The Graduate Student Association has designed this newsletter to keep you informed of our events, academic activities, and professional opportunities. Additionally, the Association wants to hear from you. If you have any concerns, questions, feedback or suggestions, please email us at gsa@wmich.edu. We encourage you to get involved by coming to our monthly meetings, following us on Facebook, and reviewing our monthly newsletter. We are your voice at Western Michigan University!

**President Montgomery Graduate Students Q & A**

On Friday, Dec. 1, at 3 in Heritage Hall, our new WMU President, Dr. Edward Montgomery came to our monthly meeting and spent an hour with us in a "Q&A with GSA." During this activity, graduate students posed their questions, concerns, and aspirations to President Montgomery, who addressed each one of them with encouraging and motivational words. Dr. Montgomery provided the Association with good ideas to better serve our fellow graduate students. We hope to have opportunities like this in the future.

**General Meeting**

Additionally, On Friday, October 27 we held our third general meeting of the 2017-18 academic year, this time we were gathered in Heritage Hall. Graduate students across different programs were able to interact with their peers while learning more about the Association and its upcoming events.

**Relaxation Event**

On Dec 8, before finals week, the Graduate Student Association used the Bernhard Center room 105 to provide free massages to our graduate Broncos. The aim of the event was to allow WMU Graduate Students to perform at their best during the final stretch by helping them get rid of the built up stress.
Graduate Students Weekend of Service

The Association wants to thank all the graduate students that volunteered during our weekend of service from Friday, Nov. 17 to Sunday the 19. With your help, we were able to collaborate with the Ministry with Community, serving lunch to homeless persons, to play bingo with them, and also to help to make Christmas decorations at the Rickman House. More opportunities like these ones will come in the future.

Unwind & Dine Fall Social Event

On Sunday, Dec. 3, from 5 to 9 pm in Revel & Roll West, we had a fun time bowling, playing arcade games and laser tag. This was the last social event of fall 2017, but there will be many more to come in the spring semester.

Research Resource Spotlight

Did you know that Waldo Library offers a free custom mapping service for all members of the WMU community? They can make maps for publications, presentations, dissertations and theses, class assignments, etc. They use the data you provide and traditional GIS software to create complex maps, or Google Earth/Maps to create interactive maps for integration into websites. For more info, please contact Jason Glatz at (269) 387-5047.