Hello! My name is Maggie Kennedy and I am running to be Pitt’s Student Government Board President. I am a junior Political Science and Communication Rhetoric major, with minors in French and Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies and I am the current SGB Wellness Committee Chair. Besides SGB, I am a RA in Tower A, a member of The Songburghs A Cappella Group, and a Peer Educator with the SHARE (Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Education) Office. I have been passionate about advocacy for sexual assault since high school, but through the opportunities I’ve had at Pitt, I’ve gotten to add my voice to the campus, city, and state conversations.

If elected, I would work with the Title IX Office and the Office of First Year Experience to revamp New-Student Orientation to be more comprehensive, particularly regarding sexual misconduct. I would also work with the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to add a Diversity General Education Requirement to the Dietrich curriculum, and perhaps all curricula someday, so that all Pitt students can take courses that expand their perspectives. Lastly, I’d like to work with the FT&T committee to improve the campus shuttle experience and music practice facilities to match student needs, which we can assess by adding a “Fix-It-Pitt” Tab on the my.pitt.edu student portal.

Pitt has given me so much and now, I want to give back. If elected President, I would work hard to ensure that all Pitt students feel welcome and supported in their paths to success. I am so excited to potentially represent our student body and to leave a lasting impact. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at mck58@pitt.edu. Thank you and Hail to Pitt!

Maggie Kennedy
President
Horizon
Malvern, PA
Political Science

Hi, my name is Rajaab Nadeem, and I am running for Student Government Board. I am a junior majoring in Economics and Political Science with minors in Chemistry and Sociology. I currently serve as a Resident Assistant in Panther Hall as well as the executive chair of donations and finance at the ICP Food Pantry in Oakland. I am running for SGB as I hope to be an advocate and supporter of diverse communities at Pitt and make an impact on campus.

Some of the initiatives I hope to work on include an increased focus on creating a diverse student body at Pitt, and providing international students with the resources and tools needed to succeed on campus. Through my experience as an RA, I have become familiar with the university counselling center and hope to increase representation for students of color amongst present counsellors. I want to work with the counselling center to help create a more diverse staff that students feel more comfortable confiding in and going to for help. Another large initiative I would like to take on is the establishment of a scholarship specifically for students from challenged backgrounds. Although Pitt offers a variety of existing scholarships to deserving students, I would like to see one for students who have overcome significant obstacles such as, but not limited to: lower income households, disabilities, or belonging to underrepresented communities.

I have been able to excel as a student at Pitt primarily due to the resources I have found at the university as well as the great environment it has provided. It is in this spirit that I hope to serve on Student Government Board; to continue to make Pitt a better place, as those before myself have done. Thank you, and Hail to Pitt!

Rajaab Nadeem
Board Candidate
Horizon
Lahore, Pakistan
Economics & Political Science
My name is Cory Stillman, and I am a sophomore Film Studies major. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Allocations Committee, and I hope to represent you next year on Student Government Board! My work with Allocations, along with my involvement with WPTS Radio and Beta Theta Pi, has exposed me to a diverse array of student experiences, and I am eager to continue improving the campus experience!

I hope to create a series of tools that student groups can use to better understand the Allocations process. I also hope to implement a system that allows all competitive organizations—not just club sports—to receive greater funding in return for their fundraising efforts.

My ambitions for this university move beyond my experience with Allocations, however. As a Film Studies major, I understand the difficulties associated with studying in the creative arts. I will work with CDPA to develop more opportunities for such students. I also hope to work towards the creation of an LGBTQIA+ Center that can assist students who may be struggling with their sexuality, or that can act as a space for students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. And even as Oakland moves towards receiving its much-needed grocery store, I intend on working with a local grocery store or organization to create a delivery program for students. Lastly, I will look into ways of creating more space for student groups to meet, practice, dance, etc.

I have been lucky enough to find success at Pitt due to an incredible community of students around me, and my goal is that with each of my initiatives, every student can find their own definition of success. Feel free to reach out to me at cory.stillman@pitt.edu with any questions or concerns. Thank you, and Hail to Pitt!

