Dear Pitt Graduate and Professional students:

I hope that your semester is going well. I want to offer our new students a warm welcome and to returning students offer a welcome back. Here at the University of Pittsburgh you are part of a community of nearly ten thousand graduate and professional students. The Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) is here to serve you. Our goal is to empower you to maximize your opportunities and impact by fostering a sense of community within both the University and the local community. GPSG is committed to supporting open channels of communication between students and between students and University administrators.

GPSG offers many ways for you to get involved including programming, travel grants, supplemental funds, opportunities to serve on University-wide committees, avenues to share events with the student body, and opportunities to meet and network with students from fourteen diverse schools within Pitt.

This year GPSG has also taken on several initiatives in addition to our normal services. GPSG is focusing on fostering graduate student advocacy and community involvement, exploring opportunities for expanded alumni resources, opening dialogue around and distributing resources to support mental health, and supporting the University’s continuous Diversity and Inclusion initiatives, including Title IX education and awareness.

I invite you to visit us in 825 William Pitt Union, interact with us on social media, and visit our website.

- Website: [https://gpsg.pitt.edu](https://gpsg.pitt.edu)
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/pittgpsg](https://twitter.com/pittgpsg)
- Instagram: [http://instagram.com/pittgpsg](http://instagram.com/pittgpsg)
- Facebook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/PITTGPSG/](https://www.facebook.com/PITTGPSG/)
- Facebook Group: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/PittGPSG/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PittGPSG/)

Mark your calendars for the exciting upcoming events!

- Saturday, October 22nd - [GPSG Participates in Pitt Made a Difference Day (PMADD)](http://bit.ly/joingpsg)
- Saturday, October 29th - [Kennywood Phantom Fright Night](http://bit.ly/joingpsg)
- Wednesday, November 2nd - [SAFE Self-Defense Class](http://bit.ly/joingpsg)
- Friday, November 18th - [GPSG Annual Fall Formal - Casino Night at St. Nicholas Cathedral](http://bit.ly/joingpsg)

I encourage you take full advantage of the resources and opportunities offered to you by GPSG, your specific schools, and the University. I believe that as students we are part of a larger community, and GPSG invites you to join our extended family here at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,

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