GAPS AREA MEETING PLAN

*August: How can Alumni help with NSO?*

**Goals:**

* Send Pre-NSO Alumni Newsletter.
* Brainstorm how alumni can Volunteer during NSO.
  + Bonus: Send Alumni Volunteer invitations.
* Follow Up with most recent class.
* Update GAPS Data.

**Prep Needed:**

* Review GAPS Data to see what follow up is needed.
* Locate [Alumni Newsletter Templates](https://mpd.intervarsity.org/alumni-newsletter-templates-1).
* Preview video – [GAPS: Transforming Lives & Ministry in San Diego](https://vimeo.com/490758474) to determine if you will use it for vision casting.
* Brainstorm some ideas of how Alumni can volunteer during NSO.

**Meeting Plan:**

**Vision Cast/Teaching Skill of the Month** *(10-15 Minutes)*

Pretty soon, we will be in the black hole known as NSO. Honestly, that is the most important thing that you can do to further GAPS this month. If we don’t do great NSO, we won’t have alumni in four years, so investing the necessary energy to NSO is essential. However, there are just a couple things that we can do together today to help NSO and help maintain GAPS momentum:

* Invite Alumni to Pray for NSO with an Alumni Prayer Letter.
* Brainstorm how Alumni could volunteer and further the mission during NSO.

Remember GAPS isn’t only about MPD, it’s also about wholistic discipleship of our students. This fall we will be focusing more on the discipleship aspect of GAPS. Let’s [look at this story](https://vimeo.com/490758474) to see what that has looked like in San Diego.

**Workshop Space for Skill of the Month** *(30-40 Minutes)*

Let’s work on sending a quick pre-NSO alumni newsletter. You can find a template [here](https://mpd.intervarsity.org/alumni-newsletter-templates-1).

Next, I’d like to brainstorm collectively how we can have alumni help with NSO. Here are some questions to fuel your brainstorm session:

* What needs do you have during NSO?
* Who are the alumni that you could recruit to meet those needs?
* Are there any unique skills that alumni have that could improve your NSO efforts?

*After you answer those questions, encourage staff to actually reach out to those alumni now.*

It’s still important to maintain our follow up rhythm this month, so let’s take 5-10 minutes to send follow up texts to any open loops from the most recent class.

**Communal Q&A** *(5-10 Minutes)*

Allow space for staff to ask questions regarding GAPS this month. There may be questions about: GAPS & NSO, GAPS Plans, or Follow Up.

**Update GAPS Data** *(5 Minutes)*

Give staff time to update their GAPS data in Donor Elf.

**Meeting Action Steps & Follow Up:**

* Send Pre-NSO Alumni Prayer Letter by 8/15.
* Get at least one alumnus to help with NSO.
* Follow Up with any open loops from recent class before NSO starts.