Executive Summary.

This comprehensive report highlights 17 moments from the Student Government Association in 2017 of the Humphrey-Smith administration. We thank all of the senators, representatives, executives and interns who work tirelessly on behalf of the student body, and we thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to serve.

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17. Creation of the Student ‘UNews’ for WVU Students
   - WVU Student Government successfully helped to create the new student UNews, which is sent out bi-weekly on Mondays and Thursdays to students.
   - The goal of this new method of communication was to bring consistency and to help streamline information to the student body.  
     https://enews.wvu.edu/articles/2017/08/07/wvu-to-launch-unews-to-students-for-fall-semester
16. Student Government work on Combating the Opioid Epidemic
- WVU Student Government worked with the WVU School of Public Health to have a screening of the Netflix documentary “Heroin(e)”, which was open to the entire university and Morgantown community. Following the screening of the documentary, there was a panel discussion with Elaine Sheldon, Dr. Jeff Coben, Laura Jones, Dr. James Berry, Dr. Cathy Yura, and MPD Chief Ed Preston. https://wvutoday.wvu.edu/stories/2017/10/26/wvu-community-groups-to-host-screening-of-heroin-e-documentary-and-discussion-on-opioid-epidemic
- In November, Blake visited with Huntington Fire Chief Jan Rader during a visit to Huntington, WV. They discussed student-oriented solutions to help solve the opioid epidemic, including work on placing Nalaxone in key places on campus. https://twitter.com/BlakeHumphrey_/status/926519841237946368

15. Moving Meetings, Mobile Office Hours and Welcome Week
- WVU Student Government held a number of ‘Mobile Office Hours’ on the downtown, Evansdale campuses. We also made a point to rotate and move our meetings to the Towers Blue and Gold Room and the Evansdale Crossing, in total having 3 meetings on the Evansdale campus.
- In 2017, WVU Student Government created a Student Assistance Task Force within the organization in order to help students and solve problems. Sydney Luther has served as the Constituent Affairs Officer for SGA. In total, we have interacted with 171 students via email correspondence, and have helped 9 students with face-to-face casework to help solve their problems.
- WVU Student Government also took a lead in planning Welcome Week Activities and Programming for first-year, transfer and other new students here on campus.
  - SGA Student One Stop (SOS) helped students find resources, places and helped answer questions for students during the first day of classes.

14. Speaking out against hatred in Charlottesville
- In light of the evil and hatred that permeated the campus of the University of Virginia and the Charlottesville community in August, Student Body President Blake Humphrey joined over 200 student body presidents in signing a letter strongly condemning hatred, anti-semitism and white supremacy. https://sga.wvu.edu/files/d/28eb2560-bd47-4061-8d30-788095267651/sbp-statement-on-charlottesville.pdf

Student Body Presidents Stand with Charlottesville
13. The Big XII Conference in Lubbock, TX
- In September, a delegation from WVU Student Government traveled to Lubbock, TX to participate in the 2017 Big XII Student Government Conference, hosted by Texas Tech University.
- At the conference, WVU Student Government rolled out our plans for hosting the Big XII On The Hill Legislative Advocacy week, which will be held February 25 - 27 in Washington, D.C.
- This year, WVU Student Government has taken a proactive role in strengthening relationships within the conference. Currently, WVU is leading monthly conference calls with the student body presidents from conference schools to talk about campus affairs, student-related issues and solutions to solve problems both on the campus level and at the conference level.

12. Restructuring and Reforming SGA
- In order to help improve the effectiveness of WVU Student Government, the Executive Branch underwent a major transformation. This included streamlining and strengthening various positions to create a more dynamic, robust internal structure.
- For the first time, the position of Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer was elevated to a cabinet-level position. This reflects SGA’s commitment to ensuring that diversity, equity and inclusion are included in the student governing process.
- WVU Student Government also created two new positions, Chief Operations Officer (COO) and Constituent Affairs Officer, in order to better serve the student body through robust outreach and student service.
  SGA restructuring executive hiring process

11. More Grants, More Budget Transparency
- Treasurer/CFO Rachel Daw has had a maniacal focus on the finances of the organization in 2017. Continuing the work of Roshan Daniel, Daw continued to streamline the grant process. At this point in 2017, SGA has awarded a record-breaking number of grants to student organizations!
- The 2017-2018 student administration also upheld its promise to make sure that grants, the SGA budget and the finances of the organization are kept current and made public to the student body. You can find the 2017-2018 budget online at:
  https://sga.wvu.edu/files/d/3fb5bc26-1918-440e-896f-91c59832a961/budget-1.pdf
10. Partnering with Peer Advocates for the ‘Survivor Vigil’ + CAYA Conversations
- SGA Senator Shan Cawley sponsored a partnership between SGA and the WVU Peer Advocates to hold the 2017 Survivor Vigil at West Virginia University.
- In addition, WVU Student Government and student leadership at the university remained steadfast in their commitment to upholding Title 9 provisions, and making sure that every student feels safe and protected on our campus. This includes efforts by various SGA senators to improve campus safety, such as increasing the presence of ‘Blue Lights’ on campus, and promoting the LiveSafe app to the student body.

