

2018-2019

Elsie Forum
Annual Report





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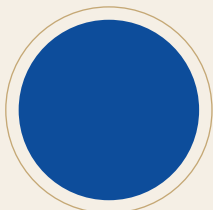
INTRODUCTION

The Elsie Hillman Civic Forum continued to ignite and mobilize the University of Pittsburgh's emerging student leaders in service by providing them with opportunities to connect with civic leaders and effect positive change for its third consecutive year. The Elsie Forum's programs for the 2018-2019 academic year concluded in April of 2019 and had over 300 student applicants across all of its programs. By the academic year's end, the Elsie Forum engaged 170 students, 27 elected officials, and 35 community leaders in its programming and Elsie's legacy.

The Elsie Forum exposes students to the Southwestern Pennsylvania civic process, and provides them with opportunities to contribute to the resurgence of Pittsburgh as one of America's premier cities, while also preserving and improving its communities as a home for all. In the spirit of this inclusive learning experience, the Elsie Forum also holds diversity and inclusion as central to its student recruitment strategy.

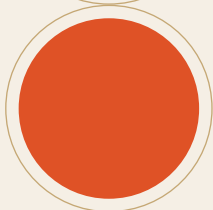
The following annual report will cover the programs conducted from September of 2018 through April of 2019, which coincides with the University of Pittsburgh's academic year.

ELSIE FORUM STUDENT PROGRAMS



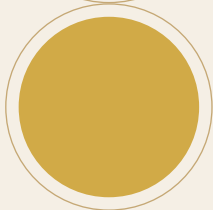
INSTITUTE OF POLITICS INTERNSHIP AND SEMINAR

Students earn four credits for a semester of interning with an elected official and attending a weekly seminar where they learn about the factors that contribute to the politics of Southwestern PA.



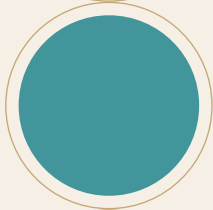
ELSIE HILLMAN HONORS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Student leaders interested in a particular social or community issue affecting our region connect with community organizations for the academic year and help them develop and implement projects to address that issue.



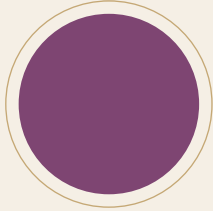
AMBASSADORS FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

A team of graduate students join one regional organization that addresses public policy, supports programming, and/or engages in community or civic engagement to assist with developing and implementing a project for the academic year.



NEVER A SPECTATOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM

This campus-wide event provides a unique opportunity for students to network with some of the region's most prominent leaders from the government, nonprofit, and private sectors and discuss ways to make a difference in their communities.



LEGISLATOR FOR A DAY

Each spring, students take a day to shadow a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly in Harrisburg to better understand and experience the roles and responsibilities of a state elected official.

INSTITUTE OF POLITICS INTERNSHIP AND SEMINAR PROGRAM

Since 1990, the Institute of Politics has provided over 750 Pitt students with the opportunity to intern with an elected official through its Internship and Seminar Program. Not only have students gained hands-on experience working with those making policy decisions for the Southwestern Pennsylvania region, but the program has also provided the region's public officials with consistent, high-performing students, which has added to their district offices' organizational capacity.

During the 2018-2019 academic year, 34 students participated in the program and assisted 18 elected officials from the federal, state, and local levels. Common experiences that interns received at their placements included conducting policy research, providing constituent services, and helping with events and daily operations of district offices. One of the most valuable experiences students gain, however, is interacting with their public official and getting to see how they interact with their constituents, lead their staff, and make policy decisions.

In addition to their internship, students attend a weekly seminar where Nello Giorgetti, Principal at Cohen & Grigsby and Dennis McManus, Government Affairs Director at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, provide important context of the region's historical, economic, and social factors that impact its politics. The seminar culminates with the students' running a mock committee meeting where they assume the roles of legislators and debate and vote on a bill as their assigned legislator.

Another feature of the program includes the Ann M. Dykstra Scholar Intern Award, which was created in 2010 in memory of the late Dr. Dykstra to acknowledge her role in creating this internship program. This award is given to the most outstanding intern who is presented with a plaque as well as \$500 to recognize their exceptional dedication and effort in both their placement and the classroom. In Fall 2018, Grace Nelson, a junior political science and English literature major, was awarded this honor, and the Spring 2019 award went to Aaron Hill, a senior majoring in urban studies and political science.

