

Upcoming Events

Events are free and open to the public unless indicated.

November 1

The PGAA will host a special session to paint a lighthouse at **Painting with a Twist** (Greensburg) at 7 p.m. Registration (\$35) is required for this limited-seating event. Use code PGAA19 at <http://bit.ly/PGAA19>.

November 6

Get a head start on completing your FAFSA form when you attend the **FAFSA Completion Session** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Hempfield Room. (Plan to attend the Admissions Evening Campus Tour and Information Session, too.) Bring the following materials with you to complete the process: student's social security number, parents' social security number, 2018 Federal Income Tax returns, and W-2s. Visit <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/afsa> to register for this event.

November 6

The Office of Admissions offers an **Evening Campus Tour and Information Session** for prospective students and their families who can't make it to a daily visit. This event runs 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pre-register online at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/admissions/visit-campus.

November 7

The **Legislative Action Conference**, hosted by the Criminal Justice Club, the Office of Career Services, and the Academic Village, will feature a series of workshops that address specific criminal justice issues and the legislative action steps that can be taken to impact the topic. A special networking event will be held during the noon hour, featuring employers who represent the criminal justice system. This event is open to alumni and the public. Contact Dr. Tim Holler (criminal justice) for details at tjh67@pitt.edu.

November 11

Join us at our **Power of Healthcare Admissions Event** to hear from our Admissions team, our faculty, and professionals working in the healthcare industry. Lunch is provided at this event that runs from 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A campus tour is also offered. Pre-register online at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/admissions/visit-campus.

November 13

A **Campus-to-Career Panel Discussion** will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Village Hall 118. Panelists will answer questions about their journey from college to their current positions and provide insight and advice from their own experiences. This event is free and open to alumni, students, faculty, and staff. Register at <http://bit.ly/AlumniPanelRegistration>.

November 14-17

The **Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company** will present *Chekhov in Yalta*, a play by John Driver and Jeffrey Haddow. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. November 14-16 and 2 p.m. November 17. Tickets, available at the door of Ferguson Theater, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students).

November 20, 21, 22

The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale will partner with the **Kassia Ensemble and Chorale** to present "First Noël," a performance of Saint-Saëns' *Oratorio de Noël*, Bach's *Lobet den Herrn*, alle Heiden, and selections from Handel's *Messiah*. The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale will perform a piano-preview performance in its home venue (Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center) on November 20 at 11:30 a.m. The program will then be performed with the Kassia Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmont Presbyterian Church (Delmont, PA) on November 21, and the First United Methodist Church (Greensburg, PA) on November 22.

November 24-December 1

Thanksgiving Recess (students); University offices closed November 28 and November 29.

November 30

The **Men's Basketball Alumni Club** will host a **reunion/recognition game** when the Bobcats take on Penn State-Behrend. All returning basketball alumni will be recognized at halftime. Pre-game reception and post-game gatherings are also planned. Contact pgaa@pitt.edu for details.

December 3

Pitt-Greensburg students will perform in a **voice and piano recital**, showcasing the work accomplished in the campus' voice and piano study course. The recital begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

December 4

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December 4

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December 6

Join in the fun at the next **Merry Mingle** in Millstein Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will include a signature drink, wine and beer bar, hot chocolate bar, appetizers, games, giveaways, and more. Contact pgaa@pitt.edu for registration details.

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BLUE & GOLD

Pitt-Greensburg welcomes new president, Dr. Robert Gregerson

On July 1, Robert "Bob" G. Gregerson, PhD, stepped onto campus as Pitt-Greensburg's fifth president and has spent the summer becoming familiar with our programs, meeting faculty and staff, and meeting members of the greater Greensburg community. He also is interacting with students at events, like the Student Activities Fair and Coffee with the President, a soon-to-be regular monthly event designed to allow him to dialogue with students. The owner of a new Twitter account, @pittgbgpres, Gregerson looks forward to interacting with a wider community via social media.

An official biography for Gregerson is available here <http://bit.ly/GregersonBio>, and it details the academic path (he's a biologist who minored in German) and career path that brought him to Pitt-Greensburg. Blue & Gold asked Gregerson if there was a defining moment when he knew he was ready to step into the role as president of a college campus.

"There wasn't an epiphany, it was more of a gradual change in my thinking," he said. "When I had been a dean for about five years, I started asking myself 'what's next?' I had been a student and faculty member at two different small colleges, and I was really feeling a pull back to that type of environment—where education happens on a personal scale. So, my goal was to make myself competitive for a presidency at a small public university. I think that being a dean is the perfect preparation for that role, and I guess that turned out to be true."

As Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University, he had 23 direct reports and the college served approximately 6,100 students. He also worked closely with development personnel to create an advancement plan for the college that cultivated and stewarded donors. He notes that his guiding philosophy is pretty simple, "Treat others the way you hope to be treated—with respect, courtesy, empathy, and dignity. All of life's important endeavors are based on human relationships. If the foundation of our relationships is mutual respect and support, then everything else is working out the details together."

