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What kinds of projects did you work on during your time in the USG, and do you see, in your daily life, how your experiences in the USG have been helpful to you?

I helped plan and execute class events and was in charge of ordering and selling our class gear. I learned what I am good at and what types of jobs and tasks I like. I also learned how to work with outside vendors when running diverse events like giving away free candy coupons to Ricky's on Nassau Street, serving beer and wine at pub night at Winberie's, and giving away goodies and t-shirts at a lacrosse tailgate. And, the '07 class government was a great team I otherwise would not have gotten to know so well. All of this was useful experience in learning how to communicate effectively with a wide range of people and how to stay organized.



Looking back at your time in the USG as an alum, what would you say was your most meaningful experience?

It's too hard to pick just one, so I won't. But I got to meet an enormous amount of my classmates through USG and plan large events with virtually no bureaucracy standing in the way. In retrospect, it helped that I was largely in control of my schedule and I had lots of time to do what I wanted to do. It is an experience that would be hard to replicate anywhere outside of school.

How, if at all, has your time in the USG influenced your career/academic path after graduation? Do you think that serving in the USG helps students prepare for life outside the Orange Bubble?

As mentioned, I learned what I am good at and what I like to do. This has helped me find my career path, which is still developing. I do think you can get similar experiences in all sorts of leadership roles at Princeton, not just with USG. What sets USG apart is that the events you work on tend to be on a larger scale, and you can get involved very early in your Princeton career. In more established student groups, you may not get a leadership role until later on.