

## Gabriel Moore: GSG Exec – Special Events Officer



Hey y'all! My name is Gabriel Moore, a 4th year in the Molecular Biology department, and I am excited by the prospect to serve as Special Events Officer for the Graduate Student Government. I've seen how silos can form by department and geographic location on campus, preventing crosstalk between the spaces we occupy both professionally and socially. With graduate studies being one of the most difficult challenges in our career trajectories, we should have plenty of fun, accessible, and inclusive spaces that facilitate dialogue and connection through our work and mutual interests.

As the current GSG Social Officer, I've had the opportunity to create and reinforce spaces like this over the past year. Some of the programming I've accomplished in this position include the musical Frist Summer BBQs, the joint graduate student /post-doc happy hours at Ivy Inn, GSG Furniture Drive, and making campus club an even more graduate student-centric space. While I've loved all of these programs and hope to see them expand even further, my passion

has always centered on larger-scale parties. For example, I currently organize the bi-annual Q Bar event, where we bring drag/cosplay performers from the tri-state area and turn the Debasement Bar into a celebration of all genders, sexual orientations, and identities. This has become one of the largest D Bar events (second only to Glow Party) with rave reviews every year! Being on the GSG Executive Board this past year has also allowed me the opportunity to lend a hand to GSG's current special events, giving me an inside look into what the position entails.

I envision my role as Special Events Officer to continue and improve upon the excellent parties that fall under this position. In particular, I would love to elevate our most popular party - Wine and Cheese - even further by finding a space that reflects the classiness of the attendees and an open floor plan that's optimal for mixing and mingling. Additionally, I want to use these large scale gatherings as a space for activism, advocacy, and outreach. For example, we included a voter registration drive at the Fall Mixer to ensure eligible students could perform one of our core civic duties. It'd be great to do similar programming at all of the parties, partnering with other student groups. Special Events Officer would be the best position to continue my ongoing commitment to a thriving social scene at Princeton.