Blue & Gold asked Gregerson about what motivates him. His answer: "I am motivated by enabling student success; everything we all do at Pitt-Greensburg should be in support of that goal. I like working collaboratively with others to solve problems and get things done. I respect people who are willing to work hard to accomplish their goals."

On a more personal note, Gregerson is married to his high-school sweetheart, Sarah. They are the parents of three sons, two who live in Georgia and one who lives in Florida. His favorite place (other than Pitt-Greensburg) is the Top of the Baths restaurant on Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. "It has the most beautiful view I've ever seen, and the food is great. It also has a swimming pool IN the restaurant!" He adds that anywhere in Belize or Costa Rica are tied for second place.



See pages 4 and 5
for a glimpse into
his first 100 days
at Pitt-Greensburg

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Dr. Gregerson
on Twitter:
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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Message from the President



It is a great honor to be the fifth president of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg! My wife, Sarah, and I moved here in late June, and I started work on July 1. The welcome that we have received has been very heartwarming. This is a wonderful area and a great university environment. In my short time here, I have learned much about the campus and community, but there is still so much more to discover.

My efforts as president will be focused on ensuring that Pitt-Greensburg is a great place to live, work, and learn. We have much to be proud of, but also significant challenges to overcome. The foundation of the university

is strong—the faculty and staff are dedicated to providing the best possible undergraduate educational experience for our students, and their caring attitude creates an environment that allows students to flourish academically and personally. Pitt-Greensburg has the tremendous advantage of being part of a major research university, but at the same time, offers a learning environment on a scale that allows each student to develop their individual talents in a nurturing context that emphasizes deep connections among students, faculty, and staff. We don't have large, impersonal classes, and all our courses are taught by professors who have expertise in their disciplines.

I believe that this highly engaged approach to learning is the ideal environment for students, but we are faced with a declining traditional college-age population. This fact presents an enrollment challenge to all institutions of higher education in the region, so we must work very hard and smart to attract and retain more students to our wonderful learning community. You can help by referring students to us. When the opportunity arises, talk to prospective students and families about the gem of a university right here in Greensburg—a place where students are supported, achievements are celebrated, and leadership opportunities abound; where graduates go on to successful careers and lives of impact.

I am very excited to lead the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg in its next phase of development, and I thank all of you for the many contributions that you have made and will continue to make in support of this inspiring academic community.

Hail to Pitt!

Bob Gregerson

Dr. Robert Gregerson
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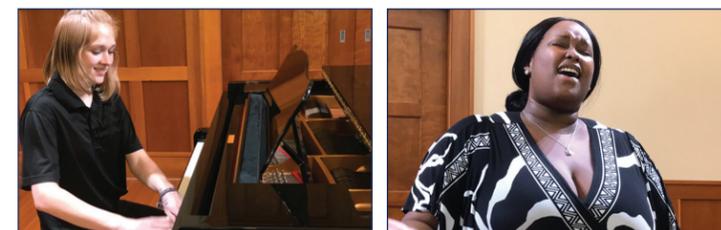
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The Arts Music at Pitt-Greensburg



In November, Music at Pitt-Greensburg will present collaborative performances of the Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and the Kassia Ensemble. The two ensembles, joined by soprano Cynthia Ortiz and baritone Skip Napier, will present *First Noël*—Music of Bach, Saint-Saëns, and Handel. On November 21, the two groups will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmont Presbyterian Church (Delmont, PA), followed by a performance on November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (Greensburg, PA).

On December 2 at 7 p.m., Tyler Humphries-Randolph, soprano, will present her student capstone lecture and performance. The voice and piano students of Cynthia Ortiz and Matt Klumpp will perform on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Both concerts will be held in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

The Joan Chambers Concert Series will feature soprano Elizabeth Lins Shoenfelt on February 14 in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. A frequent recitalist throughout central Pennsylvania and Virginia, she has sung principal roles with opera companies in Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Her full biography may be found at http://bit.ly/JCCS_Shoenfelt.

Rounding out the schedule are the performances of the Friday Evening Music Club, a community-based group that has called Pitt-Greensburg its home for the past decade and draws area performers and audience. Upcoming performances are December 6 (Sounds of the Season), January 24 (Student Recitals), and February 28 (Organ Highlights at First United Methodist Church Greensburg). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center unless otherwise indicated.

Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company presents:

Chekhov in Yalta

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will focus this year's performances around the theme of "The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming!" In the two plays being produced this year by the theatre company, we see that the American and Russian people are much alike in attitudes about art and also about government corruption and confidence games.

This fall, the Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will present *Chekhov in Yalta*, written by John Driver & Jeffrey Haddow. In this comedy-drama, Russian playwright Anton Chekhov is visited by the wacky members of the Moscow Art Theatre, who will do anything they can to get their hands on his newest play—before he succumbs either to love (with one of the theatre's actresses, no less!) or to tuberculosis. Dr. Stephen Schrum, associate professor of theatre, serves as the director of this production.

