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Welcome to D.C.!

The Brown Club of Washington, D.C. has crowdsourced recommendations from recent Brown grads in the area for favorite places to eat, play and explore around town. Get the most out of this vibrant city by sampling some of these tried-and-true destinations and experiences. Enjoy!

Your fellow Brown alumni



HOUSING

These neighborhoods are young alumni favorites.

Columbia Heights

“It’s the best for recent grads! Full of young people.”

Maxine J. '16

“Generally more affordable, often more community-oriented, still accessible to most work.”

Shefali L. '14

“Probably the most reasonably priced option with lots of row houses, the Target, and a nearby Giant. This neighborhood also has all the small Salvadoran and Cuban places where you can fill yourself with pupusas and mofongo.”

Amy S. '14

U Street

“U is the loudest neighborhood but that’s because all the bars, clubs, and restaurants are here. Trader Joe’s is right nearby, and some other great neighborhoods are walkable as well.”

Amy S. '14



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Adams Morgan

“Everyone lives in AdMo, but Capitol Hill is cheaper and more convenient—plus there’s a Trader Joe’s now.”

Margaret B. ’14

Shaw

“Shaw/Logan Circle because it’s so walkable! Walkable to all metro lines, downtown, U street.”

Brisa B. ’15

“Shaw: this place is up and coming with more and more hip restaurants opening every day. There are some nice apartment buildings and charming cafes. Some sections can be a bit rough but overall very cute.”

Amy S. ’14

“Columbia Heights, Mt. Pleasant, Petworth. All of these neighborhoods are full of young professionals, are close to Metro lines and have more affordable things to do for folks who are still establishing their careers.”

Michelle V. ’12

“Make sure to try Ethiopian food—that’s something special that D.C. offers.”

Amy S. '14



DINING & NIGHTLIFE

The best spots to kick up your heels and enjoy an evening with friends.

The Midlands

“Beer Garden, good for casual get-togethers and for those who want to get a taste of the DC patio life. They are dog friendly, have pool tables, big picnic tables and a nice selection of beer.”

Michelle V. '12

Bantum King

“Best Ramen in DC.”

Alana '16

Red Derby

“Red Derby on 14th Street is a great bar with a roof deck and a chill environment. It’s affordable and the staff are great.”

Claire A. '15

Busboys & Poets

“A DC must. Every Brunonian loves a restaurant with a side of social justice. The food is great, there is space to work, and all of the people there are interesting. Not to mention the book store always has something interesting to read if you have to wait for a seat.”

Michelle V. '12



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Busboys & Poets

“For those who like reading and/or activism, check out both Politics and Prose author events and Busboys & Poets events. Both are amazing bookstores and coffee shops that work hard to host free events that bring the community together.”

Claire A. '15

Agora

“An amazing bottomless Middle Eastern food-and-drink brunch.”

Jon F. '12

Hip City Veg

“It’s fast food for vegans!”

Margaret B. '14

A Baked Joint

“The cafe of choice if you want freshly baked pastries and sandwiches, and delicious coffee (chai is here like in Blue State)...No WiFi here though, and it gets crowded.”

Amy S. '14

“Good coffee, good biscuits, good vibes.”

Margaret B. '14

Cobalt

“A well-known gay club, good for a fun and inclusive night out.”

Michelle V. '12



MAKING NEW MEMORIES

Not-to-miss local experiences.

Museums

“The National Portrait Gallery/American Art Museum is my favorite Smithsonian museum because it’s not as crowded as the ones on the National Mall, and there is a huge atrium in the center that is lovely to sit in to people-watch among the water features and lush plants...”

Amy S. '14

“Go to a party at a Smithsonian museum—they happen occasionally, just sign up for the museum mailing lists.”

Margaret B. '14

“All the free museums, especially the National Museum of African American History and Culture.”

Alana '16

Festivals

“Cherry Blossom Festival and Parade, DC Beer Fest, DC Wine Fest.”

Jon F. '12



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Nature

“Hiking on the Billy Goat Trail, DC Funk Parade, and the US Botanical Garden in the winter.”

Katharine '12

“Billy Goat Trail at Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park.”

Klara Z. '15

“Check out the free outdoor movie screenings at Georgetown Waterfront Park.”

Maxine J. '16

Tours

“Passport DC where the embassies open up for free tours and cultural experiences in April every year. Also, the Mansion on O Street, which has over 70 hidden doors and offers a self-guided tour.”

Natasha '10

“Before you start your job, you absolutely must do a tour of NPR Headquarters. They only offer tours on weekdays at 11 am so it’s virtually impossible to make time for it once you start working a 9-5. It’s super cool and free!”

Klara Z. '15



WORDS OF WISDOM

General advice and tips about adapting to your new home.

Getting Around

“Do not have a car here. Insurance and parking are bonkers, so just learn to ride the buses or spend what you save on parking to take Lyft everywhere.”

Margaret B. '14

“DC has a great system for seeing the sights without having to use a car. Grab a CityBike and go! The best way to get places and get an endorphin boost!”

Michelle V. '12

“Get a clipper card. Use Google maps to figure out how to use public transit.”

Chris '13

Volunteering & Social Responsibility

“Remember that DC isn't your 'pass-through' city for political or non-profit work. Get to know the people who grew up here. Get to know people outside of the industry you work in and outside of your neighborhood because DC is very divided between class and race and you can help break that down. Remember your responsibility as a new resident is to help make DC a better place for all residents, new and old. Check out your local ANC meeting, volunteer at your local public school, and visit all parts of the city.”

Claire A. '15

Daily Email: 730DC

“Sign up for 730DC. It's like Morning Mail but for young people in DC and way snarkier. It's 100% the best way to find out all of the local news, cool events, new restaurants and bars opening, and anything else you'd want to know as a young alum in DC.”

Klara Z. '15

“Subscribe to the 730DC email newsletter for the best source of local news and events!”

Katharine M. '12

Your membership in the lifelong Brown alumni community starts NOW.

Here are 5 easy ways to keep Brown in your life.

1. **Keep your Brunonia profile up to date** to stay in the loop on all things Brunonian and ensure classmates can find you.
+ brown.edu/go/profile
2. **Attend Brown Club of DC events.**
Rewarding activities. Fascinating people.
+ brownindc.org
+ facebook.com/brownindc
3. **Traveling?**
Connect with Brown in cities around the world. Wherever you go, you'll never be far from a friendly face.

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+ Affinity groups + Multicultural Alumni Council (IPC, A4, BULAC, TBGALA, NABA):
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→ affinity_groups@brown.edu
→ affinity_group_events@brown.edu
4. **Making career decisions?**
CareerLAB is still here for you!
5. **Team Brunonia: your online guide to all things "alumni".**
Access to free alumni perks, volunteer opportunities (yes, you CAN interview!), inspiring alumni stories, career resources, and more.
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