

Agenda

- Happy First Day of SPRING!
- GSS E-Board Elections
- Eli Jacobson, Office of Sustainability
- International Bazaar
- External Affairs Update: Legislative Action Days
- Announcements
- Open Floor

• Happy first day of Spring Time

GSS Executive Board Elections

- Timeline
 - o March 20: Nominations Open
 - o April 17: Nominations Close
 - o April 24: Candidate Speeches and Voting
 - May 1: New E-Board Runs the Meeting!

• Nominations open today! Please nominate someone that you think would be a great fit for the EBoard.

GSS Executive Board Elections

- GSS Election Committee:
 - "Election proceedings shall be governed by a volunteer Election Committee. The Election Committee shall minimally consist of a supervisor, an announcer, and two (2) record keepers. No member of the Election Committee shall be permitted to run for office or vote in the elections. Efforts should be made to include one graduate student from each college in the Election Committee. Graduate students do not need to be Unit Senators or Club Representatives in order to volunteer as a member of the Election Committee."
- Volunteers?

- Who volunteers to be a part of the election committee?
 - Nick Ungson and Soner Cinoglu
- These people are in charge of sending out the email to notify for voting, keeping notes, and letting the current GSS president know of the results.

GSS Executive Board Elections

To accept a nomination, the following must be sent to ingss@lehigh.edu:

- 1. Statement of Intent: 500 words, describe qualifications and plans if elected
- 2. Personal Photo

All Candidate Intent Statements will be posted online and on social media

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GSS Executive Board Elections

- Current E-Board and Links to Document Duties
 - o President, **Iiona Scully** (ids214)
 - Vice President: **Bashir Sadat** (sas617)
 - Secretary: **Katherine Melo** (kam716)
 - <u>Treasurer</u>: **James Carrigan** (jhc312)
 - o Communications: Princess Neely (pon216)
 - o <u>Travel Grants</u>, **Eugene Rohrer** (ehr217)
 - o <u>Historian</u>, Caitlin Lindley (cal416)
 - External Affairs Officer, Zach Arms (zna216)

President:

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Vice President:

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Secretary:

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Treasurer:

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Communications:

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Travel Grants:

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Historian:

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External Affairs Officer:

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GSS Executive Board Elections



- Nominations:
 - Caitlin Lindley for President
 - Princess Neely for Communications Officer
 - Zach Arms for External Affairs
 - Jess Joseph for Secretary
 - Eugene Roher for VP
- You can submit your own nominations through ingss@lehigh.edu
- We would really like representation from ALL the colleges so please nominate yourself or consider nominating others.

Eli Jacobson Office of Sustainability	ingss@lehigh.edu

This person did not come to the meeting and so nothing to add.

International Bazaar Planning Committee



- International bazaar is an annual event
- This year is going to be on the front lawn of memorial parkway
- It's a free event
- There will be food, booths, a fashion show where people can show clothing related to their culture
 - Always looking for people to participate in this event.
- if you're part of a club that wants to have a booth that is also welcome.

Email inbazaar@lehigh.edu if you have questions/want to get involved.

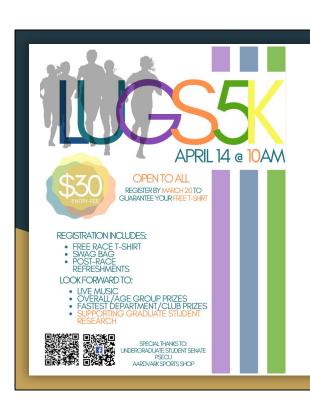
External Affairs Update

- Legislative Action Days
- Higher Ed Act renewal



- March 8th-11th, Zack went down to washington D.C. to attend the NAGPS Legislative action days.
- Time for members of NAGPS to network, receive training on advocacy, and meet with elected representatives to advocate for graduate student issues
 - He attended session on graduate mental health, Title IX, international student visas, funding for arts and science programs, and graduate student loans
 - The training was helpful but lengthy
- There was great information about the issues, details about those issues and how to rely those to congress people
- Through Chris Carter as the LU government relations office, Zach set up a meeting with Representative Wild
 - Was unable to meet with her but met with Julia, her chief legislative staffer
 - Spoke about timeline, graduate mental health crisis, student loan issues and food insecurity on college campuses
 - Julia was saying that food insecurity has been an issue with Pennsylvania colleges
 - Representative Wild is on the house education committee so he will keep advocating for her to have a federal hearing on the graduate student mental health crisis.
 - There needs to be a better understanding as to

- why graduate students have anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation at incredibly high levels
- Also important to explain the different between graduate students and students in professional schools
- Able to make connections with fellow schools (MIT, Syracuse, CIU, Adelphi) that are also a part of NAGPS
 - Talking about LU, encouraged them to come to the conference
- Other Important external affairs announcements:
 - The Higher education Act is coming up for Renewal
 - Supposed to be renewed every 5 years but hasn't been renewed for over 10 years
 - Senator Alexander wants this to be passed and he's not running for re-election so he's really pushing for it
 - This can be really helpful for higher ed.
 - What is concerning is that Senator Alexander wants to simplify the federal student loan process, by gutting it.
 - Want to know if cutting federal loans for graduate students and education,
 - This means graduate students would only be able to take out private loans
 - But we are not sure if this is 100% going to happen
 - Need to talk to our local representatives about this and Senators about our concerns
 - Call Wild, Toomey, and Casey about this to not mess with federal graduate student loans.
 - This is very close to the grad tax to cause a financial burden on graduate students.



