

BLUE & GOLD

New scholarship program provides support to STEM majors

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg will establish the Exploring STEM Identity through a Science Learning Interdisciplinary Community Expansion (SLICE) project to provide scholarships for 48 students planning to pursue bachelor's degrees in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, and applied mathematics. Both traditional and transfer students will receive scholarships to aid in their education. The project will accept its first cohort in fall 2022 and the program will receive funding over the next six years.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program provides financial support for the SLICE scholarship program under Award No. 2130102. (Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this article are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Science Foundation.)

To be eligible to participate in the first year of this scholarship program, students must:

- Be an incoming first-year student who intends to major in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, or applied mathematics in fall 2022;
- Apply to be a full-time student at Pitt-Greensburg with the intention to stay at Pitt-Greensburg through graduation;
- Be US citizens, nationals, aliens admitted as refugees, or permanent resident aliens;
- Demonstrate academic potential via a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale; and
- Demonstrate financial need as defined by the US Department of Education.

The SLICE Scholarship Program will contribute to fulfilling the national need for well-educated scientists, mathematicians, and technicians by supporting the retention and graduation of high-achieving students with demonstrated financial need at Pitt-Greensburg.

This is the second NSF grant that Pitt-Greensburg has achieved. The first grant was awarded in 2015 and was used to fund a similar scholarship program, the Science Learning Community Scholarship Program (SLC). The SLC Scholarship Program was designed to increase student retention and graduation rates in biology or chemistry. Thirty-one students participated in the SLC program, receiving more than \$500,000 in scholarship support. Approximately 90 percent of the SLC scholars completed their courses of study and have graduated with their degrees, the majority entering into graduate programs or STEM careers.



Olivia Long, PhD (center), assistant professor of biochemistry, will lead the SLICE program.

“STEM is a challenging undergraduate program, so after the success of the first scholarship program—the students graduated with higher GPAs, less student debt, and almost all entered into STEM careers—I was convinced we needed to not only continue the program but expand to other STEM disciplines,” said Olivia Long, PhD, assistant professor of biochemistry who was co-administrator of the SLC grant and is the administrator of the SLICE grant. “I am excited to have such an interdisciplinary team of faculty join me as we head into the SLICE scholarship program.”

The SLICE Scholarship Program will advance knowledge about students from rural communities by evaluating the influence of STEM support service interventions on student success. Students will have opportunities to work in cohorts outside of their majors during first-year orientation, first-year seminar, and science learning communities. Early connections made in these experiences offer students enhanced support systems to work through more challenging upper-level courses, as do workshops, research projects, and presentation of research to the public, which will also be encouraged and assisted by the grant. This project enhances existing student support services to increase students' academic achievement and include educational aids, career preparation, and Pitt-Greensburg community attention. This work will thereby contribute to research on supporting rural and transfer undergraduate student retention and academic success in STEM.



Additional information about the SLICE program, including the application for the SLICE Scholarship, may be found here. The Pitt-Greensburg Office of Admissions can also offer additional information about the program.

Message from the President

We strive to create a campus environment that allows all members of our community to feel safe and secure, fostering a collaborative setting based largely on in-person learning. I am very pleased that the vital work of teaching and learning has been uninterrupted this year in our classrooms and laboratories. Co-curricular and extra-curricular events, including athletic competition, student organizations, artistic performances, and many other activities have also taken on a more typical feel, strengthening our overall student experience.

Of course, we remain challenged by COVID-19. In response to the ongoing pandemic, on November 1, 2021, the University of Pittsburgh announced a requirement for employees and students on all campuses to be vaccinated or to obtain an approved exemption by December 6, 2021.

During November and December, we hosted several on-campus vaccine clinics. A special thank you is in order once again to our nursing students who administered the shots. Members of the community, along with Pitt-Greensburg students and employees were able to get COVID-19 vaccine boosters or initial shots.

Of the campus COVID-19 cases that we have experienced during the fall semester, about 75 percent have been among unvaccinated individuals, which underscores the need to increase our vaccination rates. I am gratified that the percent of vaccinated campus members has continued to increase through these efforts, and that we were able to positively impact the health of the communities beyond campus. We are concerned about the challenges that the omicron variant may present and will continue our vigilant approach to campus health.

