



# The Graduate School at GCSU

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## Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week

April 13 – 17, 2026

Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week celebrates the contributions of graduate students in supporting the mission of Georgia College & State University and The Graduate School, raising awareness of graduate students' efforts in teaching, research, and service to the university.

GPSA 2026 Week Events	Date & Time
<p><b>Breakfast on the Porch for Graduate &amp; Professional Students</b></p> <p>Join us for a drop-in breakfast on the Parks Hall front porch in celebration of Graduate &amp; Professional Student Appreciation Week 2026! Stop by anytime between 8:30 am – 10:30 am to enjoy a free breakfast sandwich and coffee (while supplies last), connect with fellow graduate students and staff before or after class. We look forward to celebrating you! For graduate students only.</p>	<p>April 13, 2026 8:30 am - 10:30 am</p> <p>Location: Parks Hall Front Porch</p>
<p><b>Graduate Connect at Noon – Virtual Chat</b></p> <p>Need a break from studying or working? Grab your lunch and join The Graduate School for Graduate Student Connect at Noon! Virtually meet and mingle with fellow GCSU graduate students and staff. Register <a href="#">here</a> to attend.</p> <p>The Microsoft Teams link will be provided in the confirmation email.</p>	<p>April 14, 2026 12/Noon - 12:50 pm</p> <p>Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams</p>
<p><b>Research Day 2026</b></p> <p>Research Day is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students and faculty to showcase their research endeavors to the campus community. The event features numerous examples of scholarly research and creative expression. Thirty-four GCSU graduate students enrolled in Athletic Training, Biology, Creative Writing, Curriculum &amp; Instruction, English, Health and Human Performance, Management Information System, Music Education, Nursing/DNP, and Special Education programs will present evidence of their involvement in research or creative endeavors.</p> <p>The Graduate Research Showcase of past and current graduate student research projects is available for viewing digitally through the institutional repository, the <a href="#">Knowledge Box</a>.</p> <p>The <b>Research Day Kickoff Keynote Address &amp; Saladin Scholars Award Ceremony</b> is Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm followed by a Dessert Reception at 8:00 pm.</p>	<p>April 14-15, 2026</p> <p>GCSU Main Campus</p> <p>Visit the <a href="#">Research Day</a> webpage for the event schedule and locations.</p> <p>Location: Magnolia Ballroom</p>

## The Graduate School's Annual Spring Reception

The Graduate School hosts an annual spring reception to honor Georgia College & State University's graduate students' achievements in research and service to the campus community. Recipients of Graduate Research Travel Grant Awards and graduate student participants in Research Day 2026 are recognized.

Dr. Mandy Jarriel  
Interim Associate Provost of Academic Affairs  
Director of The Graduate School  
Georgia College & State University

April 16, 2026

Pat Peterson  
Education Room  
Library  
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

## Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week Giveaway

Enter for a chance to win The Graduate School's Bobcat Prize Pack of GCSU swag. Four winners will be randomly selected and announced at The Graduate School's Annual Spring Reception on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

- Entry frequency: One time per person.
- **Bonus entry:** Follow us on LinkedIn and/or Facebook and like and comment on the GCSU Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week post to earn an extra entry and increase your chance of winning.
- Eligibility: For currently enrolled GCSU campus-based and online graduate students.

Winners do not have to be present to win. Winners will be notified by email.

Contest opens April 13, 2026 and ends April 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm. Enter [here](#) for your chance to win!

Contest Period  
April 13– 15, 2026

Deadline to enter:  
April 15, 2026, 11:59 pm

