

Back to School '25

CANNON DIAL ELM CLUB



Here's hoping you had a great summer

... and a pleasant vacation as well. If you were in the Mid-Atlantic, it started well but then became extremely hot on campus. Regardless, we completed some important improvements for the members this summer, including a pergola to make time on the back patio more pleasant and the space more usable.





We also replaced furniture and generally upgraded our computer study room, and opened our **Memorabilia Room**, celebrating our alumni's many accomplishments. If you have Cannon, Dial, Elm or DEC memorabilia, please send them to the Club with your name and a short description.



Of Whom We are Proud

After Commencement '25 but before leaving campus, member **Connor Neill '25** was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry with President Eisgruber and General Christopher Cavoli '87, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe in attendance. Connor majored in Civil and Environmental Engineering and pursued a Certificate in Architecture and Engineering AND rowed Heavyweight Crew.

Our members are not just great athletes and excellent scholars. They also donate their time acting as **Tiger Pals**, mentoring elementary school students in the area (all those circled below are Gunners). Club member Fadima Tall '27, an anthropology major on the women's basketball team, said "it's not easy" to find time to visit her pal, but "we all enjoy doing it. I don't know a single person that isn't happy visiting their kid."



A small sampling of the athletes who volunteered their time to mentor elementary school students in 2024-25.



Cannon President Scott Becker '26 and his Pal from Johnson Park Elementary



House Manager Julia Dumais '26 and member Alison Ha '25 with their Pal, pre-game.

The Year Ahead

215 members will soon return to their home away from home, their best of friends, and Bill's cooking! Over the summer, a couple of our members transferred to pursue athletic opportunities at other colleges, but we had many applicants to fill their slots, and did!



The same outstanding officer corps that led the membership last Spring will do so right through Bicker '26. We will continue to introduce them to you by video in these newsletters. This month, please meet [Jackson Kane](#), a lacrosse player from Tiburon, CA and the Club's Social Chair 21+ and [Conor McKenna](#), Swim team captain and Club Bicker Chair from Frisco, TX. Please take a minute to 'meet' these officers and be sure to greet them if you stop at the Club this Fall.



In early 2026, we will be starting our major construction project, which we have been calling **Thrive in '25!** This significant expansion of our dining room and kitchen is absolutely necessary to accommodate the current membership, and they are extremely excited about it. We've made so much progress:

December '24	Architect selected; contract signed
January '25	Land surveys and subsurface testing complete
February '25	Schematic Design Phase
April '25	Estimate & Estimate Review
May '25	Value Engineering to keep design and budget on track
July '25	Design & Plans complete
August '25	Site Plan Review package submitted to Town for review and public hearings

And while we wait for the municipality to finish their review, which can take up to 100 days, **we need your help**. We are 60% to our goal of \$1.5 million, thanks to a few major donors and many, many smaller ones, all of which we very much appreciate. **But 60% of the money will not get us out of the ground! We need to raise the other \$600,000 by the end of 2025**. It's really not a big number if all 5000+ of our Cannon, Dial Lodge, Elm, DEC and CDE alumni were to make even a small contribution.

So, whether or not you've been back to Cannon Dial Elm this year, we are most urgently asking for your support now. Use the QR code to the right which will link you directly to our Thrive Donation page or use the handy donation form below and return it to us with a check or credit card. Whatever way suits you best, no gift is too small or too big! Please help.

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Thank you,

Chuck Freyer '69
Chair
Graduate Board of Trustees

Thrive in '25

Enclosed is my contribution to the **Thrive in '25** Campaign:

Contributions may also be made online at cannonclub.com/thrive-in-25, by venmo@cannonclub, or princetonprospectfoundation.org/donate designating Cannon Dial Elm at Recipient.

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