Performances for *Chekhov in Yalta* are November 14 through November 16 at 7:30 p.m. and November 17 at 2 p.m. in Ferguson Theatre. Tickets for this show, available at the door only, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students/seniors/Pitt ID). For more info contact Schrum at sas114@pitt.edu or 724-836-7483.

Watch for details about the spring 2020 production of the farcical *The Government Inspector* by Russian playwright Nikolai Gogol, in an adaptation by Jeffrey Hatcher.



Upcoming Events Continued from back cover

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December 15

Winter Recess for students, through January 5, 2020. Spring term classes begin January 6, 2020. Residence halls open January 4, 2020.

December 23

Winter Recess for faculty and staff; campus closed through January 1, 2020. Offices open January 2, 2020.

January 20, 2020

The University is closed in observance of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday**.

January 22, 2020

The Office of Admissions offers an **Evening Campus Tour and Information Session** for prospective students and their families who can't make it to a daily visit. This event runs 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pre-register online at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/admissions/visit-campus.

January 22, 2020

Deadline to submit applications for our **Full-Tuition Scholarship Competition**. Application detail are available at <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/admissions/full-tuition-scholarship>.

February 12, 2020

The Office of Admissions offers an **Evening Campus Tour and Information Session** for prospective students and their families who can't make it to a daily visit. This event runs 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pre-register online at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/admissions/visit-campus.

February 14, 2020

The Joan Chambers Concert Series will feature soprano **Elizabeth Lins Shoenfelt** at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

February 25, 2020

Your gift during our annual **Pitt Day of Giving** helps us to compete for additional funds that support important Pitt-Greensburg initiatives. Watch for details on how you can make a difference for our students and our campus.

March 8-15, 2020

Spring Recess for students (no classes). Campus closed for the **Spring Holiday** on March 13.

March 26-29, 2020

The **Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company** will present *The Government Inspector*, a farcical play by Russian playwright Nikolai Gogol, in an adaptation by Jeffrey Hatcher. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. March 26-28 and 2 p.m. March 29. Tickets, available at the door of Ferguson Theater, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students).

April 2 & April 3, 2020

The **Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers** will present their Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

April 14, 2020

Pitt-Greensburg students will perform in a **voice and piano recital**, showcasing the work accomplished in the campus' voice and piano study. The recital begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

April 18, 2020

Our **Preview Pitt/Open House Admissions** Event is one of the best ways to learn about Pitt-Greensburg and our admissions process. While you're here, you will hear from our Admissions team, meet with faculty to learn about our academic programs, and participate in a student-led tour of our campus. Pre-register online at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/admissions/visit-campus.

April 25, 2020

Commencement at 11 a.m. on Ridilla Field (inclement weather: Chambers Gymnasium).

May 1, 2020

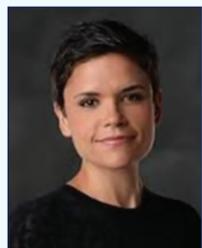
A.S. King and Sharon Flake are the keynote speakers for the 24th annual **Children's Literature Conference** at Pitt-Greensburg. These award-winning Young Adult authors will join a group of presenters who seek to help educators and librarians to use books, encourage reading, and foster critical thinking in their programs. Visit <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/millstein/clc> for details and to register.

New events are added each week!
Visit www.greensburg.pitt.edu to view additional events.
A complete schedule of athletic events is available at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics

Stay up-to-date with what is happening at Pitt-Greensburg, reconnect with friends, and share your news!



Athletics



NYT best-selling author and mental health advocate Kate Fagan speaks to students

New York Times best-selling author Kate Fagan spoke to a full auditorium when she visited campus in early October as part of the campus' observance of Mental Health Awareness Week. Her visit was sponsored by the Pitt-Greensburg Athletic Department and the Academic Village.

Fagan, a former columnist and feature writer for ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine, wrote the number-one bestseller *What Made Maddy Run*, a profile of University of Pennsylvania student-athlete Madison Holleran whose 2014 suicide rocked the campus community. The book examines Holleran's struggle with depression, revealing the mounting pressures facing young adults, specifically student-athletes in the rise of social media and constant connectivity.

"Having Kate come and speak to our campus was such a tremendous opportunity for our students," said Jeromy Yetter, director of athletics. "Kate speaks on a regular basis at some of the largest universities across the nation, and we feel lucky to have had her visit our campus in October. Mental health is such an important topic today and using this opportunity to bring further awareness will benefit our students and campus."

Here's a quick run-down of our other Bobcat teams from their early season performances:



Women's Soccer earns regional ranking

At this writing, in late September, the women's soccer team is off to a great start in pre-conference play, posting a 6-0-0 record and earning the No. 8 (September 17 poll) spot in the United Soccer Coaches Association Division III Top 25 for the Great Lakes Region. Freshman Ashley Lucas has scored in every game, including two goals against Muskingum and three assists against Chatham. As goalkeeper, junior Alexa Fetterman posted her first shutout and two saves of the season against Geneva College. Other players to watch are sophomore Tiffany Michalek, second on the team in scoring with six goals, and sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Yoder, who has only allowed two goals in five games while posting 20 saves. AMCC play began September 24 with a match against Pitt-Bradford. Follow Pitt-Greensburg's season at pittgreensburgathletics.com.