On a very different note, the Life Sciences Building construction project is on schedule, with an anticipated completion date in November 2022. It is exciting to watch this building rise from the ground as we look forward to hosting classes and labs in that facility starting in January 2023.

We are also in the planning stages for important improvements to our outdoor athletic facilities. Critical additions are part of the plan that will bring our facilities in line with our competitors and provide the practice and game venues that our student-athletes so richly deserve. Look for more information about this project coming soon.

Finally, I hope you find this issue of the Blue and Gold informative and inspirational. Thank you so much for all you do on behalf of this wonderful university and its students.

Hail to Pitt!



Robert Gregerson, PhD
President



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Pitt-Greensburg Athletics announces first Hall of Fame Inductees

On Feb. 18, the Pitt-Greensburg athletic community will celebrate the accomplishments of the Pitt-Greensburg Athletic Program and its alumni through the establishment of the Pitt-Greensburg Athletics Hall of Fame. "We have great success stories to commemorate," said Jeromy Yetter, director of Athletics at Pitt-Greensburg. "The dedication, commitment,

and the accomplishments of our former student-athletes, coaches, and staff members needs to be celebrated. While the selection of this first class may have been challenging, it was exciting to know that we have so many great candidates to consider for our future inductions."

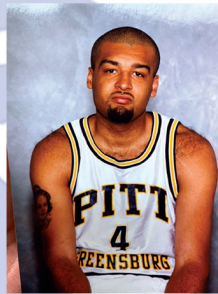
Inaugural Pitt-Greensburg Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

Jen (McIntosh) Luciew '06



- **Sport:** Women's Soccer team: (2002 – 2005)
- **Athletic Honors:**
2002 AMCC Newcomer of the Year
2002, 2005 AMCC Women's Soccer Second Team
2003, 2004 AMCC Women's Soccer First Team
- **By the Book (statistics, rankings, etc.):**
For Women's Soccer, Luciew holds first place in 3 categories of the Pitt-Greensburg record books:
 - #1 in career points (133)
 - #1 in career goals (48)
 - #1 in career assists (37 career assists)

Jason Trout '00



- **Sport:** Men's Basketball (1996 – 2000)
- **Athletic Honors:**
1998, 1999, 2000 First-Team All-Conference selection
- **By the Book (statistics, rankings, etc.):**
For Men's Basketball, Jason holds first place in 7 categories in the Pitt-Greensburg record book:
 - #1 in career points (2,160)
 - #1 in career points per game (20.8)
 - #1 in career field goals made (791)
 - #1 in career field goals attempted (1,462)
 - #1 in career rebounds (926)
 - #1 in career blocked shots (193)
 - #1 in career minutes played (3,452)

Matt Furjanic



- **Sport:** Men's Basketball (1995 – 2000)
- 1995-96 7-17
- 1996-97 14-10
- 1997-98 9-16
- 1998-99 17-9
(first in AMCC; 3-0 in post-season play)
- 1999-00 21-9
(first in AMCC; 5-1 in post-season play)
- **Total W/L** 68-61 (.527 win percentage)
- **Career Highlights:** Furjanic has posted a 606-411 career coaching record. His teams have won either conference tournament or regular season championships in 20 seasons and have reached the NCAA Division I tournament three times. He is a four-time Hall of Fame inductee, with the Pitt-Greensburg induction being his fifth such honor.

Carol Gelet



- **Sport:** Women's Basketball (1999 – 2009)
- **Athletic Honors** (while coaching at Pitt-Greensburg):
2001 & 2002 AMCC Coach of the Year
- 1999-2000 7-19
- 2000-2001 15-12
- 2001-2002 14-12
- 2002-2003 23-7
(AMCC Champions; NCAA D-III Tourney appearance)
- 2003-2004 22-7 (NCAA D-III Tourney appearance)
- 2004-2005 20-9
- 2005-2006 24-6
- 2006-2007 14-12
- 2007-2008 23-7
- 2008-2009 17-10 (AMCC Champions; NCAA D-III Tourney appearance)
- 2009-2010 17-10
- **Total W/L** 220-114 (.518 win percentage)
- **Career Highlights:** In 1997, Gelet was voted Small School (Class AA and A) Coach of the Year for boys' basketball by The Associated Press and Post-Gazette's Boys Coach of the Year. Under her direction, the Clairton High School boys' basketball team won WPIAL Class A titles in 1997 and 1998. She was the first woman to guide a boys' team to a WPIAL championship.

