

POSITION: VP (PROGRAMMING)

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Greetings,

GAPSA held three major events between in September:

1. **President's Reception:** The turn out in this event was better than that of most of the prior years. The highlight of this event was President Bruininks welcome address to incoming graduate and professional students. This was followed by a raffle. A buffet style dinner consisting of eight dishes was also a highlight of the event. From the prior years two changes were made: 1) instead of the pig the main attraction in the buffet was the prime rib 2) invitations were sent out electronically instead of hardcopy invitations. Based on the turnout and feedback I got this popular event was again a success this year.

From my perspective our efficiency in running this event has increased substantially. We were successfully able to reduce the huge lines seen in the previous years. The wait time for the students was reduced. This largely depended on our ability to come up with innovative solutions and for Loring Pasta bar to implement them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who helped during this event. Without them this event would not have been possible.

2. **GAPSA Open House:** The first event for this academic year was in early September. The main attraction was massage chair and GAPSA mugs.
3. **Paint the Bridge:** The GAPSA panels on the bridge help in getting the students familiar with GAPSA.

The continued popularity of the events and the good turnout is encouraging for programming.

The next social is on Friday October 20st at 5:30pm at the Campus Club.

This year I intend to start planning for the Graduate Appreciation Week early. So, I intend to hold a planning meeting with the events person from different councils in the near future.



It is always a pleasure to work with representatives from different councils. In order to boost the existing strong relations, the interested representative can sign up for an event. This way the interested representative can work alongside me or another GAPSA Executive on a GAPSA event. To sign up for it please send me an email at least 1 day prior to the event. My email is: mbaxamusa@csom.umn.edu

Thank you,

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