Graduate students celebrated the end of the Fall 2015 semester at Monoco bay. This event was a big success, but if you did not get a chance to join, there are more events this semester which you can join.

Our first spring event is a **basketball game** against Central Michigan University on Saturday February 20th at 2:00 PM.

Students may bring a guest, so each student can receive up to two tickets. Our second event, is the world renowned **Alley 2 Dance** performance, which is occurring on Thursday March 10th 7:30 PM in Miller auditorium.

Our end of the year event is the **Make a Difference award** ceremony, and this will be held in Friday April 15th Downtown at the Radisson Hotel. Right now you can nominate your peers for the Make a Difference Award. For tickets or more information contact Michael Bobbit

**michael.d.bobbitt@wmich.edu**

Editor of Hilltop Review’s update, Becky Straple is calling for students to submit their work for potential publication within the Graduate Student Journal.

The Fall issue is out online and available on scholar works. Spring issue is currently being worked on - the theme for this issue is interdisciplinary work at WMU. This could be a great addition for your CV, and there are cash rewards for the best submissions.

The second grad talks three minute thesis deadline is approaching (February 19th). Share your ideas and projects with your fellow graduate students by entering the competition. The best presentations will go onto compete in an international event with specific guidelines. We look forward to more students attending and presenting at these events. Please contact Bob Agiro

**bobokoth.agiro@wmich.edu**

We now have exclusive graduate student mental health counseling for Feb 5th from 2-3:30PM Feb 19th. Graduate student issues may differ from the general undergraduate population, and this an appropriate accommodation to address graduate student needs.

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There will be a constitutional committee that meets monthly until end of this semester to discuss changes to the constitution. All members of the general body are welcome to join the committee. If you are interested please contact Stephanie Goodman.

stephanie.r.goodman@wmich.edu

Please remember that there is a graduate student spotlight. This is for recognizing remarkable graduate students for their academic contributions and service to their community. Please nominate a student you think deserves to be in the Spotlight. You can do this by emailing Neil Deochand with a name and short detail of why you are nominating that individual.

neil.deochand@wmich.edu

Lastly, there are opportunities for Graduate Student Organizations to apply for Operational and event funding. We still have money available for that you can still apply.

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Make a Difference Award Nomination opens Friday, Jan. 29 8 a.m.

Grad talks Friday, Feb. 19 noon Commons Room, Walwood Hall

Graduate Student Association general meeting Friday, Feb. 26 3 to 5 p.m. rooms 157-159, Bernhard Center

Graduate Financial Allocation Committee meeting Friday, Feb. 19 1 to 3 p.m. President's Dining Room, Bernhard Center

For further details on events or to register for a workshop go to:

http://www.wmich.edu/grad/events