

Past Events in the Houses

A list of events hosted by various College Houses over the last few years. Great starting place if you need some ideas! Events are sorted by committee, although many could be easily shifted to a different committee.

Campus Liaison

- Dance class
- iHoppe (pancake brunch with Dean Hoppe)
- Sip and stitch/paint with craft center
- Thanksgiving meal
- Hosting a capella & improv shows
- LinkedIn photoshoot
- Moth radio hour
- BCLT study night
- Sushi (or other food) making with culinary club
- Lecture with Bowdoin faculty member
- Open mic night
- Tie dye with craft center
- Latinx heritage month kickoff with LASO
- Passing out cookies during finals
- Smith tabling to hand out Valentines
- Baking with president Zaki
- Henna night with MSA
- Spring roll making with VSA
- Asian karaoke mixer
- Lunar new year celebration
- Dia de los Muertos ofrenda with LASO
- Smoothie bowls with Active Minds
- Chess Tournament with Chess Club
- AI discussion groups/book club/etc
- Gallery for student photographer
- Self care day with SWAG
- BCLT time management workshop
- Financial literacy workshop with Polar Investment Club

First Year Engagement

- Sunday/Wednesday super snacks
- Meal for current/past/future house members
- First year game night
- Study tips/class registration Q&A
- Freeport trip to buy winter gear
- Slime-making night
- Study session with boba, bagels, donuts
- Plant potting
- Cake tasting with Wild Oats (“which cake is best?”)
- Candygrams and flowers for Valentine’s Day

House Bonding

- Murder mystery night
- Identity Powerpoint night
- House movie night (in house or going to theater together)
- Home cooked meal with Bowdoin Organic Garden
- Polar plunge
- Sneaky bear (like “Secret Santa”)
- House slideshow at end of year
- Polar Bear Buds (biweekly pairings of house members to have a meal, do an activity, etc. to get to know each other better)
- Goat yoga trip
- Schiller trip
- Apple picking trip
- Ice skating trip
- Pumpkin carving/decorating
- Volunteering at Midcoast Hunger Prevention
- House potluck/Friendsgiving
- Beach visit (Simpson’s Point, Reid, Popham) (bioluminescence!)
- Swimming at Sewell Pond
- Monthly/quarterly birthday celebrations
- Art/chopped competition
- Snowman making
- House prom (with promposals)
- House superlatives
- Dress up/decorating competition between floors

- Art museum visit
- House WBOR takeover
- (Spoon) assassin

Inter-House & Sophomore Cohesion

- Sophomore spikeball tournament
- Sophomore gala/soiree during sophomore bootcamp
- Alternative Ivies
- Study abroad info session
- Sophomore hypnotist visit
- Sophomore T-shirt swap
- Food truck night
- Mario Kart tournament
- Ping pong tournament
- Flag football tournament
- Wellness crawl
- Sophomore study session during finals
- Jeopardy night
- Ornament making
- Major declaration celebration
- Sophomore trivia night
- Major speed dating
- Watch parties for NFL playoffs, World Cup, Olympics, etc.

Town & Community Engagement

- Neighborhood trick-or-treating on Halloween
- Barbeque with town neighbors
- Page-Potter block party with Burn, Howell, and community neighbors
- Classes taught by students for community members
- Community movie night (outside)
- Sidewalk Smiles (decorating town sidewalks)
- Sunnybrook fashion show
- Bingo at Sunnybrook
- Chili and brownies for the elderly
- Winterfest
- Town reception after lecture

- Blanket making for Project Linus
- Dog treat/toy making for Midcoast Humane
- Blind Date with a Book (Curtis Memorial Library)

Other

- Album release listening party (Taylor Swift, Bad Bunny, etc.)
- Jazz night
- Hot dog party (grilling hotdogs outside)
- Super bowl party
- Barn babies/playing with puppies
- Tame April Fools pranks...

House-specific traditions

- Helmet party (Helmreich)
- Haunted Howell
- Holiday storytime w/ Security (Howell)
- Mac-o-ween
- Monkey bread Mondays (MacMillan)
- Loose leaves (MacMillan)
- Fall Fest (Reed)
- 4gen (Reed)
- Thanksgiving Feast (any House)

Favorite Party Themes

- Casino night
- ABBA/70s
- Mocktail night
- Live music with student and/or local bands!
- “Pack the basement”
- Hyperpop, “brat”
- Sophomore/house wedding
- “Dress like your major”
- Masquerade
- “Why do you own that?”
- Oktoberfest
- Shrek
- Barbie Dreamhouse