The men's soccer team is off to a 1-4 start as of this writing. Their lone win came against Saint Vincent College, where the Bobcats posted a shutout against the Bearcats. Freshman Carson Gilarno, junior Tyrell Dommies, and sophomore Dylan Willard each have one goal for the season. Freshman Javin Melvin leads the team in assists (2), followed by junior Nick Bono (1).



Men's Basketball Alumni Club plans reunion celebration

The Men's Basketball Alumni Club (MBAC) will celebrate the upcoming 20th anniversary of the men's basketball program's back-to-back AMCC championship seasons, the 15th anniversary of the regular season AMCC championship, and the 50th anniversary of Pitt-Greensburg athletics with a reunion centered around the November 30 men's basketball game against Penn State-Behrend in Chambers Hall Gymnasium. (This is not an alumni game; no alumni will be asked to play.) Visit <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/mbac> to access the MBAC newsletter with complete details of these anniversaries.

All players from the Pitt-Greensburg Men's Basketball program are invited back to campus for this event. All returning alumni players will be introduced during half-time with special attention given to those teams celebrating milestones ('69-'70, '98-'99, '99-'00, '04-'05). Players who RSVP by October 11 will receive a gift. Players who RSVP after October 11 will still be recognized and may attend the pre- and post-receptions but will not receive a gift.

The day will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge (Chambers Hall) with a reception for all returning players and their guests. The game begins at 2 p.m. After the game, MBAC will host a social for the returning players and their guests. If you are interested in helping with or attending the event, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-836-7496 or pgaa@pitt.edu.



The women's volleyball team opened their season with a 2-10 record (as of September 23), posting wins against Waynesburg University and Chatham College. Sophomore Alexis Ray leads the team with 102 points and 24 blocked shots in 12 matches. She is followed by freshman Emma Halutick with 89.5 points and sophomore Mackenzie Schropp with 78.0 points. Defensively, senior Kassi Niver leads the team with 4.12 digs per set, Freshman Zoe Sheffler has posted 23 blocks in 12 games.

A young—mostly freshmen and sophomores—women's tennis team is off to a slow start, posting a 1-5 record for September. The team posted their win against Bethany College. Sophomore Miranda Berkebile, along with freshmen teammates Reilly Reis, Xiangting Tang, Kelsey Murphy, and Alycia Zummo have each posted one win for the season against various opponents. The team is 0-3 in conference play.



The men's tennis team is 1-1 overall and 1-1 in conference play. The Bobcats' 5-4 win came against Mount Aloysius College. With the match tied 4-4 heading into the final match, sophomore Andrew Oden was able to come back from a 2-5 deficit in the second set to force a tiebreaker. His victory in the tiebreaker sealed the win for the Bobcats. Freshman Turner Price leads the Bobcats with an 11-3 record for the season. Price and junior Vaughn Hunkele are 6-7 in doubles play.

Redstone Highlands Creates Unique Nursing Scholarship

Healthcare management internship also established



Madalein Lorince



Faryaal Alam

Redstone Highlands, a senior living facility with locations in Westmoreland County, is partnering with the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg to provide a unique scholarship opportunity for our baccalaureate nursing students. Announced this past spring, Redstone Highlands is offering one full-tuition, four-year scholarship at Pitt-Greensburg, worth up to \$17,500 per academic year.

What makes the scholarship unique is that it offers the recipient the opportunity to work at a Redstone Highlands facility as a paid member of the staff, earn the nurse aide certification at the employer's expense, and work for two years in a full-time position as a registered nurse after receiving his or her nursing degree. (Graduates choosing not to accept a position with Redstone agree to pay back the scholarship funds awarded.) The scholarship also makes housing available to the award recipient, should the student choose to accept it.

"The idea for the scholarship began several years ago when Redstone was positioning itself as an anchor organization for the community," said John Dickson IV, CEO of Redstone Presbyterian SeniorCare. "Using data from recent community-health needs assessments, we identified the macro and micro issues affecting the health and well-being of the community."

To address the macro issues, Redstone initiated programs to bring better health to the community through awareness. Redstone also identified how they could enhance the lives of their employees. Through a survey of its 400 employees, in which 81 percent participated, Redstone found that, in addition to identifying food insecurity issues and daycare needs, many employees were looking for debt forgiveness or tuition assistance. Along with instituting an income-based tuition-assistance program for daycare, Redstone also allocated money for scholarships.