Hi, my name is Jessa Chong and I am a sophomore studying Political Science and Communications with a Certificate in Global Studies. I currently serve as the Chair of the Community and Governmental Relations Committee on SGB and I am running to represent you on Pitt’s Student Government Board. I have been privileged to work with so many amazing and diverse students here at Pitt who have shared with me their experiences and stories, providing me with the knowledge and inspiration to improve the lives of Pitt students from all backgrounds.

I plan to continue my work that I have done as Chair of CGR by fostering a sense of community in Oakland between students and permanent residents. This would entail working to clean up South Oakland, and ensuring that Pitt provides its students with reasonably-priced healthy options and fresh produce at on-campus dining and take-out facilities. In continued support of a healthy lifestyle for students, I would like to provide more exercise space and equipment for students on lower campus and work to install a coffee cart in the William Pitt Union. I am not only concerned with students’ wellbeing now, but also well into the future by working with the Career Development and Placement Assistance Office to improve and expand upon their available resources.

Through my experiences here at Pitt I have been lucky enough to see the impact that SGB can have on campus and in the community. I want to use these resources to positively influence the lives of all Pitt students with the goal of reaching individual, campus, and community development and success. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at jac393@pitt.edu. Thank you, and Hail to Pitt!
My name is Noah Rubin, and I am running for Student Government Board, for the position of Board Member for the 2018-2019 academic year. I am a sophomore, majoring in Political Science. My involvement with SGB began my freshman year as a member of First Year Council, and I have remained a part of SGB as a liaison of the Allocations Committee. I am also involved extensively in the business school as the Outreach Chair for the University’s foremost investment organization, the Socially Responsible Investment Portfolio, as well as serving as Co-Vice President of Finance of the professional business organization Phi Beta Lambda. This summer I will be interning at Goldman Sachs in New York City as a Sales & Trading Summer Analyst in their Securities Division, where I will get a chance to further explore my passion in business.

The goals that I hope to achieve while hopefully serving on Student Government Board are extensive, but to summarize, they are: championing alumni mentorship, academic planning/implementing a syllabus database, and improving health and wellness.

Some might say that we are just another chapter in Pitt’s illustrious, 230+ year history. I disagree. We will cement our story in Pitt’s history books as one of the most active and successful undergraduate classes this university has ever seen. This is our legacy. I am eager to help Pitt continue on its path to greatness, and I would be honored to serve as a member of Student Government Board. Thank you, and Hail to Pitt.

Noah Rubin
Board Candidate
Legacy
Bala Cynwyd, PA
Political Science
Greetings! My name is Jahari Mercer, and I am running for the position of Board Member on the University of Pittsburgh’s Student Government Board. I am a junior Industrial Engineering major with a minor in Mechanical Engineering.

If you asked me who I am I would tell you three things. I would tell you that I am passionate, I am a thinker, and I bring all my skills and experiences to the table in all that I do. The biggest lesson I’ve learned so far is to take care of the little things and the big things will fall into place.

The reason why I want to join Student Government Board is so that I can continue to give back to all of my neighbors here at the University of Pittsburgh and advocate for the needs and betterment of the campus community. This campus has been in my heart since I first set foot and that hasn’t changed. I hope to be able to a voice for students who have concerns, who want to see the campus bettered, and who have just as much love and passion for Pitt as I do.

It would be an honor to be able to serve as a Board Member of the 2018-2019 Student Government Board. I always look forward to talking to people about initiatives along the way and can be reached at by email at jrm213@pitt.edu. Hail to Pitt!

My name is Saket Rajprohat and I am running to represent our student body as your next Student Government Board President. I am a current third-year student in the College of Business Administration studying Marketing and minoring in Political Science.

From the moment I arrived at Pitt as a transfer student until now, my time at Pitt has been filled with adventure and inspiration. My desire to serve our student body has come from my involvement with several student organizations, learning about the issues that students face, both on and off our campus. Through my experiences, I have grown to become an advocate for change on our campus, and as President, I will continue to speak for all our Neighbors collective vision for change at Pitt.

In my time serving on the executive boards of both Facilitating Opportunities for Refugee Growth and Empowerment (FORGE) and South Asian Student Association (SASA) and volunteering on the Coordinated Campaign of Pennsylvania to register over 125,000 Pittsburgh residence to vote, I have experienced the desire for progress within the Pitt community. As your SGB President, my most important goal will be to pursue this goal of progress in all ways possible. Along with this, I also wish to pursue a campaign for increased safety on campus. I believe in order to have a thriving student body, we must also have a safe area, and so I will be pursuing solutions on those issues.

