

Hello BGSA!

We hope your fall semester is off to an amazing start! Thank you to everyone who attended the Foam Party in August, skating earlier this month, and our first general body meeting of the year! We had a blast (check out photos from the events below) and hope you join us at future events and meetings. In this

newsletter you will find information about our next general body meeting, important dates to remember, upcoming events, information about paying dues, and resources to support you this year.







Fall 2024 Schedule: General Body Meeting





0/5 DOROTHY & ROY PARK ALUMNI CENTER



10/3 WITHERSPOON ROOM 356



11/7 HOLMES HALL ROOM 110

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

BGSA INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE HOST OUR MONTHLY GENERAL BODY MEETING. OUR MEETINGS SEEK TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU! WE ALSO HOLD THESE MEETINGS AS A MEANS TO INTERACT AND ENGAGE WITH ONE ANOTHER THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL FOCUS.

Join us for our monthly general body meetings from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm on **September 5**, **October 3**, and November 7.

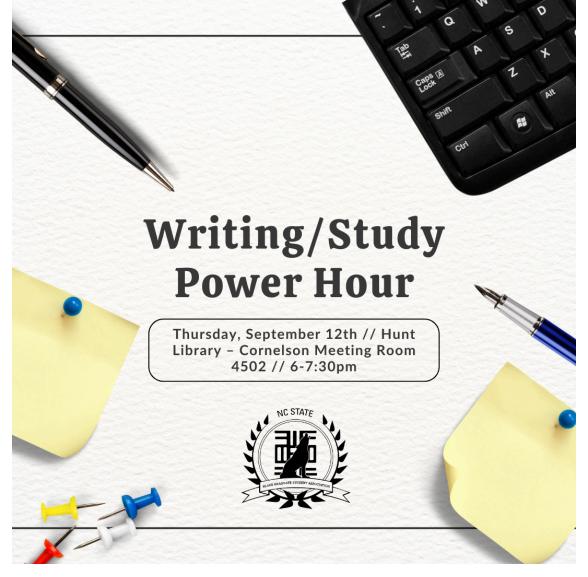
September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	• State of NC Career Expo	10	• Mastering the Art of Casting Esports Tournaments with HisAndHersLive	• Writing + Study Power Hour	13	14
15	Pause for Paws WMEP Diversity Networking Night Sandia National Labs NCSU Career Fair	17 • Wellness Day / No Classes • Bird Watching + Hike	Engineering Career Fair Engaging Diverse Learners (Teaching Certificate Elective)	Podcast Workshop with Tianna Mobley	20	21
• GSA Travel Awards Application Deadline • TEDXNCState Application Deadline	GSA General Body Meeting		25 Teaching in an AI Environ. (Teaching Certificate Elective)	26 Femme Beat- Making Night Field Trip / DeeDee Bridgewater College of Veterinary Medicine Career Fair	Pemme Game Night Poole College of Management Career and Internship Fair	28 Run with Urban Run Club
29	30					

Check out some of the events that are happening this month! You can see even more events by subscribing to the <u>NCSU Events Google Calendar</u> or checking out the <u>full spreadsheet of NCSU events</u>.



Join us on Wellness Day (September 17) for bird watching and a hike! We will meet at 9 am in Yates Mill Park. For questions, contact Aakilah Hernandez at aherna38@ncsu.edu.



Let's write and study together! Join BGSA for a Writing/Study Power Hour on Thursday, September 12 in the Hunt Library Cornelson Meeting Room 4502 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

important dates & deadlines

- **September 9** State of North Carolina Career Expo, 10am-3pm, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, 4700 Emperor Blvd, Durham, NC 27703, more information
- **September 10** Scholarships to conferences via Google Deadline, apply here
- **September 12** US Geological Survey Science Careers in the Southeast Region Virtual Workshop 10am 4pm, <u>more information</u>
- September 16 Sandia National Labs NCSU Career Fair, 10am -11:30am, Wilson College of Textiles Convocation Room 2225, open to all M.S. and Ph.D. students in STEM fields, light breakfast of coffee and bagels provided
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- September 22 TEDxNcState deadline to apply Application link
- **September 30** GSA 3MT deadline to apply for preliminary rounds application link
- October 2 Deadline to apply for in state residency for this semester https://www.ncresidency.org/
- October 4 NASA DEVELOP 10 week paid research opportunities for Spring 2025 deadline, more information
- October 9 Schedule for 2025 spring and summer terms published
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- October 17 Add drop/revision deadline

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These events with links are also shared below:

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Important resources

If you weren't able to get a parking pass this semester NCSU has an alternative free pass available. Check out the new wolftrails program.

Need funds to travel for a conference? GSA has conference travel awards that you can apply to in each semester. Read more here

Are you looking for a lawyer or some legal support. No worries, NCSU offers legal services to students at no charge. Check out <u>Student Legal Services</u> or contact them directly at <u>studentlegal@ncsu.edu</u> to connect with an attorney today.

