

BLUE & GOLD

New Life Sciences Building dedicated and open for classes



The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg celebrated the completion and opening of its newest sustainable building with a campus open house and a dedication and ribbon-cutting in January. The Life Sciences Building was completed in December 2022 and opened for classes January 9.

The 32,085-square-foot Life Sciences Building, which cost \$19 million to build, now houses the Pitt-Greensburg Nursing program, as well as biology, microbiology, and chemistry labs. It also includes faculty offices, a computer lab, and shared study space.

The building's construction contributed approximately \$3 million in economic output to the region's economy with the construction phase generating an estimated 125 non-permanent direct jobs. An additional approximate 112 jobs were supported in the support/supplier industry and 31 permanent direct jobs were created or retained.

The Pitt-Greensburg Life Sciences Complex will serve an estimated 500 undergraduate students majoring in science or health-related areas annually, addressing the need for an educated workforce to meet the regional needs of the current and future local healthcare and STEM sectors.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/life-sciences-bldg> to read more about our newest building.

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Message from the President

As you read this message, the winter break is behind us, the spring 2023 semester is well underway, and the excitement of opening the beautiful, new Life Sciences Building has elevated our spirits. After finals week, the students, faculty, and staff have enjoyed a restful, well-deserved respite and are back to the business of teaching and learning—the hallmark of Pitt-Greensburg. I hope that each of you had a meaningful holiday season with family and friends. Sarah and I enjoyed a relaxing Christmas vacation that recharged our batteries and will help provide the energy needed for the semester's work ahead.



Looking back to fall 2022, I want to share two experiences that provided me with important insights about our students, their ambitions, and how they grow through their college years. First, I taught a section of Cornerstone, the course in our curriculum that is designed to help first-year students understand the expectations of college coursework, the resources that we offer to promote their success, and to assist in their integration into campus life. Over the course of 15 weeks, I really enjoyed getting to know a group of 24 new students and reacquainting myself with the life of students who are beginning their transition to college.

Second, during the last week of classes, I attended multiple capstone presentations by students across several majors. After completing a substantial project in their discipline, students nearing the end of their college career present the results of their work to faculty and their fellow students as their final assignment. I was truly impressed by the quality of the work accomplished, the depth of understanding the students demonstrated, the professional quality of their presentations, and their ability to answer questions posed to them by audience members. The privilege to teach students at the beginning of their college career, and then witness the culminating accomplishments of seniors formed bookend experiences for me that encapsulated our students' growth and reinforced how a Pitt-Greensburg education impacts their scholarly development. I know that they are well prepared for their upcoming transitions as they enter careers or undertake further education.

We are committed to providing transformative educational experiences in the classroom and beyond—and we look forward to sharing more success stories as our faculty and students begin using the newly completed Life Sciences Building in earnest. Thanks to each reader of this newsletter for your continuing interest in Pitt-Greensburg. Your support makes an important difference in the life of this great university and the success of our students. I look forward to deepening our relationships in the years to come.

Hail to Pitt!



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Pitt-Greensburg marks 60 years of creating opportunities in the region

Those 60 years represent:

- Six decades of offering a quality, affordable education in our region;
- More than 12,000 alumni who are making a difference in the workplace and in their communities;
- 26 campus buildings—including the new Life Sciences Building that opened for classes in January 2023;
- 31 majors, 31 minors, and four certificate programs;
- A two-year-old Honors program that is at capacity with bright students eagerly interacting with others during their educational journeys;
- And much more that space constraints won't let us list.

But at their core, these past 60 years have been about the people:

- The students who arrive on campus each fall and, over the course of the semester, exhibit such tremendous growth and initiative;
- The families who sacrifice and support their students during their educational journeys;
- The faculty and staff who are constantly adapting and developing new programs to meet the needs of our students and community;
- The faculty and staff who established the foundation of this campus;
- The alumni who continue their connections to campus and support its programs and initiatives;
- The Westmoreland County community that embraces our campus and contributes to our success.

It is the people who make Pitt-Greensburg the safe, friendly, and collaborative place that it is—and has been for the past 60 years.

As a regional campus in the University of Pittsburgh system, Pitt-Greensburg offers the resources of a world-renowned university and the intimacy of a small campus—an environment that fosters success and champions students as they pursue their academic goals.

Celebrating our history, forging our future.

Creating opportunities
for 60 years.



