To all incoming KSAS and WSE Graduate Students,

On behalf of the entire Graduate Representative Organization (GRO), congratulations on joining the incoming class of Blue Jays! Graduate life at Hopkins is a rich and rewarding experience that will shape your life for years to come. We welcome you to the campus and want to give you a little bit of information about the GRO and what we do. The GRO is the primary graduate student representative group on the Homewood campus and consists of two bodies: a General Council (GC) of representatives selected by each department on the Homewood campus and an Executive Board which is elected by the GC. Members of GRO act as liaisons between graduate students and the administration, host and support social events, and advocate for graduate student needs and concerns.

You are welcome to attend GRO General Council meetings! These meetings usually occur every other Monday at 6PM in the Levering Hall Great Hall with a hybrid Zoom option. More information on registering for the meetings will be sent out before the first meeting in September. Our GC meetings provide a forum for graduate students to discuss, formulate, and implement policies on any and all issues affecting their welfare. For more information about the GRO, we encourage you to check out our website and our social media pages. You can join the Facebook group JHU Homewood Incoming Graduate Students—2022/2023 and the GRO Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter pages @jhugro. We will be hosting orientation week welcome events for incoming students this fall which will be posted on social media and by email! Further questions on welcome events can be emailed ewiki16@jhu.edu or gro@jhu.edu.

If you have a unique academic problem, idea to improve campus, or an event you’d like to plan, contact us! If we can’t help you ourselves, we will find someone who can. Ultimately, we want to provide a sense of community for graduate students through the organization of social functions
and to support graduate students in need of assistance. Some of our most popular events and resources are:

- A weekly coffee hour
- A bi-weekly happy hour
- Off-campus and inter-campus events such as happy hours, game nights, inter-campus graduate formals, a summer sports league, etc.
- Monetary grants for graduate students traveling to conferences
- Funding for graduate student events and assisting with new graduate student group formation

With the COVID-19 pandemic, some of these events may be altered for the coming year, but we are committed to providing our graduate community with continued social programming and support, both virtually and in socially-distant settings.

We hope to see you at our events in the coming year(s)!

Sincerely,

Vinay & Michael

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Facebook group for Newly Admitted Homewood Graduate Students (2022-2023): https://www.facebook.com/groups/404466974996144/