

**January Full Council Meeting Highlights**

- Update on Chittenden: have been refurbishing the wall details and doors, completing the basement renovation, updating the steam tunnels. Visit http://brad.msu.edu/ for updates on the hall and renovation.
- Vote to endorse the Law Student Rights & Responsibilities (LSRR)
- Dr. Billink nominated for the position of Vice President for Internal Affairs Election and approved by council.
- February 12th 5 to 8pm, Old Town, $10 ticket for Old Town Chocolate Walk.
- Tigers Game on Sunday, April 6 $15 with bus
- Spring 2014 Conference Grants and Professional Development Grants programs funded 44 grants.
- Health recommendations: increased services provided by MSU health and counseling. COGS partner with Student Life and Wellness, Wellness calendar events, determining what affects health, survey on mental health, and aid graduate students by learning more about how grad students feel.

**COGS Disciplinary Leadership Award Winners**

- **Jenna Smith** is a fifth year doctoral candidate in physics who demonstrates both academic and service leadership. In 2012, she was honored with the award for her leadership and outstanding service to the SETAC Ohio Valley Chapter (SETAC OVC). Being a recipient of the Leadership Endowment Award has helped her realize that her efforts are making a difference and encourages Armstrong to continue his aspiration of becoming a better leader.

- **Christine O’Brien** was ecstatic to discover that she had been selected for this award and immediately contacted her advisor Dr. Billink to share the good news. O’Brien said this award was astonishingly generous and will serve to alleviate the financial burden of her fourth year of medical school. “It will more easily enable me to pursue my goal of becoming a pediatric ophthalmologist,” said O’Brien.

- **Nicolas Fletcher** is a fifth year doctoral candidate in physics who demonstrates both academic and service leadership. His academic leadership led her to attend the 2012 Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting focused on physics. There she attended a week of lectures by and discussions with Nobel Laureates. As a service leader, she has worked with the Society of Physics Students to inspire curiosity in others. Specifically, she served as the student co-chair of the organizing committee for PhysCon, the largest meeting for physics undergraduates.

- **Brandon Armstrong** has actively sought opportunities that not only develop my leadership abilities but have also helped foster collaborations with other leaders in my field. For the last year Armstrong has served as a student representative for the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America Student Advisory Council (SETAC NASAC) and also the SETAC Ohio Valley Chapter (SETAC OVC). Being a recipient of the Leadership Endowment Award has helped him realize that his efforts are making a difference and encourages Armstrong to continue his aspiration of becoming a better leader.

- **Kristin Moschetti** pursued her Master of Public Health degree in Health Education and Promotion at the University of Southern California (USC). Upon graduation, she completed research on Alzheimer’s Disease related mortality and also worked as a public health with the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. She began medical school at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University in August 2012.

- **Michael Johnson** received a bachelor of Science in Social Health, Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology from Michigan State University’s Lyman Briggs College. During medical school, Johnson served in many local, state, and national leadership positions in the American Medical Association and Michigan State Medical Society. In these roles, he has organized numerous charity, volunteer, and health policy events. At Michigan State University, he served as a candidate interviewer and taught other medical students as an anatomy and suturing instructor. Johnson has also given lectures to medical students at local and national conferences on various health policy topics.

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