In Pitt student’s journey for progress and improved campus life, I believe a President that is willing to listen to student issues and pursue those issues is necessary. I would be honored to be able to serve as your next Student Government Board President. If you have any question or suggestions, feel free to email me at smr122@pitt.edu. Hail to Pitt!
Hello! My name is Cole Dunn and I am running for the position of Board Member of the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board to serve as an advocate for students everywhere on campus. I am currently a sophomore in the College of Business Administration majoring in Finance and Accounting, while minoring in Political Science and Economics and also pursuing the Certificate Program in Data Analytics.

My goal through this process is and if elected would be to improve life at Pitt for all of our Neighbors. Since I started my great experience at Pitt, I have taken notice of many things that could be improved across campus. Whether they be academic, economic or social issues, I believe that serving as a member of the SGB Board will allow me the ability to make a tangible change on each and every one of those fronts. First, I believe there should be an increase in the efficiency and accessibility of room reservations to give more students the ability to reserve study and work spaces. In addition, I believe Teacher Assistants should also have the ability to rent rooms so that they can have consistent resources to benefit their classes.

Second, I will advocate for Pitt to provide a subsidy for students making testing materials studying for graduate school and other post-graduate standardized tests more affordable. Lastly, I am also working on an initiative to create a bridge between Pitt Athletics and the student body to develop a better relationship and increase school spirit for all of our athletic events.

I am extremely excited and humbled by the opportunity to run for board. Please feel free to reach out to me at CSD44@pitt.edu with any questions. Thank you and Hail to Pitt!

My name is Pooja Humar and I am running for the position of Board Member on the University of Pittsburgh’s Student Government Board. I am a junior majoring in Biological Sciences with a minor in Statistics. Through my experiences on campus I have developed a passion for working with my peers, campus organizations, and community to help my Neighbors achieve their goals.

As a current member of the SGB allocations committee, I have gotten to work with so many different student groups and have really seen the value of peer to peer collaboration. If elected, one major focus would be to put more of an emphasis on peer advising. There is so much value in being able learn from those who have taken similar classes or are on the same pre-professional track. As a University we should help students take advantage of this.

Throughout the last few years I have worked on multiple research projects and have gotten so much out of each one. With this in mind, another focus of mine would be to help students get involved in research that they truly are passionate about. This would mean creating an easier way for students to learn about ongoing research at Pitt and more importantly in getting connected with professors who have research opportunities available. This would help foster more valuable professor student relationships.

