



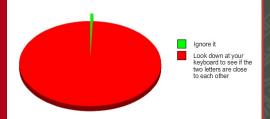
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# Updates from GSA President: Tyler Allen

I hope you're enjoying the semester start of the semester so far and I encourage you to please remember this quote: "it's okay to sometimes leave typos when writing/emailing/texting, because that way people know you're not a perfectionists" - Unkown. I like this quote because it reminds me that while we should always aspire to do things well, trying to constantly achieve perfection with your work is just too time consuming and exhausting. I find this holds true for not only grad school, but also life.





# Upcoming Event: 2018 GSA Trivia Bowl



The 2018 GSA Trivia Bowl will run throughout February on Wednesdays at 8pm at Ba-Da Wings Raleigh. Preliminaries are February 7, February 14 or February 21. Championship is February 28. Each department can have team(s) of 8, or you can sign up as a free agent!

Each week will feature five rounds of trivia, with each round consisting of ten questions. The teams with the top two cumulative scores from each week of the preliminary rounds will be invited to compete in the

championship round. Register by Friday, February 2 to get a preliminary date assignment, or for questions, email <a href="mailto:chair-social-gsa@ncsu.edu">chair-social-gsa@ncsu.edu</a>.

Sign Up for Trivia!

# GSA Budget: Get More Bang for Your Buck

Did you know that your student fees contribute to GSA's annual budget of over \$100k? Feedback can be given at either of the two upcoming GSA Budget Meetings or through the budget feedback form. GSA Budget Meetings will be held Friday, February 2, 2pm, 4106 Hunt Library and Tuesday, February 6, 6pm, 5101 Talley. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Zac Lentz via <a href="mailto:sas-treasurer@ncsu.edu">sas-treasurer@ncsu.edu</a>. Treasurer office hours are held every Monday, 5-6pm, 5261 B Talley. GSA All-Council meetings with budget discussion will be held on the following dates in 4140 Talley:

- Monday, February 26, 7 pm
- Monday, March 26, 7 pm

Give Budget Feedback

## **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

Visit Our Website



## Accessibility Town Hall

This month aims to bring key campus experts on particular topics together to interface with students. This is a good time to learn more, get questions answered, and voice any concerns. Join the conversation on Wednesday, February 7 at 4 pm in 126 Witherspoon Student

Center.

This is a reminder that <u>applications</u> for the Spring 2018 GSA Award for Conferences (up to \$1,500) as well as <u>applications</u> for the Spring 2018 GSA Travel Assistant Award (\$500) are due February 15, 2018 at 5 pm. These competitive, merit-based awards are available to NC State graduate students attending a conference. If you have any questions, check out our <u>FAQ</u> page or e-mail the VP of Academic Affairs, Desireé Unselt, at <u>gsa-vpacademic@ncsu.edu</u>.

## **GSA Elections are OPEN**

\*\*\*Check this link out if you are interested in becoming an executive officer for GSA\*\*\*

#### **Apply for Teaching Awards**

Calling all graduate student classroom and laboratory instructors! We invite you to apply for the Graduate Student Association's 2018 Teaching Awards. These awards are designed to recognize graduate students who exemplify the highest degree of

achievement in classroom and laboratory teaching her at NC State. Applications are due February 20. Apply here: <u>Google Form</u>

## Sisterhood Dinner is Feb. 26

The Council on the Status of Women Sisterhood Dinner celebrating the contributions and accomplishments of NC State women, will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018, with a reception and silent auction at 5:15 pm, followed by a dinner buffet at 6 pm in the Talley Student Union State Ballroom. The silent auction will benefit the NC State Women's Center. This event will also include a two-hour mid-day event 12-2 pm, with different activities including workshops and dance performances, along with tables set up for campus organizations that are related to women's issues. Questions? Contact the Women's Center at 919.515-2012.

#### Student Government Elections

Voting will be happening soon for student government officers. *Please mark your calendar and plan to vote!* Student Body President and Student Senate President are two of the four voting student seats on the university-level Tuition and Fee Review Committees, so these elections absolutely matter.

Voting Occurs: Monday, February 26 at 8 pm - Tuesday February 27 at 8 pm

## NC State International Festival

The second annual festival will be held on *March 23, 2018*. Stay tuned for more information, and please direct all questions to <u>internationalfestival@ncsu.edu</u>.

## GSA Formal Date is April 14!

Set for Saturday *April 14, 7-11 pm*. Details are still being finalized and more information will be sent out to the reps to disseminate to departments shortly! Stay tuned! Ideas? Email us! <a href="mailto:chair-social-gsa@ncsu.edu">chair-social-gsa@ncsu.edu</a>

# Queering Valentine's Day

Sociologists Victoria Kurdyla and Abby Arellanes dive into how ideas about love have changed over time and how February 14 came to be so popular -- and so commercial. They'll examine the central Valentine's Day image of straight couples, and look at how this oversimplifies the complicated world of romance and at who it leaves out.

Wednesday, February 14 11am-1pm, Talley 4101





Kayla Pack Watson is a second-year graduate student in the MS in Communication program who has been working hard with the Center for Family and Community Engagement on campus to provide communication support and training development. She is a great shoulder to lean on for first-year students in the program, and serves as a great example of being a student mentor and leader. Thank you, Kayla!

## Apply for Triangle ConSciCo!

Graduate students conducting research in science, technology, health, mathematics, and related fields are invited to apply by February 2 for ComSciCon-Triangle 2018, a two-day science communication workshop organized by and for graduate students in North Carolina. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow graduate students, learn from expert writers and professional science communicators, and produce an original writing for publication. 50 attendees will be selected through a competitive application process. Please apply only if you can commit to attending BOTH days of the workshop. Click here for examples of published pieces from past ComSciCon attendees. For questions, e-mail the ComSciCon-Triangle organizing committee at triangle@comscicon.org.

#### Local Workshop Dates

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018 and Saturday, April 7, 2018 (~8:30 am-3 pm) Where: Day 1 will be at NC State; Day 2 will be at RTI International in Research Triangle Park

ComSciCon-Triangle is supported by: NC State University Graduate School, Duke Science and Society, Duke Graduate School, NC State Forest Biomaterials, RTI International, The Measure of Everyday Life Podcast, UNC Biology Department, UNC Chemistry Department, UNC College of Arts and Sciences, UNC Graduate School, UNC Psychology and Neuroscience, UNC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, UNC TIBBS

ConSciCon Application

ConSciCon Preliminary Program

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Submit your events, news, or relevant piece of Graduate Student info! We also want to celebrate graduate students! If you have won an award, let us know!

Submit Here!

Do you have something you want to tell the Graduate Student Association? What can GSA be doing to better assist graduate students at NC State? Is there an issue that needs fixing?

Let the GSA know by submitting anonymously through the link below!

Tell GSA!

## Block grants available for interdepartmental events

GSA Block Grants are awarded to support academic activities among graduate students across academic departments at NC State University. The full amount of funding will be awarded to those organizations that demonstrate inter-departmental cooperation and possess great academic value. For eligibility requirements, instructions, and application, please visit the GSA website here:

Finance Page!

# What events do you want to see?

Take this short survey and tell the Professional and Organizational Committee what events you want to see in the upcoming year! All feedback is voluntary and confidential, and we appreciated all the feedback we can get from both students and their college leadership teams!

Take the Spring Events Survey

CONNECT WITH US!





