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SGB would like to wish everyone a happy Homecoming week. We encourage all current students, staff, and alumni to partake in the great events planned all over campus, especially the Laser and Fireworks show Friday evening and the football game against North Carolina State.

We are happy to announce the joint fundraiser with the Rainbow Alliance in response to the planned WBC demonstration was very successful. We were able to raise double the initial goal, donating a total of \$1,264 to Proud Haven. SGB would like to thank all the donors and everyone who participated in the event, helping to fight hate with purposeful action

As Pitt's appropriation from the Commonwealth continues to look bleak, SGB is organizing a phone-banking event this week. We will be tabling in front of the WPU from Wednesday – Friday, 11am-1pm, calling state legislators to advocate for an appropriation bill to deliver the funding Pitt was promised in the state budget. Students are asked to stop by and make a quick phone call to the 2 main roadblocks in the PA House of Representatives. All participants will receive a free slice of pizza and the goal is to generate a significant volume of calls to have our collective voices heard.

Mental Health Awareness and Sexual Violence Awareness activities began this Tuesday, and will continue throughout the next two weeks. The programs will include a wide range of activities which students are encouraged to attend. Some of these programs include a yoga class, a Self-Care Fair, a discussion with counselors, a talk from the guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge, and many more. In addition to the programs offered, staff and students are encouraged to wear green shirts every Tuesday of the month to increase awareness and help break the stigma.

SGB's Allocations Committee is currently hosting informational sessions for Fall budget submissions. All budgets for the Fall apply to funding for the spring semester, and are due by October 27th. The info sessions will take place between October 11th-18th, more info can be found at sgb.pitt.edu

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For more information on the fundraising efforts with the Rainbow Alliance or phone-banking state legislators contact Max Kneis at sgbpres@pitt.edu; for Mental Health Awareness Month contact Alex Spenceley or Ami Fall at als362@pitt.edu and agf34@pitt.edu; and for Fall Budgets contact Cory Stillman at sgb.allocations@gmail.com