



VSU Graduate School Newsletter

August 2025



WELCOME TO FALL 2025!



The Graduate School is thrilled to welcome all new and returning students to another exciting year at Valdosta State University! As the Fall 2025 semester begins, the campus is buzzing with energy, ideas, and opportunities for growth. Whether you're starting your graduate journey or continuing toward your degree, remember that you're part of a vibrant community of scholars, leaders, and innovators.

Let's make this year one of academic success, personal growth, and meaningful connections. Put on your **RED and BLACK** with pride, attend campus events, and take advantage of all the resources VSU offers. Here's to a semester filled with learning, **leadership**, and Blazer spirit.

Go Blazers!



We wish everyone a successful Fall semester!

Sincerely,

Your VSU Graduate School Team

Did you know?

There is a study room for Graduate Students in the Odum Library! The room number is Room 1629, and the access code is 1103 to enter.

Happy studying!

Stay Up to Date on Dates & Deadlines!

Keep track of important dates by checking the academic calendar. It's your go-to source for holidays and semester deadlines.

[Academic Calendar Fall 2025](#)

Attn: Doctoral Students

Are you interested in receiving peer feedback, mentorship, and support on your dissertation this semester? If so, join us for our Dissertation Dive-Ins! They are held every other week with your peers and a faculty member that helps facilitate conversation and feedback between you and your doctoral colleagues. If you are interested in joining, please email **Ms. Rosalyn Martinez**, rcmartinez@valdosta.edu.

Spotlight: Association of Graduate Students (AGS) and AGS Officers

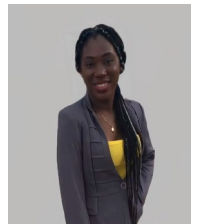
The Association of Graduate Students (AGS) is a student-led organization dedicated to promoting academic, professional, and social opportunities for graduate students at Valdosta State University. Through workshops, networking events, leadership opportunities, and advocacy, AGS ensures that graduate students have a support system throughout their academic journey and beyond. ***To learn more about AGS and the organization's officers, please see below a spotlight on our AGS President and Vice President!***

Kiley Amico Olchaskey, President of AGS

I am in the second year of my English Master's program with a concentration in Rhetoric and Composition. I am completing my research on Perceived Benefits of Learning Support English in the University System of Georgia. I graduated from Georgia Gwinnett College in 2023 with a BA in English and a minor in History. AGS has been great for me to be able to meet people who are in similar positions to me and to grow a network of individuals who can help further your academic and professional careers.

Adaeze Michael, Vice President

I am studying for an M.A. in English with research interests in ecofeminism, intersectionality, African Literature and trauma studies. I am honored to serve as the AGS Vice President for the 2025–2026 Academic Year. Outside the classroom, I am passionate about literary advocacy, cultural preservation and community building through writing and the arts. About AGS: The Association of Graduate Students (AGS) is a student-led organization dedicated to promoting academic, professional, and social opportunities for graduate students at Valdosta State University. Through workshops, networking events, leadership opportunities, and advocacy, AGS ensures that graduate students have a support system throughout their academic journey and beyond.



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Please be sure to check out the [Graduate School website](#) for information on AGS, Student Resources, Dissertation and Theses information, Graduate Assistantships, and much more!

Attention all graduate students: would you like to be featured in the newsletter?

Please email gradschool@valdosta.edu if you would like to be interviewed and share your experience as a VSU Grad student in our new "Graduate Conversations" corner where we feature the experience of a current VSU Graduate Student. Our first Graduate Conversation is located in the May/June 2025 newsletter.

Upcoming Schedule

First Day of Classes	August 18, 2025
The Happening	August 28, 2025
Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Fall Break.....	October 13-14, 2025