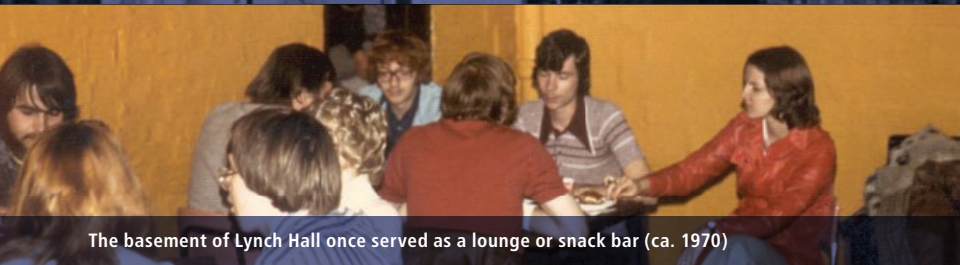
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Engineers Club (ca. 1969) in Lynch Hall



Vogel Building



The basement of Lynch Hall once served as a lounge or snack bar (ca. 1970)



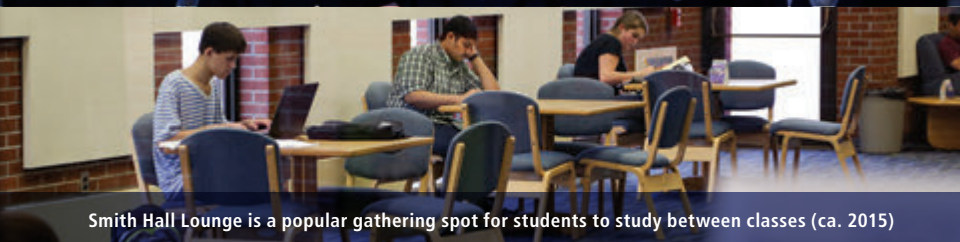
Some members of the first four-year degree recipients to graduate from Pitt-Greensburg in 1989.



A group of Presidential Ambassadors (ca. 1999)



Students studying on the Millstein Library Patio (ca. 2010)



Smith Hall Lounge is a popular gathering spot for students to study between classes (ca. 2015)



Because of COVID-19, the campus community wore masks when classes resumed on campus in 2021

PGAA News

Annual Resume Contest: In November 2022, six alumni judges reviewed 25 student resumes and provided essential feedback for their professional development. Thank you to our alumni judges Faryaal Alam '20, Jared Hoffman '20, Sara Hoover '15, Michel Keller '96, Michele Hamerski '92, and Sue Wingert '97.

SAA Virtual Holiday Trivia: The SAA and PGAA hosted an online Holiday Trivia gathering in November 2022. Alumni hosts Carissa '15 and Chris '15 Speranza served as hosts and facilitated the game that covered a wide array of topics from Thanksgiving to Christmas and other December holiday observances. Alexis Hepler '20 and Class of 2025 was the evening's winner.

Don't Get Hacked: In November 2022, the PGAA hosted a cybersecurity panel entitled Don't Get Hacked! The panelists included Matt Blair '10 (Pitt-Greensburg Information Technology Support Manager), Michael Pry (Pitt-Greensburg Information Science professor), Michel Keller '96 (Vice President of Education and Workforce Development at the Private Industry Council of Westmoreland Fayette), and Jim Smith '75 (former information technology professional). Following the panel discussion, there was a Q&A and light refreshments.



Preview Pitt: The PGAA was also a part of the Preview Pitt marketplace in November 2022. Preview Pitt Admissions events provide prospective students and their families a chance to visit campus and meet with faculty and staff. Alumni who participate share their personal experience on campus as both students and graduates.

Holiday Parade: The Pitt-Greensburg Student Government Association again sponsored Pitt-Greensburg in Greensburg's annual holiday parade held this past November. Alumni, along with Bruiser, students, faculty, staff, family, and pets marched down Main St. distributing candy and spreading holiday cheer.



Merry Mingle: The PGAA kicked off the holiday season at its Merry Mingle in December 2022. The festivities included the traditional ugly Christmas sweater contest, a 50/50 raffle, basket raffles, and the "What's in the Box?" guessing game. Hot hors d'oeuvres, a hot chocolate bar, and warm apple crisp kept spirits and energy up.

SAA Holiday Party: The Student Alumni Association (SAA) gathered at the end of the semester to celebrate the season. Students enjoyed a traditional video, refreshments, and a holiday craft.



Upcoming Events

2023 PGAA Awards: Pitt-Greensburg alumni are doing amazing things in their careers and in their communities. Help the PGAA recognize them and their accomplishments by nominating alumni for the Alumnus of Distinction, Young Alumni Leadership, and Volunteer Excellence Awards. Nominations will be accepted through Jul. 11. See the past award recipients and learn more about the awards at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-awards>.



PGAA Board Nominations: Build your Pitt-Greensburg legacy. Join the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association Board of Directors for the July 2023 – June 2026 term. Nominations will be accepted through Mar. 30. The board is comprised of enthusiastic alumni and students. Self- and third-party nominations are welcome. Learn more about the board at <http://bit.ly/pgaa-board-nominations>.



