

# Purdue Student Government

**2020-2021 School Year**

Assata Gilmore – President

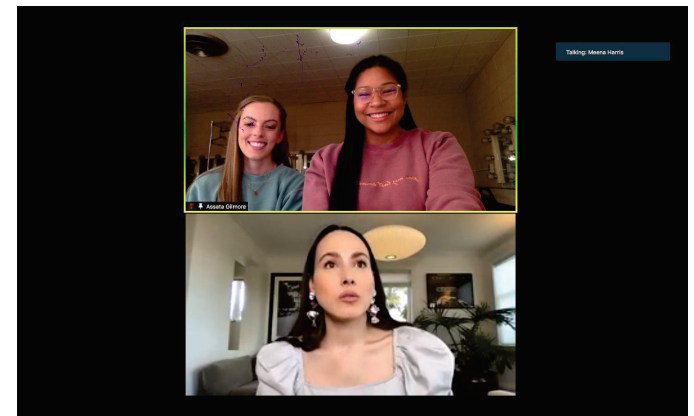
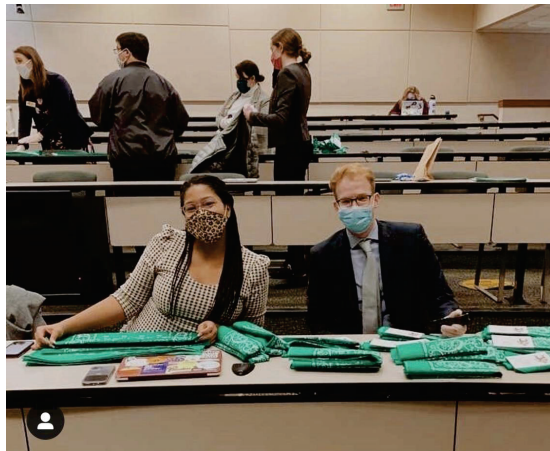
Hannah Walter – Vice President

# Daring to be BOLD



## PSG 2020-2021 Quick Facts:

- 135 members
- 10 colleges represented
- \*insert number\* ethnicities
- # of events hosted
- Amount of legislation written

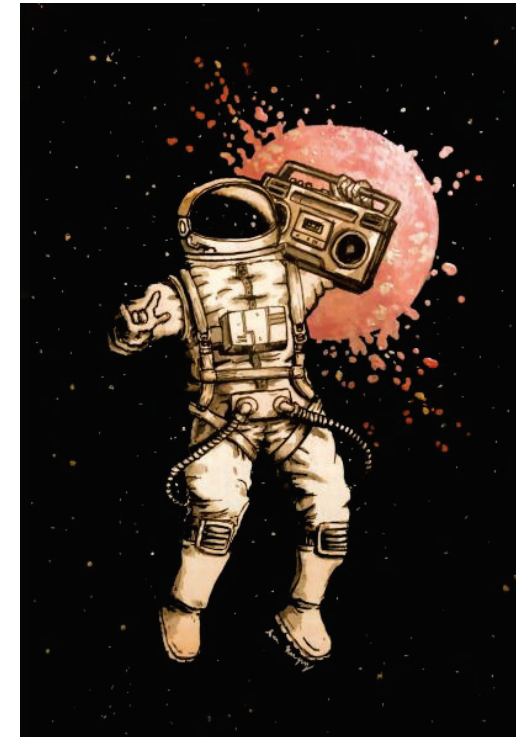
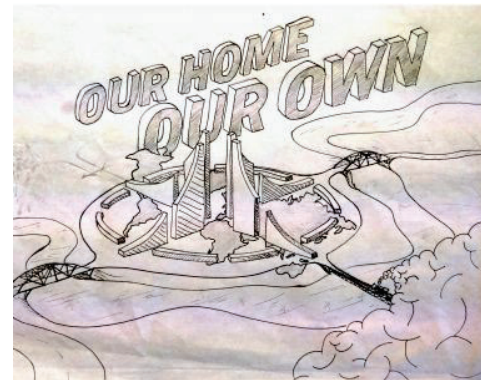