With the fall 2019 semester underway, the Elsie Forum has made an effort to place more students with female legislators, and it's been successful in placing students with five female elected officials.



2018-2019 IOP Internship Placements

U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA)	PA State Representative Ed Gainey (D-District 24)
U.S. Congressman Mike Doyle (D-District 14)	PA State Representative Dan Miller (D-District 42)
U.S. Congressman Conor Lamb (D-District 17)	PA State Representative Jake Wheatley (D-District 19)
U.S. Congressman Guy Reschenthaler (R-District 14)	Pittsburgh Councilwoman Debra Gross (D-District 7)
U.S. Congressman Keith Rothfus (R-District 12)	Pittsburgh Councilman Bruce Kraus (D-District 3)
PA State Senator Jay Costa (D-District 43)	Pittsburgh Councilman Daniel Lavelle (D-District 6)
PA State Senator Wayne Fontana (D-District 42)	Pittsburgh Councilman Corey O'Connor (D-District 5)
PA State Representative Austin Davis (D-District 35)	Pittsburgh Councilperson Erika Straussburger (D-District 8)
PA State Representative Dan Deasy (D-District 27)	Jennifer Beer, Vice President, Government Relations, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
PA State Representative Dan Frankel (D-District 23)	

ELSIE HILLMAN HONORS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Institute of Politics and Elsie Forum are consistently impressed by the level of talent, professionalism, dedication and passion for civic engagement Pitt students exhibit, especially those who are interested in the Elsie Honors Scholars Program. Eager to make a difference in our region, 33 students applied for the chance to be a part of the 2018-19 Elsie Scholar cohort, the highest number of applicants since the program’s implementation, and the seven students below formed the program’s third highly-qualified cohort.

This year’s Elsie Scholars were truly remarkable. Each spent the first semester learning about their organization, its population, and its work, which gave them the knowledge and experience to either join an existing project within the organization or identify a new project. The section below describes each Scholar’s project completed with their partner organization.

MEET THE 2018-2019 ELSIE SCHOLARS

Courtney Davenport



Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh

In her final year at Pitt pursuing a degree in health services, Courtney decided to act on her passion for financial literacy and education by joining the Elsie Scholar Program. Placed with ULGP, she worked with her mentors, Esther Bush and Victoria Goins to lend her skills and work experience at a financial institution to the ULGP’s Bank On Program. With her overall goal of facilitating opportunities for others and helping them achieve their goals, Courtney helped ULGP increase financial inclusion in Pittsburgh’s underrepresented communities.

INCREASING FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

Problem Statement	Project Objectives	Deliverables
There is a lack of financial security of lower and moderate income minorities in Pittsburgh, and 17.7% of black Pittsburgh residents do not have bank accounts compared to 2.8% of white residents, so we must address areas of financial inclusion and promote financial wellness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide possible improvements to the Bank On Program • Assist a Vita Tax site • Make connections between existing programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzed other Bank On websites & provided a list of improvements • Compared certified & non-certified banks • Created a paycheck insert to advertise Bank On Program • Fin Tech & financial capability workshops

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I strongly believe in education, whether formal or informal, because I see it as the foundation to becoming great. The more knowledge we gain, the more we can share with others. Elsie was strong in her beliefs, and she worked hard for what she believed in. In this way, I believe I am very much like her. I believe that the lack of financial resources shouldn’t stand in the way of people accomplishing great things, and I want to change that.

~ Courtney Davenport, Health Services

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Kathryn Fleisher



Pittsburgh Mayor's Office
Welcoming Pittsburgh

Kathryn, a sophomore majoring in politics & philosophy and gender, sexuality, & women's studies, has worked with immigrant and refugee inclusion programs in other roles with other organizations, so she brought significant experience and expertise to the City of Pittsburgh and its Welcoming Pittsburgh initiative. She joined her mentor, Feyisola Alabi, to provide better access to information about city programs that benefit its residents, specifically focusing on its immigrant and refugee population.

