

PRESIDENT: SANCHITA CHAKRABORTY

Sanchita Chakraborty is a PhD candidate in Applied and Computational Mathematics at the University of Notre Dame, where her research focuses on partial differential equations, Green's functions, and mathematical modeling in biology and fluid dynamics. Beyond her research, Sanchita has demonstrated sustained leadership across academic, professional, and national organizations, consistently building structures that improve student experience at scale.

As Professional Development Chair for Graduate Student Government, she has led large-scale programming in partnership with the Graduate School, Kaneb Center, and Career Development Office, including co-organizing and co-fundraising for the 2025 and 2026 Graduate Research Symposium (budgets of \$23,000 and \$32,500, respectively). She has worked directly with university leadership to expand professional development resources and increase graduate student visibility across campus. Her leadership extends nationally through Delta Kappa Delta Sorority, Inc., where she has served as National Executive Vice President, National Vice President of Expansion, and New Membership Intake, roles overseeing expansion, governance, and membership development across 20 charters and 1000 sisters. In these roles, she managed executive boards, facilitated cross-campus coordination, and strengthened organizational infrastructure.

Sanchita's candidacy for Graduate Student Government President is grounded in three commitments: strengthening structured funding pathways, formalizing consistent administrative engagement at the Provost and President level, and elevating graduate visibility within institutional career and research infrastructure. She believes graduate students are central to Notre Dame's research mission and should have formal representation, predictable support systems, and clear professional pipelines.

Her leadership style is direct, systems-oriented, and collaborative. She prioritizes transparency, institutional memory, and scalable impact, ensuring that graduate advocacy is not reactive, but strategic and sustained. Sanchita brings experience, institutional knowledge, and a record of execution. As President, she will focus on measurable improvements that support graduate students as scholars, teachers, researchers, and whole people.

CO-VP: KYLE WALKER

Kyle Walker is a PhD candidate in the Department of Mathematics, where he studies applications of cluster algebras to mathematical physics. Mathematics is his second career. He previously worked as a reporter after earning a graduate degree in journalism and European studies from New York University.

Kyle held leadership roles at each stage of his education and career. He was editor-in-chief of his undergraduate student newspaper, founded and edited a graduate student-run news site, and ran news operations for a newspaper in Seward, Alaska. He has spent many hours observing meetings, and has come to be very passionate about how groups come together to solve collective action problems. The GSG is one such venue, and he is committed to seeing it rise to its potential.

CO-VP: BLESS ADJORNOR

Bless Adjornor is a PhD candidate in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences at the University of Notre Dame. His research focuses on actinide thermodynamics and nuclear materials engineering. His work aims to generate the thermodynamic data needed to improve the safety and reliability of models used to evaluate deep geologic repositories for high-level nuclear waste.

At Notre Dame, Bless currently serves as President of the Materials Research Society student chapter, where he leads initiatives that connect graduate researchers across disciplines, organize professional development programming, and strengthen engagement within the university's research community. Through his involvement in graduate leadership and service, he has developed a strong interest in building structures that support graduate students both academically and professionally.

As a candidate for Graduate Student Government Co-Vice President, Bless is committed to strengthening graduate student representation, improving transparency and communication between students and university leadership, and ensuring that graduate students have the resources and institutional support needed to succeed and contribute fully to Notre Dame's research and teaching mission.