# What did we accomplish?



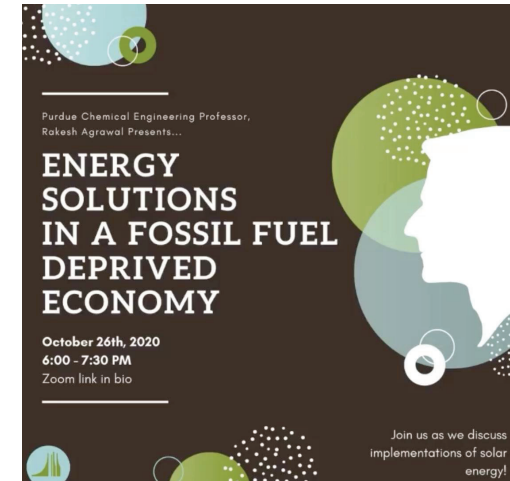
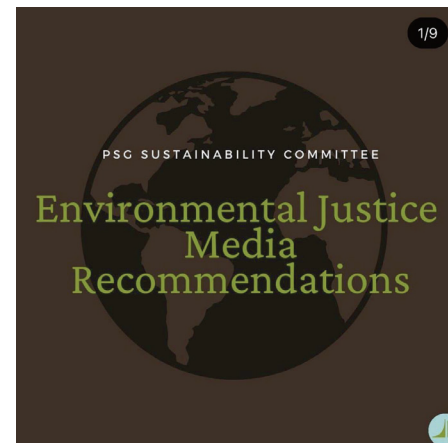
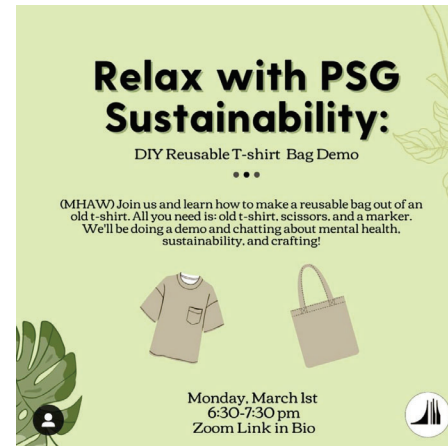
# Build an Inclusive Community

- Leadership Summit
- Campus Mural Project
  - ◆ Three Pieces to be hung in the Krach Leadership Center!
- UberEats Vouchers
- Boilermaker Bash
  - ◆ Biggest in-person event during the fall semester!
- Brightspace Module on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - ◆ Through collaboration with the Honors College Student Diversity Officers under Dr. Megha Anwer, Purdue Student Government is creating a Brightspace Module that has diversity, equity, and inclusion training that students would be required to take.
- Disability Action Plan
- Meena Harris Guest Speaker Event



# Operate Sustainable Practices

- Environmental/Climate Policy Townhall with local politicians
  - ◆ This semester, PSG put together a town hall made up of local political representatives and committee members from Tippecanoe county focusing solely on environmental policy.
- The Environmental Justice Series
- Report on Improving and Streamlining the Purdue's Recycling Practices
- Purdue Student Government's Earth Day Event
- Relax with PSG Sustainability: DIY T-Shirt Bags!
- Trivia Challenge with Purdue Student Government
- Sustainability Summit for all Environmentally-Focused Purdue Student Organizations
  - ◆ There are several student organizations at Purdue that are dedicated towards sustainability and tackling difficult environmental problems. In order to accelerate the work that each of these organizations is doing, and to provide an opportunity to increase collaboration and sharing of ideas, Purdue Student Government hosted a Sustainability Summit to bring together representatives and members from these organizations into one space.



# Lead with Intention

- Election Day Legislation
- Reading Day Efforts
- Protect Purdue Campaign
- Mandatory Grade Updates
- Immigration Attorney Initiative
  - ◆ In partnership with PGSG, we have been able to serve 200+ students with general immigration policy information sessions as well as 80+ individual consultations.
- Purdue Village Advocacy Efforts
  - Awareness of Course Evaluations as a Platform to Prevent Discrimination
  - Over the last year, Purdue's Center for Instructional Excellence has added questions to the course evaluations that ask students about whether instructors are creating a good environment, treating them well, and being fair. Collaborating with them, PSG's University and Academic Affairs committee created infographic and social media content to improve awareness around these resources for students, and to ensure that they know about the process used when reviewing course evaluations so that students can best leverage them.



