



PawPrints

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November Call to Action

Domestic Violence Awareness

For immediate help, contact the 24/7 Sexual Assault Helpline: **919-515-4444**

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2018, **we call upon all graduate students** to be well-informed about **domestic violence** (what it is, what resources are available), and to help those around you become better educated as well.

Important things to know:

- What is domestic violence? [Watch this video](#)
- What are the signs of domestic violence and abuse? [Read HERE](#)
- Where can I report an incident at NC State? [HERE](#)
- What resources and courses of action are available to domestic violence survivors? [Learn more HERE](#)

Considering reporting an incident? **Students are encouraged** to seek further information from the below offices:

- the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity (919-513-0574)
- the Office of Student Conduct (919-515-2963)
- Student Legal Services (919-515-7091)

Importantly, students are not required to report or pursue a conduct process if they do not ultimately wish to do so.

[Learn more HERE about steps to take at NC State or in the state of North Carolina](#)

It is up to all of us to be well-informed about domestic violence and about resources for survivors and to share this information widely.

Adopt a Highway GSA Community Service Event

Come join your fellow graduate students in an effort to clean up a portion of our local highways! This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with students from across the University as we collectively enjoy the outdoors and give back to our local Triangle community. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, as will transportation and all necessary clean up equipment. You can sign up below.

[Register Here](#)



Annual GSA TA Soiree!

Calling all Teaching Assistants!

The Annual TA Soiree will be on **December 7th from 6-9pm.**

Join us at **Raleigh Brewing Company** to celebrate the end of the semester! We will provide food and beverages. We encourage networking, but also enjoy time to reflect on a semester of hard work!

This event is **FREE** and Open to all graduate student TAs!



FALL GSA SOCIAL EVENT

ICE SKATING
TO CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES
(LDOC)
DECEMBER 7, 2018
8:00PM-10:00PM
MORE DETAILS TO COME

Legislative Snapshot!

[Read the FULL Report](#)

With so much happening on the Hill these days, keeping up with legislative changes to higher education can be difficult. Therefore, in each issue of Pawprints we endeavor to include a “Legislative Snapshot,” or short summary, of any local, state, or federal policy or regulation changes from the previous month that are pertinent to grad students at NC State.

- **November 6th Midterm Elections - THIS TUESDAY!**
 - For more info. on candidates, voting locations, + more, visit our Call to Action, [HERE!](#)
- **Amendments to NC Constitution**
 - On the ballot for this election, there are [six amendments](#) to the NC constitution.
 - Here are complete and unbiased [descriptions](#) of each amendment.
- **Proposed Changes to Policies for International Students**
 - On Oct. 17, the Trump Administration proposed [maximum terms](#) for non-immigrant visas, doing away with “[duration of status](#)” (D/S) on visas and replacing with a fixed period of authorized stay. Higher edu. advocates worry the change [may undercut](#) international student enrollment in U.S. grad programs.
- **Public Service Loan Forgiveness**
 - Dept. of Ed [disclosed in a letter](#) that over 75% of re-applicants for public service loan forgiveness (PSLF) were ineligible for reconsideration.
 - 150 House members have [written Secretary DeVos](#) requesting more information on the high rejection rate in the PSLF program.
- **Sexual Harassment Reporting**

- Federal grant-making agencies are under scrutiny following a House report centered on curbing sexual harassment in the scientific community. NSF responded by issuing new incident reporting requirements for grant awardees.
- **Open Access to Educational Resources and Research**
 - Dept. of Ed. awarded \$4.9 million to consortium led by UC-Davis to spearhead development and implementation of the Open Textbook Pilot Program.
- **Updates on Government Funding**
 - Approximately 75% of federal government has been funded for FY19. Remaining programs are funded under a continuing resolution through Dec. 7.
- **Other Reports**
 - New bi-weekly Legislative Letters, 10-22-18, from the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS).

If you are interested in helping contribute to the monthly Snapshot or would like to leave some feedback, email the GSA VP for External Affairs at: gsa-vpexternal@ncsu.edu.

2018 Fall Multicultural Festival

Come join us (Textile Association of Graduate Students, TAGS) celebrate the cultural diversity with multicultural singing, dancing and yes ...free food ! TAGS will be hosting the annual Multicultural Festival where students, faculty, and staff gather to showcase cultural performances and a enjoy catered meal from Neomonde. We invite you to bring family and friends, and encourage attendees to dress in cultural attire if available. RSVP needed.

RSVP HERE



Fall Party and Farmworker Appreciation Day at the Agroecology Farm

The crew with NC State's Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Student Association is putting on a fall farm party! Come out to the **Agroecology Farm** on **Saturday, November 3rd**. That afternoon, we will host some folks Episcopal Farm-worker Ministry, Student Action with Farm-workers, and hopefully some local farm-workers to talk about the challenges of modern farm-work, and strategies to move towards more just and sustainable directions. There will also be pizza, cooked up in the Agroecology Farm's Pizza Oven. For fun, we will have an arts and craft station where we will share techniques and materials for a form of Mexican folk art called Papel Amate. Come to learn, eat, and make crafts!

Cost: \$10 for adults, no cost for kids

Location: NC State Agroecology. Address: 4400 Mid Pines Rd, Raleigh, NC



SAGSA SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Farmworkers, Art, and Pizza

Fall Party and Farmworker Appreciation Day at the Agroecology Farm

Join us to learn about the challenges farmworkers face, make "papel amate" art, and eat pizza from the our brick oven!

Saturday, November 3rd, 3-6pm
at the NCSU Agroecology Farm

Cost: \$10 per adult, no cost for kids. 1/2 of all proceeds will go to the Episcopal Farm Worker Ministry.

Want Something Featured in PawPrints?

Submit your events, news, or relevant piece of Graduate Student info. We would love to celebrate your achievements too. If you have won an award, let us know!

[Submit Here](#)

Feedback for GSA Executive Board

Do you have something that 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!

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