



## GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (APPLICATION)

MAY 2021 - MAY 2022

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

**Candidate Name:** **Patrina Allen**

**College/School:** **Dental Medicine**

**Department:** **Dental Medicine**

**Elected Position of Interest:** **Secretary**

*The GPSA supports graduate and professional students' academic endeavors. Providing an environment conducive to student scholarship, research, and overall success is our primary goal. The GPSA strives to engender a sense of community among the graduate and professional students by offering financial support and fellowship.*

*The GPSA Council meets the first Monday of each month with the exception of January and holidays. All GPSA Council meetings are open to the public.*

*The Graduate & Professional Student Association is the student government for all currently enrolled graduate and professional students at UNLV. The GPSA is managed by the GPSA Council consisting of four elected officers and department-appointed representatives, and the GPSA Manager (administrative faculty). The four elected officers are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary which constitute the Executive Board. The GPSA represents UNLV graduate and professional students at meetings of the Board of Regents, Nevada Student Alliance, and on campus-wide committees.*

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**Voting will begin on April 5, 2021 at 3:30pm and close April 9, 2021 at 11:59pm.**

Each candidate is expected to make a speech to the GPSA Council at the meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 2:00pm. The meeting will take place virtually in the GPSA's WebEx Personal Meeting Room: <https://unlv.webex.com/meet/gpsa>. The voting results will be announced and posted by Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Contact the GPSA at [gpsa@unlv.edu](mailto:gpsa@unlv.edu) or 702-895-2261 with questions.

### **Please explain why you are interested in serving in this position:**

It is in my nature to help people, and opportunities to do so also help me grow as a person. As a returning student, I made a promise to myself that this time around I would become more involved in campus activities. While I am very active in the dental school, there is very little interaction between the graduate students on the Shadow Lane Campus (where the dental and medical schools are located) and Main Campus. My hope is that as the secretary I can help bridge that gap. Being an African American woman I know firsthand how much representation matters. I believe that being the secretary will allow me to reach more people and share my passions with them, be it dentistry or bettering themselves through higher education.



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**Please list any relevant experience/qualifications for the position:  
(GPSA experience, student government, extracurricular activities, or other interests)**

### EXPERIENCES

- Co-chair of University of Nevada – Las Vegas (UNLV) ASDAs Lunch and Learn Committee (2020-2021)
  - Correspond with vendors and plan Dinner and Learns for the entire student body
  - Attend each Dinner and Learn to document attendance
  - Report to the treasurer and President of ASDA in regard to received payments
- Co-lead Dental Hygienist ( 2017-2019 )
  - Communicated with vendors/company reps in regard to needed supplies
  - Oversaw inventory, kept record of anticipated need of supplies, notified purchaser of needed supplies, and verified receipt of supplies.
  - Office liaison for temp hygienist
  - Ensured that the office was properly shutdown at the end of the day
  - Maintained the autoclaves and kept record of weekly testing
- Membership
  - Green Committee
  - UNLV Peds Club



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### **POSITION DESCRIPTIONS:**

#### **President**

President is the chairperson of the GPSA Council and Executive Board. This position is responsible for guiding the organization on general issues such as goals of the Council. The President also represents the GPSA at the Board of Regents meetings and travels to other locations when the meetings are held outside Las Vegas (travel expenses paid by GPSA).

The President serves on the Graduate Council, the Executive Council, as well as on several campus-wide committees. The President speaks at various student orientations and campus engagements. Due to impromptu requests (speaking, serving on committees, etc.) from different entities on campus throughout the year, it is highly recommended that candidates for this position have a flexible schedule.

This position offers a graduate student tuition waiver of up to 9 credits a semester, a monthly stipend equal to that of a graduate assistant, a Graduate College Leadership Scholarship (academic year breakdown: Summer - \$5,000; Fall - \$2,000; Spring - \$2,000) and a GPSA \$550 stipend for each semester (Summer, Fall, Spring; paid monthly from May to April).

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### **Vice President**

The VP chairs the Sponsorship Committee which evaluates applications and distributes GPSA funding allocations for students' research and conference travel and serves on several campus-wide committees. The Vice President establishes priorities for the sponsorship funding in conjunction with the Committee and Executive Board. This position also conducts Sponsorship Funding Workshops in order to assist students on how to successfully apply for GPSA Sponsorship funding.

The Vice President also chairs the GPSA Annual Student Research Forum held in the spring semester. The Vice President attends the Board of Regents meeting in the President's absence and acts as President if the office becomes vacant. The Vice President also sits on a Graduate College Committee and other campus-wide committees.

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In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall chair the Council.

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### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer presents a financial report at every monthly GPSA Council meeting. This position chairs the Government Relations Committee, Awards Committee, and serves on several campus-wide committees. The Treasurer also sits on a Graduate College Committee. During a legislative year, it is expected that the Treasurer travel to Carson City one or two times to meet with the governor, state legislators, etc.

