

## Monthly E-Newsletter September 2023

### News & Services

#### **September 11-29: Nominations open for GSA Councillor Elections - Fall'23**

The GSA-UW is looking for graduate students to represent their fellow peers as a departmental councillor on the GSA-UW Council. Please visit [this page](#) to see the open positions in various departments and submit your nomination by filling out the [Councillor Nomination Form](#) before 5:00 PM on Friday, September 29. The elections will be conducted from Thursday, October 5 to Thursday, October 12. Please email [gsa-elections@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-elections@uwaterloo.ca) if you have any questions.

#### **Book a Peer Success Coaching appointment**

One of the best ways to ease the pressure of starting a new term is to seek out support before you even need it. [Book a peer success coaching appointment](#) to help set yourself up for a strong term. Coaches are upper year undergraduate or fellow graduate students who are trained to help you develop a plan for the term and reflect on your goals. This is a FREE service offered both in-person and online.

#### **OrganizeUW - TAs and RAs are ready for our union!**

Waterloo is still the only large university in Canada without a union for TAs and RAs. OrganizeUW is changing that and this Fall is going to be a pivotal moment for our unionization. We're confident that we'll get there this term, but to do that, we need all TAs and RAs to participate. [Sign your card](#) and join the momentum that is growing every term. Want to get even more involved? Fill

out [this quick 4-question form](#) and find out how you can help create our union in Fall 2023!

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## Events

**September 21: International Student Mixer & Drop-in Session @ 5:30-7:30 PM @ SLC Grad Lounge**

Join us at the Grad Lounge for a fun social event designed for international students! Meet new friends from around the world, learn about campus and the GSA, and enjoy free pizza. No registration is required; just come, have fun and ask any questions you want!



**September 26: Speed Friending @ 4:30-6:30PM @ Grad House (Green room)**

Are you a grad student looking to socialize with other grad students? Ready to meet grad students from other disciplines? Join us at the Graduate House for a chance to meet to make a connection!



Included: snacks and drinks. Bring: An open mind and great stories

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

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# Graduate House

**Grad House is back!**  
**Experience THE FALL at GH**

**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

## Graduate House Events

**Grad Faculty Orientations feat. free  
BEER and (PIZ)'ZA at GH! @ 4:00 PM**

It's that time of year again - time for faculty orientations, free pizza & beer, and found food to feed our fresh friends this Fall! No faux-pas in tasty 'za y'all. Check the schedule below and make sure to bring your WATcard!



**Welcome @ 4:00 PM**

**Math** - Sept 11

**Engineering** - Sept 12

**Arts** - Sept 14

**Science** - Sept 18

**Health** - Sept 19

**Environment** - Sept 21

**September 12, 19 and 26: Board Game  
Nights @ 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

GH is upping its tabletop crop this Fall! Join us for open board game nights almost 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 September 12, 19, 26, and even more the rest of the term!

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



### More Events

- **September 13 and 27: Trivia Night @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
- **September 20: Karaoke Night @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
- **September 21: Music Bingo @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

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

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## Alumni

### Zero Work for Alumni

Do you feel like you need clarity in your career? The Zero Work program consists of two, 90-minute sessions that help perfect and flex your soft skills like innovative thinking, problem-solving, and searching for a job that is right for you. Don't miss this opportunity to discover a workforce that fits your skills and makes you happy - [register now!](#)

### Black and Gold Fest!

Grab your Waterloo gear and dust off your feathered hat! This fall, we're celebrating the Waterloo alumni community with a week of events that feature an Oktoberfest flair. [Black & Gold Fest](#) includes a lineup of international and on-campus events — from beer hall socials to traditional campus events, like the annual pow-wow and a Warriors Football game.

### Graduating in October? Pre-order Your Diploma Frame!

Are you planning to celebrate your graduation this October? Be sure to skip the lines and spend more time celebrating your day by pre-ordering your diploma

frame. This is your last chance to [pre-order](#) by **Monday, October 16 at 9:00 AM**, to guarantee you get the frame you want and pick-up at your designated ceremony.

### **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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