SPRING ‘16 WRAP-UP

Workshops for everyone!

During the Spring 2016 semester, the GSO switched focus from many one-hour long brown bags to more detailed three-hour workshops. These afternoon events included a variety of professors, all offering their expertise. We began the semester with a grant writing workshop featuring Dr. King and Maegan McKerrow. In February, we learned the ins and outs of publishing from Dr. C. Franklin, Dr. Zhao, and Dr. Jones. In March, we successfully acquired funding from graduate studies to host an all day statistics workshop with both student and faculty speakers. Meghan Mitchell was instrumental in putting this event together and we couldn’t have done it without her. Lastly, we were lucky enough to have EIGHT speakers for an applied research workshop with round table discussions on working with agencies in policing, corrections, and victim services.

More Walk-a-Mile and Bake Sale Success in 2016

Once again, the GSO organized a successful Valentine’s Day bake sale with products flying off the table faster than ever before. Due to our quality treats and exceptional bakers we were able to sell goods ranging from $2-6, raising over $700 in two days. This money was used to provide two $200 scholarships to deserving graduate students (Alicia Jurek and Amanda Goodson) to assist with ACJS expenses. The other portion of these profits funded our awesome end-of-year party at B-52 brewery in Conroe. We had a great time and saw some tough faculty/student competition in many of the games.

Lastly, the biggest GSO event of the year, Walk-a-Mile in Her Shoes, took place on April 19th. This event was partly funded by a restaurant night at Yummy Yummy in Huntsville. The marketing of this restaurant event by GSO and LAE led to a very successful event and one of the busiest nights the restaurant has ever seen. The actual event had more participants than last year with over 300 people walking and listening to the wonderful speakers.

Out with old(ish) and in with the new!

It has been a very successful year for the GSO and we are sure that the new officers: Eric, TriKeah, Kayla, and Amanda, will make us proud in the upcoming year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our incoming graduate students. Mentors and mentees: Don’t forget to reach out to each other over the summer and plan to attend the BBQ together. We’ll see you in August!

Meghan Mitchell and Ashley Fansher traveled to Hangzhou, China to teach policing students who will be attending SHSU in the Fall.