Student Leaders Create Organizational Sciences Student Organization

In February 2012, a group of graduate students founded the Organizational Sciences Student Association (OSSA) to connect students from across the degree programs housed within the Department of Organizational Sciences and Communication. The organization’s founders seek to foster communication between students, establish connections with alumni, form social, academic, and professional networks, and support one another through their respective courses of study. Since its founding, OSSA has gained over 60 members and it continues to grow! Although the organization was started by graduate students, it seeks to include students of all academic levels and has leadership opportunities for undergraduate students and graduate students alike; the organization recently named an undergraduate student to the governing board.

To fulfill the aim of promoting academic achievement, OSSA offers free tutoring not only to members, but to the GWU community at large. Additionally, the organization hosts events that give students the opportunity to network with alumni and potential employers. The organization is also developing plans to provide students with new ways to learn about their field outside of the classroom through trips, seminars, and talks. OSSA’s members aim to raise awareness on campus not just about their organization, but about the field of organizational sciences.

In the future, OSSA plans to improve its ability to provide peer-to-peer academic support by expanding the tutoring program. The organization is working with other GW student organizations toward hosting joint events, and the leadership has expressed interest in working with other colleges in the DC Metro area. Although OSSA is still a young organization, it is active and thriving! Going forward, OSSA’s leaders hope to expand their operations and to attract participation from more students within the department.

Interested in joining OSSA? Email GW.OSSA@gmail.com!