"We looked at how we could get involved with higher education so that people can get degrees to become nurses as well as have the opportunity to have housing, which leads to an inter-generational living experience," said Dickson, who also serves on the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board. "We came up with \$65,000 for tuition assistance, and now we have people moving from RNs to BSNs with Carlow University, one person getting an RN degree through Westmoreland County Community College, as well as the full-tuition scholarship awarded to a Pitt-Greensburg BSN student."

Madalein Lorince, a first-year nursing student, is the recipient of the first award. She is enrolled in Pitt-Greensburg's BS in nursing program and her career goals include becoming a nurse practitioner followed by becoming a doctor.

"I am working at Redstone as a nursing assistant," said Lorince. "I enjoy being able to build my medical background and learning things that will help me excel in my future occupation. I plan to earn my CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) license within the next year or less, so I will have one license under my belt as I obtain my BSN!"

Students must work a minimum of eight hours a week at a Redstone Highlands or Redstone@Home as part of the scholarship agreement. Lorince is able to schedule from eight to 30 hours a week with Redstone, depending on her class schedule.

To apply for the scholarship, students must make application through Redstone Presbyterian SeniorCare. Eligibility to apply includes having been accepted into Pitt-Greensburg's BSN program, earning a 3.0 grade-point average for the previous educational year, and submitting an essay that details the applicant's interest in working with the senior population as well as goals and purpose for applying for the scholarship. Two letters of recommendation are also required.

Redstone Highlands also established an internship in partnership with the Pitt-Greensburg healthcare management major. The internship requires a minimum of 10 weeks per semester and may be extended to additional semesters.

Senior biological sciences major Faryaal Alam interned with Redstone Senior Care this summer as part of her minor in healthcare management. The internship is designed to provide a broad experience by using rotations through various departments and experiences.

"I got to learn so much by being in different parts of Redstone every time I went in (to work)," said Alam. "I also enjoyed having the chance to network with everyone and gain valuable insight into the field."

Honor Roll of Donors

Dear Alumni and friends,

Thank you for your generous support of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019).

Contributions from alumni and friends are paramount to Pitt-Greensburg's ability to support its funding needs.

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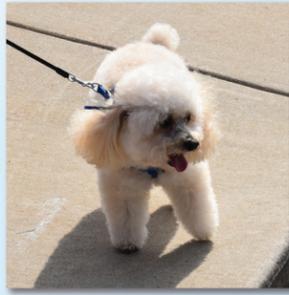
Our Honor Roll of Donors can be found at <http://bit.ly/HonorRoll18-19>.

Again, we extend our deepest gratitude to each of you for helping Pitt-Greensburg continue its mission of building a liberal arts college for the 21st century.

Hail to Pitt!

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The Power of One Donor



Sadie, the First Dog

A Glimpse into the first 100 days of the

Dr. Gregerson has been busy meeting with Pitt-Greensburg students, alumni, parents, Advisory Board members, faculty, staff, and members of the community--as well as the University of Pittsburgh community. This is just a small sampling of those activities.



President's Welcome Reception



Summer Orientation & Academic Registration (SOAR)



University Times interview



Visit with Ted Steiner (center), Advisory Board emeritus member, and Dakota Sachs



Meeting with Advisory Board URIA Committee: Paul Nickoloff (center) and Ernie Vallozzi (right)



Fall Campus Meeting



Water bottle distribution at Move-In Day



Breakfast with Presidential Ambassadors & tour of President's Office



Coffee & Conversation with the President

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student no later than January 15, 2020. Each scholarship is worth more than \$50,000 and is renewable up to four years if the student meets the renewal criteria. Complete details for the 2020 scholarship competition are available at http://bit.ly/PG_FullTuitionScholarship.

Events

A **Legislative Action Conference**, sponsored by the Criminal Justice Club, Career Services, and the Academic Village, will be held November 7. Panels of presenters will address pressing issues within the criminal justice field and discuss the steps that need to be taken to reform this ailing system. Topic areas are expected to include The Death Penalty, Illegal Immigration, Police/Community Relations, Special Populations and the System, and Drug Legalization/Decriminalization. A networking session for students and organizations is planned during the lunch break. This event is free and open to the public.



Plans are underway for the **2019 Veterans Week** observance. Highlighting the activities is "A Conversation with WWII 45th Infantry Division veteran Guy Prestia" on Wednesday, November 13. Todd DePastino will chat with Prestia about his service in WWII, including North Africa, Sicily, the Italian Campaign, and liberating Dachau Concentration Camp. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. Veterans Week opens Monday, November 11, with a wreath-placing ceremony, the Veterans Luncheon hosted by Phi Eta Sigma, and the Reflections of Service event. Tuesday, November 12, will feature the Pitt-Greensburg Student Veteran Luncheon and a screening of the documentary *Top Secret Rosies*. Wednesday, November 13, will feature Coffee & Donuts with Dependents, a Try It Out event, and the WWII speaker. Thursday, November 14, will feature a Resource Fair for veteran and military students. The week closes on Friday, November 15, with a campus RED OUT—everyone wears red in support of active military—and the official removal of the commemorative wreath. Most events are open to the public. Please check www.greensburg.pitt.edu for details.