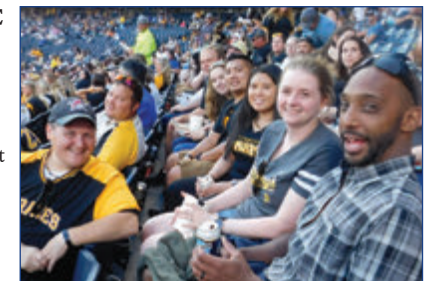
Professional Impressions returns Thursday, March 23. The event is in a professional networking format, and students will practice their elevator pitches on alumni volunteers. Returning for a second year are alumna Kelsey James '13, who will perform live music, and Jeff Guidos from All Saints Brewery who will offer beer samples. If you are interested in volunteering, please register at <https://bit.ly/prof-impressions-volunteer-23>.



Senior Sendoff celebrates the Class of 2023 and the December 2022 graduates. Join the PGAA and Student Life on Friday, April 28, as we recognize the graduates on reaching this milestone. This event is a great opportunity for graduates to pay tribute to their family and friends and celebrate with alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Graduates are free, and the cost for all other guests is \$15/person. Let us know you're coming – register at <https://bit.ly/senior-sendoff-23>.



Pitt-Greensburg at PNC Park is scheduled for Friday, June 2. Join the PGAA for a pre-game tailgate, then watch the Pirates play the St. Louis Cardinals at 7:05 p.m. The first 20,000 fans will receive a free 80s-themed Pirates t-shirt. Tickets include the tailgate, ballgame, promotional item, and a \$10 food and drink credit. Buy your tickets by April 14 and you'll be entered for a chance to win a free ticket. Tickets are \$37 each if purchased by Friday, April 14, and after this date, tickets are \$40 each. Register at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-pirates-23>.



Watch your e-mail and follow the PGAA on Facebook and LinkedIn for more events and updates.

Alumni Spotlight

Kim '10 and Marc '09 Kubas: For the Love of Science

“Don't shy away from science. The world is always going to need doctors and nurses. And you know, PAs and chemists and biologists and scientists,” advises Kim Kubas '10; husband Marc Kubas '09 agrees.

They point to the pandemic as an example of why science and science careers are vital.

It's one of the reasons chemistry and biology major Kim and biology major Marc are excited to see the new Life Sciences Building.

“It's a huge, huge asset” remarks Kim adding that the ability to serve more students will offset the growing demand for nurses and doctors.

With graduate programs nearby, they add the building is good for Greensburg too. They love to see Pitt-Greensburg, which holds a special place in their hearts, thriving and growing.

Pitt-Greensburg is special to them as a second home and family.

After touring the Greensburg campus, they found the small classes and sense of community appealing. They also found supportive faculty.

The late Mark Stauffer, PhD, fostered Kim's love for chemistry and sparked her interest in research. As a student, she won a research symposium for iron determination in different types of blood. Since graduation, Kim has worked in research and development and as a chemist in pharmaceutical, clinical, and commercial settings.

Pitt-Greensburg biology instructor Barbara Barnhart, MEd, was also influential.

“She mapped out my whole school career,” Marc says before adding that he and Kim both switched to her as their advisor. Barnhart was helpful when Kim had a setback due to a health issue.

Kim founded the campus chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society. When the University switched from cords to medallions at commencement, she designed the



Kim and Marc Kubas, with their daughters Stella and Scarlet.

medallion now available to all of the members of the national honor society.

Classmates became family during long lab hours. Having game or movie nights at Kim's house was a regular activity after evening classes.

Following graduation, Marc attended LECOM and Kim went to the University of Maryland. They credit Pitt-Greensburg faculty who prepared them with hands-on opportunities and problem-solving skills that their peers lacked.

They are not shy about sharing their love for campus and encouraged family to attend.

Marc's brother Zachary graduated in 2015. When Kim's cousin Brittani Malik '19 graduated, Kim co-presented her degree as a legacy presenter.

They encourage others to pursue science. Although it can be tough, they believe those who stick with it will love it and find it rewarding. Science has been good for them and given them a good place in life.

Currently, that good place is North Carolina where Marc, with a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree, works in Winston-Salem as a hospitalist* for Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center. Kim is a stay-at-home mom to their daughters, Scarlet and Stella. She is happy and grateful to be able to raise their girls.

Kim shares the couple's love of science with their daughters, especially Scarlet.

“She's a doctor though and through,” says Kim. Scarlet is always caring for her family, pets, and stuffed animals and wants to work with Daddy.

But, Marc says, “I tell her be smart like your Mom. Be a chemist instead.”

