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Graduate Student Association

Plenary Council Meeting

Graduate Student Association
September 12th, 2022



The GSA Executive Council (EBoard)



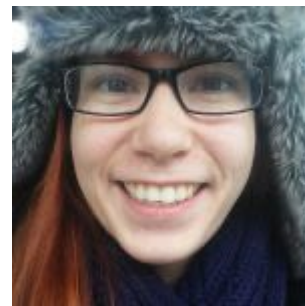
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*Weekly Office hours - Wednesdays 9-10am over Zoom



2021 - 2022 GSA Awards

The annual GSA awards ceremony recognizes individuals, groups, and organizations that have exhibited outstanding support, advocacy, service, and leadership to the Rutgers Graduate community.

Nominations are provided by members of the Rutgers community

Categories:

- Graduate Student Organization of the Year
- Programming/Event of the Year
- Excellence in Graduate Leadership
- Excellence in Graduate Service
- Excellence in Graduate Advocacy
- Outstanding Faculty Support to the Rutgers Graduate Community
- Outstanding Support Service to the Rutgers Graduate Community

Award nominations were reviewed and voted upon by members of the GSA Eboard.





Graduate Student Organization of the Year

Oceanography GSO

- Highlights
 - DMCS & SEBS engagement
 - Strong online seminars F21
 - Continued hybrid in S22
 - Outreach
 - Undergraduates
 - Community colleges
 - Local New Brunswick
 - Launched a mentorship program
 - DEI Engagement
 - Department DEI representation
 - R.O.A.M.S. - Community college pipeline
 - RU Day exhibits
 - Regular social events





Programming/Event of the Year

Graduate Research in Interdisciplinary Biosciences (GRIB) Conference (formerly NEFS)

- Highlights
 - Highly-attended by 5 grad programs
 - NutriSci, Endocrin, AnimalBio, FoodSci, KAP
 - Interdisciplinary and diverse planning team
 - Diverse variety of speakers
 - 80+ attendees participated in talks by 3 invited speakers, 4 grad students, and a poster competition.
 - Opening remarks by President Holloway
 - Lots of opportunity to build networks and connections with grads supporting research, presentation and professional development skills, diverse topics and presenters, and many areas of science.
 - Wonderful example of building a beloved community at Rutgers



Excellence in Graduate Leadership

Maria Teresa De Luca

President of Italian Graduate Society

- Contributions
 - Organized scholarly and community events
 - Represented the graduate student voice to faculty
 - Hosted informal online gatherings to address needs and concerns with discretion
 - Large contribution to 'Signs', graduate conference
 - Model leader for our organizations and wonderful example of student servitude and leadership to the graduate community





Excellence in Graduate Service - Ashley Bernstein (honorable mention Giuseppe Grispino)

Ashley Bernstein

- Contributions
 - Senator for 2021-2022
 - University Budget Transparency
 - Including awareness of payment and taxation concerns
 - Actively involved in helping graduate students achieve fairer treatment
 - Through communication with all parties: administration, professors, and students
 - Initiative to abolish GRE requirements for program admission

Giuseppe Grispino

- Contributions
 - Intradepartmental DEI Committee and LGBTQIA+ Advocates member
 - Role in IGS 'Signs' conference
 - Active participation in the Italian department



Excellence in Graduate Advocacy

Emmet von Stackelburg and Liana Katz

- Contributions
 - Served on the Graduate Student Steering Committee with Rutgers AAUP-AFT
 - Worked broadly with union department and graduate students
 - Represented graduate students and their voices on the Executive Council of the Rutgers AAUP-AFT Union
 - Hosted various forums and town halls to gather information on grad workers and their issues and topics of concerns
 - Fierce advocates for graduate workers within and outside the Rutgers AAUP-AFT union



Outstanding Faculty Support to the Rutgers Graduate Community

Dean Janet Alder, PhD

- Highlights in supporting students now and in their futures
 - Orientation programs
 - **iJOBS training program**
 - Coordinating collaborations between STEM GSOs and GSA
 - Mentor and advisor for many
 - Janet is the absolute embodiment of graduate student support. She goes above and beyond, day and night (literally) to help students connect with resources, talk through issues, and generally support and enrich their graduate experience.