As part of the **20th anniversary celebration of the Academic Village**, a year-long series of events and activities have been planned. Films, open mics, screenings, field trips to theater performances, discussions of controversial topics, dinner club outings, special speakers, and special programming led by faculty are part of the mix. Check the event feed on the website (www.greensburg.pitt.edu) to see dates, times, and events as they are finalized.



Two workshops, **Beginning Investing and Taxes**, were offered to the campus and greater Greensburg community. The workshops were underwritten by funding from the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) supplemental grant award. Advisors from Waddell & Reed shared tips on how much to invest and where to create a livable nest egg for retirement. Tax professionals from Gary W. Breckley Associates, Inc. provided plain-English tips on how to prepare one's own taxes.



As part of the Year of Creativity at Pitt, Pitt-Greensburg participated in **PARK(ing) Day** on September 20. This international celebration turns countless parking spaces into parklets, gardens, social spaces, art studios, performance venues, interactive exhibits, and more. Students, organizations, and departments took over a section of the Chambers Hall parking lot for two hours with their displays celebrating creativity and Pitt.

More than 35 schools and programs were represented at the 16th annual **Graduate & Professional School Fair**, held in October. The event was open to the public and offered a wide variety of options to those interested in pursuing post-graduate educational opportunities. This event was organized by the Office of Career Services.

Blue & Gold Celebration: Welcome Back Alumni!



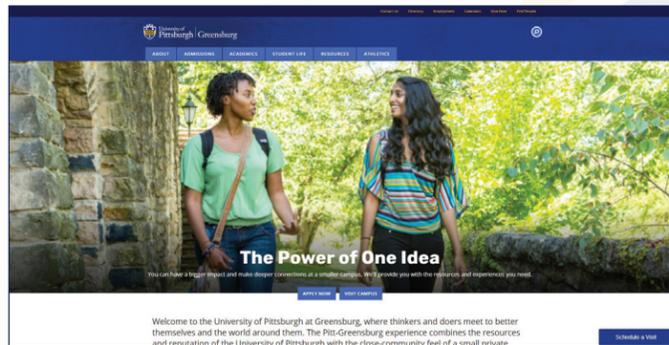
Alumni groups returning for our Blue & Gold Celebration included: Habitat for Humanity, Men's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Biology, and Academic Village.

Visit the official Pitt-Greensburg Facebook Page for more photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/pittgreensburgofficialpage>

Pawprints

New website design in place



In September, the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg unveiled its new website design. This site-wide redesign was accomplished after a four-month planning and design process. The new site is significantly more mobile-friendly than the previous site and is up to date with Pitt's web accessibility standards for users with disabilities. Further informational upgrades will continue to occur over the next several months to sections and individual pages. The URL for Pitt-Greensburg's site remains www.greensburg.pitt.edu.

Accolades and Awards



For the ninth consecutive year, Pitt-Greensburg earned Victory Media's **Military Friendly School** designation for meeting and exceeding the Military Friendly Standards in all six categories.

Marie A. Fioravanti, DNP, RN, is the recipient of the University of Pittsburgh's **School of Nursing Cameos of Caring Award**. Fioravanti, the director of nursing and an associate professor of nursing, will accept the award at a gala dinner scheduled for November.



Pitt-Greensburg was awarded funding for two projects through the **Pitt Seed Project**. The Pitt-Greensburg Military and Veterans Program will use their funds for a two-year project to expand the development and execution of

scholarship, education, and support programs that benefit the Pitt-Greensburg military, veteran, and campus communities. The Center for Applied Research (CFAR) will use the funds they received for a two-year project that will enhance their education and training infrastructure, especially as it pertains to the undergraduate research assistants working with the center.

Pitt-Greensburg received funding through The **Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board** to expand alcohol awareness activities at the campus. Pamela Freger, director of the Health Center, will use the funding to implement programming to reduce underage drinking, reduce high-risk or dangerous drinking, and to promote responsible alcohol consumption by those of legal drinking age. The new programming will augment alcohol awareness strategies already in place.



Kristen Asplin, PhD, assistant professor of psychology, and **Jeanne Burth, EdD**, associate professor of education, are the recipients of funding through Pitt's **Open Education Resources (OER) grant program**. Asplin will use her grant to develop open education resources in the area of child development, and Burth will use her grant to create OER writing lesson and unit plans. Open Education Resources help students save money on course materials as well as providing faculty with the ability to customize their courses.

Program Updates



Thirty-six students marked a significant milestone in the pursuit of their bachelor's of science degrees in nursing (BSN) when they received their symbolic white lab coats at the **Gold-AACN White Coat Ceremony for Nursing** held in August. This is the second group of students in Pitt-Greensburg's program to participate in the ceremony that signifies the transition from classroom learning to clinical learning. The purchase of the white lab coats was made possible through two grants. The Westmoreland/Frick Hospital Foundation, which also funded the purchase of the lab coats for the 2018 ceremony, provided funding again this year. Additionally, Pitt-Greensburg was one of two schools in Pennsylvania and 50 nation-wide to receive funding from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation (APGF) through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to support this ceremony.



