The Graduate Student Spotlight

This month, GSA would like to recognize Jameel A. Hasan for his outstanding service to the university and the Kalamazoo community. Jameel is a PhD candidate from Atlanta, GA with a focus in Analytical Chemistry. In 2009, he earned his BS in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. From the start of his graduate journey, Jameel took the initiative to be involved in organizations such as COEXIST, the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE), and the Muslim Students Association (MSA). Through his student involvement, Jameel has guided and supported fellow graduate students by being a founding member of NOBCChE while participating on the executive board and serving as the active President of MSA. Jameel’s involvement has built a platform for him to serve the community by volunteering at local schools and the museum performing science demonstrations and motivating grade school students with science. Moreover, since Jameel’s arrival at Western, he has participated at the NOBCChE National Conference during the STEM weekend to be a positive representative of the graduate program to fellow peers and the youth.

Jameel the Spotlight is on you. Thank you for all your hard work! Go Broncos!

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Thank you for your hard work and sharing your research!!!

* Marlies Hagge - PhD Industrial/Organization Behavioral Management
* Michael Lindquist - MA Philosophy
* Greg Wallace - PhD Biological Sciences

LEGISLATIVE NEWS UPDATE

On November 6, 2014 several of your graduate student leaders will be heading to The University of Missouri for the 28th NAGPS National Conference. This will be a chance for the leaders of the GSA to network with other graduate organizations and share best practices. November 19, 2014 is National Call to Congress Day! This is your chance to express your graduate student loan concerns. So please take 10 minutes out of your day to call your legislators.

To learn more about advocacy efforts please check out the Midwest NAGPS newsletter, or visit www.wmich.edu/gsa/legislative and www.nagps.org. If you like to know how you can get involved please email me at denisha.c.griffey@wmich.edu.

The best way to advocate for graduate student needs is to express it in the form of voting on Nov. 4, 2014.
GRAD TALKS
Giving an effective presentation about your interest or scholarship is essential in a graduate student’s career. Why not practice and get feedback from fellow graduates in various departments.
For more Information:
E-mail: gsa-gradtalks@wmich.edu

Graduate Student Spotlight recognizes outstanding graduate students who make a difference in the lives of others. If you would like to be featured or know an outstanding graduate student, please nominate them for the GSA Spotlight.
Email: denisha.c.griffey@wmich.edu for more information.

Social Event!!!
GSA will be hosting a social event dedicated to you. Be sure to look out for further updates this month

GRADUATE STUDENT DISSERTATION

Let's congratulate our fellow graduate students on all of their hard work and defending.

Ibtesam Yaseen Alja’afreh--Ph.D Chemistry
Haolai Jiang--Ph.D Statistics
Ahmed Tausif--Ph.D Engineering
Caroline Breault-Cannon--Ph.D Education Leadership Research and Technology
Jordan Brynn Rice--Ph.D English
Salah S. Meemar--Ph.D Education Leadership Research and Technology
Edwin Mghanga--Ph.D Chemistry
Heather Koole--Ph.D Interdisciplinary Health Science
Setare Tahmasebi Nick--Ph.D Chemistry
Binu Baby Narakathu--Ph.D Electrical and Computer Engineering
Brenda L. Snow--Ed.D Education Leadership Research and Technology
Cynthia A. Anthony--Ed.D Education Leadership Research and Technology

Subash Gokanakonda--Ph.D Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering

Congratulations Broncos!!!

GRADUATE STUDENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Strategies for Navigating the Dissertation: Nov. 12, 2014
Graduate Financial Allocations Committee Meeting: Nov. 14, 2014
Start Smart Salary Negotiations: Nov. 18, 2014
Brown Bag Mentoring Circle: Nov. 19, 2014
GSA General Body Meeting: Nov. 21, 2014
Grad Talks: Nov. 21, 2014

FREE Wellness Forum to Promote Well-Balanced Lifestyles

On Wed, Nov. 12 from 4:30-6 pm, the Graduate College and the Graduate Student Association will co-sponsor “Total Health for Graduate Students” a free wellness forum to promote well-balanced lifestyles. The forum will be held in Room 208, Bernhard Center. Experts will present effective strategies in four important areas of graduate student wellness:

- Achieving Financial Fitness, Susan Huff, PNC Bank
  Living on a graduate student income can challenge even the most frugal individuals. Discover proven money management strategies to stretch your paycheck.

- Managing Work-Life Stress, Jenna Gehl Jones, Sindecuse Health Center
  Stress remains one of the greatest barriers to making progress on graduate degrees. Learn techniques to effectively manage stress and improve resiliency.

- Revitalizing Your Nutrition, Gretchen Kauth Morin, Sindecuse Health Center
  Finding it difficult to maintain healthy, convenient nutrition on a graduate student budget? Gain new ways of eating smart to sustain your busy lifestyle.

- Re-energizing with Exercise, Jen Baily, University Recreation
  The demands of graduate education can wear you down. Learn how to recapture your energy through physical fitness.

Refreshments and give-aways will be provided. Register at www.wmich.edu/grad/events. Call Julie Apker, Faculty Fellow, Graduate College, 269-352-8156 for more information

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