This position offers a Graduate College Leadership Scholarship (academic year breakdown: Summer - \$3,000; Fall - \$1,000; Spring - \$1,000) and a GPSA \$350 stipend for each semester (Summer, Fall, Spring; paid monthly from May to April).

The Treasurer will fill the Vice President's office in the event of its vacancy.

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### **Secretary**

The Secretary is responsible for preparing and posting the agenda/minutes for each Council meeting, which is set by the Executive Board. The Secretary records the minutes of Council meetings and sends them to the Council Representatives. The Secretary is responsible for keeping roll call at the GPSA Council meetings, which determines the representative's eligibility for their semester stipend. This position also chairs the Publication Committee, sits on a Graduate College Committee and several campus-wide committees.

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The Secretary will fill the Treasurer's office in the event of its vacancy.

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## Patrina Allen

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### EDUCATION

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#### Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry

University of Nevada - Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

**Graduation date: May 2023**

#### Bachelor of Science, Dental Hygiene, Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

**August 2012**

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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#### University of Nevada – Las Vegas

Biomedical Sciences Department

Mentor: John Colombo, PhD

**June 2020 – August 2020**

- Clinical project assessing the deleterious effect on dental pulp cells while destroying oral bacteria using a hydroxy-radical probe

### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### ❖ Dental Hygienist

##### Rita Frazier, DDS

136 E. Little Creek Road, Norfolk, VA 23505

**November 2015-July 2019**

##### Forest Family Dentistry

2700 W. Anderson Lane #418, Austin, TX 78757

**May 2014-June 2015**

- Assessed patient's medical and dental history to tailor to their needs
- Provided routine and complex dental care to children and adult patients
- Certified to administer local anesthetic and nitrous oxide
- Supplied patient with effective oral hygiene education to be used at home

#### ❖ Server

##### McCormick and Schmick's Seafood and Steakhouse

211 Market Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

**June 2015-May 2018**

- Full knowledge of all food and beverage offerings
- Greet and serve guest
- Promptly deliver guest's food and beverage order ensuring quality and accuracy
- Attend to guest during their entire dining experience

### VOLUNTEER

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Provide dental hygiene services to the underserved children and veterans

- **Give Kids A Smile**
- **Ferrin Clinic**
- **Brighter Smiles for Kids**

**February 2020**

**January 2020**

**August 2013**



### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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- Presented oral health and hygiene instructions to elementary students
- Compiled an oral health and hygiene instructions for senior living facilities

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

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| • CPR (Adult, Child, and Infant) | August 2019 – August 2021 |
| • Local Anesthesia               | August 2011               |

### **AFFILIATIONS**

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- UNLV School of Dental Medicine ASDA – Co-chair of Lunch and Learn committee
- UNLV School of Dental Medicine Pediatric Club
- UNLV School of Dental Medicine Green Committee



John S. Colombo, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Director of DMD Student Research  
School of Dental Medicine  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

March 19, 2021

Graduate and Professional Student Association

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a great privilege to be writing this letter in support of Patrina Allen, a second year DMD student, as a candidate for GPSA Secretary. It is my belief that Ms. Allen would perform with excellence in this role and that GPSA would be much the better for her involvement in the organization at this level.

Patrina has been known to me for approximately 1.5 years as a DMD student at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine where I am a faculty member. Ms. Allen has been in several of the classes I teach to first- and second-year students and worked in my lab this past summer as part of the Summer Research Elective we offer our students. I have therefore had the opportunity to observe her both in a professional classroom setting and in a post-graduate 'wet-lab' environment.

I am pleased to say that Patrina consistently excels in all of these areas, and I would rank her very highly among all the students I have ever interacted with in these capacities. Patrina always displays a professional manner, is highly organized and is very motivated. She also has a significant amount of life experience, as she came to the dental school as a Registered Dental Hygienist, and therefore has direct experience in the clinical setting from her time in practice. I believe that this gives her an additional measure of maturity and enhanced organizational abilities above and beyond what we might typically expect in a second-year dental student. Ms. Allen is highly capable; when you ask her to perform a task, it is as good as done. I am also aware, due to her previous experience as a dental hygienist, she has served in a teaching assistant capacity in many of her first and second year pre-clinical simulation classes, and therefore potentially brings this experience/perspective to the role of GPSA secretary.

Personally, Patrina is a joy to work with and always has a pleasant, positive demeanor with a can-do attitude. In my estimation she is the ideal candidate for this position in the GPSA leadership and will go on to contribute significantly to its operations if she is elected.

Once again, I would give her my strong support as she puts her candidacy forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John S. Colombo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sincerely,  
John S. Colombo, PhD