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Student Government Board would like to thank everyone for making Mental Health Awareness Month a success. The final event will take place tonight in the WPU Ballroom from 6-8 PM. Students are invited to attend the event, [Dennis Gillan: Standing Tall in the Face of Mental Health](#), where Dennis Gillan will share his story of survival following his self-imposed silence as a result of the suicide deaths of his brothers. As a professional mental health speaker, Dennis Gillan brings his inspirational story to audiences and allows them to respond.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee's Collaboration Grant is now accepting applications. The purpose of the grant is to promote interaction and discourse among student organizations. The grant helps lift financial burdens a student organization may bear when planning their programs, motivating them to focus on program quality and efficacy. This grant is aimed towards groups who normally do not collaborate with each other or hold distinctly different perspectives. Grant programs should provide spaces for civil discourse about differences or areas of intersection. The cap amount is \$500, and collaborating organizations must complete a joint application together, which is available on the [SGB website](#).

Student Government Board thanks everyone who applied for the Pitt Women's Leadership Experience Retreat. Selections for both mentors and mentees will be announced by Thursday October 25th. The retreat will take place from November 17-18th at the Ogelbay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, WV. SGB President Maggie Kennedy, Chief of Staff Ami Fall, and Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member Madhu Mahesh have been working with Senior Vice Chancellor Kathy Humphrey, Cross Cultural Leadership and Development Director Summer Rothrock and a few others to develop the schedule for this year's retreat.

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