

A Message from the KGSA

The Kinesiology Graduate Student Association (KGSA) would like to welcome back all faculty, staff, and students to the winter semester. We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday!

Recap of Fall 2020

In Fall 2020, the KGSA launched its Mentorship program for first-year students to connect with current graduate students. We also hosted numerous events such as reverse trick-or-treating, a pumpkin carving contest, Netflix parties, and a Euchre tournament through our discord channel.



Winning pumpkins from carving contest

Our biggest event in Fall 2020 occurred near the end of the term, which was the annual KGSA Holiday Party and raffle! The party was a huge success, with such a great turnout of faculty, staff, and students. We would like to give a special thank you to Dan Viggiani and Jeff Barrett for their incredible trivia hosting skills! Thanks to everyone's generosity, a total of \$2100 was raised from the raffle ticket purchases at the holiday party and all proceeds were donated to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. Thank you to everyone who attended! You can find a video highlighting our faculty, staff, and students' holiday cheer on the [**KGSA**](#)



[**Website**](#). This event was also accompanied by a Good Deeds Campaign, where the KGSA encouraged everyone to

perform random acts of kindness or do anything that would put a smile on other's faces. You can recap the good deeds event in this [**video**](#).

Upcoming events in Winter 2021

This term, we will be shifting our focus to host larger monthly social events. Based on the responses from our recent survey, the socials will be held on the **last Thursday of each month** from **7-9 pm**. The first social will be **Cook and Dine with the KGSA** on **Thursday, January 28th** beginning at **7 pm**. Students, keep an eye on your email for more details on this event as those who register in advance will receive a \$20 gift card to cover the cost of the ingredients! All participants will be led through detailed instructions to make a dinner dish composed by KGSA's own... Kalsha De Silva! Future events will be announced via email... stay tuned!



Additional Information

The transition to working from home can be tough and expensive. This is why the University of Waterloo has launched an Academic Readiness Bursary (ARB) and will be accepting applications until **January 30, 2021**. This funding is available to all graduate students and can provide up to maximum compensation of \$500 for expenses related to working from home. More information on eligibility and acceptable expenses can be found on the [**ARB website**](#).



Other important news for graduate students is exploring the interest in unionization. If you would like to learn more on this initiative, you can find more information on the [**Organize uWaterloo website**](#).