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Personal Statement
VP of Orientation and Student Life

I would very much like to be the next (well, first) VP of Orientation and Student Life. I had a great time planning and organizing orientation along with Finale last year and I want to continue to bring the grad students in the department closer together.

From speaking with many of the grad students in EECS, a common request is that there just aren't enough opportunities to meet people outside of our labs. As VPoOSL, I will provide more opportunities for the department to become a more welcoming and fun place. We can start with organizing dinners for subsections of the department (first year students, people about to get their SM, people writing their PhD proposal). An idea that has been in the works for awhile is to organize some sort of social with graduate students and professors on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. I would like to implement this idea (if the professors are boring, we can stop).

Outings for dim sum and Indian buffets are a great way to reach more people and facilitate conversation. These events will continue. I would also like to create email lists that members can use to find people to have dinner with, go skiing with, or head out to happy hour with. (vi-happyhour already exists, but someone needs to wake it up. I'll wake it up after Easter.)

Most importantly, I will listen to any ideas that are brought before me from the general body. If you have an idea that you would like to see happen, please just approach me. I love meeting new people and figuring out what will make them happier in their grad school life.