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### **NAGPS Joint Regional Conference: Midwest and Southcentral Regions Hosted by GPC, at the University of Missouri**

#### **Columbia, Missouri –**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> the University of Missouri's Graduate Professional Conference (GPC) will host the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) Joint Midwest and Southcentral Regional Conference.

This year's theme is "*Advocacy 101: Successful Advocacy Efforts*" and will feature the new NAGPS National Advocacy platform. It will also highlight various national campaigns and policy issues that affect graduate and professional students, such as the GradsHaveDebt2 campaign that was created and is run by MU graduate student, Jesse Kremenak.

Graduate and professional students will attend the conference from NAGPS member institutions. The conference will be an opportunity for graduate and professional student governments from around the U.S. to share practices that aid students and affect campus policies.

A business meeting will also be held where new national board officials are elected and changes in governing documents are approved. Further information on the conference can be found by visiting, <http://nagps.org/events/2016-nagps-southcentral-regional-conference/>.

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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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