AN EVEN MORE WELCOMING PITTSBURGH: ENHANCING MEANINGFUL IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE INCLUSION PRACTICES

Problem Statement	Project Objectives	Deliverables
As global refugee crises rage on, it remains clear that our nation is in desperate need of compassionate, intelligent, and effective immigrant and refugee services. In Pittsburgh, there are growing numbers of immigrants and refugees in need of refurbished and recommitted plans for their integration and inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase immigrant representation in Pittsburgh's bodies of civic leadership Promote awareness of and trust in local government throughout Pittsburgh's immigrant, refugee, and underserved communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Government 101 Video translated into 10 languages: Chinese, Russian, Spanish, French, Swahili, Nepali, Arabic, Uzbek, Somali, and Burmese Immigrant Inclusion Mechanisms - a form created for others to recommend immigrants and refugees to city leadership positions

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I feel like I learned so much about not only myself, but also the City of Pittsburgh, immigrant and refugee issues in the country/region, community organizations, and more. This was hands down one of the best and most influential experiences I have ever had.

~ Kathryn Fleisher, Politics & Philosophy and Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies

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Scott Glaser



ACTION-Housing, Inc.

A Peekskill, New York native majoring in political science and international studies, Scott has dedicated himself to improving affordable housing options in Pittsburgh, first with the inception and implementation of his student organization, Advancing Communities Together (ACT), and second, by joining ACTION-Housing, Inc an Elsie Scholar. With the help of his mentors, Larry Swanson and Joe Costa, Scott learned about development in the city. He saw that some of the methods used to determine who receives federal housing benefits was flawed, so he researched policy options that could help more people be eligible for such programs.

RE-IMAGINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PITTSBURGH: LESSONS FROM AMERICAN CITIES

Problem Statement	Project Objectives	Deliverables
Currently, Pittsburgh has a lack of affordable housing. ACTION Housing Inc. has been supplying most of the affordable housing in the city. ACTION cannot solve the problem of affordable housing alone. The city must create new and innovative ways to solve their lack of affordable housing.	To create a hyper-localized definition of AMI (Area Median Income) by researching affordable housing policies that have worked in other American cities and analyze how they could fit into Pittsburgh	A policy paper on hyper-localized AMI standards and policy options from other American cities

Zuri Kent-Smith



Pennsylvania Environmental Council

Pursuing a degree in Africana studies & philosophy, Zuri has many passions including reducing health disparities in minority and immigrant communities, but his focus recently shifted to environmental justice issues in his junior year while he was working for the Pitt Climate and Global Change Research Center. He learned a lot during that experience, and applied what he learned to assist his mentor John Walliser and the PA Environmental Council. Specifically, he researched carbon pricing and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and how it could be implemented in PA.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE REVIEW

Problem Statement	Project Objectives	Deliverables
A variety of states have introduced legislation regarding carbon pricing and carbon taxation. The goal is to incentivize corporations that rely heavily on non-renewable energy to shift to renewable energy. However, we have to account for the impact on consumers and low-income residents. How will they use the collected revenue? Can it be used to help low-income residents pay for their own utility bills?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research the various ways states are using revenue from RGGI and legislation on carbon taxing to aid low-income residents and consumers Influence the state legislature to adopt a carbon taxing program 	Policy paper on the RGGI program highlighting the use of revenue raised from taxing corporation used to supplement bills of low-income consumers of energy

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Like Elsie, I want to create a shared vision and commitment to bring people together to promote the betterment of Pittsburgh. A part of this vision is creating a neutral space of honest dialogue and operating under the philosophy that all stakeholders need to be included in discussions and processes that will ultimately impact a community. Everyone’s voice is important. By promoting inclusion, I am working to become a skilled social actor.

~ Teresa Leatherow, Supply Chain Management & Business Information Systems

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Teresa Leatherow



Traffic21 Carnegie Mellon University

Driven to challenge the way climate change is perceived, discussed, and understood through science-based communication and interdisciplinary collaboration, Teresa, a senior pursuing a degree in business administration, started her own nonprofit called Co-Op. Her mentors, Lisa Kay Schweyer and Stan Caldwell helped Teresa take her passion for sustainability and apply it to Traffic21’s team. She used their networks and expertise to educate the community on sustainability efforts in Pittsburgh’s transportation systems.

SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORTATION: BUILDING THE SYSTEMS OF TOMORROW

Problem Statement	Project Objectives	Deliverables
An often-overlooked opportunity for building equitable and resilient communities is found at the intersection of environmental sustainability and transportation investment and planning. While the macro gap exists in that sustainability and transportation are addressed in isolation, micro gaps stem from this and include transportation routes, sustainable and affordable transportation solutions, and various levels of access to technology that enable more and “better” choices for citizens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct research and literature review to understand the scope of transportation and environmental sustainability as separate & intersecting issues Educate the community on the importance of sustainability & transportation 	Host a public forum to educate the Pittsburgh community on sustainability and transportation within the Pittsburgh region

Saket Rajprohat



Denny
Civic Solutions

Passionate about civic engagement and marketing, Saket partnered with Denny Civic Solutions and his mentors, John Denny and Charlie Lotz, in his senior year at Pitt. He utilized his marketing skills and experience to create a comprehensive social media campaign for NAMI Keystone, a nonprofit organization with the mission to raise awareness about mental health and provide recovery-focused support, education, and advocacy for people living with mental illness and their loved ones.

ENSURING FUNDING FOR PENNSYLVANIA FIRST EPISODE PROGRAMS (FEP)

Problem Statement	Project Objectives	Deliverables
The existing FEP programs in PA are run separately with varying methodology toward campaigning and marketing of their services. Although FEP sites could easily cater their programming to their regions, it has been difficult to create a unified approach to gaining state recognition to fund these sites. NAMI keystone hopes to unify this effort by creating a social media orientated plan for all FEP sites and NAMI affiliates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of PA FEP programs to ensure future funding • Have three counties apply for DHS grant for new FEP sites • Establish NAMI Keystone as the go-to organization for PA legislatures in understanding mental illness 	<p>Social media campaign to promote Pennsylvania's FEP programs to the general public</p> <p>Presentation for the House of Representatives</p>

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My time on the NAMI project was an eye opening experience for me. Working with and hearing from those who have suffered from mental health disorders and psychosis has opened up my perspective on the issues many members of society face everyday. It has made me more sympathetic to the circumstances of individuals and more open to understanding and working with issues I may not experience myself.

~ Saket Rajprohat, Marketing

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Daniel Walsh



PERSAD
Center

Daniel, an accomplished junior pursuing his mathematical biology degree, wanted to lend his talents to help the LGBTQ community, so he partnered with the PERSAD Center and his mentor Sarah Rosso to develop a web platform that allows the LGBTQ community find mental and physical health, HIV/AIDS, children and families, aging, recreational and legal resources. He also wanted the community to see how helpful those organizations were in regards to care.

A COMPREHENSIVE LGBTQ RESOURCE GUIDE FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Problem Statement	Project Objectives	Deliverables
The problem is two-fold. On one hand, there is lack of known resources specifically aimed and targeted toward the LGBTQ community. On the other hand, there are resources available to the general public that may not serve the LGBTQ community well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understand the gaps and overlaps of LGBTQ resources in Allegheny County • Connect and promote awareness of all the resources available, and how individuals can get involved in the larger LGBTQ community • Ensure the validity and credibility of LGBTQ resources and better understand how they can better serve this community 	<p>A searchable web platform, available through PERSAD's website, on which over 100 LGBTQ resources are listed & where individuals can leave comments about their experiences with the orgs.</p> <p>Categorized resources (i.e. Mental Health, Physical Health, etc.)</p>

AMBASSADORS FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

For its second year of the program, the Ambassadors for Civic Engagement Fellowship partnered with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services in February of 2019 to provide three Pitt graduate students with the opportunity to develop a marketing strategy for the statewide “Get Help Now” initiative and the County’s certified treatment centers. The “Get Help Now” initiative is meant to provide people living with substance use disorder with a centralized resource that will help them understand their treatment options and allow them to connect to those services.

The ACE Fellowship concluded on July 31, 2019, and the Fellows began their project by conducting important background research on substance use disorder and addiction and treatment services, meeting with several key stakeholders in the county and the community, and developing a survey to collect market research from both healthcare providers and the community. After doing market research, the ACE Fellows developed a communications advisory plan that recommended a campaign design, target audiences for the campaign, and media examples.