This summer, **McKenna Hall** underwent key renovations and was designated the **new home of the Pitt-Greensburg BSN program**. The space features a new skilled nursing lab with eight fully operational beds and two programmable mannequins, operated via the SimPad. A state-of-the-art Hovercam Pilot teaching station also was installed. Additionally, new virtual reality equipment was purchased and set up in Millstein Library specifically for use by nursing students. It includes a variety of software that will enhance nursing students' learning experience in anatomy and other subjects.

Pitt-Greensburg's psychology program continues to grow with the addition of **two new minors: clinical psychology and legal psychology**. The clinical psychology minor provides students with the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills that will allow them to communicate and work with mental health, counseling, or social work professionals. The legal psychology minor provides students with an overview of how psychological theory and research are becoming increasingly relevant to legal policy and judicial decision-making.

The **Creative and Professional Writing Program**, using grant funding from the Office of Academic Affairs, will expand its curriculum with new writing courses that focus on writing and the healing arts. In spring 2020, the first in a series of five interconnected topics/courses will launch, all designed to help students across disciplines to engage with writing as a way to live deeper, more meaningful lives. Lori Jakiela, professor of English and director of the Creative and Professional Writing program, will teach the courses, which include Writing and Happiness, Writing About and Through Trauma, Experimental Writing, Place-Based/Home Writing, and Food and Family.

Prospective students interested in competing for one of Pitt-Greensburg's **three full-tuition scholarships** should plan to have their scholarship applications completed and submitted no later than January 22, 2020. The applicants should also have completed the admission application process to Pitt-Greensburg and be an admitted

GREGGERSON PRESIDENCY



Selfie with the President



Staff Association Kickball Game



Golf Committee Meeting



Pitt Sendoff



PGAA Executive Board Meeting



New & Promoted Faculty Dinner



Westmoreland County Chamber BASH



Women's & Men's Soccer Games



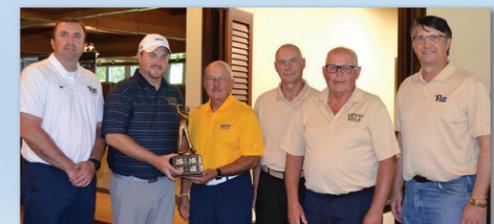
Advisory Board Reception



Student Activities Fair



PGAA Board Meeting



Pitt-Greensburg Golf Outing

PGAA recognizes outstanding alumni



Three honored at the Alumni Celebration Dinner, held during Blue & Gold Celebration 2019.

Hon. Austin A. Davis '12 PGAA Alumnus of Distinction

Hon. Austin A. Davis '12 was the recipient of this year's Alumnus of Distinction Award, which acknowledges excellence among Pitt-Greensburg alumni and is the highest honor given by the PGAA.

"I am honored and humbled to be selected as this year's Alumnus of Distinction," said Davis, who serves as the Pennsylvania State Representative for the 35th Legislative District. "My passion and commitment for public service was fostered at Pitt-Greensburg, and I would not be the public servant I am today without those experiences. It is my hope that the University continues to inspire students to seek careers in public service."

At an early age, Davis made the decision to dedicate his life and career to public service. In high school he founded and served as chairman of McKeesport Mayor James Brewster's Youth Advisory Council. By the time he graduated high school in 2008, Davis decided to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, with his sight set on pursuing a degree in political science.

"Austin's passionate interest in politics and policy came shining through as a student at Pitt Greensburg," said Paul Adams, PhD, Behavioral Science Division chair and associate professor of political

From left: Hon. Austin A. Davis; Robert and Tami Ray, parents of Cayla Ray who accepted the award on her behalf; Thomas Jollie.

science. "Austin always had something to add to class discussions and debates and was energized by his classes here. His engagement inside and outside the classroom were strong early indicators of his future success as a public official and leader in his community and in our Commonwealth."

During his college years, Davis was hired as a legislative intern by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. By 21, the *Tribune Review* hailed him "a veteran at the politics of helping others." Post-college, Davis accepted a position with Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, where he served as an executive assistant to the county executive's office.

To read Davis' complete biography, visit http://bit.ly/PGAA_ADavis.

Cayla Ray '14 PGAA Young Alumni Leadership Award

Cayla Ray, DMD '14 was awarded the PGAA Young Alumni Leadership Award, which recognizes established and future leaders among Pitt-Greensburg's young alumni who are age 35 and younger.

A biological science major with a minor in psychology at Pitt-Greensburg, Ray earned a doctor of dental medicine and a certificate in dental public health from the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH) at A.T. Still University. She is serving her pediatric dental residency at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, UT.