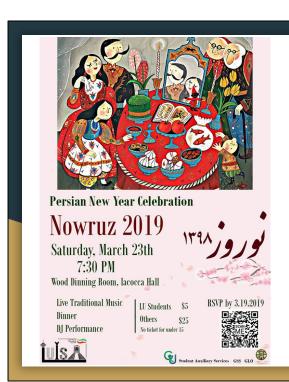




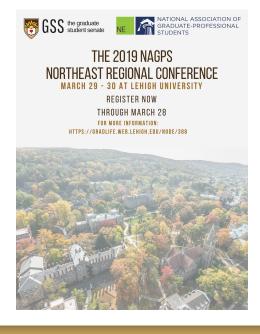
Announcements

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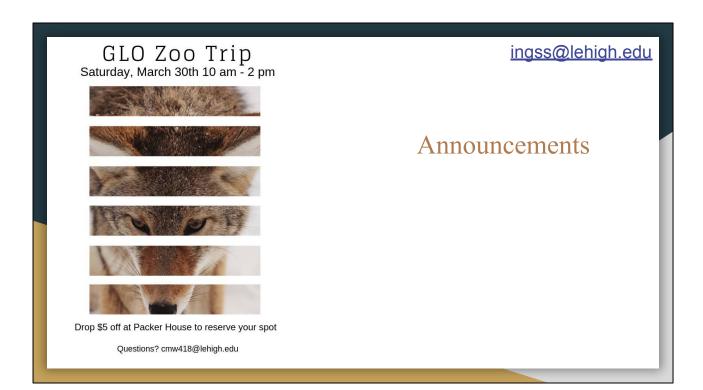
- Want students to nominate for these awards
- Due date is Friday, March 22nd.
- Please nominate people, especially for commencement speaker
 - This person has to be a doctoral student that is graduating in May.
 - The Graduate Student Champion
 - Can be any person on LU's campus



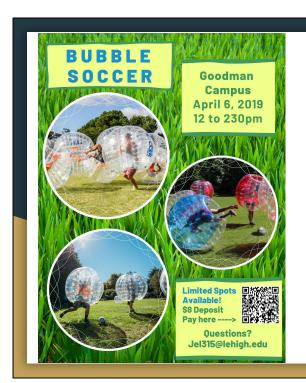


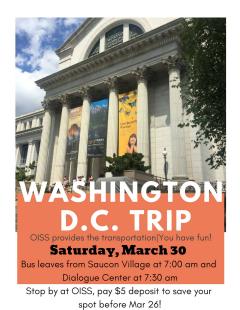


- We are hosting the NAGPS conference this year
- Two day event with the banquet in the iacocca tower, wonderful dinner
- Then the 30th is the conferences all day, graduate interactions with local, state and national issues, mental health, other grad concerns
 - Way to network.
 - Registration is free for Lehigh students.
 - o Email gsspresident or ingss@lehigh.edu
 - Speakers from CNU, TUFFs, UPENN
 - The agenda is on the website.



Not presented





Announcements

Not presented

Presented by the Graduate Life Office

YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE WAVES
BUT YOU CAN LEARN TO SURF

Featuring

An interactive & hands-on workshop series
for developing evidence-informed skills to
manage the waves & stress of grad school

SUNDAYS AT SPM - PACKER HOUSE

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MARCH 3

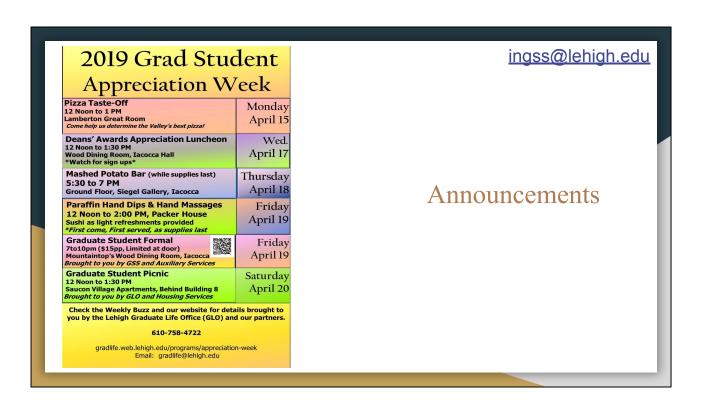
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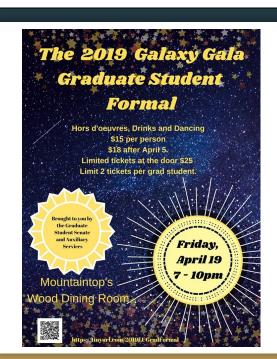
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Bashir is hosting this event. :)



Look up for the sign ups next week





RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE VIEWINGS

JOIN US IN THE PRIDE CENTER LOUNGE (UC 212) ON FRIDAYS FROM 3-4PM EVERY WEEK!

Spacks will be provided







- The president's office is looking for a GA as well. inpress1@lehigh.edu
- Kathleen Hutnik- Creative Scholarship institute for graduate students
 - A semester long project that is a competitive application process
 - Will do a week long training
 - Then two hour presentations every other week
 - Learn a lot about grant writing, thinking about solving problems in different ways, how to get work out there on social media
 - Going to have people involved from outside and inside campus
 - President, vice provost
 - Website

https://creativeinquiry.lehigh.edu/mountaintop-programs/creative-schol arship-institute



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