*A hospitalist is a doctor who provides care for patients at a hospital. They have the same education and training as a primary care doctor but specialize in providing hospital care. They may also have other specialties. (from WebMD)

By Julia Sefcheck '99, Alumni Engagement Officer



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Named gifts contribute to building success

Funding for the Life Sciences Building was provided through the University of Pittsburgh and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor (as part of the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program). Additional funding was raised through individuals, corporations, and foundations, including funding from the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation in support of the nursing and health science facilities.

Thanks to the generosity of the Elliott Group, study space and the lobbies on the first and second floors bear its name. A third study space is named the Dr. Guy M. and Nada L. Nicoletti Study Space. Another study space is named the Greensburg Foundation Family of Funds of The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County Study Space. One of the lab prep spaces/research areas for faculty was named the Mark T. Stauffer, PhD, Chemistry Prep & Research Room by Sharon P. Smith, PhD, past president of Pitt-Greensburg. The Greensburg Foundation Family of Funds of The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County Lactation Room is the first space of its kind on campus.

The Bud and Ellen Smail Simulation Suite is a major highlight of the nursing section. It consists of two simulation rooms and a control room that allows faculty to program mannequins with specific symptoms and simulates a realistic nursing experience. An important aspect of the simulation experience is that it allows students to learn and make mistakes in a safe controlled environment. It is used in all nursing and medical education.

Nursing students also will be able to learn and practice their clinical skills in the new clinical lab that is part of the nursing area. The Lawrence and Jacqueline Helkowski Tele-Health Room, named by Scott Helkowski A&S '92 and Julie M. Helkowski, provides technology for nursing students to use in assessing patients and practice providing care in remote or under-served settings.

“We are grateful for the donors who have helped us to achieve this goal,” said Jodi Kraisinger, director of University Relations and Institutional Advancement. “We invite other members of our community to explore naming opportunities that create legacies for individuals, corporations, and the campus.” Anyone interested in learning more about naming opportunities in the new Life Sciences Building should contact Kraisinger at 724-836-9942 or kraisinger@pitt.edu.



New Life Sciences Building features the Bud & Ellen Smail Simulation Suite

The Bud & Ellen Smail Simulation Suite will provide an immersive learning experience in the pedagogy of Pitt-Greensburg's accredited BSN-degreed Nursing program in the new Life Sciences Building. The control room, the middle of three adjacent rooms, will allow a faculty member to watch, listen, and respond in real time to student-nurses as they engage with high-tech mannequins in the rooms on either side. Each learning scenario can be recorded for teaching purposes. It's a valuable component of current teaching practice. We're grateful to the Smail Family Foundation for their support of Pitt-Greensburg's newest academic space and the next generation of nurses!



From left: Jeff Smail Sr; Ellen Smail; Robert Gregerson; Kathy Smail Johnson; and Mark Smail



Pawprints

Three students receive grants from the Tri-Beta Research Foundation



Three Pitt-Greensburg science students were awarded individual research grants through the Beta Beta Beta Research Foundation, part of the Beta Beta Beta National Honor Society. Michelle Gresser, Hunter Waltermire, and Kelsey Murphy, all biology/biochemistry majors, were competing with more than 130 applicants nationwide.

Waltermire will use his grant award to further his research “Role of RAB-35 in crosstalk regulation of CED-10 in canonical apoptotic cell corpse clearance pathway.” Gresser’s award will be used in her research “The Effects of Gingerol on Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and Fertility as Modeled in *C. elegans*.” Murphy’s award will continue her research, “The Effectiveness of Manuka Honey in Treating *Staphylococcus* in *C. elegans*.” The funding will be used to expand their research and to present at the Northeast District 3 Convention to be held April 2023 at St. John Fisher College (Rochester, NY).

Earlier in the semester, at the Allegheny Branch of the American Society for Microbiology’s annual meeting at West Virginia University, Gresser and Jazmin Farabaugh, took home a second-place poster presentation award for their research. The two studied the effects of the compound gingerol on a type of muscular dystrophy, using nematode worms as a model. Previous work on the chemical showed some success in zebrafish, but the duo found no such evidence in nematodes. Research advisor Olivia Long, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry, noted that the students were impressively independent in their work and were able to present their research after a single semester.

Addison H. Gibson Foundation awards 30 \$5,000 scholarships

Thirty Pitt-Greensburg students were each awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the Addison H. Gibson Foundation. The awards are being applied to the students’ spring 2023 tuition. Students receiving this one-time award were selected based on demonstrated financial need for assistance, posting a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and having residency in western Pennsylvania. The funding can only be applied to tuition and fees.

The scholarships were distributed among students majoring in accounting, applied mathematics, biochemistry, biological sciences, business management, chemistry, criminal justice, history, nursing, political science, pre-education, pre-medical, psychology, social sciences area, and Spanish who are from Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Read more at <https://bit.ly/agibson-scholarships-22>.