MEET THE 2018-2019 ACE FELLOWS

Gina Edwards



School: Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
Degree: Master of Public Administration with a focus in public health

As an aspiring public health practitioner with an interdisciplinary background in communications, education, and social services and a growing knowledge of public health and administration practices, Gina brings a unique set of skills that are particularly complementary to this project. She hopes to support a larger systemic change regarding perceptions of substance use disorders in our communities and move towards promotion of help-seeking behaviors, greater public awareness, and more empathy toward those afflicted, and those who care for them.

Amy Kennedy



School: Institute for Clinical Research Education
Degree: Master of Science in Clinical Research

As a physician trained in addiction medicine, Amy provides an invaluable perspective to the project, and her experience treating people living with opioid use disorder during her residency motivated her to join the program. She was often frustrated by the lack of treatment options that were available, and the high levels of stigma her patients encountered often meant low treatment adherence. Amy hopes to translate evidence-based medical guidelines for addiction to a general audience, and she believes that working with a multidisciplinary team would contribute to effective ways to connect patients with substance use disorder to a centralized treatment resource.

Allison Reed



School: Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
Degree: Master of International and Public Affairs with a focus in human security

With extensive experience in applied research, Allison saw the opioid epidemic impact every project she worked on during her undergraduate career at Pitt Greensburg with the Center for Applied Research. From her work with workforce development programs to community health, people often cited the opioid epidemic as their number one concern. Allison hopes to not only learn more about the regional opioid epidemic, but as a Pittsburgh native, also hopes to serve the neighborhoods and region that have served her during her life.

NEVER A SPECTATOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM

On February 28, 2019, over 100 students took a break from their mid-term studies to attend the fourth annual Never a Spectator Civic Engagement Forum and get connected with 25 of our region's most prominent leaders, including city and state leadership, award-winning journalists, representatives from Pittsburgh's booming start-up community, as well as leaders within the University of Pittsburgh. Students gained exposure to leaders from the region, and engaged in small group discussions to learn about their civic journey and gain insights on how they, too, can shape their own path of lifelong service and contribution to the community.

This year's keynote speaker, Shawn Robinson, Founder and President of Orange Arrow and former Pitt football player, delivered an engaging speech on embracing the detours that happen in life and remaining motivated and flexible to make a difference in your community. "Failure isn't a denial, it's a delay," he said. Often times failure just means you need to recalibrate. To illustrate this point, Shawn gave the analogy of failing to make a turn while driving with a GPS. Instead of ceasing to work, it would recalculate to get you where you need to go. He also mentioned that you have to work for what you want and believe in. "We all have the same amount of time in a day, and it's up to you to choose between spending time and wasting time." After his talk, many students expressed how inspired they felt to continue on with their passions and this message was particularly welcome during mid-terms. In addition to Shawn's motivational speech, students were inspired by the incredible legacy of Elsie Hillman and how the Elsie Hillman Civic Forum programs empower students to make significant contributions to our region just as Elsie did.

Following the keynote, the room buzzed with conversation as discussions between students and the region's leaders, also known as community mentors, began. As in past years, each student talked with a mentor from the government, nonprofit, and private sector about their path to leadership in their respective industries but also in the community. New this year, students also connected with a Pitt mentor who represents Pitt's growing civic and community engagement initiatives. Mentors felt re-energized by their discussions with students, and many of them commented on how impressive the students were and how many of them had the same hopes and dreams that they had at their age. It was heartening to see so many young leaders pursuing their dreams and gain momentum in success faster than they did.

As the evening concluded, students and mentors left the event with the spirit of Elsie flowing through them, and the motivation to continue chasing their dreams with the confidence that if roadblocks present themselves, they can re-calculate and achieve their goals for the community.



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The event made me feel like I am a part of a community of scholars working together to live Elise Hillman's powerful mission. The mentors were honest about their experiences getting to where they are today, and they allowed us to express our experiences thus far. The advice they gave was individualized to the table's interests and aspirations. I'm excited to get to know the mentors even more after the event as they ensured we each had a means of contacting them for follow-up. My commitment to work in the community is even stronger after the event, and I left feeling inspired, driven, and certainly not a spectator!

