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**NCDA COMMITTEE MID YEAR REPORT**

**GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITEE**

**03/31/2025**

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**Committee/Council Activities to Date**

**Cultivating Community**

* Reaching out to members who provided contact information at the last conference to gauge interest and strengthen leadership.
* Developing a stronger communication base to share membership benefits, increase exposure to other committees within the NCA, and encourage cross-committee membership within the NCDA. This will help expand and share ideas across different domains for a more well-rounded committee.
* Implementing monthly coffee chats and developing a bi-monthly or quarterly newsletter featuring events at various universities and companies, aligning with the mission of the Graduate Student Committee and the NCDA.

**Career Empowerment**

* Reaching out to members who provided contact information at the last conference to gauge interest and strengthen leadership.
* Establishing a stronger communication framework to highlight membership benefits, increase visibility of other committees within the NCA, and promote cross-committee engagement within the NCDA. This initiative will foster idea-sharing across different domains, creating a more well-rounded committee.
* Introducing monthly coffee chats and developing a bi-monthly or quarterly newsletter featuring events at various universities and companies, aligning with the mission of the Graduate Student Committee and the NCDA.

**Projected Plan/Work Planned to be Completed through September 30.**

* Pair incoming graduate students with experienced peers for guidance and support
* Host sessions on stress management, mindfulness, and work-life balance - Virtually inviting other members from other committees to provide these sessions
* Host sessions on resume building, networking, and job market trends