JONATHAN GRODE, GREEN & SPIEGEL

## Immigration Attorney Sessions for Purdue Students

This semester, free immigration legal services will be available virtually every month to undergraduate and graduate students.



**2021**

### JANUARY

**GENERAL INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Information will be provided on visa options, post graduation, and other important federal updates on immigration.

**Tuesday, January 26th from 5:00 - 6:00 PM EST**

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/legalsessions>  
Meeting ID: 935 8810 5104

**20 MINUTE CONSULTATIONS**

Offered for undergraduate and graduate students to discuss individual cases and immigration plans.

**Wednesday, January 27th & Thursday, January 28th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST**  
\*Lunch break from 11:50 - 1:00 PM\*

Registration Link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/legalsessions00d>

Green and Spiegel will represent students who want to use Purdue University's free and private immigration benefits program and it would be a conflict of interest for the faculty and the University to do.



PURDUE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Save Affordable Housing at Purdue University

The Purdue Village community was made aware that the community, made up primarily of international graduate students and families, will be **downsized by half displacing residents** of 13 buildings.

Purdue Village is currently the only place on campus graduate students and students with families can settle. There is no housing substitute available with a comparable price, location, and community for students to relocate. Purdue currently does not currently have finalized plans to create future married, family, and graduate housing.

Save affordable housing at Purdue by signing here:  
<http://chnng.it/wLKV9Njx9n>

# Dedicate Time to Wellness

**MENTAL HEALTH  
ACTION WEEK**  
MARCH 1-5, 2021



PURDUE STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT CABINET

## Build your Own Bouquet

THURSDAY, MARCH 4  
KRACH LOBBY  
6:30-8:00

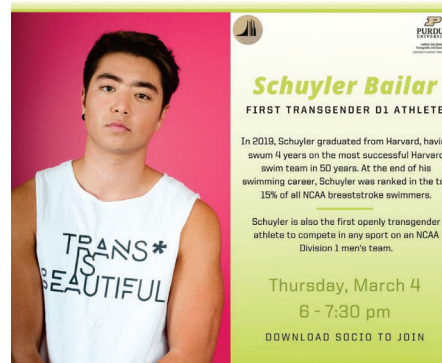
Share your campus concerns or ask questions about the organization while building your very own bouquet. With 10+ flower options to choose from it will be a great way to meet new people and relieve some stress!



- Mental Health Action Week (MHAW)
- Winter Warmth Initiative
  - Over 150 graduate and undergraduate students received free winter gear. This was a collaborative effort between PSG, PGSG and the Ace Campus Food Pantry.
- Reading Day Sweepstakes
  - Three students and three faculty/staff members received free vouchers to stay at the Union Club Hotel and try out the 8Eleven restaurant to celebrate Purdue reading days.
- SAFER Consent Fair
- Medical Amnesty Policy
- Equity and Diversity Committee Presents: Movies for Mental Health
  - In March, the Purdue Student Government's Equity and Diversity committee hosted a 2-hour workshop that focused on empowering young adults, educators, health professionals and community members to gain a better understanding of mental health within their environment.



**MENTAL HEALTH  
ACTION WEEK**  
MARCH 1-5, 2021



**Schuyler Bailar**  
FIRST TRANSGENDER D1 ATHLETE

In 2019, Schuyler graduated from Harvard, having swam 4 years on the most successful Harvard swim team in 50 years. At the end of his swimming career, Schuyler was ranked in the top 15% of all NCAA breaststroke swimmers.

Schuyler is also the first openly transgender athlete to compete in any sport on an NCAA Division I men's team.

Thursday, March 4  
6 - 7:30 pm  
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# Data Driven



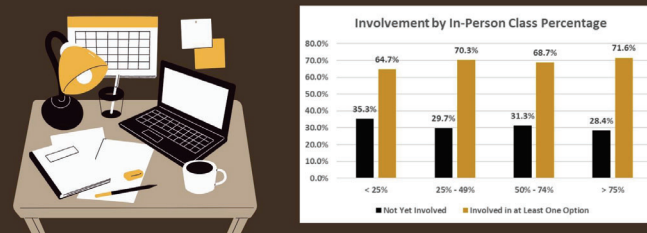


- Covid Engagement Survey
- End of Semester Survey
- Wellbeing Climate Survey
- J-Term Data
- Purdue Village Data

## Percent of In-Person Classes

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When analyzing involvement data by percentage of in-person classes, it appears that students who take less than 25% of their classes in-person were less likely to be involved. However, there was not a distinct difference in involvement for students who took 25% or more of their classes in-person.



