

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MIDTERM REPORT

2023-2024
SANTMYER-DOZIER



ORGANIZATIONAL OUTREACH

The West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) is an organization that has a mission of serving, communicating with, and interacting with students. Outreach is one of its vital functions, and it is something that is constantly being explored and improved. The importance of outreach to President Madison Santmyer and Vice President Brogan Dozier has been emphasized in the prominent role Outreach Coordinator Anabella Tiano has taken in the organization, among other things.

Tiano and the rest of the Santmyer-Dozier administration worked tirelessly to organize town halls on pertinent topics to students, including academic transformation, safety, and accessibility. The academic transformation town hall, in particular, was accompanied by extensive surveys and student input.

In addition to the usual outreach duties of attending student organization affairs and campus events, SGA members have become more intimately involved with the Morgantown and WVU communities. In October, WVU SGA partnered with Marshall University's Student Government Association to conduct a Month of Service. In addition to this, Outreach Coordinator Tiano has been at the forefront of campus wide pop tab collection for the Ronald McDonald House. Chief of Staff Charlie Long has also spearheaded efforts of SGA to engage more with its illustrious and extensive alumni network.

FINANCES

In the past few months, the Student Government Association's Bureau of Finance has awarded over sixty-six (66) grants to over sixty (60) student organizations, totaling over \$47,000. A third of the SGA External Budget has been exhausted for the 2023-2024 school year. If your student organization would like to apply for a grant, the application and more information can be found at <https://sga.wvu.edu/finances>.

SEPTEMBER AUDIT

West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Bureau of Finance – September Audit

Grant Summary

In the Month of September, the WVU SGA Bureau of Finance has Allocated 30 Grants to 29 Student Organizations.

Travel Grants

Allocated 9 Travel Grants for \$9,074.58

- Reformed University Fellowship - \$500.00
- Student Dance Association - \$1516.65
- COMMunity - \$1524.00
- WVU DPT Class of 2025 - \$1524.02
- Mountaineer Animal Rights Chapter - \$350.00
- WVU Film Club - \$876.22
- Society of Petroleum Engineers - \$1000.00
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers - \$1500.00
- WVU OSTEM - \$283.69

Non Travel Grants

Allocated 21 Non-Travel Grants for \$10,585.01

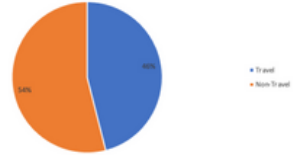
- WVU Robotics Club - \$900.00
- Phi Sigma Pi - \$202.00
- Muslim Student Association - \$300.00
- Turning Point USA - \$500.00
- Student Partnership for the Advancement Exploration - \$1000.00
- Clear the Stress Club - \$122.41
- Self Love Club - \$756.62
- Beta Psi Omega - \$250
- International Law Studies Association - \$1470.84
- American Advertising Federation - \$360.00
- Clear the Stress Club - \$748.36
- Women in Politics Government - \$33.15
- Sigma Phi Delta - \$720.00
- WVU Country Line Dancing - \$1000.00
- Runway of Dreams WVU - \$960.22
- WVU Asian Association - \$177.70
- Ukrainian Mountaineers Association - \$400.00
- Appalachian Advocacy Network - \$108.11

- WVU American Red Cross Club - \$100.00
- WVU Pre-Law Society - \$195.60
- Black Student Union - \$280.00

Closing

We are projected to allocate over 100 grants to our entire budget to organizations by the end of March, 2023.

Travel vs. Non-Travel



External Expenses



OCTOBER AUDIT

West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Bureau of Finance – October Audit

Grant Summary

In the Month of October, the WVU SGA Bureau of Finance has Allocated 27 Grants to 25 Student Organizations.

Travel Grants

Allocated 4 Travel Grants for \$5,549.49

- WVU OSTEM - \$1,240.33
- Alpha Phi Omega - \$1,261.12
- WVU Global Medical Brigades - \$1,524.02
- WVU Global Dental Brigades - \$1,524.02

Non Travel Grants

Allocated 23 Non-Travel Grants for \$16,692.23

- Motor Control Group - \$1,250.00
- Motor Control Group - \$940.27
- WVU BioChemistry Club - \$270.00
- Pershing Rifles - \$650.00
- WVU Sports Management Club - \$350.61
- Quiz Bowl Club - \$55.00
- Veterans of WVU - \$1,520.00
- Appalachian Advocacy Network - \$232.64
- Student Organ Donation Advocates - \$275.00
- Middle Eastern Student Association - \$1,000.00
- Women in Law - \$667.80
- Alpha Omicron Pi - \$1,000.00
- 100 Black Women - \$400.00
- NAACP - \$470.00
- WVU Beekeeping Club - \$377.00
- Tau Kappa Epsilon - \$1,524.02
- National Society of Black Engineers - \$1,524.02
- WVU LGBTQ+ Club - \$1,404.55
- WVU Filipino Association - \$184.99
- Reformed University Fellowship - \$200.00
- Ukrainian Mountaineers Association - \$925.00
- WVU BioChemistry Club - \$482.98
- South Asian Association - \$988.35

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Grace Everly, Auditor, WVU Student Government Association
Rushik Patel, Treasurer, WVU Student Government Association

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PROGRAMMING INITIATIVES

From May 15 to May 17, members of SGA attended the West Virginia Student Leadership Conference at Canaan Valley Resort to learn from other student governments across the state.

