

VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Assembly,

This summer has been a busy one for programming in order to prepare for the newly started school year. Here's an update on what I, with the valued help of my programming committee, have been up to and what I also will be continuing to work on through the month of September:

Promotional Materials

Every year, there is eager anticipation for the new GAPSA pens and highlighters. This year, I wanted to mix it up with highlighters that feature the mini Post-it flags. Please stop by our newly revamped lounge and grab one of each color! GAPSA is also in the process of updating our logo and creating more eye-catching and polished emails and posters for our events. They should be ready in time to advertise for the President's Reception.

Orientations

GAPSA makes a point to attend every graduate and professional school orientation in order to tell new students about GAPSA, tell them that they are GAPSA, and that they should utilize GAPSA in every which way possible. I made sure that all orientations were attended (and if not, information about GAPSA was delivered) and that everything went smoothly.

Family Bowling

Family Bowling dates are set! On November 6th, Goldy's Gameroom and the Gopher Spot will feature free bowling for all graduate and professional students and cake too! This year, we hope to incorporate a toy exchange, where parents can bring in old clothes and toys to exchange with other parents.

Open House

This year, we wanted to show off our new lounge in hopes of having more students come by and hang out. We had a great turn-out and cleared through a Domino's order so big that when I placed the order, I almost shut down their system! The Wii was fired up, a little daytime TV was watched, three Adam Turman posters were raffled off, and students were able to enjoy the new digs. Please stop by our new lounge if you have not yet done so – the leather couches are perfect for a mid-afternoon nap!

Back-to-School Dance Party

We are hosting a series of new events this year – dance parties at The Front in Northeast Minneapolis! Over 200 graduate and professional students came out to enjoy the yummy Costa Rican food and dance to the beats of DJ Dirty Duke. I had so much fun organizing and attending the event. We hope to increase attendance at the Halloween Party – if you were unable to come for the last dance party, come for the next one!

President's Reception

This year the President's Reception will be held at the TCF Bank Stadium on Wednesday, October 14. I was able to take a tour of the stadium and it was utterly breathtaking! We've secured the DQ Club Room for the event where students will be able to walk onto an adjoining deck and see a great view of the stadium. I am so excited for the event, and will continue the process of planning it during the month of September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Please spread the word of our upcoming events! These include the President's Reception on October 14 and the Halloween Dance Party on October 29. Also, update us on the contact information of your council presidents and help us to advertise our events by putting up posters at your school or sending out emails.
- Notify us of upcoming school events that are open to all graduate and professional school students so that we can spread the word among other schools and feature it in the events section of our GAPSA website. Let's work together to make sure all students are aware of all events that are open to them.

Thank You,

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