

COMMUNITY NEWS

# CHEMISTRY GSA SPRING NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

On March 1, 2018, our newly elected officers assumed their duties for the Chemistry Graduate Student Association (GSA): Kate Lebold (President), Santana Cruz (Vice President), Hannah Rose (Treasurer), Marissa Saladin (Secretary), Alicia Altemose (Outreach) Pedro Rivera Pomales (Professional Development), and Lily Mawby (External Liason). We thank our outgoing officers Patrick Corrigan (President) and Laura Ritchey (Treasurer) for their service. If you have any ideas for events for the Chemistry GSA to host in the upcoming year, please feel free to reach out to a member of the executive board. Their contact information can be found at: [sites.psu.edu/chemgsc](http://sites.psu.edu/chemgsc).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Chemistry GSA is excited to announce our upcoming events for the Spring 2018 semester.

On April 27, 2018, 4-5:30pm in Freeman Auditorium (HUB) we will be joined by Lego Grad Student. He will be discussing the struggles that graduate students face in a talk titled "Why am I here? A Questionable Talk by Lego Grad Student". Please check out some of Lego Grad Student's work at his website: [legogradstudent.tumblr.com](http://legogradstudent.tumblr.com). This event is being funded by the University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC) and Department of Chemistry.

The 4th annual end of year picnic will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Sunset Park for anyone associated with the chemistry department. Please bring food, lawn games, friends, and fun to this potluck style event.



*Penn State's Old Main hall in the spring.*

## PAST EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters have been full of fun activities for all members of the Chemistry GSA.

August began with a resume workshop focused on how to get an industrial position, by our very own John Dodd. The good times continued in August with a solar eclipse viewing on the Chemistry building patio with solar glasses provided by the Chemistry GSA for safe viewing!

September brought Sponsor's Day, with many graduate students receiving interviews and job offers. The Chemistry GSA sponsored food for the Penn State vs Pitt football tailgate. Sandwiches were enjoyed by all on that very sunny Saturday afternoon!

Our October mentoring event: Choosing a Lab brought together mentors and mentees to discuss lab choices for the first year graduate students.

The holiday time brought about an Academic Panel on the pathway to getting a job in academia as well as our multicultural holiday potluck in which lots of delicious foods were consumed!

The beginning of the Spring 2018 semester has been very busy with our first industry field trip to PPG in Pittsburgh, by a group of 10 graduate students. We also held a chemistry in industry seminar put on by John Baldoni of GSK, in which he discussed his path to his current position in GSK and the science being done in his group.