GSG Welcomes All Graduate Students!!!

The officers of Graduate Student Government (GSG) would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning graduate students of The University of Akron.

The Graduate Student Government of the University of Akron is an umbrella organization of all the graduate student groups and individuals at the University of Akron. The organization seeks to unite all students from diverse background at the university and its neighboring colleges.

Our mission for the 2012/2013 Academic Year is to increase visibility, presence, advocacy and engagement of graduate students in purposeful matters and students activities on the University campus through programs, networks and connections, and collaboration to augment the University of Akron’s Vision 2020.

As you go through the year, we humbly request that you actively participate in all programs and activities that will give voice to graduate students on campus. In perusing the newsletter, you will find preview of the services provided by GSG and events to look forward to on campus. Thank you very much.

UA Pride All Day, Every Day! Welcome to The University of Akron!!!
Message from the President

It takes 20 years to build a reputation and 5 minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently; No matter your past failures, you can still make amends and start anew--never agonize over mistakes because a character needs to be built out of the experiences  ~Warren Buffett~

On behalf of the Executive Board, I wish to welcome you all to University of Akron. The Graduate Student Government popularly known as GSG was established to govern the affairs of graduate students in a manner specified by its constitution and bylaws; to determine the sentiment of all levels graduate students and the representation of sentiment at all levels of the University administration; and to encourage social contacts between graduate students of

Our vision, goals and objectives for the 2012/2013 academic year includes:
(a) Organizing an annual social engagement program
(b) Advocate for a flexible payment plan for the Students’ Health Insurance Scheme
(c) Implement the Hoisting of the flag initiatives as a way to promote diversity and conscious cultural sensitivity of students on campus.
(d) Make the travel Grants Programs (Professional Enrichment Program (PEG) and Group Travel) more accessible to graduate students
(e) Advocate for an increase in budget to sponsor more graduate activities on campus.
(f) Organize a Professional and Leadership Seminar.

To achieve these objectives, we are calling on all fellow members to join forces collectively with us to steer the ideals and values of graduate students on campus. Take lead roles in our town-hall meetings, become representatives in your departments and colleges, serve diligently on boards assigned to you, participate in the elections of new executives and above all make judicious use of your academic resources to promote novel and innovative research work. Indeed, our strength as a people lies in our ability to protect, sustain, tolerate and improve the lives of one another. Our oneness will nurture our values and provide opportunities for our successes and achievements.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize on these 3 keys that will be the bedrocks to our success as a formidable students organization (a) Unity –requires forgetting about the past, learning to forgive one another and focusing on the present, (b) Empowerment –demands our ability to choose the right words to encourage people to move from their state of mediocrite, build relationships and produce love, and (c) Progress –IS A PROCESS! Great trees take time to grow!! Great ideas take time to show!! ONE DAY at a time we live. ONE BLOCK at a time we build. ONE STEP at a time we move. Some rush and crash; others sit and rot; BUT for The UA Graduate Student Organization, WE will move by faith and SURELY WE WILL GET THERE! Indeed, The University of Akron’s future belongs YOU and we must dare to vent to make a difference. Stay in love and keep hopes alive!!!

Chris Opoku- Agyeman
President, GSG

Advisors’ Corner

Welcome Students! Congratulations on starting or resuming your studies. Have a great year. Graduate Student Government is the organization on campus that represents you and your concerns. It is also a good way to meet your fellow-grad students. I hope everyone will become involved in GSG and give it your support. GSG is one way to become part of the University of Akron Community. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Dr. Mark Tausig
Associate Dean of the Graduate School

Welcome! I hope you are finding your time at The University of Akron enjoyable. I hope that you are learning and social environments are supporting your goals as a student and that you find your campus to be welcoming and accessible. In my role as Dean of Students and Advisor of Graduate Student Government, I’m an advocate for all students and do my best to ensure that policies and procedures are in place to guarantee your smooth navigation throughout your academic career. I oversee many departments, programs and services that are in place to support you up to and through graduation. Please familiarize yourself with these departments and services; they are here to benefit you and help you succeed. Please feel free to stop by my office in room 306 in the Student Union or call 330-972-6048 to schedule a meeting. My staff and I are here to assist and support you.