1969-1970 Men's Basketball Team



First varsity team to be established at Pitt-Greensburg

Head Coach:
John C. Hunter
Assistant Coach:
Gus Corso

Dan Swalga



The driving force behind Pitt-Greensburg becoming part of the NCAA was **Dan Swalga**, the first athletic director for the campus. Swalga came to Pitt-Greensburg in 1992 after serving as the women's basketball coach at Robert Morris University. He brought the expertise and knowledge to initiate and run the department. As the athletic director, he led the process that enabled Pitt-Greensburg to become a member of the NCAA Division III. Swalga was at Pitt-Greensburg until 2006.

2002 Men's Soccer Team



First Pitt-Greensburg team to compete in an NCAA Div. III Championship Tournament | First men's soccer team to win the AMCC Championship

19-2-0
8 players named to the All-AMCC Team

Head Coach: Ted Wawrzyniak
Assistan Coach: John Curley



Scan the QR code for more details about the Athletics Hall of Fame inductions. (<https://bit.ly/hof-induction-22>)

PGAA & SAA: Out & About

Alumni Communication Panel held



Dr. Christopher J. Luccy '70, Katie Byers '17, and Phil Novak '07

In November, the campus community was invited to attend the Are You Talking to Me: From DMs to Interviews alumni panel. This hybrid event covered effective means of communication and featured alumni panelists including Katie Byers '17, Phil Novak '07, Chad Eric Smith '08, Jennifer Miller '20, and Chuck Goulding '83. Chris Luccy '70 served as emcee for the event.

PGAA celebrates the holiday season



2021 Greensburg Holiday Parade

Alumni joined the Pitt-Greensburg community on Nov. 20 in downtown Greensburg for the **city's annual holiday parade**. Campus representatives in their blue and gold walked down Main Street, tossing candy and waving to the crowds. The group included alumni, staff, students, and faculty.



From left: Kathy Sankovich, DNP '18 NURS, Jim Sankovich, Bruiser, Rita Murphy, Jim Murphy '76

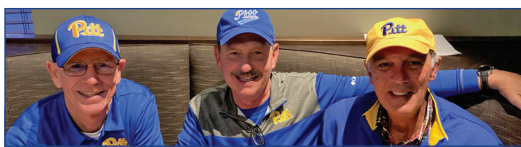
Alumni, staff, faculty, and their guests filled the Millstein Library with cheer in December for the **PGAA's annual Merry Mingle**. Featuring appetizers, a signature drink, hot chocolate bar, photos with Bruiser, games, and a holiday sweater contest, the event was a great start to the holiday season. Visit the PGAA Facebook page to see all the Merry Mingle photos.



More Merry Mingle photos

Pitt vs Wake Forest: Pitt-Greensburg alumni celebrate

Greensburg alumni Jim Murphy '76, Denny Colangelo '76, and Jerry Fedele '75 met up in Charlotte on



Jim Murphy '76, Denny Colangelo '76, and Jerry Fedele '75

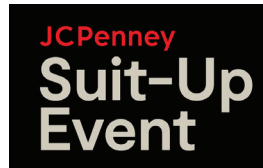
December 4 for the Pitt vs Wake Forest ACC Championship game.

SAA: Holiday Trivia Night & Holiday Party

SAA hosted a virtual Holiday Trivia Night in November for alumni and students. Trivia questions ranged from holiday myths and legends to pop culture. The evening's winners were Carolyn Bonelli '89, Matt Contino '17, Alexis Hepler '20, and Marianna Bajich.

In December, SAA hosted an in-person holiday party. The evening included games, prizes, finger food, and a viewing of *A Year without a Santa Claus*.