"It is a true honor to be nominated and chosen as the 2019 Young Alumni Leadership Award winner for Pitt-Greensburg," said Ray. "To this day, I still connect with many of my mentors, professors, and coaches from Pitt-Greensburg, and I truly can't thank them enough for their commitment to my success. I am confident that Pitt-Greensburg helped me develop the foundation for a successful future."

"While a student at Pitt-Greensburg, Cayla completed independent research in my lab," said Olivia Long, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry, and a mentor to Ray. "Cayla dedicated her senior year to determine if there was a different population of microbes in college students' mouths than those of reported adult population. She won first place at a local conference for her poster presentation. Cayla was a true leader on this campus, an outstanding student, and a compassionate person."

At Pitt-Greensburg, Ray co-founded the Pre-Health Committee, developed guidebooks for entrance into health programs, and organized study groups for graduate admissions tests. A regular volunteer at The End Hunger Café, she posted more than 400 volunteer hours.

The recipient of the Tami Hunger Award (2019) for most community service at ASDOH in four years, she served as the community service committee coordinator for the local chapter of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and she founded and served as president of the ASDOH chapter of Students United with America's Toothfairy (SUAT).

Visit http://bit.ly/PGAA_CRay to read Ray's complete biography.

Thomas "Tom" Jollie '72 PGAA Volunteer Excellence Award

Thomas "Tom" M. Jollie '72 was the recipient of the PGAA Volunteer Excellence Award, which recognizes alumni who have dedicated a significant amount of personal time, as volunteers, to attending alumni meetings and events, working on special projects, and contributing to the overall success of both the alumni association and the University.

Jollie, a native of Irwin who resides in Greensburg with his wife Sharon, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in mathematics. A member of the campus' first official men's basketball team, he now is a founding member of the Men's Basketball Alumni Club (MBAC), serving as its treasurer and the driving force behind an MBAC project that resulted in the purchase of a shooting machine for the basketball teams.

"Since Tom has been elected to serve on the Alumni Board, he has selflessly donated of his time and his resources to support his alma mater," said Harry Bowser, a member of the PGAA Board and MBAC. "Tom's efforts truly make him worthy of the Volunteer Excellence Award."

A member of the PGAA Board of Directors, Jollie sits on the events committee and regularly volunteers at PGAA events. An avid golfer and Pitt sports booster, he also has served on the Pitt-Greensburg Golf Outing committee.

Jollie credits Pitt-Greensburg for his success, as well as it being a launching pad for his sister, a prosecuting attorney in Greensburg, and his brother, an insurance business owner in Irwin.

While a student in the Pitt system, Jollie volunteered with the Army National Guard, serving six months of active duty and delaying graduation until 1972. He then served six years as a member of the military police here in Pennsylvania. After graduation, he entered the insurance business. Forty-seven years later, the T M Jollie Insurance Agency, Inc. (Mt. Pleasant) and its owner have been the recipient of numerous awards. Jollie also expanded his business into real estate.

Visit http://bit.ly/PGAA_Jollie to read his biography.



Scott Szypulski, Carrie Ann Bush, Dr. Robert Gregerson, Barbara Smith, and Rob Najim.

Newly-elected PGAA president Rob Najim '93 began his term on July 1, 2019. Joining him on the Executive Committee are Scott Szypulski '14, vice-president; Barbara Smith '94, secretary; and Carrie Ann Bush '14, treasurer. The PGAA Board of Directors welcomed five first-time and two returning alumni to terms beginning July 1, 2019.

In June, the PGAA hosted two events: The PGAA sold out of all 75 tickets for its "Pitt-Greensburg at PNC Park" featuring a black-and-gold tailgate with a "Yinzer" buffet before the game. The group then celebrated National Pitt Networking Day with an event at Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill (Greensburg).



Austin Checco UPJ '20 and Joe Ferrante '17 at PNC Park

In July, the PGAA hosted a Pitt Send-Off event at Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill (Greensburg). Fifty-eight guests, which included incoming and current students, alumni, staff, and family and friends, attended the event. Dr. Gregerson was on hand to welcome the incoming students.

Alumni volunteers distributed bottled water and welcomed students and their families on Move-In Day.

Upcoming events:

November 13 -- Campus-to-Career Panel Discussion
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Village Hall 118. Panelists will answer questions about their journey from college to their current positions and provide insight and advice from their own experiences. This event is free and open to alumni, students, faculty, and staff. Register at <http://bit.ly/AlumniPanelRegistration>.

November 30 – MBAC Reunion/Recognition Game
The **Men's Basketball Alumni Club** will host a **reunion/recognition game** when the Bobcats take on Penn State-Behrend. All returning basketball alumni will be recognized at halftime. Special recognition for alumni from teams playing in '98-'99, '99-'00, '04-'05, '69-'70. Pre-game reception and post-game gatherings are also planned. Please see page 10 for details.

December 6 – Merry Mingle
Join in the fun at the next **Merry Mingle** in Millstein Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will include a signature drink, wine and beer bar, hot chocolate bar, appetizers, games, giveaways, and more.

Contact pgaa@pitt.edu for details.