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## Qualitative Data

### Activities

In an effort to connect students with each other, Purdue is offering students the CORO application, powered by Boilerlink, for departments and student organizations to communicate up-to-date activities on their mobile devices. Whether it is residence hall related or a Netflix watch party, students are able to explore the application and find ways to engage with other students on campus.

There were many students who expressed frustration and wanted more engaging activities on campus. Responders indicated that a number of the activities and gatherings on campus were still remote, confining students to their residence hall rooms or apartments instead of offering opportunities for in-person engagement. There was a positive response in regard to the movie night that took place at Ross Side Stadium in early September. Students in the survey requested more experiences like this. It is not clear, based on the responses, that students were aware of the CORO app and its capabilities.

### Classes

If a student chose the on-campus experience, their classes would be a hybrid of both online and in-person participation. Faculty and advisors worked to satisfy class requests based on students' online or on-campus preference.

The survey noted disappointment in hybrid schedules. Some students found that majority of their classes were online. Students feel this causes an additional detriment to on-campus experience, being "stuck in their dorms" and not experiencing campus life. Students felt they were being assigned "more" homework online. Students complained how unhealthy they felt unhealthy studying in dorms 12 hours a day with no opportunities to engage with professors or other students. Time-zone differences also were extremely difficult online. As a result, survey respondents asked for more in-person classes, arguing that if they can take exams in person, they should be able to take classes in person as well.

### Dining

Fall semester underwent many changes to navigate through social distancing, high-touch objects, and dining safety. 37 outdoor tents were erected with Plexiglas barriers between seats. In response, many students found that the Plexiglas has inhibited their ability to hear their friends and many return to their dorms during mealtimes.

Students are concerned about having to constantly eat in their dorms. They do not feel that tents are a viable option as the weather turns cold or windy, and have been worried about the overall negative impact eating alone is having on their well-being. Those with dietary restrictions are also discouraged by the lack of meal options available. A few students were also very disturbed by the impact the carryout containers were having on Purdue's sustainability.

### Well-Being

While the survey reflected relatively high mean responses on items related to well-being and belonging, there are also a significant number of students who feel that this is a challenging for them in the current environment as noted by qualitative responses. Based on their student experience thus far, many students are longing for additional connection with others. One student professed that they "have never felt so out of touch with others and alone". Having not experienced traditional college life before, some students felt that they have nothing to draw from in terms of how to make the most of it. Some students felt that Purdue was being too prohibitive and should just let students do what they want, enjoying the minimal risk COVID-19 is having on students' health. However, others expressed appreciation for all that Purdue was doing to keep them safe and stated they understood what Purdue was undertaking and that the restrictive measures were necessary.

# Lame Duck Season

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# Mental Health

BOILERMAKER SUPPORT NETWORK



## STUDENT DIRECTORS

APPLY BY 3/27 AT

[TINYURL.COM/BSNLEADERS](https://tinyurl.com/bsnleaders)

The Boilermaker Support Network is a Purdue Student Government initiative to create a student-lead and facilitated support group on campus. Creating this new mental health resource will require 5 Student Directors to fulfill roles in the organization.

Please read about the different positions and consider applying to make a difference on campus!

### Director of Leader Development

As Director of Leader Development, your main domain is everything that relates to the experience of our BSN peer facilitators. You will work with professionals to develop our group leader trainings, plan our semester retreats, and generally serve as a resource and communicator between leaders, directors, and our CAPS Advisor.

### Director of Operations

As Director of Operations, you focus areas is the group placement process, website management, survey distribution and data collection. You are the point person to reach if you have any questions about data related to BSN, or about the structure of how the organization runs.

### Director of Business Development

The Director of Business Development is responsible for creating and maintaining BSN's annual budget, overseeing spending activities, and spearheading all fundraising efforts.