PGAA Upcoming Events



Sunday, Feb. 20
JCPenney, Westmoreland Mall

Pitt-Greensburg, in collaboration with JCPenney and other Westmoreland County schools, will host a Suit Up Event on Sunday, Feb. 20.

At this time, it is scheduled as an in-person event. Scan the QR code to learn more about this special sale that offers up to 60 percent discounts on clothing and other items with a university ID.



Professional Impressions

Tuesday, Mar. 15
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Hempfield Room

Alumni Relations and Career Services will offer a networking evening for alumni and students

in March 2022. The program will include an optional pre-networking workshop, a featured career speaker, and networking. Jeff Guidos, owner of All Saints Brewing, will talk about his background as a chemistry major, educational preparation and planning, and the reality of owning one's own business. A sampling component of All Saints Brewing products may also be part of the evening. Register to participate at <https://bit.ly/prof-impress-22>.



PGAA Board Nominations Open

Are you passionate about Pitt-Greensburg? Do you want to give back to your alma mater? Consider joining the PGAA Board of Directors for the July 2022-June 2025 term. Work with like-minded alumni to create opportunities and shape the campus community. Self- and third-party nominations are welcome. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, Mar. 28. Learn more about the board roles or submit a nomination at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-board-nominations-2022>.



PGAA Seeking Nominations for 2022 Alumni Awards

Pitt-Greensburg alumni do amazing things. The PGAA proudly recognizes alumni for their professional accomplishments, service to the community, and commitments to the University. Nominations for the prestigious Alumnus of Distinction, Volunteer Excellence, and the Young Alumni Leadership awards are being accepted now through Monday, Jul. 11. The award recipients will be honored at the Alumni Celebration Dinner, which is a part of the 2022 Blue & Gold Celebration. Alumni can self-nominate or nominate their fellow alumni. Learn more about the awards and past winners at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-award-nominations-2022>.



Save the Date for Commencement 2022

Mark your calendars: Commencement is scheduled for Apr. 30. Please watch your e-mail for details about alumni commencement events including the Senior Sendoff, New Alumni reception, Family Appreciation Dinner, and Commencement.

Alumni Spotlight

Jim Wexell '83: From Blue and Gold to Black and Gold

A fan of Steelers football may recognize Jim Wexell's name. For over 20 years, the Pitt-Greensburg graduate has covered the team online and in newspapers and books.

"I watch football for a living and come and go as I please," explains Wexell '83 adding, "And, it all began at Pitt-Greensburg."

A transfer student, Wexell came to campus to study writing. Two important things happened to him here.

First, he met Professor Emerita Judith Vollmer, whom Wexell identifies as one of the greatest teachers in his life. He ascribes to the theory that everyone has three great teachers—one who teaches you to love the craft, one who teaches you the habits of the craft, and one who hones your habits and passion. Vollmer taught him to love writing, encouraging him to be more creative and expanding his horizons. When Wexell had his first book signing, she attended.

Secondly, he met Mike Iezzi '84, the editor of the student newspaper. Before class, they struck up a conversation about the Steelers game. With a sports editor position to fill, Iezzi looked to Wexell. He spent two years on the student newspaper.

"We had fun in that cellar. We thought we were mad cap geniuses," he says recalling fondly the time spent with staff members Jason Pettigrew '89, Susan Chambers Johnson '83, and Dave Mears '83 in the Lynch Hall newsroom.

While a student, Wexell covered Friday night football games for the Standard Observer (Irwin, PA). He continued that along with freelance and stringer work following graduation. In 1984, he and a friend planned to start anew in Colorado, but a full-time opportunity kept him local.

Besides writing, Wexell also coached baseball. A group he had coached were sophomores at Norwin High School and starting on the basketball team. Asked to cover a story on them for the Standard Observer, he agreed. He "let it all go" and wrote a story featuring familiar nicknames and discussing the team's bright future with the sophomore starters. The story was a hit, and the paper hired him the next day.

