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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 2000 lbs of which we equally distributed among Pullman community action center and cougar food pantry. This food helps the pantry prepare winter food baskets for the students.  
**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 27th, 2025. More than 100 WSU students across the campuses will visit Olympia to meet with state legislators to advocate for higher education.
- **Programming events:** During Fall 2024, we experienced a significant increase in in-person student participation in our GPSA social events. We are partnering with WSU UREC to host UFit4.0 to encourage students to have an active lifestyle. We plan to organize an ice cream social on the 15th, and winter hiking on Jan 25th.
- **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 22, 2025), which will undergo a rigorous evaluation process. This year, we will organize the event on March 27, 2024.