

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

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Greetings!

I have been busy this summer planning many of the events for GAPSA this year.

- **Saint Paul Saints** - It was a beautiful night for outdoor baseball followed by a great fireworks show! GAPSA distributed 200 tickets to graduate and professional students and many students had never been to a minor league baseball game before. This event cost significantly less than the Twins event held last spring.
- **Orientations** - GAPSA was involved with over 20 orientations this year, including both Duluth programs, which is doubled the number of orientations GAPSA was involved last year. Thank you to all the executives that attended two or more orientations.
- **President's Reception** - GAPSA once again welcomed incoming graduate and professional students at the Loring Pasta Bar. This year the event was held on Wednesday, September 19 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Sponsors included the University of Minnesota Bookstore, TCF Bank, and STA Travel. The President was not able to attend the event due to a family emergency, but Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Jerry Reinhart was in attendance and spoke on behalf of the President. GAPSA introduced its comment box and will be bringing this to all GAPSA events in the future.
- **Open House** - On Monday, September 10 and Wednesday, September 11 GAPSA held its annual open house in 234 Coffman Memorial Union. Cookies were provided by UDS and a massage therapist was on site. The programming committee ordered CD cleaners and whistle/light key chains for this event. These items were also used at the Como Cookout and were quite popular.
- **Brochures/Magnets** - Many brochures and magnets were distributed during orientations, open house, and the President's Reception.
- **Socials & Family Bowling** - The dates for these events have been set. We will be doing three socials at the Varsity Theater and one at the Campus Club. The Campus Club has raised their prices significantly this year, which lead GAPSA to only schedule one event there. GAPSA listened to graduate and professional students and will be expanding our family bowling events. They will be held at both Coffman and the St. Paul Student Center to allow for more families to be involved and have an enjoyable time.
- **Programming Committee** - We have begun meeting and have set the dates for our meetings this fall. Please let me know if you would like to attend a meeting.

My work will now focus on the socials and family bowling details as well as beginning work on Appreciation Week.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATES!

Social - Varsity Theater - October 12 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Social - Campus Club - November 9 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Family Bowling - Coffman & SPSC - December 7 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Social - Varsity Theater - February 22 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Family Bowling - Coffman & SPSC - March 7 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Social - Varsity Theater - April 4 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Thank You,

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