At the Standard Observer, he worked for Vic Ketchman, whom he counts as his second greatest teacher. Ketchman was a disciplinarian who wanted a just-the-facts style of writing. Wexell started covering the Pirates Sunday home games. Baseball was good for experience, but an undesirable beat due to the sheer number of games, and Wexell wanted to cover football. When the Pitt football beat opened, he took it. Ketchman then left the paper for the Jacksonville Jaguars, and Wexell began covering the Steelers. When the paper was sold in 1998, the new owners wanted to cover more local sports, so Wexell left the paper and continued to report on the Steelers as a freelance writer.



It was around this time that online news was developing. He was contacted by Bob Labriola from Steelers Digest. Wexell considers Labriola his third greatest teacher and the person who helped him to refine his style. Wexell moved into the world of online journalism and is currently the publisher of Steel City Insider, an interactive Steelers site run by CBS.

A few years later, Jim was contacted by a sports publishing house to write a formula book. With only a few months to pull it together, he wrote "Tales from Behind the Steel Curtain." It was a learning experience. With no editor, he was on his own to determine the content and to be his own proofreader. The publisher was happy with the book, and it led to his second formula book "Men of Steel", which was a look at past players.

His next book was inspired by a book he was reading—a road-trip-book on musician Neil Young. Jim thought a similar book about the Steelers would be great, and if someone was going to write it, it should be him. He and a friend set out in an RV during the 2007 season to collect material.

As Jim was married at the time, the book, he notes, has more football and less of the typical craziness found in most road trip books. He still had many memorable experiences. He got to know the players' families, meeting Ike Taylor's uncle who showed him around a post-Katrina New Orleans, hung out with Heath Miller's family in West Virginia, and watched a game with Casey Hampton's brothers in Texas. He had access to the locker room and developed a bond with players who had won two Super Bowls and played in a third. Plus, it was Coach Mike Tomlin's first season. Wexell also had access to the huge Steelers fan base across the country. In 2008, he self-published "Steeler Nation: A Pittsburgh Team, An American Phenomenon."

In 2020, he published "Polamalu", an oral history of the Steelers' strong safety. The road trip also influenced this book. In Oregon, Jim met Troy Polamalu's Aunt Shelley, who raised him. A subscriber to Jim's site, Shelley thought Troy's journey to professional football player would make a good story. While Troy did not sit for an interview, Jim crafted the biography using stories from former college and professional football teammates, family members, and others.

Jim is working on his fifth book, which will follow the Steelers' draft history. Planning to take a storytelling approach, his work has already taken him to the research library at the Canton Hall of Fame, where he has found obscure and fascinating histories.

After this book, Jim plans to continue to write and grow his knowledge of publishing.

"I love what I do. I'm 60-years-old and don't see it ending."

His ultimate goal is to write Steelers great Jack Lambert's biography. Jim also aspires to teach. Maybe, he will one day be on a future writer's list of their top three teachers.

By Julia Sefcheck '99, Alumni Engagement Officer

Pawprints

Slonka's IT research published

In Fall 2021, Kevin Slonka, ScD, assistant professor of Information Science, had three research papers published. "IT Skills Gap: A Survey of IT Students' Knowledge in 4 Key Domains" was presented at the International Association of Computer Information Systems (IACIS) conference and published in the Issues in Information Systems Journal. "IT Skills Gap: A Survey Of Employers' Requirements In 4 Key Domains" and "The Introduction to Information Systems Course: A Topical Examination" were both presented at the Information Systems & Computing Academic Professionals (ISCAP) Education Special Interest Group (EDSIG) conference in Washington, DC, and are in the pipeline for publication in the Information Systems Education Journal early this year. The latter paper, co-written with Neelima Bhatnagar, PhD, assistant professor of information science, received the Meritorious Paper Award at EDSIG.

Cassell honored by Smart Growth

Frank Cassell, PhD, past president and emeritus professor at Pitt-Greensburg, was one of four recipients of the Smart Growth Partnership "nuts and bolts" trophies during the 20th anniversary celebration held in October 2021. Cassell was recognized with Linda McKenna Boxx, of the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation, former state Senator Allen Kukovich, and the late businessman and philanthropist Jack Robertshaw Jr., for their help in founding the organization. When Smart Growth was first founded, Pitt-Greensburg offered space for its operations. It has since become a partnered program of the Penn State Extension.

