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# Purdue Student Government

*The mission of the Purdue Student Government is to enact legislation passed in the Student Senate, to provide quality programs and services to the student body, to manage the daily operation of the Purdue Student Government, and to establish open communication between students, faculty, and administrators.*

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## LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

As the end of the semester quickly approaches, PSG is reflecting on this semester's accomplishments and making plans that will further represent the voice of students in the upcoming year. We are excited to begin working on President Córdova's working groups in providing essential student perspective that will shape her strategic plan and the dynamic of the university in the next few years. Several members of PSG will be traveling to Texas to tour recreational facilities at five universities. PSG is working very closely with Howard Taylor, Director of Recreational Sports, to make sure that the students' desire to have a new co-rec becomes a reality.

Several safety initiatives have made significant progress. The Safe Walk number 494-SAFE will appear on the back of student IDs beginning next fall. The Purdue Student Security Patrol provides the safe walk service and currently PSG is working to

increase funding for their membership from 25 to 50 students. A database of more than 40 local attorneys continues to grow as PSG helps direct students in attaining free initial legal counseling. Our initiative to provide a financial aid handbook to students will be complete within a few weeks as students will be able to go to the new PSG website, [www.purdue.edu/psg](http://www.purdue.edu/psg), and navigate through a list of local, state and national scholarships. Plans for trips to the Statehouse are nearing as PSG will rally to support a bill on no tax on textbooks.

PSG looks forward to next semester as we continue to collaborate with student organizations on projects and making sure that we have our pulse on the needs and desires of the student body.

Amy McManama  
*Student Body Vice-President*

## Financial Aid Handbook

The new Student Financial Handbook is on its way to being completed. This handbook will be available to students as a resource for all of the scholarships and grants that Purdue offers. It will be a compilation of scholarships not only from Purdue, but also Purdue Alumni, counties from Indiana, and corporate businesses nationwide. Many scholarships and grants are left unclaimed every year, so this is a great resource to take advantage of those! It is hoped to be available to students by January.

## PSG Radio Show

Purdue Student Government has its own radio show! Hosted by Keith Starost and Chris Cavell, it's a fun way to hear about what PSG is doing. Fun music, funny call-ins, free prizes, and great guests are all included! Tune in next Monday for a special Dead Week session and beginning next semester, special guests will be on the show! Listen on your computer next Monday night (8-9 PM) at <http://wccr.student-orgs.purdue.edu/>

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.purdue.edu/psg](http://www.purdue.edu/psg)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Purdue Student Government also has its own radio show! Listen in on Monday nights at 8pm. A link is on PSG'S website.

-We have a newly improved website! Be sure to check it out for everything that PSG is doing and for upcoming events!  
[www.purdue.edu/psg](http://www.purdue.edu/psg)

-State Day is coming up on Monday February the 4<sup>th</sup>. Organizations will be going to the Indiana State House for the day to lobby, More information to come.

-Check out the concept ideas for a new RSC at <http://www.purdue.edu/R ecSports/events/actionPlan.html>

**Have an idea or a concern? Stop by Purdue Student Government office or submit it online! We would love to hear from you!**

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## Project H.O.P.E.

PSG members have put together a new project to encourage high school students in West Lafayette to go to college. There have been three presentations done so far at McCutcheon High School in lower level English classes. The college students shared their stories about how to get into college, how they got involved in activities and study abroad, ways to financially help pay for college, and most importantly, that college is for available for everyone. They emphasized that anyone can go to college if they want to, even if there are hurdles in the way.

The results from a survey taken after each presentation were very positive.

Once student wrote, "Helped me realize that everyone can go, everyone struggles". Another comment was "They could relate to us and give us advice." Twenty-three students out of thirty one said they learned a lot of new information.

This is a great program that can really make a difference for students. If you are interested in participating, more volunteers are always welcome, especially if you have a story to share about a personal challenge in going to college. Please contact Naomi at [nsasin@purdue.edu](mailto:nsasin@purdue.edu)

## Safety Efforts for Students Well on Their Way

Many of the ideas that PSG had to increase safety on campus are on their way to becoming a reality. Some of the initiatives have been expanding the Safety Patrol for the Safe Walk Program and implementing Safe Walks to see what areas of campus need improved upon.

PSG has been working with the PUPD in expanding the number of student safety patrols from 25 to 50. The proposal will be completed by next week and presented to Senate and the Task Force. Beginning next semester, work will be done to try to increase the borders of the Safe Walk to include

more apartment complexes on campus.

Members of PSG, along with members of the Safety Patrol and PUPD, have also performed Safety Walks in different sections of campus. The purpose of these walks is to look for safety hazards, such as: no emergency call boxes, broken sidewalks, poor lighting, and broken tree limbs. Once all the information is gathered, it will be presented to Senate and then the West Lafayette City Council. We will work closely with the district representative to ensure that several of the items we found on the safety walk get fixed.

## Adopt-A-Section of Campus Recognition

Adopt-A-Section of Campus has been taking affect to help keep our campus looking nice. Adopt-A-Section of campus works much like Adopt-A-Highway, where student organizations are encouraged to sign up to clean a section of campus. They are to make sure all overdue flyers are taken away, to pick up the trash, etc. We would like to recognize Alpha Pi Omega for having the cleanest section of campus for this month. Congratulations! Other participants include: Purdue Pharmacy

Ambassadors, Delta Upsilon, Purdue Society of Women Engineers, Liberal Arts Student Council, Alpha Phi Omega, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Pi Kappa Alpha, PRSSA, Invisible Children United, PSUB, Pugwash, Purdue Engineering Student Council, Order of Omega, Grand Prix Foundation, Boiler Blast, PCC, and Interfraternity Council. Thank you to everyone who has helped! If your organization would like to get involved, please contact Naomi at [nsasin@purdue.edu](mailto:nsasin@purdue.edu).