Established by Addison Gibson, an oil baron and Armstrong County native who passed away in 1936, the Pittsburgh-based Addison H. Gibson Foundation distributes funding annually to accredited colleges and universities in western Pennsylvania to be used for student scholarships.

Career Closet offers professional attire to students and alumni

In October 2022, Pitt-Greensburg’s Office of Career Services opened its new Career Closet in Chambers Hall 218. The Career Closet is designed to loan professional attire to Pitt-Greensburg students and alumni who are engaged in career-related pursuits.



“We saw an opportunity to add another resource for our students,” explained Dorothy Zilic, director of Career Services. “Suits and professional attire can be expensive, and it is essential for students to be confident in themselves and their appearance as they interview for jobs and internships.”

“Our students are excited to have this resource,” said Marcy Yonkey, assistant director of Career Services, who was responsible for developing the idea and stocking the clothes.

The Closet was built from donations of new or lightly-loved-and-laundered clothing. Suits, shirts, pants, blazers, jackets, tops, skirts, and accessories (no shoes) are ready to be loaned. The lending process is easy and helps students to be interview-ready, too. The student schedules an appointment with Career Services at least 48 hours before their interview. They have to prepare and submit a digital draft of their resume for feedback in order to borrow the clothing. Then the student stops by the Career Services office to sign-out the clothing for an agreed upon timeframe. Returned items are laundered or sent to dry cleaning to be ready for the next student. Alumni should contact the Office of Career Services at marcy.yonkey@pitt.edu to learn how they can use this resource. Learn more about the Career Closet at <https://bit.ly/career-closet-22>.

Pitt-Greensburg Chorale performs in WSO holiday concert



Pitt-Greensburg music director Chris Bartley and the Pitt-Greensburg Chorale performed as part of the 40-singer All-Star Choir of Westmoreland County for the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra’s (WSO) Home for the Holidays Concert, held December 2022 at the Palace Theatre. Andrés Franco conducted the WSO and the choir.

Mariella Slatter, a first-year student at Pitt-Greensburg, was selected by audition to be the featured soloist for “O Holy Night.” An international student from the university town of Cambridge, Slatter’s previous performance experience includes the Pembroke Girls College choir where she served as head chorister, a position that provided opportunities to rehearse and conduct the ensemble. With the choir, Slatter recorded two albums. Her selection as soloist marks a significant change as the WSO holiday concert has traditionally featured a Pittsburgh Opera soloist. One of Slatter’s aspirations is to become a composer, and she will study conducting with Bartley. “It’s a delight to work with her and the other Chorale and Chambers Singers members.” Read the full story at <https://bit.ly/chorale-wso-concert-22>,

Save the Date: Blue & Gold Celebration 2023



Mark your calendar for the Blue & Gold Celebration 2023 and watch for details as plans are finalized for Oct. 5, Oct. 6, and Oct. 7.

This annual multi-day event will build on its past success by adding new components designed specifically to

be of interest to families of students, alumni and others in the campus community. While traditional favorites will return, new programming will incorporate aspects of a Family and Friends weekend.

“Pitt-Greensburg hopes to turn Blue & Gold Celebration into a celebration of our campus community—and their families,” said Julia Sefcheck, alumni engagement officer and co-chair of the Blue & Gold Celebration Committee. “Our campus doesn’t have a dedicated Family Weekend, and we’re hoping that parents of our students as well as the families of our alumni will bring their enthusiasm to campus for a wide variety of events that are being planned.”

Plans are also underway for the annual Pitt-Greensburg Golf Outing, which is scheduled for Sept. 29 at Totteridge Golf Club.

Sponsorships help to make these events happen. If you’d like to support these events while promoting your business or organization, please contact our Alumni Engagement Officer at pgaa@pitt.edu to find out about these opportunities.

Applications for Full-Tuition Scholarships accepted through March 31

Pitt-Greensburg will award up to three full-tuition scholarships to freshmen students who begin their education on campus in fall 2023. Each award, valued at more than \$54,000, will cover tuition up to 18 credits per semester (in-state rate) for up to four years if the student meets the renewal criteria of carrying a 3.5 or higher grade-point-average.

Qualified students who meet the award criteria are invited to apply by 4 p.m. Friday, March 31, for consideration. In addition to submitting an application and essay, each finalist will be asked to participate in a Zoom interview in April. For complete details on criteria and how to apply, please visit <https://bit.ly/full-tuition-scholarship-23>.