Pitt-Greensburg SPSEA receives national recognition



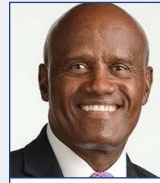
In June 2021, Pitt-Greensburg's chapter of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA) received national recognition

at the National Education Association (NEA) Aspiring Educators (AE) Conference. The Local Excellence Award highlights the work of local chapters and how they engage their members in practicing the NEA Aspiring Educator Core Values (educator quality, community engagement, political action, and social justice).

Pitt-Greensburg SPSEA completed an online application. For their digital presentation, they submitted their annual online portfolio created on Wix that showed the Pitt-Greensburg SPSEA's organization and infrastructure, educator quality, community engagement, political action, and social justice. Danielle Wolff '21, a double major in Spanish and education, and Connor Lane '21, a double major in social studies education and history, organized the Wix site.

Space limitations prevent sharing an overview of the variety of activities and projects that SPSEA does in any given year. Visit <https://bit.ly/spsea-19-20> to see why Pitt-Greensburg's SPSEA received this recognition.

Veterans Week 2021



Bart Womack



Benjamin Abel



Elizabeth Becker



Justin Merriman

The 2021 observance of Veterans Week was back in full force this past semester. CSM (Ret.) Bart E. Womack served as the keynote speaker at the wreath-laying ceremony and commemorated the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Office of Veterans Services hosted a panel discussion on the topic of The First Casualty: Military Conflict, the Media, and Public Opinion from WWII to Present Day. Justin Merriman '00, an award-winning freelance photojournalist, was one of four panelists who discussed the media's role in times of conflict. In addition to a display of artifacts from war correspondent Frank E. Bolden '34, the annual Veteran's Day Luncheon was hosted by campus chapter of Phi Eta Sigma National Freshman Honor Society. All of these events were open to the community.



Todd DiPastino



Shaun Hall

Other activities were held specifically for the campus community:

- The Masks We Live In: A Creative Arts Workshop to explore different aspects of oneself through masks;
- A screening of the film "Flags of our Fathers" that included a post-film discussion led by John Prellwitz, PhD, associate professor of communication;
- A screening of the film "Born on the Fourth of July," hosted by the College Republicans, that included a discussion facilitated by Kerry Manning, PhD, instructor of political science;
- A Try It Out event that allowed members of the campus community to touch and try on gear typically worn by the military and taste Meals Ready-to-Eat (MRE);
- The campus RED Out: Remember Everyone Deployed event closed the week and invited the campus to wear red in support of all service members who are deployed across the globe.

Visit <https://bit.ly/veterans-week-21> to read more about these events.

Blackburn Center Donation

The Campus Store at Pitt-Greensburg was able to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need. Fourteen bags containing socks, slippers, flip flops, personal care items, stationery items, and more were assembled and delivered to the Blackburn Center for distribution to their clients during the holiday season. "When we transitioned the management of our Campus Store to Barnes & Noble, these items were part of unsold inventory. Getting this perfectly good merchandise without a market into the hands of others in need was the perfect solution," said Ronna Colland, CPA, director of Finance and Risk Management, who oversees the Campus Store operations.



In Memoriam

Eric B. Kimball, PhD, associate professor of history, died Aug. 12, 2021. Kimball joined Pitt Greensburg in the fall of 2010 and was described as a gifted teacher and scholar, a valued colleague, and an advocate for sharing the latest scholarship with K-12 educators. Among his many contributions to history education, he had taken part in the "National Endowment for the Humanities-We the People" initiatives. These summer seminars provided K-12 educators with the latest historical research and scholarship and were "designed to encourage and enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history, culture, and democratic principles." The family has requested that their privacy be respected and that any contributions in his honor be made to OSEARCH at www.oearch.org/give.