Are you or a friend in need of assistance when it comes to food? Did you know NCSU has a food pantry for students. Check out Feed the Pack for more information.

For more information on the different resources available to you through NCSU or within the local community, check out Feed the Pack's Resource Board.



President's Corner

Welcome back Pack! And happy Virgo season!!!

My name is Randi Butler and I am your BGSA President for the 2024-2025 school year! I am so happy and honored to be a part of this wonderful organization and to be serving in this capacity!

In honor of Virgo season and my birth month, I want to celebrate our first newsletter for this year and the birth of this new section called the "President's Corner". In this section, I will provide you all with important information on things that go on in the background as we work hard to make sure your voices are heard, you get the resources you deserve, and you are provided with grace and safe spaces as you move through your graduate career.

As part of the Executive Board, I and the others serve as representatives for the Graduate Student Association, the African American Cultural Center's UMOJA, and as the contact for collaborations between organizations on campus, off-campus, and within our community.

This summer BGSA put in a lot of work to establish new connections within our community and maintain those already created. We also worked on solidifying our place at NCSU by working and communicating with faculty and staff about our needs and what we are doing on our campus.

Here are just a few things to mention:

We connected with Let's Get Social Raleigh (LGSR), a local community group that services North Carolina by providing adult themed events focusing on education, fun, health and awareness. With this connection, we were able to partner with them to hold our first event to kick off the beginning of the semester, the Adult Recess and Foam Day Party held on Aug 17th. We plan to continue our relationship in hope to collaborate on more events in the future.

We also connected with Nature for Justice as a sponsor to provide them with a space to magnify BIPOC voices in the agriculture industry with their Internship Forum event held August 12th.

Within the NC State community we recently connected with a new minority serving graduate organization on campus named the Latine Graduate Student Association. We believe this relationship can open the doors for collaboration of events, support, and also offer another safe space to our students who identify as afro latine or have cultural and/or familial connections

to the latine community.

We have continuously worked on strengthening our relationships with other organizations and centers on campus and off campus such as the Black Student Board, African American Cultural Center, Multicultural Student Center, Black Alumni Society, NCCU Graduate Student Association, UNC Chapel Hill Black Graduate and Professional Student Association, Duke Black Graduate and Professional Student Association, and many more.

We have also been working on securing more funding for us to provide you with more resources, more meaningful events, and increase our visibility on campus. Part of this work pertains to us maintaining our active status both with SLE and GSA, AND applying for SG funds and participating in the GSA to receive rebates each year. We have maintained our active status for this school year with SLE and GSA as all required documents and training have been completed. On the financial side, for a while we have been climbing an uphill battle when it comes to obtaining funds, BUT we have made significant progress and we believe that more funds from both sources will be secured for this school year.

My job as the BGSA president is to truly make sure your voices are being heard. Whether that means within the BGSA sphere, on campus, or within the community, I will echo your voices! I will be serving on the GSA Student Support Committee as the BGSA representative and will be working towards getting some things changed on campus. Please let us know if you have any concerns that you would like to be brought to the attention of the committee by emailing us at ncstatebgsa@ncsu.edu.

One last thing I want to provide you all with in honor of this being my birth month is this small but mighty announcement.

BGSA HAS A WEBSITE! We have had a running NCSU website since precovid, however, that website has gotten lost to time and is defunct. We discovered the old website and received a new website that we will be updating it on a consistent basis. It is still currently under construction, but it will be up and running soon.

Link to BGSA Website: https://orgs.ncsu.edu/bgsa/

That is all the updates I have at the moment. I hope this was informational and you are proud of our efforts.

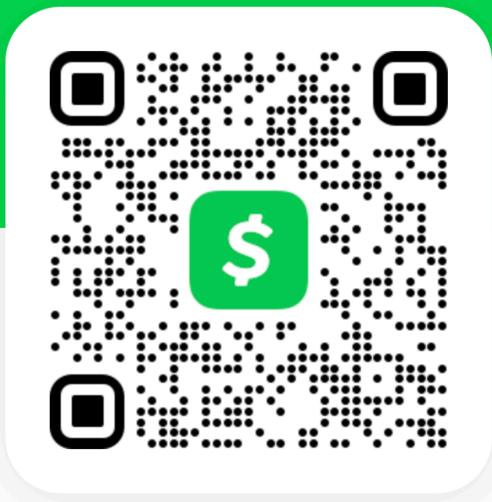
I look forward to meeting more of you at our future events and meetings! And I wish you all many blessings, prayer, and support for this school year!

With love,

Randi Butler

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BGSA President 2024-2025



SCAN TO PAY WITH CASH APP

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Membership dues are \$10 for the semester and \$20 for the year. If you haven't paid your dues already, please scan the QR code and/or send your dues to the BGSA account using the information above.









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