

BOARDERLINE NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Our Graduates

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Concluding the 2023-2024 School Year

As the end of the year approaches, we experience the bittersweet farewell to our graduates, who move on to the next chapter of their lives. While we are immensely proud of them, we can't help but feel a selfish desire to keep them around forever. The 2023-2024 school year was filled with new adventures and plenty of good times.

We kicked off the year by cheering on our football team, both in the stands and on College Gameday. As soon as the temperature dropped below 40 degrees, we found ourselves on the not-so-snowy slopes of Snowshoe, West Virginia. In January, around 50 members flew to Winter Park, Colorado, to escape the ice and ride on real snow. When Harrisonburg finally saw real snow, we built our own "park" and hosted a rail jam.

When we weren't hitting the slopes, we "dominated" in intramural dodgeball, flag football, kickball, and more! As the snow melted in West Virginia, our club took a trip to Jay Peak, Vermont, for some last-minute shredding during Spring Break. Even after the season concluded, Boarderline's spirit did not. We cheered on our basketball team during their March Madness debut and celebrated the countdown to summer at our formal event at Island Wing Company. Finally, we proudly watched our graduates cross the stage.

As we close this chapter, we eagerly begin a new one. We welcome a brand-new executive team and embark on the search for new members.

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A Look-Back On The Year

August 2023 - May 2024

Tailgates

At every home football game, four hours before kickoff, Boarderline could be found in the R1 lot, cheering louder than any other organization. In September, when JMU played our rivals, UVA, in Charlottesville, Boarderline drove down I-64 to support our team to victory. Whether the game was early morning or late at night, Boarderline was there, proudly wearing purple and gold. This year, JMU football had one of their greatest seasons ever, and Boarderline supported them every step of the way. As a sports club on campus, we find that tailgates are a fantastic way to meet new members and come together as a club. In October, we celebrated Parents Weekend, and we must admit, our parents might know how to party harder than we do! The Stimpson family graciously provided us with an abundance of refreshments and food to keep us hydrated and energized for the big game. Many would argue that the highlight of the fall semester is the football season because it sets the stage for the excitement we'll carry to the slopes in the winter.



College Game Day



In November, ESPN announced that College GameDay would be coming to JMU. Naturally, Boarderline decided that Thanksgiving break wouldn't begin until after GameDay. As a club, we were up at the crack of dawn, participating from the start of the show to its conclusion. Some of our members were seen cheering on ESPN live, while others danced and sang along with the Jonas Brothers. Boarderline will forever cherish this day that we, as a school, fought for. Although JMU was ultimately defeated, our pride remained strong, and we continued to support our team as we headed to the bowl.

Health and Wellness Events and Community Service

An important aspect of our club is ensuring we are a family both on the slopes and off. Our Health and Wellness events are designed to create new bonds within the club and fortify existing ones. We participate in a variety of activities such as clothing drives, pumpkin carving, and quad meet-ups, all with a strong emphasis on the mental health and wellness of our members. This year, our Health and Wellness Chair, Rachel Mory, has been an invaluable resource, offering support and advice to any member in need.

Beyond fostering relationships within our club, Boarderline is committed to building connections outside of it. Each semester, we organize several community service events to raise money and support our broader community. In the fall semester, our Community Service Chair, Trina Doan, organized a fundraising event for Protect Our Winters at Island Wing Company. During that evening, members dined together, with proceeds going to Protect Our Winters. Boarderline takes pride in being more than just a ski and snowboard club; we are an organization and a family.



Ski and Snowboard Trips

Winter Park, Colorado



Every winter break, Boarderline takes a trip out West away from the icy conditions of the Southern East Coast slopes. This January, after the new year, we took flight to Winter Park, Colorado. The conditions were phenomenal. We found cabins off the sides of slopes throughout the glades where we would take a rest. As the time came to leave, a major winter storm shut down the pass and delayed both of our buses to the Denver airport. Many of our members missed our flights and we found ourselves sleeping on the floor of the airport. However, nothing can stop us and we all made it home in the end with a great story to tell!

Snowshoe, West Virginia

During our East Coast ski season, we take trips to Snowshoe, West Virginia. Snowshoe is a scenic two-hour drive from campus, and we stay in the charming town of Cass, about 20 minutes from Snowshoe's summit. Cass holds some of Boarderline's fondest memories, from playing the game of gnar and dipping our heads in the freezing Cass River to pulling pranks on Virginia Tech's Snow Club. These Snowshoe trips are always a wonderful time. Although this year we didn't see much snow, we made the most of the ice we had. We focused on improving our skills on the slopes while also having a fantastic time.



Jay Peak, Vermont



To wrap up our ski season, Boarderline took a trip up north to Jay Peak, Vermont, for some last-minute shredding during our Spring Break. We embraced the final moments on the slopes before the warm weather arrived, enjoying the last bit of powder and bonding together as a club. If you ask a member who joined Boarderline in Vermont, they might tell you about the bus horror story where our bus got stuck in the snow on the way to the resort. However, as always, everything worked out in the end, and our members arrived safely at the resort with a story to tell!

Social Events

This semester, our social chairs, Andrew “Moo” Jones and Ryan Skees, organized several fantastic events for us. Some of our favorites included Foam Fest, Spring Fest, Gender Swap, and Rail Jam. This year, we were fortunate to have a new venue, the Igloo, for hosting many of our best outdoor events.

During Foam Fest, we rolled out a tarp, set up a hose, and used a ridiculous amount of soap to create a giant slip-and-slide, making the most of the last warm days of the year. When the cold finally rolled in, we seized the opportunity on our first (and only) snow day to set up a Rail Jam. We crafted makeshift elements like jumps and rails, allowing our members to showcase their park tricks to the whole club.

