

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHEMISTRY GSA FALL NEWSLETTER

CALL FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Chemistry Graduate Student Association (GSA) will be hosting elections for the 2018-2019 Executive Board in early 2019. The newly elected officers will assume their duties on March 1, 2019. A coffee hour will be held in December 2018 to learn more about the duties of each officer position and to nominate candidates.

If you are interested in learning more about the GSA officer positions, please reach out to our current officers or visit our website: sites.psu.edu/chemgsc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Chemistry GSA is excited to announce our upcoming events for the Fall semester. The Chemistry GSA is partnering with the Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) for a fall trivia night at Federal Taphouse, November 27. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams, provided by the Local Section. Appetizers provided by the GSA will be served at 6pm and trivia will begin at 6:30pm. Please see our Facebook page for more details.

The Annual Multicultural Holiday Potluck will be held Tuesday, December 18 on the Life Science Bridge from 4-6pm for anyone associated with the Chemistry Department. Please bring food, friends, and fun to this potluck style event. The Chemistry GSA will be collecting food bank donations at the potluck in exchange for raffle tickets towards a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Likewise, participation in our 1st Annual Angel Tree will also earn raffle tickets to win the Amazon gift card. Be on the lookout for more details!!



The lawn of Penn State's Old Main hall in the fall.

PAST EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

2018 has been full of fun activities for all members of the Chemistry GSA. In April, the GSA hosted Lego Grad Student for one of our most successful events! He led a talk on the personal struggles that graduate students face while earning their degrees.

In addition to our monthly summer happy hours, the GSA partnered with the Local Section for a Pub Trivia at Federal Taphouse in June. This event brought out more than 60 people to test their chemistry knowledge!

Preparation for Sponsor's Day kicked off with a resume workshop in mid-July focused on how to land an industrial position, by our very own John Dodd. Sponsor's Day activities commenced throughout August and September,

with many graduate students receiving interviews and job offers.

To kick off the new school year, the Chem GSA hosted a Non-Research Related Jobs panel to highlight jobs outside of traditional research track positions - with several Penn State alumni as panelists. We also enjoyed that fall feeling at the GSA sponsored Penn State vs Kent State tailgate with bagels and coffee.

The September chemistry graduate student townhall prompted great conversation about the current climate and diversity initiatives in the department.

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