

April 18, 2025

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 General Election:** GPSA successfully conducted the general election for the 2025-26 academic year and filled three executive office positions (President, Vice-president, and Vice president of Legislative Affairs), eight college representatives, and over 50 senators representing their academic departments.
- **Promoting Student Wellbeing:** To promote student wellbeing, we hosted "Serving Spoons: Crafting Nutritious Meals on a Budget" on March 18 at 4 pm in Butch's Den. During this event we discussed the importance of nutrition for wellbeing and tactics to achieve it. We also hosted an International Women's Day Movie Event on March 21 at 5 pm, where we showed the movie "Barbie," including speeches from guest speakers. We also partnered with WSU UREC to host UFit4.0 to encourage students to have an active lifestyle. We are hosting a De-Stress event on April 22, providing opportunities to students for coloring, painting, kitting, and many more.
- **GPSA Research Exposition & Academic Showcase:** We organized a research exposition on March 27 at Beasley Coliseum in partnership with Academic Showcase to provide graduate and professional students a platform for presenting their original research while they compete for awards in different submission categories. More than 80 students compete in six categories: Agricultural & Natural Resource Sciences, Physical & Social Sciences, Arts & Education Sciences, etc. In each category, we select three winners.
- **Professional Development Initiative:** We invited Dr. Christina Willis as a guest speaker to host a sustainable networking workshop on April 3. The students learned about advanced preparation, mutual exchange of information, kindness, and self-care. We also hosted "Formatting your Thesis or Dissertation" on February 19, from 10 am -12 pm. On April 17, we are going to host "Elevate Your Note-Taking: Mastering Annotation and Organization".
- **Community Engagement:** On April 19, we are going to host Earth Day Stream-Up at South Fork Palouse River and Missouri Flat Creek. We will be removing litter and recyclables to keep Pullman green and clean. On April 4, we hosted a restaurant Friday at Porch Light Pizza, where 50 students got a \$10 discount on their purchase. We plan to host an "Art & Wellness Night: Creative Confections" led by Dr Sarah Barnett from the Department of Art. On March 21, we hosted an ice-skating event at the Plouse ice rink in Moscow.