Holistic Phased Programming





Outstanding Support Service to the Rutgers Graduate Community

TA Project

Dean Barbara Bender & Ben Arenger

- Designed to strengthen the quality of undergraduate and graduate instruction through the preparation of graduate student teaching assistants on matters pertaining to classroom management, pedagogical best practices, and professionalism in academe. The fundamental components upon which it is built include [annual orientations](#), [certificate programs](#), [seminar courses](#), and discipline-specific training.
- <https://grad.rutgers.edu/professional-development/teaching-skills/ta-project>

SEP 12 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	SEP 14 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	SEP 19 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
First Time TA – Info Session	Preparing Your Teaching Philosophy Statement	Preparing Your Diversity Statement
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Thank you and Congratulations
to all of our winners!



Council Meeting Deliverables & Expectations

- A representative from each GSO is required to attend each monthly council meeting
- Be prompt - show up on time (must check in within 15 minutes of meeting start - no exceptions)
- GSA will share broad updates on activities, initiatives, events, and procedures
- Occasional voting on substantive issues
- GSOs are encouraged to speak up
- Provide meaningful dialogue or points for discussion
 - GSA wants to know what your concerns are! The best way for us to serve you is to communicate with us.
- Be kind, respectful, and courteous



Council meeting dates/times

Held 1st Monday of each month:

- Sep 12th
- Oct 3rd
- Nov 7th
- Dec 5th
- Feb 6th
- Mar 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st

All meetings start promptly at 7 PM

Sign in closes at 7:15 PM

Adjournment typically 8 PM



Treasurer and Funding Announcements

- **2022-2023 AY Funding and Recognition Application open on getINVOLVED!**
 - Maximum allocation request information on GSA website
 - Request what your GSO can reasonably spend
- **GSO Finance Meeting Dates and Times (Virtual) - *GSO Treasurers must attend one!***
 - Monday, September 19th, 7-8:30 PM
 - Wednesday, September 21st, 8-9:30 AM
 - Friday, September 23rd, 12-1:30 PM
- **GSOs still need to request approval from the Executive Committee for all events prior to allocations**
 - This is *in addition* to the standard pre-approval.



NEW! Graduate Student Association Discord Server

- Admission to server requires verification of invitee netID
- Open only to GSO leadership roles until further notice

Link expires 9/12/22 at 9:18PM: <https://discord.gg/HY5QGyq>





2022-2023 GSA Hired Staff



Himanshu Waingankar

Events Manager



Molly Stern

Business Manager

Weekly office hours will be announced for both of them soon



2022-2023 GSA Eboard

Vice President of External Affairs: Arthur Lee

Vice President of Events and Programming: Jodh Singh

Vice President of Marketing Orientations and Communications: Niharika Krothapalli

Professional Development Director: Anannya Bhagwat

Academic Development Director: Vrushali Palande

Blog Manager: Ashlea Coulter

Social Media Chair: Gagan Gowda Madaiah



2022-2023 GSA Mental Health Committee!



Ruth Midianga

Chair

Openings for Co-Chair Available for
Mental Health Committee

Openings also available for our
Health and Nutrition Committee



2022-2023 GSA DEI Committee!



Eric Chiles



Ruchi Yadav

- Openings available to join the DEI committee
- Planning affinity group events throughout the year
- Some may be synchronous with existing organizations on campus (PRCC, SSELGBT, etc)
- Expanding campus affinity group programming to be graduate student inclusive
- Championing policy changes to make the campus a more inclusive environment (Holistic student support)

Email: diversity@gsa.rutgers.edu



2022-2023 GSA Senators!



**Chelsea
Cary**



**Sonal
Gahlawat**



**Natalie
Losada**



**Pragun
Mittal**



We encourage you to start your own committee or GSO!

Do you have a great idea for a special topics committee or graduate organization?
Reach out to the GSA to see how you can fill in the gaps!

Email: ec@gsa.rutgers.edu



Upcoming Events



Game Night every Wednesday from 7-8pm
starting this Wednesday Sept 14th in GSL!



Questions? Comments? Announcements from
GSOs