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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL LEADS GradsHaveDebt2 NATIONAL CALL-CONGRESS DAY

[Columbia, Missouri] –The University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council (GPC) will host a National Call-Congress event on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 in MU Student Center (Room 2206C) from 9am-4pm. As a part of the national GradsHaveDebt2 campaign, graduate and professional students at The University of Missouri will join fellow students around the nation to call federal lawmakers about their staggering debt burden, the interest rate inequality facing postgraduate students, and to urge them to stop profiting off students.

GPC and the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) launched the campaign in 2013 in response to legislations that increases the financial burdens on students pursuing post-baccalaureate degrees. This event continues a series of local, regional, and national events. Within the last year, students across the country made over 1,500 phone calls and contacted roughly 1/2 of Congress, urging legislators to act on postgraduate student loan inequity.

GradsHaveDebt2 is one of GPC's most notable successes. The campaign gives postgraduate students a voice in student loan conversations by educating legislators and the public about postgraduate student debt, the interest rate inequality, and the government's profits off students.

National Call-Congress Day will allow graduate and professional students at the University of Missouri to express concerns, share stories of personal impact, and urge Congressional action on student loan inequality. The campaign urges Members of Congress to:

Reunify the undergraduate and graduate rates to reverse the current inequalities and
Reinstate the in-school interest subsidy for graduate-professional students.

Further information is available at [Facebook.com/GradsHaveDebt2](https://www.facebook.com/GradsHaveDebt2), including personal accounts from students at the University of Missouri and across the country discussing their struggles with postgraduate student debt.

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Founded in 1983, the Graduate Professional Council (GPC) is the official student government for all graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate, and post-doctoral students at the University of Missouri.

Founded in 1987, the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) is a volunteer, student-run, national non-profit organization representing more than 600,000 graduate and professional students at over 90 institutions across the United States. NAGPS sustains a member network that connects graduate and professional students; shares resources; provides benefits and training; and advocates at the state, regional and national level to give a voice to all graduate and professional students.

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