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Dear Pitt Graduate and Professional students:

I hope that your Fall semester concluded on a high note academically, professionally, and personally. With it being the winter season, we were able to donate over 50 coats to the Salvation Army. We appreciate everyone who donated to this initiative.

In late September, GPSG assembled a Governmental Relations Committee to review any legislation that may impact the graduate & professional student experience, educate the greater student body, and to implement strategies to resist any detrimental provisions. Our efforts resulted in multiple call days to local, state, and federal delegates, workshops moderated by Dr. Nathan Urban and the [Community and Governmental Relations Department](#), and thorough collaboration with the [National Association of Graduate & Professional Students](#), [Student Advocates of Graduate Education Coalition](#), and [Carnegie Mellon's Graduate Student Association](#). This new committee will continue to advocate on the behalf of the graduate and professional student population at Pitt.

We look forward to beginning the Spring semester with a spirit of collaboration and cheerfulness. As we progress through the semester, GPSG will disseminate important information concerning events, programs, and initiatives. Please notify [GPSG](#) of programs and initiatives at your respective schools as well as any questions or concerns that may arise.

All the best,

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