Athletics

Men's Basketball

Overall:

4-8 / Conference: 2-2

Statistical Leaders:

Scoring:

JoJo France (19.0 ppg); Matt Johnson (14.4 ppg); Reggie Priah (11.0 ppg)

3PT made:

Matt Johnson (24); JoJo France (23); Lukas Swartz (41)

Field Goals made:

JoJo France (59); Matt Johnson (52); Reggie Priah (46)

Season Highlights:

- Greensburg native Chris Klimchock named head coach of the men's basketball team. He came to the Bobcats from Penn State Behrend, serving as the assistant men's basketball coach for five seasons.
- AMCC Coaches picked Pitt-Greensburg to finish third in the AMCC this season, and Matt Johnson and JoJo France named players to watch.
- Matt Johnson named to the Juniata Tip-Off All-Tournament Team.
- JoJo France became the 15th Bobcat to score 1,000 career points and was named AMCC Men's Basketball Player of the week (Dec. 20-Jan. 2).
- Bobcat record holders Kevin Conlon '05, Daniel Waajid '09, and David Palmer named to the AMCC Men's Basketball All-Anniversary Team in celebration of the AMCC 25th anniversary. In the record books, Conlon is in the top five in scoring, Waajid is in the top 10 in field goals made and sixth in field goal percentage, and Palmer was the leading scorer in the 2011-2012 team, averaging 18.8 points per game.



JoJo France

Women's Basketball

Overall: 8-2 / Conference: 3-0

Statistical Leaders:

Scoring:

Nadege Durand (16.9 ppg); Shaquoia McCray (11.8 ppg); Maddie Sitler (10.9 ppg); Sidney McCully (10.7 ppg)

3PT made:

Melina Maietta (12)

Field Goals made:

Nadege Durand (52); Shaquoia McCray (30); Maddie Sitler (29)

FT%: Maddie Sitler (.800); Sidney McCully (.793); Melina Maietta (.778)

Season Highlights:

- Pitt-Greensburg selected third in the AMCC Pre-Season Coaches' Poll, and Nadege Durand named Pre-Season Co-Player of the Year. Maddie Sitler selected as a Player to Watch by the AMCC.
- Nadege Durand named the AMCC Women's Basketball Player of the Week for leading the team to a 2-1 start and scoring in double digits in the first three games of the season.
- The Bobcats defeated Pitt-Bradford 105-52. This marked the fifth time in the program's history that the team had scored 100 points or more in a game.
- This is the team's first season of actual play under the direction of Head Coach Kelsey Oddis, who was promoted prior to the start of the 2020 season.
- Alumni Annie Sral '05, Kelsey Wilcox '10, and Casey Stanton '12 named to the AMCC All-Anniversary Team in honor of the AMCC 25th Anniversary. Wilcox is the program's all-time leading scorer (1,644 career points) and all-time leader in scoring average (14.9 ppg). Sral is ranked in the top five in field goal percentage and scoring average. Stanton is second in program history in scoring average, posting 19.2 points per game in the 2010 season. She also is in the top five in free throws attempted during the 2010 and 2011 seasons.



Nadege Durand

Women's Bowling

The Women's Bowling team participated in the Unicorn Invitation, hosted by La Roche University, and swept all five matches that they played. The team went on to finish fourth in the AMCC Round Robin, defeating Penn State Altoona and Pitt-Bradford, but dropping matches to Penn State Behrend and Saint Vincent. They resume competition on January 15 at the Greater PGH Collegiate Classic.

Fall Sports Notes:

Cross Country, Men's Soccer, and Women's Soccer completed their season after the Fall issue of Blue & Gold was published.

Men's & Women's Cross Country:

- Dylan Ackerman, Joshua Mentzer, and Jason Yeager competed in the AMCC Championships. Ackerman finished 21st (37:08.22), Mentzer finished 25th (38:36.45), and Yeager finished with a time of 39:53.42.
- Madison Stonbraker finished 13th with a time of 31:45.36 at the AMCC Championships and earned All-AMCC Honors. Brittany Dunn finished in the top 20 (34:29.44). Claire Manley finished 28th and Nicole Cortino finished 33rd.



Dylan Ackerman



Madison Stonbraker

Men's Soccer

- The Bobcats finished the season 7-10-1 overall and 3-5 in the AMCC. In their first appearance in the AMCC Championship Playoffs, the team fell 4-0 to Mount Aloysius in the quarter-final round.
- Midfielder Ross Hartley and goalkeeper Danny Rodgers were named to the All-AMCC Third Team.



