1. **What is GCAC?**
   An extension of the Garnet Club, the *Garnet Club Advancement Council (GCAC)* is a volunteer group comprised of alumni, parents, and friends of Swarthmore College who promotes the interests and wellbeing of Garnet athletics at Swarthmore—including varsity athletics, club sports, intramural athletics, physical education, and recreation. Specifically, this group is tasked with supporting athletics through financial support, advice, counsel, and volunteer activity and programming. The group will advance the student-athlete experience by supporting Swarthmore’s mission and goals as it relates to the Garnet.

2. **What are the values and goals of GCAC?**
   **G.A.M.E**
   - **Generosity**— Enhance the affinity for Swarthmore athletics by making a personal financial commitment to Swarthmore athletics.
   - **Advocacy**— Help sustain and foster the athletics community by networking and advocating for the important role it plays in many students’ lives.
   - **Mentorship**— Connect with student-athletes to expand their experiences and promote a holistic approach to life at Swarthmore and beyond.
   - **Engagement**— Assist in building community on a regional and national level by engaging with members of the Swarthmore community to help raise awareness of and support for the Garnet.
   Serve as a sounding board to help protect and maintain the integrity of Swarthmore Athletics.

3. **How do I become a member of GCAC?**
   Membership is open to all, who are able to meet the membership expectations, and will be a three year term. Membership shall conform to the Swarthmore College’s fiscal year, July 1 – June 30. Members who are interested in joining GCAC should contact Patton Vo, Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement, at pvo1@swarthmore.edu or 610-328-8622.

4. **What are the expectations of membership?**
   Members are asked to make a gift of $1,864 or more to Swarthmore—a portion of which must be designated to athletics. Young Alumni (1-14 years out) are asked to make a gift at Rose Garden Associates level based on their class year.
   - Participate in at least three of six bi-monthly conference calls.
   - Attend at least one of two on-campus meetings per fiscal year (July 1–June 30). One meeting will be during Garnet Homecoming & Family Weekend (fall) and the other will be during the spring, potentially around Alumni Weekend.
   - Provide financial support and commit to a philanthropic priority within athletics to advance the needs of the program. Members will be asked to give at leadership level, $1,864 (joining the 1864 Society). Young Alumni (1-14 years out) will be asked to give at the Rose Garden Associates level based on their respective graduation year.
   - Participate in at least one of the following activities and/or committees –
     - Hall of Fame Selection Committee
• Golf for the Garnet Committee
• Athletic Awards Banquet Committee
• Garnet Weekend/Alumni Weekend

Please also refer to Appendix A for additional engagement opportunities.

5. What are the benefits of joining GCAC?
   - Staying Connected – Enhance your affinity for the college by staying connected. Be the first to know what is happening and partake in discussions and dialogue that affects Swarthmore Athletics.
   - Recreation – Have fun and enjoy reminiscing with your peers, friends, and other community members while being a catalyst for change and growth.
   - Stakeholder – You have a stake in the matter! Your opinions, feedback, and advice can help advance our strategic goals and aspirations.
   - Networking – Build a network with student-athletes, alumni, staff, faculty, and friends to Swarthmore Athletics.
   - Campus Resources – Enjoy free access to our athletic facilities and attend athletic events and games free of charge.

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Members of the Garnet Club Advancement Council are invited to identify opportunities from the list below that best align with their personal interests and impact they wish to make as members of GCAC.

- Host Swarthmore gatherings in your community that engage members of the Swarthmore community around the strategic initiatives and goals of the Garnet Club Advancement Council.
- Serve as an advocate for these initiatives in your networks of classmates, colleagues, and friends.
- Provide feedback and perspectives on messaging surrounding initiatives and programs aimed at engaging athletic constituents.
- Opportunity to participate as a guest speaker on campus as relates to athletics or aligns with personal interests - with appropriate vetting and planning.
- Mentor students on preparing for life after Swarthmore.
- Connect with student-athletes on campus, remotely, or in your community for networking opportunities.
- Host a regional event or small dinner to better engage with athletic constituents within a particular location. Events can be based on team travels, athletic competition, etc.
- Contribute personal and professional knowledge, experiences, and perspectives to motivate, inspire, and promote dialogue between community members.
- Serve as an advocate and ambassador for Swarthmore Athletics by promoting and articulating the strategic goals and values to our networks.
- Assist in programming, events, and other key initiatives as it relates to Swarthmore Athletics.
- Identify and solicit three peers who would like to be better engaged with the College and Swarthmore Athletics.
- Attend Swarthmore’s regional events and programs, including but not limited to campaign events, Alumni Weekend, Garnet Homecoming & Family Weekend, Welcome to the City, etc.

Term of Service: Three year term (2019-2022)