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### SAA's Plan for The Spring Semester

Kissing Rock. Hubbling. All In. These Drake traditions and service opportunities are all a fundamental part of the Drake community and are all put on by The Student Alumni Association.

SAA is a student organization that keeps students and alumni connected through traditions, philanthropy and community engagement. This semester they have a wide variety of things planned including annual traditions events, service projects and alumni connection events.

Traditions is in charge of organizing the annual events that have been a part of Drake University's culture for many years, including hubbling, kissing rock and the emmenecker challenge. To start off the spring semester, SAA usually hosts hubbling.

"Students take old trays from Hubble and laundry baskets and whatever and sled down the hill behind quad. Unfortunately, the weather has not been agreeing with us," said Liza Vinyon, SAA president.

SAA is currently revising the plan for Hubbling even without any snow on the ground, said Sophie Christensen, VP of Traditions. SAA will also post on social media the morning of the pop up event to let students know more details.

Adam Emmenecker was a Drake University basketball player who graduated in 2008, according to godrakebulldogs.com. Jethros, a BBQ place near Drake University, eventually created the emmenecker challenge and SAA hosts an event for people to try to win and also

support the local food pantry, according to alumni.drake.edu. You win the challenge by eating the sandwich in under 15 minutes. The sandwich consists of all of Emmenecker's favorite foods that weighs four pounds, according to the Des Moines Register.

"Our alumni connections group is helping host a table for ten, where ten Drake students go to an alumni's house, have dinner and network," said Vinyon.

The first Table for Ten dinner will be on March 5th and will be law themed meaning there will be a variety of law politics and society majors in attendance along with alumni in that field. The event is still being tested and are picking students with the help of professor recommendations. Vinyon hopes that one day anyone will be able to sign up.

"Our philanthropy team also hosts the student portion of the All In, 24 hour giving campaign," said Vinyon. "From April 2nd to April 3rd, for 24 hours, we will be fundraising for the University because little known fact, the university is only funded with tuition through the middle of February so the rest [of the year] is all donations."

"Students donate to give back, the money comes back to [the students] and student organizations... We will have events around campus all hours of the day so we have some fun things planned," said Kiley Kahler, VP of Campus and Community Engagement.

While SAA has not completely planned out the All In campaign, students can expect a variety of events throughout the 24 hours. Last year, there was a picnic, sticker making, trivia and more.

"[Campus and Community Engagement are working with Paul Morrison Spruce up day. [Paul Morrison] was a professor here on campus and everyday he would walk to campus and

walk back,” said Kahler. “He’d pick up trash for so many years so now the neighbors pair up with students and pick up trash right before relays on April 15 this year.”

SAA is still looking for general members to join and be part of one of the teams. General members will attend one meeting a month to stay updated and help the VPs plan different events, like the All In campaign and The Emmenecker Challenge.

“You have access to all the resources in the Alumni Association House so you can ask to be connected with alumni, you can ask to go to specific events, it’s a really cool way to network before you need a job,” said Vinyon.

SAA’s goal is to create a strong sense of Drake pride among students and also make connections with alumni in the four years students attend Drake. Drake University is more than just a four year experience because, [alumni.drake.edu](http://alumni.drake.edu), we are students today but alumni forever.