

# SGA CHRONICLE



# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

## Student Government Association

Student Government Association's Bi-Monthly Report for the Student Body

## EXECUTIVE CABINET'S HIGHLIGHTS

The biggest item SGA tackled in the past two months was distributing the Capital Purchase Fund. This fund is made up of unspent Student Activities Fees from the prior semester and is designed to go toward projects that benefit the student experience. SGA worked to ensure the requests and needs of the campus were heard through the Capital Purchases application process. The fund benefits not only student-run clubs and campus programming, but also departments and buildings on campus. All requests went through a process involving approval from Student Senate, and SGA is happy to announce many new changes coming your way. Many of these decisions were informed by a goal of creating more outdoor opportunities for students to engage in activities while still keeping compliant with the health and safety parameters in place. Some items have already been purchased: patio heaters, microwaves and kitchen utensils for residence halls, a portable keyboard for Campus Ministries, and a selection of outdoor games to name a few. Other requests like swinging benches, a portable sound system and fixing of the fitness trail are waiting on additional approval and input. We hope the approved purchases will benefit the student body as we enter into the spring semester. See if you spot the newly incorporated changes when you return to campus!

SGA also put on a What's Your Take Table in November, asking the students to share their concerns and thoughts regarding the pandemic. Using Google Forms, we crafted a survey to gather students' opinions toward the struggles as a college student during a pandemic, but also see concerns toward policies and regulations. As a whole, the cabinet met together to review student feedback and craft a list of concerns to bring to the administration. Although we plan to continue "What's Your Take Tables" next semester, we encourage you to come to discuss any issues with us. Reach us via email ([sga@messiah.edu](mailto:sga@messiah.edu)) or message us on Instagram ([@messiahsga](https://www.instagram.com/messiahsga)) and we would love to hear from you!

In addition, SGA and the Executive Clubs partnered together to give back to the student body, who have been fighting burn out, isolation, and academic challenges, among a host of other things. The Lucky Penny Burger Food Truck came to campus and provided students with a free meal. The Executive Clubs intended to provide this event to give students a boost for their last week of classes and let them know that their endeavors and work this semester was not in vain. While it was one of the first executive club collaborations, SGA hopes that it will not be the last, but rather the first of many.

As 2020 draws to a close, SGA wants to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2020 was a year that no one saw coming, but it gives us a reminder that tomorrow is never promised. Spend time with those you love, explore new opportunities, and take chances. Make the most of the time you are given and remember that we rely on a God that is our anchor in the middle of the chaos, See you all in 2021!







## CHRISTMAS CHECKLIST CHALLENGE

Here are some fun activities you can complete during the Christmas season

- *Decorate a gingerbread house*
- *Baking some Christmas goodies*
- *Try a new holiday recipe*
- *Drink cocoa*
- *Make some paper snowflakes*
- *Take a drive to find some epic Christmas lights*
- *Christmas Movie Marathon*
- *Wrap a gift with no tape*
- *Shop from a small business to find that perfect gift*
- *Create your own ornaments*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**BEST WISHES,  
SGA EXECUTIVE TEAM**

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Concerns?  
Send them to  
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or our social media  
page, and look out  
for the monthly  
"What's Your  
Take?" tables!



SGA provided funding for the fire pits you see around campus!