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## Graduate Center Newsletter

*A resource for professional development and interdisciplinary engagement*

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### Message from the Dean

Welcome to the Graduate Center's inaugural newsletter!

Supporting the academic and service mission of the Graduate College, the Center is a resource for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. Our programs and partnerships across campus are designed to help you develop inclusive leadership skills and collaborative opportunities. We assist your academic units by providing professional development that increases your success both within and beyond the Academy. The Graduate Center fosters interdisciplinary engagement with diverse communities; we support you as you prepare to address society's grand challenges and to shape a changing world.



Andrew Carnie  
Dean, Graduate College



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### Off like a rocket!

University Fellow Sarah Sutton was recently in Florida to witness the launch of the OSIRIS-REx mission to the asteroid Bennu. The images she creates from the data the probe sends back when it reaches its

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atoroid, so it can collect a sample to bring back to Earth. [She talks with Tony Hill Brooks](#) about how an artist ended up in Planetary Science, the power of math, mentoring, collaboration and much more.

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## University Fellows Donation Drive Builds Communities

On Sunday, October 2, University Fellows of the 2016 Cohort wound up the Fellows' Fall Donation Drive by distributing over 300 pounds of donations collected from across the UA community to the homeless at WORKshop's weekly Brunch for the homeless. [Read the story](#) at the Graduate Center Website.

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## Managing Debt and Budgeting for Success

“One day a new runner showed up for our Friday dawn run. He was a medical specialist entering the retirement phase of his career. When he found out I was a financial advisor, he said that he had little understanding or patience for finance, but over his career, he’d made sure that each month he spent a little less than he had put in his bank account. I told him that he’d taught himself the most fundamental advice a financial advisor can give: spend less than you earn.” That’s how Laura Walton, Executive Director of the TCI Foundation, opened the UA Graduate Center and TCI Foundation co-hosted seminar, Managing Debt and Budgeting for Success, on October 27, 2016, in the Student Union. To read the article



## Survive and Thrive by Enhancing Your Writing Skills

From grant proposals and everyday emails, to papers for class or publication, to your dissertation or first monograph, good writing skills are a “must have” for every graduate student. Effective communication is key to success both in and outside academe. Whether your projected career is in industry, business, government, education, the nonprofit sector, or virtually any other branch of the labor force, employers attach a premium to strong writing skills. The UA offers graduate students and postdoctoral scholars a cornucopia of resources for improving your writing. [Here are just a few.](#)

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## Upcoming Events for Graduate Students & Postdocs

### Tuesday, November 29

2:00pm: [Think Tank: Rediscovering Your Motivation for Graduate School](#)

### Thursday, December 1

9:00am: [Graduate Writing Oasis](#) at the Office of Student Engagement in the Student Union

### Tuesday, December 6

9:30am: [OFCE Inter-American Foundation Fellowship Info Session](#)

### Wednesday, December 7

12:00pm: [Graduate Writing Oasis](#) at the Writing Skills Improvement Program office

### Tuesday, December 15

2:00pm: [Graduate Writing Oasis](#) at the UA Poetry Center

### Monday, February 13, 2017

3:00pm: [Education and Nonprofit Career Fair](#)

For a full calendar of events related to professional development opportunities, visit the [Graduate Center calendar](#).

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