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SGB is pleased to announce that the Phone banking event calling upon the state legislature to pass Pitt's appropriation had a great turnout. This took place last Wednesday - Friday outside the WPU, and many students stopped by to participate. Almost 300 calls were made to Representatives Mike Turzai and Dave Reed's offices. Pitt will not stop advocating for its funding until it is guaranteed. SGB is currently looking for more ways for students to stay active in this process, and we have called upon leaders of student organizations to engage their members in the with.pitt.edu site.

Mental Health Awareness Month events are in full swing, and have so far produced a great turnout. Some highlights include the self-care fair, which takes place this Friday, and will give students the opportunity to interact with resources they have on campus for mental health questions and concerns. Also this Friday, the Mental Health Vigil will serve as a wrap up for the week, giving students a chance to reflect on the prior programs and give feedback. Kevin Briggs: The Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge will be speaking next Tuesday, and will be the closing activity for the Mental Health Awareness Month active programs. We encourage students, faculty, and staff to continue using this month as an opportunity to strike up conversations with their peers.

The board will be traveling to Washington DC Sunday - Tuesday (10/22-10/24) to participate in the ACC Advocacy Days. We will meet with members of the PA Congressional delegation and their staff. Topics to be discussed include continued federal support of higher education through grants and financial aid, research funding, and what this type of support means to Pitt students. This will also provide for an opportunity of engagement between ACC schools. Due to the Board members attending the ACC Advocacy Days and not returning until late Tuesday evening, there will be no public meeting next week.

Pitt Make a Difference Day is this Saturday, October 21! Student Government Board is looking forward to participating in the largest day of service in our region this weekend, and the 10th Annual PMADD!

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