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Dear Pitt Graduate and Professional Students:

I hope your semester is going well. I am writing to remind all graduate and professional students at Pitt about the power of their voice. Every student has the potential to let their voice be heard and impact change at this University.

The Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) exists to represent you to the University. We meet regularly with students and university administration in order to advocate for the graduate and professional students at Pitt and ultimately advance the University. However, we are most impactful when we are able hear the voices of the students we represent. We want to hear your suggestions and concerns so we can work to improve them.

Below are some opportunities which every student has the ability to take in order to let your voices be heard.

- **Take the 2017 GPSG Student Survey at <http://bit.ly/2017GPSGSurvey>. This survey allows the GPSG the ability to gather your feedback on your university experience and take action on trends identified. We develop this survey based on feedback we hear from your elected GPSG Assembly Board representatives. This survey takes less than five minutes and it is open until March 5<sup>th</sup>. Participants will optionally have the chance to win one of five Google Chromecasts!**
- Consider running for one of the GPSG Executive Board positions. Take part in shared governance and advocate for the student body. The call for candidates is currently open and we will be accepting applications until March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit [www.gpsg.pitt.edu/elections](http://www.gpsg.pitt.edu/elections) to find out more.
- Register to attend the annual Pitt Day in Harrisburg that will occur on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to influence state lawmakers and share their unique Pitt experiences. Register for this free event at <http://bit.ly/PittDay2017>. Participants will be entered to win one of two Amazon Echo Dots!
- Practice your right to vote for the GPSG Executive Board candidates from March 20<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup> via green "Take Action" box on [www.my.pitt.edu](http://www.my.pitt.edu).
- The University will participate in the first administration of the Student Experience in the Research University (gradSERU) survey to the graduate students. The information collected from this survey will be invaluable in shaping the future of graduate and professional student life at Pitt. Please look for the survey to launch in mid-March.

The GPSG recognizes the tremendous value and duty of hearing every student's voice. We ask for your help in being able to successfully accomplish our mission. I appreciate your support and participation in the above items.

Hail to Pitt!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Saver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

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