

To the CASCA board,

Over the past several months, the GSC has been hard at work integrating the new reality we face daily into our activities and resources for members. This has been a year of firsts for our community, and we have several novel activities planned for the upcoming year. In the following document, I will highlight the work we have been doing.

Graduate Student Highlights:

Since February 2020, the GSC had chosen one graduate student a month (with March's expectation when we chose two students). We highlight their work in approximately 300 words and one image on our social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter: handle casca_gsc). Additionally, we post their profile on our website dedicated to their achievements: [Graduate Student Highlights](#).

CANVAS Talks:

The GSC has obtained a standing monthly invitation to present at the CASCA CANVAS talks. After discussions with the organizers, we have agreed that the GSC will offer either one student an hour-long talk (including questions) or two students a 30-minute talk each (including questions). We have graduate student speakers lined up into the Spring of 2021.

COVID-19 Town Hall:

In order to address the ongoing pandemic, the GSC decided to hold a town hall in July for all graduate student members of CASCA. During this hour-long event, we discussed ways graduate students could help themselves, each other, and ask for help from supervisors.

Movember Event:

The GSC took place in Movember -- an organization/drive to support men's mental health. In addition to running an hour-long event on the subject, we had a team that secured nearly \$1000 in donations.

GSC Membership:

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