The Graduate Student Association has had a great start to the semester. GSA reps have attended 22 graduate program orientations. We also held our own 3 day orientation which provided key resources and information to nearly 200 students. Through these efforts the GSA was able to collect basic data from those we encountered. These efforts are part of the GSA's plan not only to continue broadening its outreach to our entire constituency but also to capture data on who we interact with and serve. We collected basic data from all students through these orientations and will continue to do through our RGSO and advocacy programming so that we can develop a basic archive and start to form data-driven outreach and advocacy strategies.

The GSA is also finalizing its yearly strategic plans which seek to continue many of our key initiatives from years past while also paving the way for our growth on the state and national stage.

We will be developing a Recognized Graduate Student Organization (RGSO) focused primarily on our legislative efforts at the federal level with the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) and at the state level with the SUNY Student Assembly.

We are making concerted efforts to re-imagine the culture of our Assembly to make it more collaborative, respectful, based on the principles of permaculture and integrated with a critical understanding of shared governance.

We have also piloted a new position called the Public Relations Director who will not only manage information flow but focus on maintaining meaningful relationships with all of our key partners both on and off campus.

This year the GSA has already enjoyed unprecedented energy from our student body. We intend to capture these energies and become a model of graduate student government and advocacy. Even more importantly, we will not let these years of positive and productive energy go to waste without developing critical strategies to sustain our progress for years to come.

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