

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHEMISTRY GSA SPRING NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

On March 1, 2019, our newly elected officers assumed their duties for the Chemistry Graduate Student Association (GSA): Santina Cruz (President), Lily Mawby (Vice President), Ryan Szukalo (Treasurer), Varun Mandalaparthi (Secretary), Andrew Veenis (Outreach), Auston Butterfield (Professional Development), and Gabriella DiDomizio (External Liason). We thank our outgoing officers Kate Lebold (President), Hannah Rose (Treasurer), Marissa Saladin (Secretary), Alicia Altomose (Outreach), and Pedro Rivera Pomales (Professional Development) for their service and wish them luck in their future endeavors. If you have any event ideas 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Chemistry GSA is excited to announce our upcoming events for Spring 2019. The Chem GSA would like to invite you to warm up from the winter cold for a happy hour on Friday, March 1 at Champs Downtown, 5-7pm. Come and enjoy a menagerie of drink choices, pool, and classic arcade games while catching up with friends! In March, the Chem GSA will be hosting a Department of Chemistry alumna, Elizabeth Onderko, for the next seminar in our professional development series. Elizabeth is currently a post-doc at the U.S. Naval Research Lab. She will be discussing how to find job opportunities at National Labs. On March 26, 6-7:30pm in 301A Chemistry,



Tulips blooming in front of Penn State's Patee-Paterno Library in the Spring.

we will be hosting a townhall to discuss ongoing improvements to the department. We will be joined by Phil Bevilacqua (Department Head), Scott Showalter (Graduate Program Chair), and Miriam Freedman (Associate Head of Climate & Diversity). Pizza and drinks will be provided by the GSA. On Wednesday, April 24, we will have our third industry trip. There are 15 spots available to visit ExxonMobil in Clinton, NJ. Transportation will be provided by the GSA. Be sure to secure your spot ASAP! The 5th annual end of year picnic will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Sunset Park for anyone associated with the chemistry department. Please bring food, lawn games, friends, and fun to this potluck style event.

PAST EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

On November 27, the Chem GSA partnered with the ACS Local Section for our second pub trivia night at Federal Taphouse. With over 65 participants, the competition was stiff, but we declared two winning teams: "Fire in the Hood" and "Mark Ruffalo's Three Legged Buffalo". Congrats to all! December's annual Multicultural Holiday Potluck brought amazing food and holiday magic. Attendees earned raffle tickets for their support of the State College Area Food Bank as well as their participation in our first annual Christmas Wish List. We had 19 graduate students purchase 40 gifts for Christmas Wish List - thank you for making the holidays special for a local family in need!