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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Washington State University (WSU) Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Report

SUBMITTED BY: Ajay Barman, President and Executive Board Chair, WSU GPSA

On behalf of GPSA, I would like to thank the Board of Regents for your continued support of WSU graduate and professional students. It is with great pleasure that I report the following:

**Key Efforts:**

- **GPSA Food Security Committee:** The GPSA food security committee, The Associated Students of Washington State University (ASWSU), and Crop and Soil Science graduate students arranged a food drive in Pullman city and collected more than 1000lbs of food for the cougar food pantry.
- **Registered Student Organization (RSO) Funding:** GPSA assured funding to more than 21 WSU RSO groups and worked with the Groups to support their upcoming Spring events. "GPSA supports a diverse student population through the RSO funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus.
- **Coug Day at the Capitol:** The GPSA is working with The Associated Students of Washington State University (ASWSU) across the WSU campuses through the Student Government Council (SGC) to organize Coug Day at the Capitol on January 22nd, 2024. More than 80 WSU students across the campuses will visit Olympia to meet with state legislators to advocate for higher education.
- **GPSA Fundraising Committee:** GPSA created a special fundraising committee to organize a fundraising reception on Friday, March 1st, 2024, to support GPSA's travel grant initiatives, where we support graduate and professional students to attend conferences to showcase their research and work.
- **Programming events:** During the Fall of 2023, we experienced a significant increase in in-person student participation in our GPSA social events. So, we are starting with a GPSA coffee hour in our GPSA office. GPSA executive board will mingle with the students, answering questions and hearing their feedback. It will help us plan our events, including programming for the spring semester.
- **GPSA Research Exposition & Academic Showcase:** Each year, GPSA organizes a Research exposition where WSU graduate and professional students have a forum for presenting their original research while they are competing for awards in different submission categories. We are currently accepting research abstracts from the students (Deadline January 17, 2024), which will undergo a rigorous evaluation process. This year, we will organize the event on March 28, 2024.