

## Monthly E-Newsletter November 2023

### News & Services

#### **Join our team!**

Join us in making a positive impact on campus and shaping the graduate student experience at UW. We have one paid coordinator, Website Coordinator, position opening. **Applications are due on November 15 at 11:59 PM.** As a member of the GSA core team, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the enhancement of campus life, advocate for student needs and interests, and gain valuable leadership experience. We look forward to hearing from you! For more details about each position and application requirements, [visit our website](#).

#### **Volunteer Opportunities for Winter Grad Orientation**

Are you interested in becoming more involved on campus? Do you want to expand your volunteer experience and get to meet new people? Sign up to be a volunteer for the GSA and their events, like the Winter Grad Orientation, which will need help at various times during January 9 and 12! We can't wait to meet you! Email the GSA Engagement Coordinator at [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca) if interested!

#### **Showcase your research at GRADflix**

Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs is thrilled to be hosting [GRADflix](#) once again where graduate students are invited to create short 60-second creative videos about their research for the world to see. This year's competition has officially launched. GRADflix allows students to foster their

creativity and communication skills and offers a variety of [cash prizes](#) that are awarded at our in-person final showcase event in February 2024.

### **Networking Event hosted by the Centre for Career Development**

Chat with your peers and campus committee about your area of study, future career goals, or anything really! Activities include FREE professional headshots, LinkedIn networking activity, and more! No registration required and all undergrad, grad (Master's and PhD) and Postdocs are welcome. The event will take place on November 9, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, in the SLC multi-purpose room!

### **Four learning supports to help students succeed**

As a teaching assistant, you can connect students with resources to help them reach their academic potential. For students who are struggling with time management, note-taking, studying or other learning skills, encourage them to try learning supports from the Student Success Office:

1. **Peer Success Coaching:** one-on-one meetings with peers to help plan for the term, access learning resources and develop goals
2. **SMART Program:** online, self-paced micro-courses in time management, note-taking and self-advocacy
3. **My Learning Skills Evaluation:** a 10-minute survey to discover learning strengths, areas to improve and resources to succeed
4. **Quick tips and tools:** a collection of handouts, worksheets and articles to support university learning

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## Surveys

### **How well do you understand the GSA?**

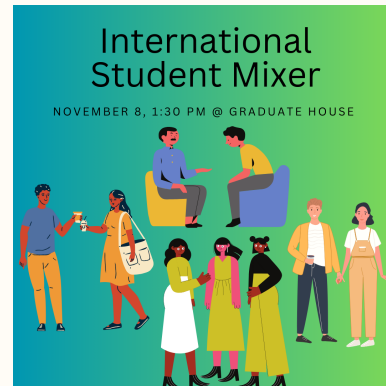
Do you know our mission statement? Our resources or our day-to-day facilitations to improve the overall student experience? Fill out our [Vital Sign Survey](#) to help us help you, and you will get a chance to win a gift card!

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# Events

## **November 8: International Student Mixer @ 1:30 - 3:30 PM @ Graduate House**

Join us at the Graduate House for a fun social event designed for international students! Meet new friends from around the world, play games, and enjoy free pizza. No registration is required; just come and have fun!



## **November 9: BIPOC Collective @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM @ Graduate House**

Looking for a space to talk candidly about race, culture and identity? Join us at the grad house for an in-person BIPOC collective to talk. The event will take place at the Grad House upstairs lounge on Thursday, November 9 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome (including allies). There will also be FREE SNACKS! Please RSVP [here](#).



**November 15: Paint-A-Succulent Pot Workshop @ 4:30 - 6:30 PM @ Graduate Lounge (SLC 3216)**

Join us at the Paint-A-Succulent workshop to paint your stress away! Unleash or unlock your artistic abilities and come have a relaxing afternoon with us. Plus, you get to take home your beautifully designed pots and succulent!



**November 28: Mason Jar Soup Day @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM @ Outside Graduate Lounge (SLC 3216)**

Join us for a heartwarming experience in building your own healthy and delicious soup! Drop by and join us for GSA Mason Jar Soup Day! Get all the ingredients you need for a delicious home-cooked meal!



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

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## 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!

We've got big plans for UWaterloo grads. Yes, sinister plans like two patties, spicy DB sauce, jalapenos, bacon, cheeeeeese. Wash down our new DOUBLE MAJOR BURGER with its evil coeval the Sangria infernal, a beer sangria made with Helles Lager. Get both together for only \$25 at GH!

## Graduate House Events

### November 7, 14, 21 and 28: Board Game Nights @ 4:00 - 7:00 PM

GH is upping its tabletop crop this Fall! Join us for open board game nights every Tuesday this term. We're hosting free space to learn and play a SWEET selection of games, old, new, simple, and frustrating. Hate or love your friends November 7, 14, 21 and 28!



Play anytime from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, gamers.

### November 10: Diwali @ 6:30 PM

Come celebrate Diwali as the house gets decked in lights and the floors get DANCED all night! Join us at 6:30 PM for food, drinks, dance, and our brilliant DJ Rakshit.



### November 16: Open Mic Night @ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Check out local talent or take the stage yourself. Instruments and acts of all kinds are welcome! We'll have a synth and an electric guitar this time around, but bring anything you got!



### More Events

- **November 9 and 23: Music Bingo @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
- **November 8, 15, 22 and 29: Trivia Night @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

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

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## Alumni

### Do not miss out on your Alumni Discounts!

Did you know, University of Waterloo alumni have access to several [benefits and services](#)? Well, they do! Check out what tourist attractions, museums, and travel company discounts are included and how you can have fun with family and friends at less cost.

### UWaterloo Financial Literacy Series

Join us virtually on **November 16**, and discover tips for [buying a house for the first time](#) as the final installment of the **UWaterloo Financial Literacy Series**! Offered in partnership with TD Insurance Meloche Monnex we will explore techniques to manage your money and prepare for some of life's biggest milestones.

### FREE LinkedIn Learning for Alumni

Alumni Relations is offering 4-months of complimentary access to LinkedIn Learning for alumni. You will be able to explore more than 16,000 courses from

industry experts and see what your UWaterloo community is currently learning via curated playlists. Continue your learning and [Register now!](#)



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