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Newsletter  
February 2014

## Message from the Executive Committee

Each month, GAPSA will send out this newsletter to keep graduate students informed about upcoming events and ways to get involved with our community. It is fitting, then, that our first newsletter of the year goes out during Homecoming. Check below to see where GAPSA is hosting Homecoming events on your campus.

GAPSA exists to serve the graduate student community on all four Mason campuses. If you want to get involved, socialize with other students, organize an event, or think your community has an important need, contact GAPSA to see how we can help.

## Upcoming Events

### Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week

#### March 31st through April 4th

Grad Appreciation Week is a series of programs that are dedicated to our graduate and professional students at Mason that is co-sponsored by GAPSA and Graduate Student Life. During this week graduate students are celebrated through a variety of fun events, free food, massages, etc. We want you to know how much the university appreciates all that you do.

Any events that you might like to see please email Sara Morrisroe, Associate Director for Student Involvement at [smorrisr@gmu.edu](mailto:smorrisr@gmu.edu)

## Fairfax

### February 15th 3:00-5:30pm

Mason Homecoming Block Party Saturday

GAPSA and Graduate Student Life will be out there tailgating and will have some snacks and give-a-ways for graduate students who stop by. Our spot will be located near the main tents so make sure you stop by. We will also have a limited number of Mason Homecoming T-shirts to give out. For more information about the block party please visit, <http://homecoming.gmu.edu/block-party/>



## Fairfax (continued)

There will be upcoming monthly GAPSA-Fairfax meetings, as well as events. Check the GAPSA Facebook page for announcements. To suggest new Fairfax events, contact Josh St. Louis at [jstlou1 \[at\] gmu.edu](mailto:jstlou1@gmu.edu)

The Journal of Mason Graduate Research is planning for next year and looking for interested students to be editors and peer reviewers. Contact Josh St. Louis for more information at [jstlou1 \[at\] gmu.edu](mailto:jstlou1@gmu.edu)

## Prince William

**February 13**

Graduate Student Social

**5:00–7:00pm, Hard Times Cafe, 7753 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA 20109**

Celebrate Homecoming with GAPSA & University Life! Free appetizers and games will be provided, along with drink specials! Go Mason!

**February 10 through 16**

Show your Mason student ID to receive 10–20% off at Hard Times, Salsaritas, or California Tortilla in Manassas during Homecoming week.

## Arlington

**February 13**

Homecoming Happy Hour

Where: **O'Sullivan's Irish Pub in Clarendon**

When: **February 13, 6:00-9:00 pm**

Come celebrate with alumni and other students, and show your Mason spirit!

Free food and free giveaways!

Contact: Rachel Schott, [rschott@gmu.edu](mailto:rschott@gmu.edu) for questions or comments.

**February 27**

Want to be more involved on campus or give input about your experience at GMU?

Come to the **Arlington Campus GAPSA Meet & Greet!**

Where: TBD (Check the GAPSA Facebook page for location)

When: **February 27, 6:00-7:00 pm**

Contact: Rachel Schott, [rschott@gmu.edu](mailto:rschott@gmu.edu) for questions or comments.

## Loudoun

**February 11**

**Homecoming Celebration, 8:00–9:30pm**

Michael's best baked ziti, homecoming T-shirts and social time outside of the classroom

**February 12**

**Homecoming Celebration, 6:15–8:30pm**

Michael's best baked ziti, homecoming T-shirts and social time outside of the classroom



## Loudoun (continued)

**February 27****Guest Speaker:** Dr. Rashid Chotani, "Students of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow"**7:30–8:30pm, Sterling, VA**

GAPSA presents this one of a kind networking event with Dr. Chotani, a successful industry professional. Participants will not only hear success stories but can also have one-to-one discussion with the speaker. The event will be followed by refreshments.

For more information, visit the Eventbrite site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/students-of-today-leaders-of-tomorrow-dr-rashid-chotani-tickets-10474484465>

**Campus Assemblies**

George Mason University operates four campuses in Northern Virginia, Fairfax, Prince William, Arlington, and Loudoun. Representatives from the Executive Committee of GAPSA organize assemblies for each campus to inform students about upcoming events and to find out how GAPSA can help graduate students.

**Upcoming Assemblies**

Arlington Campus: **February 27, 6:00–7:00pm, Location TBD**

**Graduate Program Highlight of the Month****Master of Arts in Teaching in Art Education**

School of Art, College of Visual and Performing Arts

This degree program prepares students with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree for PreK-12 art licensure by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Using a studio-based approach to art education and working closely with area public school systems, this degree consists of 30 credits of graduate art education, school practicum experience, and studio work prior to pre-service teaching internship and seminar.

Graduates from the School of Arts find careers in galleries and museums, illustration, animation, TV production, broadcasting, photography, graphic design, art sales, art therapy, art education, fine arts, graphic design, digital arts, and photography.

**Your GAPSA Executive Committee**

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## Students of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow: Applying Lessons Learned from Others Experiences

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Date: 02/27/2014

GAPSA presents one of its own kind networking event with successful industry professional. Participants will not only hear success stories but can also have one-to-one discussion with the speaker. Event will be followed by refreshments.

Time: 07:00 pm

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### Speaker



**Rashid Chotani, MD,  
MPH, DTM**  
Director, Medical Division at  
TASC, Inc.

Dr. Chotani has over fifteen years of experience as a leader, primary investigator, professor, program manager, and scientist in academia, government, Department of Defense and industry. He analyzes and defines highly complex problems and architectures, develops approaches, investigates and synthesizes fully integrated solutions applicable to the needs of an organization, and plans implementation. His achievements have been highlighted in a Voice of America documentary.

Dr. Chotani will share his industry experiences and guide students on how they can be successful leaders of tomorrow. This is a must attend event for students who want to learn from other experiences and network with one of the top-notch industry leader.

## Refreshments served

Pizza, snacks, drinks