



Newsletter January 2025



Winter Message

Warm winter greetings to you all! The GSA is delighted to welcome both returning and new students to the winter term. As we embark on this new chapter, we encourage you to focus on adding value to yourself and building a life academically grounded in integrity.

Winter Orientation 2025

Nominations for GSA Awards 2025 are open until January 31, 2025.

GSA Graduate Students' Association **GSA AWARDS GALA**

Nominations Open:

1. Advising Excellence
2. Excellence in Community Service
3. Mark Kroeker Exceptional Student Leadership
4. Professional Excellence
5. Research Excellence in Humanities, Arts, Social Science, Law or Education
6. Research Excellence in Indigenous Studies
7. Research Excellence in Interdisciplinary Studies
8. Research Excellence in STEM:
 - a. STEM Medical Science and Public Health
 - b. STEM Natural Sciences
 - c. STEM Technology and Engineering

Deadline: January 31st, 2025

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A photograph of a GSA award certificate and a trophy. The certificate is titled '2024 GSA AWARD CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION' and is signed by 'Makelony Kelly'. The trophy is a large, clear crystal ball on a silver base.

Black History Month: Panafrica Students Association (PASA)/UBUNTU

We are pleased to announce the celebration of Black History Month in February. The scheduled events include Leadership Panel on Feb. 5, Taste of Africa on Feb. 13, and a [Gala on February 22](#). All members of the Black Caucus, along with other interested individuals, are encouraged to participate in this significant event.

Additionally, the UBUNTU event will take place on February 12, 2025, at the Neatby-Timlin Theatre (ARTS 241) at the University of Saskatchewan. Ticket sales close on February 5 and the event is open to everyone. [Tickets available on EventBrite.](#)

24-hour/7-days Mental Health Support for Graduate Students

The GSA encourages all graduate students to take care of their mental health. A graduate student can contact the GSA's 24-hour/7-day mental health support service, "[Empower Me](#)" covered under its Health and Dental Plan.

Dental Care Services at USask's College of Dentistry

The College of Dentistry Dental Education Clinic at the University of Saskatchewan offers dental care service packages to graduate students and their families at [discounted rates](#). The Dental Clinic will provide documents that students will be able to submit to the insurance company for reimbursement. Clinical hours during the academic year: Monday to Friday, 9:00–11:30 am and 1:30–4:30 pm. Please visit [dental education clinic](#) for more information about services and fees.

GSA Commons Offer

[GSA Commons](#) is located in the [Emmanuel & St. Chad Chapel at 1337 College Drive](#). GSA Commons offers a warm study environment with available computers for public use and free coffee and tea. If you have questions/concerns, please contact any of the GSA Executives via email:

- GSA President (gsa.pres@usask.ca)
- GSA VP Finance & Operations (gsa.fin@usask.ca)
- GSA VP Academic & Student Affairs (gsa.sa@usask.ca)
- GSA VP External (gsa.external@usask.ca)
- GSA VP Indigenous Engagement (gsa.indigenous@usask.ca)

We continue to work with the University to ensure your safety and encourage you to visit [the University's guidelines](#). Stay up-to-date with GSA Services and upcoming events in the GSA Commons by visiting the [GSA Website](#).

Questions about your health and dental, vision, or travel coverage benefits?

You can access the provider online at [Student Care](#) or by calling their Care Centre toll-free at 1-877-795-4428, Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Studentcare also maintains an on-campus office in Place Riel.

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