Pitt-Greensburg to host Laurel Highlands Undergraduate Psychology Conference

Psychology majors from across the region will gather at Pitt-Greensburg for this year’s Laurel Highlands Undergraduate Psychology Conference. In addition to a keynote address from a regional psychology faculty presenter, the program includes student presentations of their research papers and research posters. The event allows the expected 75 to 100 participating students to practice talking to others about their research and interests and includes interaction with their peers and faculty from other universities and colleges in the area. Kristen Asplin, PhD, assistant professor of psychology, is the contact person for the event that is open to the public with registration at <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/laurel-highlands-conference>.

Millstein Library’s collection of Pitt Greensburg student newspapers and newsletters are now online

Interested in the firsthand accounts of the “Haunting of Lynch Hall” that appeared in the December 1998 issue of the **University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Insider**? How about the 1993 Swimsuit Issue of **Perspective: the official news magazine of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg**? You are in luck! You can now read these publications and many more online in the University Library System Documenting Pitt UPG Student Newspapers and Newsletter Collection. Access these digital archives at <http://pi.tt/upgnewsletters>

“Wild Gratitude” showcased campus storytellers

“Wild Gratitude,” Pitt-Greensburg’s Fall 2022 storytelling showcase, brought together visiting writers, students, faculty, and alumni authors for readings, performances, and book launch celebrations. Organized by Creative and Professional Writing faculty Dave Newman and Lori Jakiela, the multi-day event included the Storytellers’ Showcase that featured Pitt-Greensburg poets, writers, filmmakers, and digital storytellers; VOICES Reading Series Live with poets Scott Silsbe and Adriana E. Ramirez and students Kaiden Ciongoli and Jeanette Hutzell; and a Book Launch for authors Adam Matcho and Celeste Gainey that included opening readings by students Misha Laity and Caitlin Crusier. The Pitt-Greensburg Literary and Online Publishing class worked with Matcho and Gainey to publish their limited-edition books, which were available for sale and author signings.

Community Service Snapshot: First-Year Seminar

Peer Leader Sydney Spino partnered with her step-father, Jeff Guiddy, First Lieutenant with the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department Truck Company No. 2 to organize an unusual community service project for her First-Year Seminar class.



In November 2022, five fire trucks from the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department, West Point Fire Station, and Hempfield Fire Station—along with GVFD Dive Team equipment—arrived on campus to be washed by the class. The students also participated in safety demonstrations, tried on fire-fighting gear, and learned about being a volunteer firefighter.

Spino is a Peer Leader for Kristen Stratton, the campus’ Internship coordinator, who teaches one of the seminars. A second-year data analytics major with a minor in Spanish, she helps Stratton to teach the seminar, as well as serving as a mentor to the first-year students. In addition to helping at Summer Orientation and Welcome Week activities, Peer Leaders interact regularly with their assigned students and act as role models, both academically and behaviorally. At Pitt-Greensburg, each First-Year Seminar class has to perform a community service project. Read more at <https://bit.ly/first-year-seminar-service-22>.

Bruiser participates in Citiparks Mascot Skate

Bruiser joined fellow regional mascots representing a variety of organizations at the Citiparks Mascot Skate on Jan. 14. He received his official invitation to join in the fun at the Schenley Ice Rink, where he posed for photos with human fans and friends. Roc, Pitt’s mascot, also joined the fun with more than 35 other fuzzy friends, including the Pittsburgh Penguins Iceburgh, the Pirate Parrot, the Chick-Fil-A Cow, and Alcosan’s Frankie the Fish.





Bobcat Athletic Highlights

Fall Sports

Pitt-Greensburg Athletics closed the books on the fall 2022 season with two AMCC Championships (Women's Soccer and Women's Tennis) and having 26 student-athletes earn All-AMCC honors.

Women's Soccer



Alexsia Barlamas



Abby Henise



Megan Hickey



Hailey Kepner



Becca Kubler



Ashely Lucas



Nylah Pannebaker



Hayley Priah



Julia Rowe



Maya Wertele



Coach Chuck Wigle

The Women's Soccer team captured the 2022 AMCC regular season and post-season championships, then headed off to their first-round appearance in the NCAA Division III national soccer tournament where they were eliminated by fourth-seed Case Western University. With a 7-0 conference record (14-4-1 overall), members of the team continued to receive post-season honors:

- Alexis Barlamas – All-AMCC Second Team
- Abby Henise – All-ECAC Second Team; All-AMCC First Team
- Megan Hickey – ECAC Rookie of the Year; AMCC Newcomer of the Year; All-AMCC First Team
- Hailey Kepner – All-AMCC First Team
- Becca Kubler – All-AMCC Third Team
- Ashley Lucas – ECAC Offensive Player of the Year; United Soccer Coaches All-Region Team; AMCC Offensive Player of the Year; All-AMCC First Team
- Nylah Pannebaker – All-ECAC Second Team; AMCC Defensive Player of the Year; All-AMCC First Team
- Hayley Priah – All-AMCC Second Team
- Julia Rowe – All AMCC Third Team
- Maya Wertele – All-AMCC First Team
- Coach Chuck Wigle – AMCC Soccer Coach of the Year