### Director of Program Development

As Director of Program Development your role is developing programming within BSN by working with community organizations and presenting at mental health conferences. Director of Program Development will be able to answer questions about apparel, collaborations with student orgs, and BSN's programming.

### Director of Marketing and Outreach

As Director of Marketing and Outreach, you will manage social media, tabling + events, and other on-campus efforts to grow our community. In this role, you will also organize efforts to expand our reach on campus and increase our brand recognition locally and beyond.



Senate Document 20-xx

DATE

TO: The University Senate

FROM: Purdue Student Government Mental Health Action Week Committee

SUBJECT: Required QPR Training for Professors and Teaching Assistants

DISPOSITION: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

RATIONALE:

The youth in the United States, particularly at undergraduate and graduate level age, are some of the most vulnerable people to struggles with Mental Health. According to a report done by Mental Health America, in 2020, 9.7% of youth, ages 15-24, in the United States have severe major depression<sup>1</sup>. According to the Mental Health Foundation, 75 percent of lifetime mental illnesses start by age 24<sup>2</sup>. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, suicide is the second leading cause of death in the United States among individuals ages 10 to 34<sup>3</sup>. These statistics are national statistics; however, Purdue University has some statistics regarding Mental Health as well. According to Purdue University Police Department reports, in 2020, 2 Purdue students died by suicide and 3 additional students attempted suicide<sup>4</sup>. Purdue University Spokesperson, Tim Doty, stated that since 1998, Purdue University has averaged an annual 2 students dying by suicide. Many students at Purdue University feel there is a lack of empathy on campus and Purdue should do more to improve the emotional wellbeing of students, according to a tabling event conducted by Purdue Student Government in 2019. One solution that students at Purdue who participated in the "Occupy Hovde" protests last November think needs to be implemented is higher accountability for the professors when it comes to Mental Health concerns<sup>5</sup>. Because students interact with instructors and Teaching Assistants, hereby called TAs, on a daily basis and are the primary representatives of Purdue University, the Mental Health Action Week Committee, along with the support of Purdue Student Government and Purdue Graduate Student Government,

**We have several initiatives in the works that are related to the mental health and wellbeing of the entire campus community.**

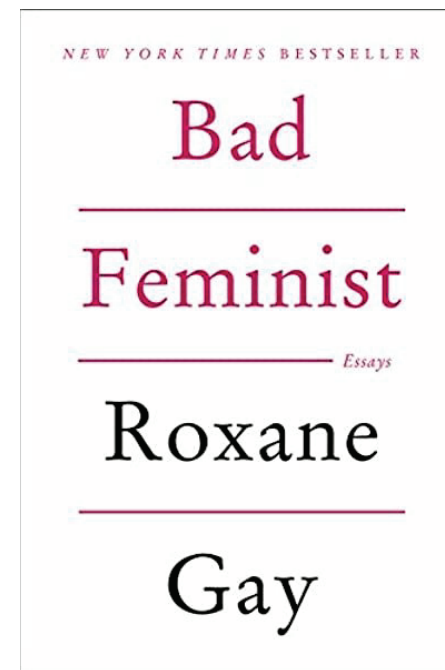
**BECOME A BOILER WELLNESS AMBASSADOR**

Callout:  
 March 3rd, 6-7pm  
 Zoom Meeting ID:  
 961 4184 6005

In the efforts of cultivating mental wellness and uplifting the Boilermaker community as an initiative of Mental Health Action Week, PSG is proud to announce the sponsoring of the Boiler Wellness Ambassadors Program. Students accepted will become certified to train others in QPR suicide prevention training.

Apply now at: [tinyurl.com/boilerwellness](https://tinyurl.com/boilerwellness)  
 Applications close March 21st

# BOLD Brunch



We have partnered with the Brock-Wilson Center, Purdue's Women Network and the Office of Diversity & Inclusion to host a BOLD Brunch in honor of the incredible women that have contributed so much to the Purdue community.



## What's next?



**Hannah Darr**  
Master's of Public Health  
University of North Carolina



**Assata Gilmore**  
Financial Services Consultant  
KPMG, Chicago

# *Meet the President & Vice President Elects*

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# Thank you for an incredible year!

With You. For You. Together.



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