an organization for promoting balanced and healthy living on campus. We view holism as a balance of all the elements that make up the world and ourselves. We reach out to a variety of methods that are sometimes outside of the mainstream. We emphasize alternative eating styles such as eating whole foods not processed foods, and eating local foods not mass-produced foods. We advocate for physical and mental practices such as meditation, yoga, and tai chi to have a stronger presence on campus. Holism also includes sustainability and a respectful relationship with the environment. We recognize each individual's specificity and uniqueness, while appreciating our interconnectedness. Past wholistic events have included meditative dinners, cooking classes, herbal workshops, and we have facilitated trips to centers for wholistic learning.

Woodshed Theatre Ensemble

Contact: Hannah Gold (hagold)

Woodshed Theater Ensemble is a small theater collective that functions as an experimental laboratory for its members in a constantly shifting and evolving process. Each decision in the theatrical process is made by the totality of the group, and each group member is encouraged to work on all aspects of production.

Wordsmiths

Contact: Eric Schuman (erschuman)

WVCR

Contact: Nicholas Marmet (nimarmet)

The FM radio station of Vassar College known as 91.3 WVCR FM is a noncommercial, educational, student-operated, broadcast facility licensed to the trustees of the college and serving the Poughkeepsie community as required by the Federal Communications Act of 1934 and all subsequent revisions thereof. In addition to operating as legally obligated under federal law, it shall be the objective of this organization to educate, entertain, and involve the members of the Vassar community in the maintenance and operation of this FM broadcast station. The radio station is located on the third floor of the College Center and broadcasts a wide variety of radio programming including, but not limited to, music and talk shows, instructionals, and the news and weather. Broadcasting usually runs 22-24 hours a day, seven days a week. Any member of the Vassar community may join the staff of WVCR or have their own show provided they follow the regulations set forth by WVCR and the law. WVCR encourages visitors provided they act in a responsible manner.