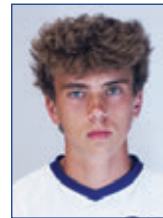
Men's Soccer



Coach Marc Bucchi



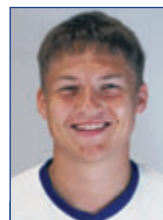
Ross Hartley



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Adam Yoder



Caleb Yuricha

The Men's Soccer team finished the 2022 season 4-2-1 in the AMCC and 9-7-4 overall. The team was seeded fourth for the AMCC post-season tournament, marking the second consecutive year that the team secured an AMCC post-season tournament playoff berth. The Bobcats hosted Penn State-Altoona in the first round game, defeating the Lions 2-0, before losing 4-0 in the second round to Penn State-Behrend. The Bobcats had the opportunity to challenge Penn State-Behrend again, in the ECAC post-season tournament, holding the Lions to just one goal in the second-round loss.

Post-season honors included:

- Ross Hartley – All-AMCC Second Team
- Zander Plizga – All-AMCC Second Team
- Danny Rodgers – All-AMCC Third Team
- Adam Yoder – All-AMCC Second Team
- Caleb Yuricha – ECAC Rookie of the Year; AMCC Newcomer of the Year; All-AMCC First Team
- Coach Marc Bucchi – AMCC Men's Soccer Coach of the Year

Men's & Women's Cross Country

Casey Montrey earned AMCC Newcomer of the Year and All-AMCC honors in Men's Cross Country. Sidney McCully was named to the All-AMCC Women's Cross Country team.



Casey Montrey



Sidney McCully

Excelling in the classroom

This past fall, Pitt-Greensburg student-athletes excelled on both the playing field and in the classroom, with 51 percent of its 210 student-athletes earning a 3.0 or higher during the fall 2022 semester. Eight of the 13 teams posted group grade-point averages of 3.0 or higher, with the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams coming in as the department's top academic performers, followed by the Women's Tennis and Women's Soccer teams. Ten Bobcats posted grade-point averages of 4.0 or higher and 68 student-athletes finished the semester with grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher.

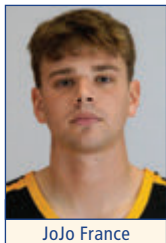
Bobcat Athletic Highlights



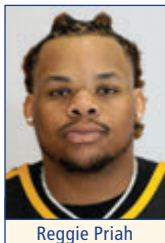
Winter Sports

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team posted a 4-8 overall record between the season start in November and the return to campus in January. The team opened the season with a 79-65 win over Carlow University and went on to post wins against Grove City College (63-48), Penn State-Shenango (87-75), and Washington College (96-89). Conference play began in January with a loss against Hilbert College on Jan. 4.



JoJo France



Reggie Priah

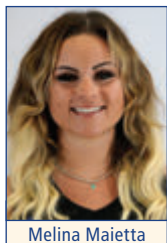
Senior JoJo France leads the team in scoring (21.1 ppg) with a 0.463 field-goal percentage, a 0.348 three-point percentage, and 0.805 free-throw percentage. Junior Reggie Priah, second on the team in scoring (12.9 ppg), leads the team with 5.4 rebounds per game.

In the preseason poll of Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) men's basketball coaches, the Bobcats were voted to finish tied for fourth place in the conference. Coach Chris Klimchak is in his second year coaching the Blue & Gold.

Women's Basketball



Coach Darien Lantz



Melina Maietta



Sidney McCully



Tiana Moracco

Head Coach Darien Lantz begins her first season at the helm of the women's basketball team, coming to Pitt-Greensburg after four years as an assistant basketball coach at Thiel College and playing three seasons on the Pitt-Bradford women's basketball team. In the 2022-23 preseason poll, the AMCC women's basketball coaches picked the Bobcats as the third-best women's basketball team in the conference.

The team posted six losses at the start of the season in November. With wins against The College of Wooster (70-56), Penn State-Fayette (75-41), Waynesburg University (59-42), and Franciscan University of Steubenville (80-59), the Bobcats improved their record to 4-7 overall. Conference play began in January with a 79-52 win against Hilbert College on Jan. 4, bringing their records to 5-7 overall and 1-0 in the AMCC.

