

Student Leaders

National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Student Leaders:

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School Psychology Awareness Week (SPAW)

During the 2014 School Psychology Awareness Week (SPAW), Nova Southeastern University's Graduate Association of School Psychology (GrASP) participated in several events to raise awareness and show appreciation. With this year's theme of gratitude, GrASP created t-shirts stating, "A moment of gratitude makes a difference in your attitude." These shirts were worn by school psychology students and faculty throughout the week to promote gratitude and school psychology awareness. Additionally, GrASP held a friendly pie the professors' competition throughout the week in the psychology building at NSU. Donations were collected by students and faculty by placing the donation in a jar assigned to the teacher in which the person wished to be pied. At the end of the week, the two professors with the greatest amount of



money were pied. Half of the donations were provided to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and the other half was given to GrASP for future events to promote school psychology awareness. Finally, the school psychology students of NSU all pitched in to create small gifts each day during the week as appreciation to the professors. GrASP continues to promote school psychology awareness throughout the year, and looks forward to SPAW every year!

Palm Beach Association of School Psychologists (PBASP) President-Elect:

Catherine Samuel-Barrett

Broward Association of School Psychologists (BASP) Vice President:

Bianca Srivastava

Graduate Association of School Psychology (GrASP)

GrASP is dedicated to educating, motivating, and providing opportunities to graduate psychology students to advance their understanding of the educational process and mental health needs of children and adolescents through research, advocacy, assessment.

GrASP extends membership to any interested graduate student affiliated with the Center for Psychological Studies at Nova Southeastern University.

GrASP Events

Fall 2014 – Winter 2015

August 2014

- GrASP members (Sully/Mylissa) attended Orientation and welcomed the new cohorts of PsyS and PsyD students.
- GrASP chair (Dana) begins serving as student ambassador to the Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP)

September

- 8/4 GrASP Meeting
- Scavenger Hunt sponsored by GrASP to kick off mentorship (organized by Tiara) and to welcome and orient the new students to the Maltz building

October

- 10/16 GrASP Meeting
- Autism Walk: GrASP members (organized by Jessica D.) participated in the walk for Autism Speaks, helping to raise over \$180 in the walk and bake sale.

November

- 11/13 GrASP Meeting
- Out of the Darkness Walk: During School Psychology Awareness week, GrASP members (organized by Jessica D.) hosted a contest open to all in the Center for Psychological Studies for donations to benefit suicide prevention. Students, faculty, and staff donated money to the professor they most wanted to see “pied.” Dr. Cash and Dr. Siev **tied and were pied**, earning \$72.25 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
- GrASP students (organized by Jessica D.) created baskets from each cohort; Students collected school supplies and manned the auction, helping to generate over \$3000 for the FASP Children’s Service Fund. Each year the auction has been coordinated by Dr. Valley-Gray from our NSU School Psychology Program.
- GrASP members made presentations to the Florida Association of School Psychologists’ conference in Sarasota, FL.

December

- 12/3 ice cream social for mentorship (organized by Tiara)
- 12/11 GrASP Meeting
- Adopted a family for the holidays/provided gifts and money (single Dad, twin girls in 1st grade) (organized by Alyssa)
- Sunday, 12/14 at 6 p.m. GrASP holiday party at Dr. Cash’s house

January

- GrASP was featured in the newsletter of the National Association of School Psychologists for their innovative activities during School Psychology Awareness Week (Jessica D. and Alyssa)
- 1/14 Internship talk sponsored by GrASP: students who had recently completed their internship or who are currently on internship came to talk to current students in the process of interviewing for internships. They shared advice and “if I had only know then what I know now...”
- Internship brochure created and distributed (Tiara)

February

- 2/10 GrASP Meeting
- 2/ 19 Past President of NASP Roast for Dr. Cash starring many GrASP members
- NSU alumni event at the NASP conference in Orlando
- Book Donation: GrASP members (organized by Mylissa) collected children's books from the NSU library and donated them to ChildNet.

March

- Advocacy training in Tallahassee March 15 – 17
- Mentorship Event: Climbing the Wall at the Rec Plex (organized by Tiara)
- March 26, 2015 Announcement of 2015 – 2016 officers
 - Chair: Mylissa Fraser
 - Chair Elect: Angela Garcia
 - Vice Chair: Alyssa Catuogno
 - Technology: Kelli Dari
 - Social and Professional Development: Riley Higgins and Melissa Koniver
 - Alumni Relations and Mentorship: Tiara Bland
 - Fundraising and Philanthropy: Dana Weiss
 - Public Policy: Davisha Scudder and Stephanie Wietrzychowski

April

- End-of-the-semester party honoring students going on internship

Orientation



Holiday Party