Denine M. Rocco
Associate VP for Engagement & Dean of Students
Graduate Student Organizations

Getting involved is an excellent way to develop professional experience and demonstrate leadership to future employers. Here is a list of graduate student organizations on campus:

- Chemical and Biomolecular Graduate Student Association
- Chi Sigma Iota – Alpha Epsilon
- Counseling Psychology Graduate Student Organization
- Diversity Dialogues
- E-Docs
- Graduate Nursing Student Organization
- Graduate Student Business Association
- Industrial / Organizational Psychology Graduate Club (continued)
- International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers
- Master of Social Work Student Association
- National Sexuality Resource Center – Akron Chapter
- Polymer Engineering Student Organization
- Polymer Science Student Organization
- Public Administration and Urban Studies Student Association
- Society for the Advancement of Marriage and Family Counseling / Therapy
- Society of Akron English Scholars
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As a registered member of a graduate organization, you have access to travel and event funding from the Graduate Student Government.

Interested in a group not listed above? Creating a new student organization has never been easier! Please visit our website [http://www.uakron.edu/gsg/index.dot](http://www.uakron.edu/gsg/index.dot) for more details.

Activities

Our activities are categorized into five major areas:

(a) Academics (we sponsor conference presenters and attendees, Research, Innovativeness)
(b) Social Engagements and Networking Programs
(c) Advocacy (e.g. Student Health Insurance)
(d) Community Outreach (Akron Food Bank, University Park Alliance, SpringFest)
(e) Partnerships and Collaboration with the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), National Association of Graduate Professionals Students (NAGPS)
(f) Entrepreneurial initiatives (Hoisting of the flags, awarding distinguished leaders, Conference Presentation Portfolios)

Projects & Programs

Highlights of some of our programs and projects include:

(a) Students Travel Grants Initiative
   - Professional Enrichment Program (PEG)
     - Up to $150 and $300
   - Group Travel Up to $2000
   - Special Project Funds
   - Research Grants
(b) Central Committee Meetings (college senators and department representative)
(c) Campus-Wide Meetings: Everybody has a voice
(d) Representation in the Board of Trustees
(e) Representation in The University Council
(f) Representation in the faculty Senate
(g) Representation in various sub-committees
My name is Daniela Jauk, a doctoral candidate of the Department of Sociology. From August 15th to 20th, 2012, I presented several papers in three sessions in a conference organized by the American Sociological Association in Denver, Colorado. My participation in the first 2days workgroup session on the “Crossing Boundaries – Workshopping Sexualities” was a perfect fit for my dissertation work, and a great opportunity to network.

My name is Kiran Khanal, a doctoral candidate from the Department of Chemistry and Physics. From July 21st to 27th, I presented a poster research work on the topic “Blends of liquid crystalline and flexible polymers: A Monte Carlo Simulation Study” at the Gordon Research Seminar and Conference. I am really grateful to Graduate Student Government for partial financial support to present at both the seminars and conference.

At the sex and gender section, I presented a paper on the topic “Invisible violence against transgender individuals based on my ethnographic research in Ohio”. Overall, my participation at the conference is an important milestone to my research and career. American Sociological Association is regarded as the most important sociological conference in the US, and the biggest sociology-conference worldwide. I am grateful to GSG for making this academic and professional networking possible.
China Week  October 8-15, 2012
Sponsored by the Confucius Institute, join us in exploring China’s culture, philosophies, language, and cuisine.
Please visit www.uakron.edu/ci for more information!

Homecoming 2012

Bigger and bolder than ever, Homecoming 2012 will include the celebrity Andy Grammer on Oct 3rd; NRHH Bingo on Oct 4th; Zips Men’s Soccer vs. Florida Atlantic on Oct 5th; Zips Football vs. Bowling Green on 6th; Spirit Walk on Oct 6th; and Zips Women’s Soccer vs. Kent State on Oct 7th.
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