Hey CMC,

We hope that you have seen the recent policy update from the PSR Strategy Committee on the High-Risk Drinking and Drug Abuse Prevention Program. This marks a very crucial moment for our community and an opportunity to critically assess the way we socialize at CMC and the role of alcohol on campus.

In short, as student representatives, we on ASCMC take very seriously standards of personal and social responsibility “in our student body.” We see this manifest in responsible use of alcohol that maintains the safety of “and respect for” our peers at all times, while affording sufficient freedoms to socialize as we choose.

We believe this Program is a necessary step in understanding and clarifying how the needs of the students—both those who choose to consume alcohol and those who do not—intersect with College policy. There have been many efforts to replace the often confusing and inconsistent “Interim Guidelines” of years past, and to improve the way our school promotes a responsible social culture made by many stakeholders in our community. This is why a number of ASCMC leaders and RAs have been working throughout the summer with the PSR Strategy Committee and DOS to come to a compromise which prioritizes the health and safety of our student body while preserving the culture of inclusivity and spontaneity that we cherish at CMC.

We hope these FAQs help clarify the policy updates included in this Program, though we encourage you all to read the document in full in order to understand the philosophy and vision behind these guidelines.

As always, ASCMC strives to fully represent your voices, so please reach out to a Board Member personally or send an email to ascmc@cmc.edu if you have any further questions or concerns. Welcome back to CMC—we can’t wait for a great year with you!

Cheers,

Will Su, ASCMC President
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and your ASCMC Executive Board