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Graduate Student Appreciation Week

March 31- April 5, 2019

Graduate Students - We Appreciate You!

In 1993, the [National Association of Graduate–Professional Students](#) established Graduate–Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW) as a mechanism to support and appreciate graduate and professional students, emphasizing the contributions, impact and value of graduate and professional students on campuses throughout the United States.

The Graduate School joins universities around the nation in this celebration by hosting the Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. All graduate students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us for this year's events.

GSAW 2019 Schedule

Sunday, March 31, 2019:

Professional Etiquette Dinner and Mocktails

Nervous about sitting down to dinner with a potential employer or networking at a conference? Unsure about professional dinner etiquette? Do you have a drink or not? How much is too much when talking about your research over dinner? Here's an opportunity to hone your professional networking and interviewing skills. Attendees will be guided through a mock interview dinner with University faculty and administrators and industry guests, providing valuable experience for scholars on the job market. Co-sponsored with the Office of Career Services.

Date: March 31
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Student Union, Atchafalaya Ballroom

Monday, April 1, 2019:

Lunch & Learn Workshop: Putting Feedback to Work

Whether you are revising a manuscript, developing a research proposal, or setting professional development goals, knowing how to use feedback is essential. We're finishing up our Lunch and Learn series this semester with a discussion on how to translate feedback into a plan of action.

Date: April 1
Time: 11:30–1pm
Location: Student Union, Constantine Forum

[Click here to register.](#)

Tuesday, April 2, 2019:

Doctoral Candidacy Recognition Event & GSAW Keynote Speaker

It's all about reaching the finish line. But how do you get there? Dr. Margarita Perez, UL Lafayette Dean of Students and recent graduate of our EdD. Educational Leadership program, will provide the keynote address. Doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy, alongside their advisors, will be recognized for reaching this significant milestone.

Date: April 2
Time: 6pm
Location: the LITE Center

Open to the public.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019:

Faculty Breakfast: Connecting Inclusivity Goals and Practices in Graduate Recruitment, Admission, and Funding Efforts

Co-sponsored with the Office for Campus Diversity, we invite all faculty to join us for a discussion of best practices, goal setting, and intentionality in efforts to improve the recruitment and retention of a diverse and inclusive graduate student community.

Date: April 3
Time: 8am
Location: 221 Dupré Library (2nd floor Staff Lounge)

[Click here to register](#)

Feed Your Mind: The Big Ask: Diversity and Inclusion in the Transition From Graduate School - Sponsored by the James Jackson Community of Scholars

This Feed Your Mind lunchtime workshop will focus on how to communicate your needs and find inclusive community during the transition from graduate school.

Date: April 3

Time: 11:30–1pm

Location: Student Union, Constantine Forum

[Click here to register.](#)

Graduate Student Research Showcase-Poster (and Paper) Competition-Day 1

Co-sponsored by the Graduate School and the Office of the Office of the Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Research Showcase will feature competitions (and monetary prizes!) for posters and papers authored by grad students from all disciplines. Posters will be presented in Dupré Library on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Go to GradSchool.louisiana.edu for guidelines and to enter.

Poster Presentations

Date: April 3 & 4

Time: 2–4pm

Location: Dupré Library, 1st Floor Corridor

[Click here to view the Showcase Guidelines.](#)

Thursday, April 4, 2019:

Graduate Donut Day

We want to say thank you to grad students and those who support them with some treats. Courtesy of SGA and GSO.

Date: April 4

Location: Delivered by the GSO Representatives to all departments with grad programs!

Graduate Student Research Showcase-Poster Competition-Day 2

Posters will be presented in Dupré Library on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Poster Presentations

Date: April 3 & 4

Time: 2–4pm

Location: Dupré Library, 1st Floor Corridor

Midnight Deadline: "Say It in 6" Competition Deadline for Submissions

Say It In 6 is a competition that challenges you to tell your story in a creative and succinct way. Based on the "six word memoirs" concept, Say It In 6 invites you to use only six words and one visual aid to tell a story — about your "Creative Research," your "Louisiana Research," or your "Radical Research." Find out more and submit your entry at GradSchool.louisiana.edu/sayitin6. Entries must be received by 11:59pm on Thursday, April 4. Entries will be displayed as they come in on the Grad School's Facebook page. We'll announce the winners (and do a "People's Choice" vote) on Friday.

[Learn more here.](#)

Friday, April 5, 2019:

Research Showcase Awards and Trivia at Jefferson Street Pub

Celebrate graduate student research with us and vote for the "People's Choice" of the Say It In 6

competition. We'll announce the winners of the Research Showcase Paper and Poster Competitions as well as the Photo Contest. We will then end the week with trivia!

Make some cross-disciplinary connections, celebrate your victory, and unwind. You buy the drinks, and we'll provide good food and good company!

All graduate students and faculty are welcome.

Date: April 5

Time: 3–4pm (Awards); 4–6pm (Trivia)

Location: [Jefferson Street Pub](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

ALL WEEK LONG

Special Deals for Grad Students! The Red Zone has donated great door prizes that'll be given away throughout the week at all of our events.

Coupons for 20% off at the Red Zone and the UL Lafayette Bookstore will be distributed as well!

Many thanks to our Sponsors, Hosts, and Collaborators! GSAW would not be possible without you!

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