As the weather warmed up, we hosted Spring Fest at the Igloo, featuring several bands and DJs. These social events are designed to provide our members with a fun and energetic season, both on and off the slopes.

Intramurals

Intramurals We Participated In This Year

Fall Semester

Flag Football
Kickball

Spring Semester

Dodgeball
Basketball
Soccer
Volleyball



Graduation

Fall 2023 Graduation



In December, we celebrated our final class of 2023 graduates as they walked the stage. While the December graduation is always smaller than the spring, it is still just as important. Boarderline celebrated a handful of our members who graduated in December. While we would love for them to stay another semester (or forever) we know they must go on. We are very proud of you graduates!



Spring 2024 Graduation



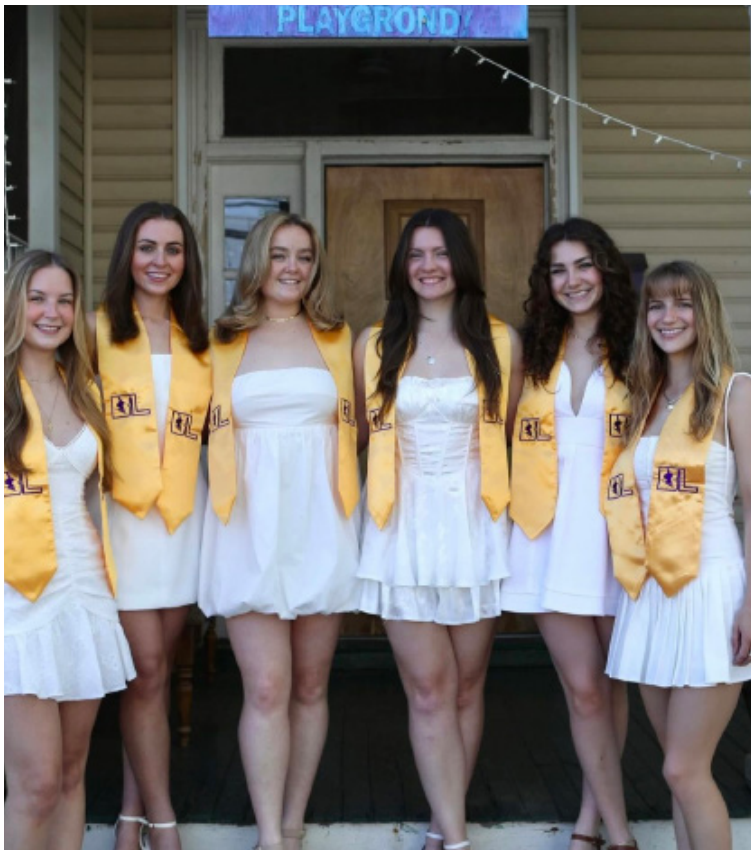
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To Our Graduates

Our Favorite Snapshots from our Graduations



A Special Thank You

To Our 2023-2024 Executive Team

President: Maddie Schiller

Vice President: Reece Griffiths

Treasurer: Nick Lampl

Secretary: Gavin Cadle

Social Chair: Ryan Skees

Social Chair: Andrew "Moo" Jones

Risk Management: Jesse Wise

Health and Wellness Chair: Rachel Mory

Community Service Chair: Trina Doan

Graphic Design Chair: Chrissy Malplaya

Housing Chair: Gavin Cadle

As we conclude the year, we want to give special recognition to our amazing 2023-2024 executive board. We could not have done it without you! Our exec team is the foundation of our club.

Without this incredible team, we would not have been able to accomplish all of the events we put together throughout the year. Because of you, many of our members have had amazing new experiences. This year is easily one for the books with our outstanding social events, community service activities, and of course, our ski and snowboard trips. Our executive team transformed Boarderline from a sports club into a family.

We could not have done it without you! We wish all of you good luck on your next adventures after graduation and truly hope to see you soon!

Our final Goodbye to Our Graduates

Dear Graduates,

Where do we begin? Whether you have been in Boarderline for one semester or five years, you have been an integral part of our family, and we have cherished every moment with you. Together, we have shared countless smiles, laughter, and tears. This year, we faced tough times together, and with your support, we managed to get through each day. You have helped pave the way for the future of Boarderline, welcoming new members with open arms. When your “jerries” become “toms,” they will follow in the footsteps of the best.

As you embark on your careers, we hope you remember these times with us. We wish you the best of luck on your next journey, but we already know each of you is destined for great things. You have accomplished something amazing and are now stepping into the big, real world. But always remember to pick up your skis or snowboard and hit the slopes. And when you are on the slopes, tie your bandana on for us!

Prioritize yourself as you move forward in life, and never forget that you will always have a family here in the heart of Harrisonburg, Virginia. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Boarderline

What Lies Ahead

Our New Executive Team

For the 2024-2025 School Year

President: Riley Wise

Vice President: Ethan Rice

Treasurer: Ryan Higgans

Secretary: Mallory Beemus

Social Chair: Spencer Allmon

Social Chair: Liam O'Niel

Risk Management: Nick Garrett

Health and Wellness Chair: Savannah Talley

Community Service Chair: Kendall Lewis

Graphic Design Chair: Canyon Koenig

Important Upcoming Dates

August 15th - August 20th: FROG Week

August 21st: First Day of Classes

September 7th: Home Football Game

September 28th: Home Football Game

September 27th - September 29th: Family Weekend

October 10th: Home Football Game

October 26th: Home Football Game

October 25th - October 27th: Homecoming and Halloweekend

November 9th: Home Football Game

November 25th - November 29th: Thanksgiving Break

November 30th: Home Football Game