**Clubs and Volunteering**

**Student Involvement**

UVa has **over 800 CIOs** on grounds

- CIO = Contracted Independent Organization. These groups are entirely student run, demonstrating Student Self Governance in its purest form.
- Cultural organizations, club sports, performance groups, academic/service fraternities, religious societies, political groups, and MORE!

**Where to Begin?**

During the first week of each semester, an **Activities Fair** is held in the Amphitheatre and the South Lawn where hundreds of CIOs set up tables and posters, vying for new students to join their email listservs. Most students sign up for twenty or more activities at the fairs, but end up committing to only a handful. UVa has everything from the Tater Tot club to the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, but if you don’t find something that interests you, it’s easy to start a club yourself!

**Volunteering With Madison House**

One of the most popular organizations on Grounds is Madison House, the largest student-run volunteer organization in the nation. Madison House is an umbrella organization that houses numerous programs for various volunteering opportunities. Adopt-a-grandparent, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Cavs in the Classroom, Housing Improvement, and Medical Services are just a few of the programs offered to Madison House volunteers.