



**UNIVERSITY OF
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Graduate Student Association

Hello to everyone this November, a reminder that I am Emerson Moon, the current acting President of the Grad Student Association here at UGA.

On the social front our organization presents a few updates:

1. In September we hosted well-being events including two paddleboard sessions at Lake Herrick with 15-20 attendees as well as our first self-care walk on north campus and will be continuing these walks in partnership with Rec Sports.
2. Additionally, Thursday, October 30th, we held in partnership with the Biochemistry GSA a pumpkin painting and carving event at the CRCC over near east campus with 50+ attendees.
3. This past week we hosted a development and career workshop in partnership with the UGA Career Center to aid grad students in their professional growth as they start or want to expand skills for job seeking.
4. Finally, for Grad Student Appreciation week, we held a bowling event at Showtime here in Athens for our students with 44 attendees.

As far as our advocacy and inner organization efforts are concerned these are some of our current activities and progress:

1. We have received feedback from the swimming lessons we sponsored and organized in partnership with Rec Sports, and this is some of the data collected:
 - a. 32 Participants
 - b. 77 total registrations in water safety basics, beginner group lessons, intermediate, and advanced group lessons
 - c. 100% of survey respondents said they agreed that their overall well-being improved and also felt a stronger sense of community through participation in the programming
 - d. 90% of respondents said they planned to purchase a membership at Ramsey Center for the Fall '25 semester

2. In a shared governance collaboration with the Staff Council and SGA we are having bigger discussions about food access and potential dining options on our other campuses such as Griffin, Tifton, and Gwinnett.
3. We have conducted an additional survey with UGA Libraries as part of a bigger initiative to better push and publicize resources most often utilized by grad students and how they can be improved or innovated.

I submit this report on behalf of my executive board and the Graduate Student Association