

Monthly E-Newsletter December 2023

News & Services

GSA Holiday Office Hours

The GSA office will be closed from Dec 15 - Jan 8 for the holidays. GSA staff will continue to support your needs through virtual formats and if you have any urgent matters, please contact the General Manager (gsagm@uwaterloo.ca). We hope you all have a happy holiday and enjoy the time off!

TAs and RAs are ready for our union and this term is our best chance to get there!

We know what's possible when we unionize because we've seen the achievements of other TAs and RAs who are already unionized and have higher income, better work-life balance, better hiring practices & employment security, employer-paid health benefits and more.

Whether you're at the beginning, middle or end of your time at UWaterloo, your support now will have a huge impact for current and future TAs and RAs. Visit www.organizeuw.org to make sure we get there this term!

2023-2024 Distinguished Teaching Award (DTA)

Do you know of an instructor on campus that made a favorable and lasting influence on your learning? Nominate your favourite instructor for the 2023-2024 Distinguished Teaching Award (DTA) today!

Visit the [Centre for Teaching Excellence's webpage](#) today and see if your nominee meets the criteria to be awarded the DTA! Submit your nomination

form to cte-dta@uwaterloo.ca and nominate your favourite instructor for this year's DTA. Nomination forms are due the first Friday of February 2024.

2023-2024 AETS Award

The Amit & Meena Chakma Award (AETS) is presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in teaching. Do you know of a teaching assistant, lab demonstrator, or instructor who has shown a commitment to excellence in teaching on campus? You can nominate them for the 2023-2024 AETS award!

On the [Centre for Teaching Excellence's webpage](#), you can see if your nominee meets the criteria to be awarded the AETS. Nomination forms for the AETS Award are due the first Friday of February 2024, and they can be submitted to cte-aets@uwaterloo.ca.

Surveys

How well do you understand the GSA?

Do you know our mission statement? Our resources or our day-to-day facilitations to improve the overall student experience? Fill out our [Vital Sign Survey](#) to help us help you!

Events

December 5: Hot Chocolate Night @ 2-4 PM @ GSA Board Room (SLC 3222)

Are you stressed about upcoming assignments and exams? Drop by, create and pick up a free hot chocolate courtesy of the GSA! Bring your friends or come solo.



**Until December 17: Food Drive @ GSA
Grad Lounge (SLC 3216)**

With the holidays just around the corner, the GSA is looking to collect any non-perishable items to support our students who are dealing with food insecurity. Until December 17, you can drop off items in our donation bin located in the GSA Grad Lounge (SLC 3216). All proceeds will be donated to the WUSA Food Support Service, our on-campus food bank that supports all students within the UW community.



Check out [the Events section on our website](#) for more information.

Graduate House

OPEN

Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday - Friday from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Service begins at 11:30 AM

Kitchen closes at 6:00 PM / 8:00 PM

Last call at 6:30 PM / 8:30 PM

Introducing the DOUBLE MAJOR BURGER and Sangria Infernal!

It is here at last, as was heralded - but can you handle this beefy, angus burden greater than the very exigencies of Grad School itself?! Try it now, or pair it with a pint of cerveza Sangria Infernal for \$25!

Closed early on Tuesday, December 5

Sorry everyone - we can feel the Winter in our marrow! We're closing early from some personal R&R. Service will start at 11:30 AM, the kitchen will go until

4:00 PM, the bar will shut down at 4:30 PM, and WE will close at 5:00 PM!
Thanks for your understanding :)

Thanks for making our Fall 2023! We will be closed after December 15

Don't worry, we'll be back on January 2 and there still won't be any mice. Catch us while you can or see us in the Winter term, 2024! January is gonna be bumpin' at GH!

Check out more details about these events in [the Events section of our website](#).



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