

Ways to Get Involved

SPA students know the importance of being involved in the AU community and larger DC area! The GSC has put together some resources to help students become more involved.

The SPA Grad Student Listserv

Did you know that SPA Graduate students have a special listserv for their own interests? The SPA Grad Listserv sends out information about events, employment opportunities, and other goings on that may be of particular interest to SPA grad students. In addition, the SPA GSC has a weekly bulletin highlighting events of interest to SPA grad students, including Happy Hours, outings, and more!

To get on the SPA Grad Listserv:

Send an email to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.AMERICAN.EDU with the command (paste it!) in the e-mail message body:

SUBSCRIBE SPAGRAD

For more information on the different listservs for the AU community, please visit:
<http://www.lsoft.com/scripts/wl.exe?XH=LISTSERV.AMERICAN.EDU>

For more information about the GSC Weekly Bulletin, or to suggest an event, please contact Annaliese Johnson at auspagradcouncil@gmail.com

The SPA Buddy Program

The SPA Graduate Student Council is excited to announce the SPA Buddy Program. A buddy is a fellow student who provides advice and guidance on the different aspects of being a graduate student at American University, School of Public Affairs. A Buddy can also be a "sounding board" who offers encouragement as the new student acclimates to SPA's culture and academic environment.

A successful Buddy is a student who fully understands SPA's culture and environment (has been at SPA for at least one year) and wants to be a Buddy. The GSC Executive Board will pair incoming first year students with Buddies based on selection criteria and shared interests. Additional criteria for becoming a Second Year Buddy include:

- Has time to be accessible and available to the student.
- Is familiar with student's program and area of study.
- Is a solid performer.
- Has strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Exemplifies SPA's values.
- Demonstrates patience and empathy.
- Is well regarded and trusted by others.

Applications and nominations for the Fall 2018 semester have closed. Please contact Lauren Ricci at lr0240a@american.edu with questions you may have.

Places AU Students Love to Volunteer

The Market, American University:

<https://www.american.edu/ocl/The-Market.cfm>

Thrive DC

<https://www.thrivedc.org/>

DC Public Libraries:

<https://www.dclibrary.org/volunteer>

A Wider Circle:

<http://awidercircle.org/>

National Park Service:

https://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/volunteer.htm#results_title_skip3

Capital Area Food Bank:

<https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/>

To add your favorite place to volunteer, email us at auspagradcouncil@gmail.com