9. Discounted Concession Prices at Football Games
- SGA Senator Abundance Hunt helped to secure lower-priced concessions at WVU Football games. Her efforts not only saved students money during our football games, but also promoted the health, safety and well-being of students attending the games.

8. Election of the 2017-2018 College Representatives/New Senators
- The 2017 College Representatives election led to an extremely qualified, passionate group of college representatives being elected to serve WVU’s academic colleges.
- In addition, the Executive Branch worked with the Student Assembly to help pass language creating a procedure to fill vacancies in the Student Assembly. This included a vote of the student body, in which the measure passed overwhelmingly. The three appointments to the Student Senate were;
  - Senator Roark Sizemore, who is recognized in the greater Morgantown community for his leadership with Pantry Plus More.
  - Senator Taylor Giles, who served as the 2017 Central Region Chief of the Order of the Arrow for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).
  - and Senator Jace Kyle, a strong thought leader in political science in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences.

SGA hosts first meeting with new senators

SGA adds 12 new representatives

Students approve SGA amendment, organization looks to move forward:
7. Flood Recovery
- In the summer of 2017, storms and rain caused treacherous flooding across the northern part of the state. WVU Student Government helped lead the way for flood recovery.
- In partnership with the WVU Center for Service and Learning, as well as Fairmont State University, volunteers were mobilized and dispatched to help clean up in various communities across West Virginia, including Mannington, McMechen and Hundred.
- During the 2017 Student Government Retreat, held at Camp Giscowhenco in Wheeling, WV, SGA members traveled to Hundred, WV to help community and volunteer leaders with flood recovery efforts. Over 25 student government members, advisors and other volunteers from the university participated in this day of service to help Hundred recover.
  

6. Social Media Rebrand and a New Mission and Vision
- In order to better connect and communicate with the student body, WVU Student Government has made a number of strategic changes to our social media strategy.
- First and foremost, we gave our Twitter and Facebook presences a change in branding. This including new logos, graphics, language and social strategies to help engage and connect with the student body.
- We also launched a new WVU Student Government Instagram page to help convey our story through images.
- Internally, Communications Officer Kayla Asbury focused on developing a weekly digest that is sent out to all SGA members.

5. Enhanced outreach and advocacy to local, state and federal representatives
- During the course of 2017, this student government administration has remained steadfast in focusing on building stronger relationships with our local, state and federal representatives and officials.
- In April of 2017, Student Body President Blake Humphrey, Vice President Shannon Smith and other student leaders made a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with all 5 members of West Virginia’s congressional delegation to talk about important student priorities, such as increasing funding for federal financial aid programs, ending campus sexual assault, increasing mental health awareness, and finding innovative ways to lower college costs for students, such as open textbooks.
- Throughout 2017, we have had in-person meetings, conversations and interactions with;
  - United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and staff;
  - United States Senator Joe Manchin III (D-WV) and staff;
  - United States Congressman David B. McKinley (R-WV) and staff;
  - United States Congressman Alex Mooney (R-WV) and staff;
  - United States Congressman Evan Jenkins (R-WV) and staff;
  - Governor Jim Justice (R-WV)
  - Members of the West Virginia Legislature, including local representatives John Williams (D-WV), Barbara Evans-Fleischauer (D-WV), Joe Statler (R-WV), State Senator Bob Beach (D-WV), State Senator Roman Prezioso (D-WV) and a number of other state officials and representatives.
  - County Commissioner Tom Bloom and County Administrator Rennetta McClure;
  - and Mayor Bill Kawecki, Deputy Mayor Mark Brazitis, and members of the Morgantown City Council.
- WVU Student Government remains committed to pushing the interests of the student body through local, state and federal advocacy efforts.

4. **Share-A-Swipe Campaign**
   - WVU Student shared 485 swipes in the Fall 2017 Share-A-Swipe Campaign.
   - SGA Senator Brenna Leasor helped to lead this effort with WVU Dining, WVU Food Recovery Network, Swipe Out Hunger and other community organizations.
   - These meals were delivered to local nonprofits and The Rack Student Food Pantry at West Virginia University.

3. **Working Across West Virginia**
   - Regional Campus Liaison Position Established
   - Visits to WVU-Keyser and WVU-Beckley by WVU SGA
   - Delegation attended HEPC Student Summit at Jackson’s Mill
   - Visited our Fairmont State colleagues to discuss West Virginia Forward.
   - Universities United Op/Ed by Blake Humphrey with Matt Jarvis, Student Body President at Marshall University
   - WVU Summer Tours with Dr. Gee to Beckley, Wheeling, Wellsburg, Bethany, Berkeley Springs and McDowell County
   - #WVForward and WVU Connect

2. **ServiceFirst**
   - In 2017, we led a group of 150 students to 9 different counties across the State of West Virginia to participate in “Service First.”
   - This project allowed for the student body to give back in upholding our university’s land-grant mission.

1. **Working on behalf of all of you!**