The NUSGA Cabinet has been working diligently toward another successful school year at Niagara University! Student Advocacy projects include the Purple Pride Task Force which was created behind the idea of “Purpling” NU! Come the Spring Semester look around campus and you’ll notice some improvements including a new Clubs & Organizations Office layout and a decorated pool in Kiernan. We hope that you are enjoying the festive holiday decorations spread throughout campus as a part of the Purple Pride Task Force.

As a part of the Vincentian Mission, NUSGA realizes that it is very important to give back to its local community. In recent weeks you may have participated in the “Letters to Santa” campaign for the Make-A-Wish Foundation or bought an ornament to benefit the Adopt-A-Family project sponsored by Campus Ministry. We want to thank you all for your support and aid to the local community!

NUSGA started off the semester with SNL comedian Jay Pharoah, we hope you enjoyed! The Men’s Basketball season opened up with a thrilling victory over visiting UB along with tailgate festivities that brought both alumni and current students together to celebrate Purple Eagle Pride. Students danced the night away at the 8th Annual University Ball in Kiernan.

A Preview of What’s to Come:

Be on the lookout for information on the next Free Movie Night held at Four Seasons Cinemas! Tickets sold out quick in October, so be sure to get tickets fast!

You voted and we listened! Planning for the Spring Concert is underway after hearing your suggestions on the NUSGA Web Poll. Topping the list of most voted genres was Country, followed by Hip-Hop and a close third was Pop. We are looking into different options of which artists are available for the date of the concert. Look for more information to follow!
Class of 2014

Senior Year is here, class of 2014 Graduation is just around the corner! Here are a few updates about what we have been up to!

This semester we took a trip to Becker Farms for a beer and wine tasting event, and raised over $500 for a donation at our Ugly Sweater Party! We will also be participating in a Tim-bit Tuesday on December 17, to provide a little treat during the chaos of exams.

Although you may not be able to see behind the scenes, a major portion of this semester has also been planning. Recently, we have been looking into other options to bring our senior class together, including events for senior week! We have many ideas to make this possible, and really look forward to enjoying our last semester here at Niagara together!

Class of 2015

Our big event for this semester was our annual trip to NYC. We took two buses, totaling 110 students, down to NYC the week before thanksgiving break. It was a great time and the students who went enjoyed themselves very much. We are looking to do the trip again next year!

So far this year the NUSGA Class of 2015 has put on a Tim-bit Tuesday for all students during mid-term week. The event was very well liked by the students. Because of the positive response, we will be doing a similar event in the library during finals week. We have also participated in the breast cancer walk in Buffalo. We walked along with other NU students to support a great cause. The delegation is also doing Adopt a Family through campus ministry. We have raised $222 dollars and look forward to purchasing the gifts for the family. Also, to benefit more students on campus, we will be buying bleachers and team benches for the Kiernan Center.
The Sophomore Delegation has had a busy semester! We want to thank everyone who supported our events. We sponsored "Sophomore Night" at the NU vs. Army hockey game, which was a lot of fun! The Tim Hortons giveaway and Gally-Gold raffle in support of registration week. For relaxation week, we are sponsoring a "Moonlit Breakfast" on Sunday, December 15th at 10pm to help prepare everyone for their final exams. We have raised money and purchased Christmas presents for a local family of four under the Adopt-A-Family program! We are currently looking into some campus improvements, including updates to our Blue Light campus security system. Also, we donated money in support of the new Christmas decorations in the Gacioch Center (admissions building). Members of our delegation have been working on a proposal for parking on campus, reviewing and adjusting budget rules for clubs and organizations, and updating our campus with other "Purple Pride" Improvements.

Members of the Sophomore delegation are looking forward to all of the activities and advocating we will be bringing to Niagara next semester! Two activities that we are currently planning include a bus trip to Washington, D.C., and a bus trip to Lasertron: Interactive Entertainment Center. We are also looking into a way to raise money to donate to a local charity! We will be doing more things on campus next semester and would love to hear any suggestions! Shoot us an email at Classof2016@niagara.edu!

The Class of 2017 is trying to get stone pathways put in around campus. We believe some high volume areas on campus can benefit from this improvement. Our first step was to meet with the NU's "Map Team" to explain to them what we would like to do, the Map Team loved the idea. Our next step in this process is to print off a map of campus and decide where we would like to see the stone pathways put in. We are excited to continue to work with the team and finish out this project.

The Class of 2017 largest program so far has been our Freshmen Night at the men's basketball game on December 6. We ordered 170 T-shirts and offered them to the first 170 freshmen who came to the door. We had a Spin-the-wheel game where we gave out raffle tickets and candy as prizes. We sold raffle tickets and gave out four prizes; 1 $50 visa gift card, 2 $25 visa gift cards, and some NU apparel. We sold the raffle tickets to raise money for our Adopt-A-Family project. The Adopt-A-Family is where the NUSGA Freshmen Delegation "adopts" a family from Niagara Falls area and buys gifts for them for Christmas. This year we will buy gifts for two children and their mother.
December Student Spotlight: Nicole Maciejewski

Major: A.E.P.
Graduation Date: May 2016
Hometown: Cheektowaga, NY

Each month, one student is randomly selected to be in the Student Spotlight for the Purple Pulse. For the month of December we got a chance to catch up with Nicole Maciejewski, who is actively involved in campus activities and clubs including Women’s Club Volleyball, Phi Sigma Sigma, Eagle Leadership, NUSGA, and Summer Orientation.

If you ever see Nicole around campus, chances are she will have her cell phone, school ID, a scarf and beanie with her. If she’s not in her room sleeping or in the library studying, you could probably find her at her favorite hangout spot on campus which is the front lawn of St. Vincent’s Hall. Nicole loves the view and peaceful atmosphere that the area has to offer.

In her free time, Nicole volunteers with the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. She is very passionate about the institute’s cause. Another topic that she has become passionate and eager to learn about since enrolling at Niagara is American Sign Language (ASL). Maciejewski claims that “learning a new language like ASL brings joy to me - so much that I have decided to minor in this area of study.” She credits much of her passion to ASL Professor DiGaudio. “Professor DiGaudio’s sense of humor and talent really interest me in sign language” Nicole said.

Nicole stated that the programing opportunities and activities that NU offers are something that all students should partake in. “Recently I went on the New York City Trip sponsored by the Class of 2016. It was really fun because I was able to make memories in New York with all of my best friends. The Build-A-Bear and White Board Giveaways in Lower Level Gallagher are always fun too. I will take the memories that I have made from such activities and be able to share with friends and family in the future. These are the small things that make NU such a great experience [along with the student to faculty ratio, friendly people, and beautiful campus].

When asked about any final thoughts or additional comments, Nicole left us with a quote: “Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.”