
Virginia Commonwealth Rowing Association

VaCRA

Mission

The Virginia Commonwealth Rowing Association, previously known as VCU Crew Boosters, exists to support the undergraduate rowers of the Crew Team at Virginia Commonwealth University.

VaCRA began with Chris Coon, previous Men's Captain and 2013 graduate. Together with Khiem Tran ('14), the two lobbied for grassroots support through 2017 under the name 'VCU Crew Boosters' with only a clipboard and a sign-up sheet. Joined by alumni Samantha Lewis ('17) and Kevin Costanzo ('17), the organization came to fruition at the first meeting on May 18, 2018. After taking some preliminary steps, the group reconvened a month later on June 17, 2018 during which they formally adopted the name Virginia Commonwealth Rowing Association (VaCRA).



Purpose

VaCRA is a 501(c)3 organization that aims to create a fund to provide the Crew Team at VCU with necessary equipment such as oars, boats, and tools. VaCRA also hopes to provide small scale 'scholarships' for student rowers demonstrating need. Providing team dues on behalf of rowers and sponsoring students for the annual spring training trip relieves the burden on students and their families, and opens the sport to a wider range of students.

VISION: FOSTERING THE GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP AND COMPETITIVENESS OF THE CREW TEAM AT VCU.

Mission and Vision

VaCRA's mission statement and vision goal was carefully crafted by the founders in consultation with other alumni. The organization's current pursuits align with the mission to support the undergraduate rowers and our vision to foster membership growth.

Membership

To sustain the fund, VaCRA intends to solicit donations from the community and collect membership dues. Membership to VaCRA includes sponsored happy hours, dinners, and gatherings with alumni. In order to facilitate the growth of the alumni group, members are highly encouraged to volunteer either at home regattas in Richmond, or one of the many other regattas up and down the eastern seaboard. Members will vote on where funds are allocated, and are able to hold executive board positions.

Join

To join, please visit our website at www.vacra.weebly.com and under the 'membership' tab, fill out the contact form. The initiation fee is \$25, and dues are \$25 each year. You can follow VaCRA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to staying in touch with you!