Danny Rodgers

Women's Soccer

- With a 16-3 overall record and 7-1 conference record, the Pitt-Greensburg Women's Soccer team earned a spot in the AMCC Championship tournament. This was the team's second-straight appearance in the tournament, where they lost 2-0 to Penn State Behrend.
- Tiffany Michalek named to the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Region Team for her performance in the classroom and on the field. She also earned All-AMCC First Team honors and United Soccer Coaches All-Region Third Team selection. She led the AMCC with 22 goals, as well as in assists and in points. In the Pitt-Greensburg record books, Michalek finished in the top five in goals and points for a career.
- With Michalek, six other Women's Soccer players earned AMCC All-Conference honors. Michalek, Ashley Lucas, Alexia Barlamas, and Nylah Pannebaker earned All-Conference First Team honors. Lauren Yoder was named to the All-Conference second team, and Emily Bonelli and Hayley Felix earned All-Conference Third Team honors.



Tiffany Michalek

Volleyball

- Emma Halutick earned All-AMCC Third Team honors for her performance this past season. She led the team in kills (172) and in points (193.5), while having 14 service aces. Halutick also had 131 digs and 11 blocks.



For the most current records and accomplishments of the Pitt-Greensburg athletic teams, please visit www.pittgreensburgathletics.com.

Upcoming Events

Events are free and open to the public unless indicated (\$). Unless public health guidance changes, we are planning for the events to be held in-person and on campus.

February 22

Pitt Day of Giving

Watch for details about this year's event. Your support during Pitt Day of Giving helps Pitt-Greensburg to help students, improve its programs, and more!

March 6-18

Spring Recess for students. University offices are closed March 11 for Spring Holiday.

March 15

All Saints Brewing owner Jeff Guidos will speak at this year's **Professional Impressions Networking Workshop**. Alumni will also be available to offer tips and insight on how to network. Alumni may register to participate at <https://bit.ly/prof-impress-22> for this event that begins at 6 p.m. in Chambers Hall. Space is limited.

March 28

Watch for more details about Pitt Day in Harrisburg and how you can participate.

March 31, April 1, April 2, & April 3 (\$)

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company, under the direction of Stephen A. Schrum, PhD, and Christopher Bartley, will present *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* (music & lyrics by David Nehls; book by Betsy Kelso). Tickets, \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students/seniors) will be available at the door. 7:30 p.m. (3/31, 4/1, 4/2); 2 p.m. (4/3).

April 30

Pitt-Greensburg will celebrate the Class of 2022 at its annual Commencement. Details will be available at <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/commencement>. This is a ticketed event for graduates and their families.



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On Stage: The Great American Trailer Park Musical

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will present *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* this spring. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. (Mar. 31, Apr. 1, and Apr. 2) and 2 p.m. (April 3) in Ferguson Theater. Stephen A. Schrum, PhD, director of theater, and Christopher Bartley, director of music will collaborate in directing the show. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students/seniors).

For Schrum, the spring production will be bittersweet because he will be retiring at the end of the academic year.

The Great American Trailer Park Musical (music & lyrics by Daid Nehls; book by Betsy Kelso) tells the story of what happens when an agoraphobe, a highway toll collector and an exotic dancer on the run end up in a love triangle.



Mark your calendar:

PITT DAY OF GIVING

<https://bit.ly/giving4gbg>



2/22/22

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



Visit www.greensburg.pitt.edu to view additional events.

New events are added each week!

A complete schedule of athletic events is available at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics.

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SAVE THE DATES



Sept. 23
Westmoreland Country Club
Awards buffet lunch to follow play
www.greensburg.pitt.edu/golf



Sept. 23-Oct. 1



Registration
May 1-Sept. 14
Show
Sept. 26-Oct. 7
Reception
Sept. 30



Oct. 1
• Alumni Welcome Back Picnic
• Blue & Gold Festival
• Alumni Celebration Dinner

www.greensburg.pitt.edu/blue-and-gold