Throughout the months of June and July, President Santmyer and Vice President Dozier promoted SGA and its Apprentice Program at New Student Orientations.

On September 29th, members of SGA had the opportunity to meet with the West Virginia Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw to discuss legislative priorities for West Virginia University students.

On October 14th, the Community Engagement Committee joined the Mountaineer Parents Club during their Fall Family Weekend “Family Photos” event.

On October 26th, the Community Engagement Committee participated in a “Track or Treat” event on behalf of SGA.

On October 28th and November 11, members of SGA spoke with prospective students at Discover WVU.

Also on November 11, members of SGA went to see the National Christmas Tree from the Monongahela Forest as it made a stop in the Morgantown area. On November 28, members traveled to DC to attend the lighting ceremony.

In the coming months, SGA has a number of additional programming initiatives planned. These initiatives include activities at WVUp All Night, a retreat in Charleston, and going to Big XII on the Hill to advocate for college students to national representatives.

APPRENTICE PROGRAM

This fall, we welcomed 50 apprentices to SGA! Through the apprentice program, students are paired with SGA members to learn more about the positions in SGA, develop leadership skills, and create change on campus. Apprentices learned about the structure and function of SGA and then used their knowledge and experience on campus to develop their own initiatives. Apprentices will work in conjunction with SGA members to implement these initiatives in the spring semester.

LEGISLATION

The Student Government Association Assembly passed five (5) pieces of legislation. One (1) bill, three (3) resolutions, and one (1) proclamation. Additionally, there are two (2) pieces of legislation on the floor.

College Senator Garrett Oursler and Senator Matthew Olivero co-authored Assembly Proclamation 2023-08-01: An Assembly Proclamation Against the University Cuts Proposed by the Provost.

Additionally, College Senator Oursler and Senator Olivero also co-authored Assembly Resolution 2023-08-01: An Assembly Resolution Regarding the Academic Transformation.

College Senator Oursler, Senator Gabrielle Frazier, and College Senator Andrew Indomenico co-authored Assembly Resolution 2023-10-02: An Assembly Resolution for Increased Outdoor Study Spaces.

Senator Olivia Scholl, College Senator Ian Jackson, Senator Hannah Weeks, and College Senator Julia Lutman co-authored Assembly Resolution 2023-10-03: An Assembly Resolution to Establish a Campus Workers' Appreciation Week.

President Pro Tempore Susie Risk authored Assembly Bill 2023-11-02: An Assembly Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Elections Code.

Senator Olivero and Senator Elijah Eastman authored Assembly Bill 2023-11-01: An Assembly Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution. This legislation has been tabled for its second reading.

President Pro Tempore Risk authored Assembly Bill 2023-11-02: An Assembly Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution. This legislation has been tabled for its second reading.

LEGISLATION IN PROGRESS

College Senator Jackson and College Senator Oursler are currently authoring Assembly Proclamation 2023-11-02: An Assembly Proclamation to Support Integration of Student IDs into Digital Wallets.

SGA's Student Life Committee, chaired by Senator Olivero, is working on a multitude of legislation and initiatives. The most developed piece of legislation is regarding the Safety and Accessibility Walk taken in October. Additionally, the committee is looking into SNAP screener proliferation, issues surrounding campus carry, financial aid for music juries, and the Office of Global Affairs exchange program.

In collaboration with the Strategic Initiatives Committee, chaired by College Senator Oursler, the Student Life Committee is looking into how it can better support and serve WVU Libraries.

The Community Engagement Committee, chaired by Senator Carter Leadmon, is working on organizing a basketball tournament for Men's Mental Health Month. They are also looking to increase SGA's tabling presence across campus.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OUTREACH

In collaboration with the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership, fifteen (15) student organizations presented their student organizations and their missions to the WVU Student Assembly. Each organization was recommended for approval and recognition by the University via unanimous approval.

Student Organization Liaison Erin Skaff has been working with SEL to promote the resources provided by the Student Organization Resource Center and SGA's Bureau of Finance. She has attended thirteen (13) new student organization meetings and met with officers from each to inform them of the funds SGA provides and how SGA can serve as a resource to them.

In addition to this, Skaff has been working with Treasurer Rushik Patel and Chief of Staff Long to create a sign to be utilized by student organizations for when their events are funded by SGA. The goal of this sign is to increase awareness of SGA and its resources across more areas of campus.

Skaff has worked with SEL to develop a semesterly student organization retreat where organizations can learn about branding, fund management, and leadership training.



LET'S GO

As the Student Body President and Vice President, we are incredibly honored and humbled to serve the vibrant and diverse community of our West Virginia. In our final semester, we stand committed to our shared vision of fostering positive change and leaving a lasting impact. Our journey has been one of learning, collaboration, and dedicated service to our fellow students. With gratitude for the trust placed in us, we pledge to continue advocating for the betterment of our university and the broader West Virginia community. Through initiatives promoting student life, community engagement, strategic initiatives, and academic excellence, we aim to elevate the student experience and contribute to the growth and prosperity of this remarkable institution. We are excited to embark on this final leg of our journey, eager to pour our hearts and efforts into initiatives that will resonate long after our tenure ends. Together, let us forge ahead, inspired and impassioned, to create a legacy that echoes the spirit and potential of our beloved university and the great state of West Virginia.

Let's Go!

Madison Santmyer - Student Body President

Brogan Dozier - Student Body Vice President

Charlie Long - Chief of Staff