October 3rd meeting

Announcements:
• There was no GRE speaker available for this meeting but CASNA and the psychology club are going to host a GRE meeting at the beginning of November so look out for that!
• There is now a points system that will track NSSLHA members’ attendance, volunteering, etc. and when you reach 6 points you qualify for the NSSLHA lapel pin!
• There will be an email coming soon about homecoming and harvest carnival volunteer opportunities!

Chelsea (A&S Career Services):
• There is a PDF of the grad school information packet on the A&S website with a checklist and information about applications, resumes, personal statements, and pretty much anything else you would need to know about the grad school process
  o It includes information on what all is needed to obtain recommendation letters as well as guides for personal letters
    ▪ For personal letters, start with the letter for which the University provided the most instruction and then modify from there for all of the other letters
• Some grad schools use a system similar to the Common App, so if you are applying under that system it may be beneficial to see what other schools you could apply to as well with that same application
• Get a manila folder for each school you are applying to and keep everything together in the folder with the respective deadline written on the front.
• Hireosugrads.com lets you take practice GRE exams
  o Take it at a time and in a condition most similar to how you will actually be taking the real test

Abby (Graduate Advisor):
• Start building relationships with professors, participate in research, volunteer, get involved with NSSLHA
  o Building your resume is crucial as well as maintaining good grades
• Study for and take the GRE in the summer before senior year that way you have time to keep studying and take it again if need be
• 3 letters of recommendation from professors are needed for applying to grad school
  o 2 of the professors must be within the department
• Begin thinking about who you would want to write your letter and go meet with them
  o DON’T bring your recommendation letter packet with you on the first meeting, find out if they are willing first. However, you should have it brought to them by December 1st so they have time to write it over Christmas break
    ▪ When you do bring them the packet it must include your name, where it should be sent, and the deadline on the front
Inside it should include a photo of you, personal letter to the professor telling them a little more about you, include the deadline again, the waiver that lets them send personal information about you, resume, personal statement, and your transcript

Include or follow up with a thank you note

Applications are generally due from December to March so think about that!
  - OSU’s deadline for application is January 15th, after that you can be offered an interview, if you are accepted you have until April 15th to decide
  - If you don’t initially hear back there is still a chance that you could later on

There are 14 GTA positions offered, which are extended to the top 14 on the list of grad students
  - With that you get a tuition waiver, ten-hour stipend, health benefits, etc.

There is a 3.4 minimum GPA, but 3.9 was the average last year

The GRE score that is recommended is a 296, with a 153 verbal and a 3.5 written

In your written statement, it is important to include past experiences, what led you to the field, reason for any bumps on the transcript, and any other information unique to you

OSU’s grad program is 5 semesters: fall, spring, summer, fall, spring
  - You also have the opportunity to jumpstart the summer before you would have started in the fall
    - You get two clients that carry on into the fall, which means you have one less in the fall (a lighter load)
  - You do in house practicum at 3 “on campus” locations in the first year
  - In the second year, you take 8 weeks of classes and then do 8 weeks of an off-campus externship
    - You are required to work with in one child setting and one adult setting

Graduate Students:

- Take your classes seriously now because it all builds on each other into grad school
- Do senior clinician if you are able
- Take the GRE early
  - Take as many practice exams as possible!!
- Maintain and stay on top of your deadlines
  - DO NOT get them mixed up for different universities
- Once you are in grad school you can take the thesis or the comps option
  - Comps are tests about comprehensive knowledge
  - Thesis is a written report of research on a particular area of interest
- Get applications in as early as possible in case something goes wrong so that you would have time to fix it
- Using the Kaplan book to study for the GRE is very helpful
  - ½ price books has some for very cheap
  - NSSLHA has about 10 GRE prep books you can check out