I would love an opportunity to be your neighbor and serve as a Board Member on SGB. I would strive to not only work on these initiatives but also serve as a voice for the student body here at Pitt. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about my initiatives at poh6@pitt.edu. Thank you and as always, Hail to Pitt!
My name is Albert Ekaputra Tanjaya and I am a sophomore intending on majoring in Computer Science with a minor in Comparative politics, and an Asian studies certificate. My theme for running for Board is support. The Student Government Body's basic mission is to provide support to its constituents and when constituents have a reliable, transparent, and efficient support systems, those same constituents are happy. One of the main reasons I am so heavily involved on campus is because I found the support systems at Pitt to be truly helpful and genuine. I currently sit on the boards of the Asian Students Alliance (ASA), Phi Gamma Delta (PiJ), Humans of Pitt and I am the Advocacy chair, the recording secretary, logistics coordinator, OCC honor recipient and brand ambassador, a corp member of Jumpstart, and the recording secretary for SGB's The Assembly respectively to each club. My top incentives for SGB is to expand and update the EMS booking system so that it compasses more buildings and floors, like Posvar or David Lawrence second floor because student organizations should be able to utilize other additional spaces. My next initiative is to implement a progress bar or something equivalent to it on the SGB website to so that anyone can track the status of existing projects. Another initiative in mind is to launch the Professional Mentor Program from a pilot to an actual program students can sign up for, especially for those looking at career paths and networking experiences. Other initiatives include additional DIY bike repair stations, initiating talks to partner Pitt with the HealthyRide city bike and to improve Sodexo to be more culturally accurate. These are just a few of the ways I can be that support system for both students and student organizations alike.
My name is Zechariah Brown, and I’m a sophomore in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences majoring in Political Science and Economics. I’m the vice president of the Pitt Political Science Student Association, a member of Phi Alpha Delta, the Black Action Society, and I work at Nordy’s Place on the ground floor of the union. My top initiative on board would be to improve and expand upon our current Saferider system to make our students feel safer. I want to do this by starting a dialogue between the University and Uber or Lyft to provide students with discounted rides, making it easier for students to get home during Saferider peak hours, Thursday through Saturday, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Additionally, utilizing Blackboard Technologies to pay for Ubers with Panther Funds could provide students with an added layer of comfort and make this system simpler. Another initiative of mine is Allies week. A great many friendships are foregone or lost because of cultural, or sexual ignorance. To continue to foster a campus of diversity and inclusion, I believe that we have to promote cultural competency and sexuality awareness. The best way to do this is to include workshops and seminars that promote this in orientation week for freshmen. My last main initiative is improving Pitt’s online student health services. A comprehensive all-inclusive Student Health Services website would facilitate the development of an overall healthier student body, which is something that each and every panther can benefit from. Other initiatives that I’m interested in include improving the already amazing mental health awareness week that we had this year, increasing SGB visibility, and coordinating with campus organizations to create a sexual assault awareness week. I hope I receive your vote! Hail to Pitt!
We are the Horizon Slate and we hope to represent the University of Pittsburgh student body! Every Pitt student has a unique past, present, and future on their horizon. We want to work across all demographics to provide every student with the resources necessary to achieve their goals and continuously move forward. College is a time of discovery and we aim to expand the opportunities available for students so that each of us can learn, change, and grow to be our best selves. Given the diverse experiences of our team, we believe we are best suited to serve the Pitt community and keep our eyes on the horizon! Thank you and as always, Hail to Pitt!

Our slate aims to uphold the Legacy of excellence Pitt has cultivated since its founding in 1787. All of our efforts are concentrated on the aspect that elevates Pitt above the rest: the student. By focusing on students at the individual level, and by working on behalf of the entirety of the student body, we hope to serve as the voice of our student body to enact meaningful change. The achievements of Pitt are immeasurable, and we hope to create an atmosphere that inspires the continuation of this remarkable trend. Jonas Salk and the Polio vaccine. The first liver transplant program in the country. The tallest educational building in the Western Hemisphere. 323,883 successful and influential living alumni. The top public university in the Northeast. These are merely snippets of the greatness that Pitt exudes, and the history we are already a part of. This is Pitt’s Legacy. Some might say that we are just another chapter in Pitt’s illustrious, 230+ year history. We disagree. We will cement our story in Pitt’s history books as one of the most active and successful undergraduate classes this university has ever seen. This is our Legacy.
Neighbors
Saket Rajprohat (Presidential Candidate)
Jahari Mercer (Board Candidate)
Cole Dunn (Board Candidate)
Pooja Humar (Board Candidate)

We are the Neighbors slate. The name of our slate represents the neighborhood campus atmosphere we want to create at Pitt. The name, Neighbors, originates from the hit TV show based out of Pittsburgh, Mr. Rogers. Our mission is simple: To make sure all students on Pitt campus are represented and feel welcome on campus. We are running for Student Government Board to spread this mission to the core of each Panther, that when you are a student at Pitt, you are a part of a neighborhood. Our team's initiatives reach out to as many groups as we can, and we are here to listen to your voices as well. Won't you be my neighbor?

528 Bridges
Nicholas Bibby (Board Candidate)
Albert Tanjaya (Board Candidate)
Zechariah Brown (Board Candidate)

There are 582 registered student organizations in SORC and we believe that since Pittsburgh is the City of Bridges, it is also symbolic for the countless connections and impacts student organizations have on the student body. Our mission is to help keep that connection alive and stronger every day by being your bridge workers and maintenance crew. We plan on updating the EMS room booking system to encompass all available rooms on campus. Also, we plan on getting SORC to continuously keep an updated list of active organizations, and also keeping transparency by returning emails and sending confirmation emails. Another initiative we want to start is to have more student organizations and Greek Life be directly active in special weeks like Sexual Assault Awareness Week and Mental Health Awareness Week.
Thanks for Voting &...

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