~ Ashley Priore, English, Business & Political Science

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COMMUNITY MENTORS 2019

- **Samantha Balbier**
Director, Institute of Politics and Elsie Hillman Civic Forum
- **Jennifer Beer**
Vice President, Government Affairs
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
- **Mike Capsambelis**
Google Product Manager & Awesome Pittsburgh Founder
- **John Denny**
Principal, Denny Civic Solutions
- **Marita Garrett**
Mayor, Wilkinsburg, PA
- **Valerie Gaydos**
PA State Representative, R-District 44
- **Saleem Ghubril**
Executive Director, The Pittsburgh Promise
- **Sara Innamorato**
PA State Representative, D-District 21
- **Lori Mizgorski**
PA State Representative, R-District 30
- **Mark A. Nordenberg**
Chancellor Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh
Chair, Institute of Politics
Director, The Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law & Public Policy
- **Nadyli Nuñez**
Operations Director, AscenderPGH
- **Lindsay Powell**
Assistant Chief of Staff, Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto
- **Shawn Robinson**
Founder and President, Orange Arrow
- **Michael Rooney**
Program Officer, Hillman Family Foundations
- **Mila Sanina**
Executive Director, PublicSource
- **Andréa Stanford**
Assistant County Manager, Allegheny County
- **Richard Taylor**
Chief Executive Officer, ImbuTec
- **Mekael Teshome**
Vice President and Senior Regional Officer,
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
- **Jeaneen Zappa**
Executive Director, Conservation Consultants, Inc. (CCI)

PITT MENTORS 2019

- **Jamie Ducar**
Director, Community Engagement
Office of Community and Governmental Relations
University of Pittsburgh
- **Daren Ellerbee**
Director, Community Engagement Center in Homewood
University of Pittsburgh
- **Holly Hickling**
Academic Community Engagement Advisor
Honors College, University of Pittsburgh
- **Ron Idoko**
Diversity and Multi-Cultural Program Manager
University of Pittsburgh
- **Esohe Osai**
Program Director, Pitt-Assisted Communities & Schools
School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh
- **Penny Semaia**
Senior Associate Athletic Director for Student Life,
University of Pittsburgh

LEGISLATOR FOR A DAY

Eleven students had the opportunity to travel to Harrisburg and shadow members of the PA General Assembly on March 26, 2019. From the moment the students entered the Capitol building, they gained important insight into the roles of state representatives and senators. Students were struck with how quick-paced things were often with them running with their legislator from meeting to meeting. They also saw the operations of the Capitol and were introduced to those who work there, including other elected officials. Building such connections in Harrisburg was often cited as the students' favorite part of the experience.

The opportunity to meet and speak with various members of the PA General Assembly, watch lawmaking in real time while seated in the House and Senate chambers, and view the inner workings of the General Assembly through various committee meetings allowed students to truly get a sense of what working in the Capitol entails, which they can now use to get more involved and operate more effectively within the political system.

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My experience shadowing Rep. Ed Gainey was extremely powerful. Within 10 minutes of meeting him, I could tell how dedicated and passionate he was about helping and serving his constituents. Throughout the day, Rep. Gainey introduced me to multiple important political figures, and he was attentive to me and my questions while not neglecting his official duties. The most remarkable part of the day, for me, was sitting in on a meeting with several women advocating for their program supporting early-childhood education. During this meeting, Rep. Gainey made several powerful points, promoting justice, equality, and unity. His speech was so powerful that it made one of the advocates so positively emotional that she began to tear up. It was a truly amazing thing to see how powerful someone's words can be.

Rep. Gainey taught me, and many other students who he took under his wing, so much about not only local politics, but about how to network, how to listen to people, how to compromise, and how to stand up for what you believe in. I would highly recommend this experience to anyone, regardless of whether or not they want to have a career as a legislator. It shows just how easy and in reach making effective changes in our community can be. ~ Zehra Khan, Political Science & English Literature

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2019 Legislator Placements

Senator Jay Costa (D-District 43)	Representative Jake Wheatley (D-District 19)
Senator Pat Stefano (R-District 32)	Representative Ed Gainey (D-District 24)
Senator Camera Bartolotta (R-District 46)	Representative Dan Miller (D-District 42)
Senator Cris Dush (R-District 66)	Representative Austin Davis (D-District 35)
Representative George Dunbar (R-District 56)	Representative Dan Deasy (D-District 27)
Representative Dan Frankel (D-District 23)	

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