

**POSITION: VP (PROGRAMMING)**

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Greetings,

The Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week was a week long series of events. This series of events have been proclaimed by the governor of Minnesota. This year we have organized 12 events in the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses. It is the best we have had in terms of number of events and breadth (in terms of different event types) we have organized. The Student Appreciation Week was a success. GAPSAs hosted two events. The centerpiece of these events was the Social held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Varsity theater on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Dinkytown. We are thankful to Jerry Reinhart, vice-Provost, for his speech in which he enumerated the various contributions of graduate and professional students. Food from Loring Pasta Bar, stand-up-comedian and lucky draw prizes were the major attractions. The success of the event suggests that there is a vast need for holding more of these programs in the future. I want to thank the Execs. for turning out to help with this event.

The second major event hosted by GAPSAs was the massage at the GAPSAs office. It is generally felt that the role of student government and what GAPSAs does is not that well recognized by the larger graduate and student body. It is a marketing effort. One way is to attract them to the GAPSAs office where they can read the GAPSAs brochures and what GAPSAs does. This way they can better understand GAPSAs and use the different services that GAPSAs provides. Based on the number of people who came here and the different schools they came from, this event was a success. This provided us with a good opportunity to spread awareness about GAPSAs.

The councils have also hosted an excellent set of events. Twins game event was hosted by Law, Pharmacy and Medical council hosted a movie and dinner event, COGS hosted a series of events including their award ceremony, Duluth campus hosted a social, dental council hosted bowling tournament, veterinary medical council hosted an ice-cream social, and the MBAA hosted spaghetti lunch. I want to thank the different councils for hosting these events.



This is the first time that such a vast variety of programs have been hosted. The success of these programs; based on the feedback from different students and the turnout seems to suggest that there is a large need for these programs.

As the academic year has come to an end, these are the last programs that will be hosted for this year. What remains to be done is to go through the list of programs and evaluate them. The questions that I am now asking is what worked? What did not work? What can be improved? What new programs would we like to see? If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to send me an email.

Thank you,

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