



Vice President of External Affairs February 2014 Report

- External Affairs Committee is working on developing the selection criteria for the GPSA Graduate Student Advocacy Awards. Applications/nominations for the awards will be collected throughout March. The \$2000 prizes will be awarded at the GPSA Banquet in April. The awards will be named after Arjit Guha, a graduate student who brought attention to the issue of student health assurance coverage limits through his Poopstrong campaign <http://poopstrong.org/>.
- Awarded a trip to Washington, DC to one graduate student who is not in leadership with GPSA. The graduate student will accompany three GPSA leaders in attending the Legislative Action Days organized by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) in March.
- Supporting NAGPS in the the immigration reform component of the advocacy training. Coordinating guest speakers and developing action alerts related to immigration reform.
- Coordinating with ASU Libraries to support their efforts to raise awareness about Open Access during Open Education Week in March. More details to come.

Director Reports:

Director of Legislative Affairs

The Director of Legislative Affairs has been working on state specific issues related to higher education through his involvement with the Arizona Students' Association. Attended the Arizona Board of Regents meeting in February. Supporting ASA's lobby day and voter registration efforts. For details please contact Adam at leg.affairs.gpsaofasu@gmail.com.

Director of Student Advocacy

We're working with ASU Health and Wellness and HCSAC to put together some important events to raise awareness for suicide prevention the week of March 17th.

On the evening of March 20th at 7:30, we are hosting a performance by an off-Broadway performer at the Open Space at The Hugh Downs School of Human Communication. Please spread the word and attend yourselves! Find out more information on the Empty Space website and look out for announcements in our grad newsletter soon.

On March 23rd at 10 am on Hayden Lawn, we will be sponsoring the Out of the Darkness Walk. It is free to register. It is just suggested that you raise donations for suicide prevention. More information about registration and walk details can be found

at:<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=2533>

Sincerely,

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