

“Back to School!”

To all first-year graduate students, best of luck with your first month of classes. To all returning students, welcome back! As the new semester gets underway, please take a few minutes to see some of the outstanding events that Loyola’s Graduate Student Organization has planned for September!

Thank you to those who have already completed our survey. We appreciate and value your input in planning this year’s events. For those of you who have not yet had a chance to take the survey, here is the link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013gsosurvey>

September Events:

Meet and Compete

Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

[Fitness and Aquatic Center](#) (FAC)

Loyola Evergreen Campus

Join your fellow graduate students at the GSO’s Fifth Annual “Meet and Compete: Graduate Friday at the FAC.” It’s the perfect opportunity to meet other graduate students from different programs. Dinner, parking, and friendly competition are all free! **Friends and family are welcome to attend, but registration is requested by Friday, Sept. 13 as space is limited.**

More information is available at

www.loyola.edu/gradfriday. Local happy hour to follow after conclusion of the event at [Zen West](#).

Collegetown’s Welcome to Baltimore Reception

Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, 4-7 p.m.

University of Maryland, Southern Management Corporation Campus Center Building

Cost: \$10

Loyola’s GSO is proud to sponsor Baltimore Collegetown Network’s Third Annual “[Welcome to Baltimore](#)” reception for graduate and professional students. Connect with local grad students and find out how to get involved in the Baltimore community. The event will feature Maryland-themed food and drinks (including local beer and wine), great networking opportunities, information about Baltimore resources, and Baltimore raffle prizes. **Register here:** <http://welcometobaltimore2013.eventbrite.com/>

The due date for registration is Monday, September 23. Email gso@loyola.edu if you are interested in carpooling for this event.

Looking for some deeper conversation?

Consider joining a faith-based discussion group:

Columbia Graduate Center, Wednesdays 7-8p.m.

Evergreen Campus, Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30p.m.

Koinonia (Coin-O-nee-ah) invites graduate students to build more meaningful relationships and a sense of community with people they may not have otherwise met, and participants are challenged both intellectually and spiritually. All are welcome from all faiths. For more information, email Koinonia@loyola.edu.



Looking Ahead:

See our website and Facebook page for updates on these events and more!

⇒ **Baltimore Running Festival Meet Up: October 12th**

Meet up with fellow grad student runners for a brief chat/group photo on race day morning at the Johnny Unitas Statue in front of Ravens Stadium. Join the GSO group on Facebook for further details as race day gets closer.

⇒ **Outdoor Adventure Experience: October 13th**

Come out an easy hike to enjoy the fall foliage at a Mid-October hike in Cromwell State Park just outside Baltimore.

⇒ **Relay for Life Bingo: October 18th**

Support GSO's Relay for Life Team by attending this lively annual bingo event held at the Timonium Campus.

⇒ **Graduate Student Night at Loyola Men's Soccer Game: October 30th**

Make use of your free graduate student ticket by watching the Hounds take on an in-conference rival. Then join the GSO for a post-game happy hour.

⇒ **Pre-Thanksgiving Cooking Lessons**

Stay tuned for information about this one because space will be extremely limited!

⇒ **Service Opportunity**

Participate/serve with the GSO and The Sixth Branch in a veteran-supported community project in the Oliver neighborhood of Baltimore.

⇒ **GSO Holiday Party: December 6th**

Mark your calendars for the Annual GSO Holiday Party!

About the GSO

All graduate students at Loyola are automatically members of the Graduate Student Organization, a student-run group focused on representing and addressing the needs of the graduate student body.

This year's GSO goals include:

- Promoting campus and community resources
- Increasing publicity of graduate student events and services
- Providing strategic, concise and streamlined information, and
- Incorporating inclusive events into the GSO programming.



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