Introductions and resolutions! NGP Stu(dent) Co(uncil) has a New Year’s resolution: a biweekly newsletter! Additionally, we had the Program Directors’ Meeting on 1/17 and will share the takeaways. Because this is our first newsletter, it may be a bit longer, but stick with us because it contains some excellent goodies below.

Takeaways from the Directors’ Meeting look like this. For example:

There is a very important meeting on March 6th at 11:30 am for students. It happens every 10 years for our accreditation. Please be there.

We are kicking off our first newsletter with an exciting introduction.

Neuroscience Program Master Doc

You can bookmark this link and keep it handy. StuCo will keep it updated with sign-ups, surveys, and other relevant links for the NGP so that it is all in one spot for you. Some highlights you’ll find on the sheet are highlighted on page 2.
The Neuroscience Program Events - There is a master calendar here and all WIP sign-ups, Journal Club sign-ups, and Seminar Speaker information.

JClub: We are kicking off our first JClub of the year with a guest speaker, Dr. Kimberly Peacock. She has a background in education research and will teach us how to present our data effectively. We also have one more slot for JClub later this semester, so sign up for a fun time! Let Takese or Ally know if you have questions.

WIP: If you are presenting this semester, please fill in your talk title. Also, please sign up to introduce a WIP student. Email Dr. Kartik with any questions.

Seminar Speakers: Dr. Ross was an incredible speaker and gave great advice. “Get away from your desk during lunch” was her last bit of advice before she left the Zoom call. Our next speaker is Dr. Kara Marshall on Feb. 13th.

Visitation sign-ups - Thank you to everyone who helped make the last visitation memorable for the interviewees! We couldn’t do it without you. We also got many compliments about how we matched (accidentally) with our program jackets, and we decided to make it an on-purpose thing. So if you signed up for events for the other three weekends, please try to wear your jackets. Speaking of signing up - **we still need people to sign up for upcoming visitation weekends, specifically the Friday afternoon events.**

Seek out students interested in neuroscience. If they are interested in your lab or niche of research, track them down and contact them. We may also set you up with students interested in your lab or niche. If you need contact information from the directors or StuCo, don’t hesitate to reach out.

We brainstormed ideas to increase attendance at program events. Amanda will be sending out reminders on Friday for the upcoming week’s events. Because this year’s speakers and rooms are booked, the time is difficult to move. However, we did note that later afternoon and a central location are preferred for next year. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on improving attendance for these events this year!

2023 Fall Retreat Survey - Fall Retreat planning is underway, and we received great feedback about the keynote and alums speakers being in similar fields from the Fall retreat. So, we would like to hear from the students and faculty about what neuroscience topics and speakers you would like to hear from for this upcoming Fall retreat.
Takese and Eyad for receiving the Dr. John J. Kopchick Fellowship
Jing for receiving the Student Futures Fellowships (and being a Kopchick finalist)
Meredith, Celso, Riya, and Natasha for receiving Fall Awards
Chrystine for being an excellent ring leader last week
Mitchell for passing his candidacy exam last week
Paula for failing to “foster” a cat… she adopted her <3

Did your friend or labmate go above and beyond? Did you get an award you want to highlight? **Fill out this form**, and we will highlight your snaps, big or small!

**snaps**

Miss Petunia, former foster cat

**social events**

Thank you to everyone who came rock climbing! We had so much fun and are still sore!

Did you know we have a monthly social at Valhalla on the last Friday of the month? Well, now you do! See y’all there this Friday (1/27) at 5:30 pm.