Sophomore Melina Maietta leads the team in scoring (143 points/17.9 ppg) with a 0.384 field-goal percentage, a 0.338 three-point percentage, and 0.742 free-throw percentage. Senior Sidney McCully, selected an AMCC player of the week (Dec. 5, 2022), returned to the court after an injury early in the season. She is second on the team in scoring (134 points/19.1 ppg), but her recent performances showcase her leadership and scoring ability. Freshmen Madison Scalesse and Tiana Moracco are first and second in rebounding with 6.4 rpg and 6.0 rpg, respectively.



Madison Scalesse

Women's Bowling

The women's bowling team opened their season in October 2022 and will play through March. The team's schedule includes a variety of colleges and universities, many of which are much larger than Pitt-Greensburg's campus. This is the third year for the team, which was voted sixth in the AMCC bowling coaches' preseason poll. Kayla Gaughan and Giavonna Salvio were named players to watch.



Kayla Gaughan

Music and Theater performances set for spring 2023

Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company: *La Dispute* to explore relationships with a sci-fi flavor

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will present *La Dispute* by Pierre DeMarivaux as their spring production. Translated by Sabrina Toro, the play was adapted by Christina Allaback, director of theater at Pitt-Greensburg.

"I read this play 20 years ago and thought it was very strange for the time in which it was written," said Allaback. "I have wanted to direct it since. As this is an old play, a friend and I have translated it and adapted it, so we, as the cast and crew can do whatever we want with the show, as we are not under any copyright restrictions. I am hoping to incorporate ideas from students to add some contemporary humor to the show."

The play centers around a prince and his court who are having a dispute: who was first to be unfaithful in love—men or women? Fortunately, his father started an experiment 20 years ago with four babies--two female and two male--who were raised in captivity. Today the prince and his court will see who is first to be unfaithful, when the four young people are released into an arena and interact with each other.

"*La Dispute* is an old French comedy from 1744 adapted for today with a little sci-fi flavor," said Allaback. "We are setting this in an imagined future in which the decedents of Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, alone with their clone of William Shatner, have left their planet to colonize another."

The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on March 30, 31, and April 1, and at 2:30 p.m. on April 2 in Ferguson Theater (Smith Hall). Tickets, available at the door, are \$5.

Joan Chambers Concert Series: Heinz Chapel Choir returns for annual concert

Pitt's own world-renowned Heinz Chapel Choir will return to Pitt-Greensburg on April 21 as part of the Joan Chambers Concert Series. The choir returns to the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center for the first time since 2017. The concert at Pitt-Greensburg, which begins at 8 p.m., is free and open to the public. In May, the choir will tour Northern England, Scotland, and North Wales.

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.

Feb. 10, 2023

Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions - Pitt-Greensburg Athletics will induct its second class with a dinner and induction ceremony. Watch for details: <https://pittgreensburgathletics.com>.

Feb. 21, 2023

Pitt Day of Giving - All Day; On-campus and Virtual

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. Visit <https://bit.ly/gbggive23> to support Pitt-Greensburg.

Feb. 25, 2023

Admissions Commit to Pitt Day - Prospective students who have been offered admission to Pitt-Greensburg are invited to meet with faculty, see how they fit into campus, and commit to Pitt-Greensburg. Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/admissions-visit-2022>.

Mar. 5 – Mar. 12, 2023

Spring Recess (students) - No classes will be held during spring recess. Campus is closed for the Spring Holiday on Mar. 10.

March 18, 2023

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Mar. 23, 2023

Professional Impressions - 6-8 pm; Chambers Hall

Using a professional networking format, students practice their elevator pitches on alumni volunteers. Kelsey James '13 will perform live music and Jeff Guidos (All Saints Brewery) will offer beer samples. Alumni interested in volunteering should register at <https://bit.ly/prof-impressions-volunteer-23>.

Mar. 31, 2023

Admissions Full-Tuition Scholarship Competition

Deadline to submit applications for the **Full-Tuition Scholarship Competition**. Details and applications are available at <https://bit.ly/full-tuition-scholarship-2022>.

Apr. 1, 2023

Admissions Preview Pitt Open House - 8:45 am – 1:15 pm; Chambers Hall

Meet with admissions team and faculty, then tour the campus. Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/admissions-visit-2022>.

Apr. 13 & 14, 2023

Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers Spring Concert -

7:30 p.m.; Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center
Join the Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers, the Campana Consort, and Pitt-Greensburg voice and piano students in this evening of music.

Apr. 21, 2023

Joan Chambers Concert Series - 8 pm; Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center
The University of Pittsburgh's Heinz Chapel Choir will perform.

Apr. 22, 2023

Admission Commit to Pitt Day - Prospective students who have been offered admission to Pitt-Greensburg are invited to meet with faculty, see how they fit into campus, and commit to Pitt-Greensburg. Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/admissions-visit-2022>.

Apr. 28, 2023

Senior Sendoff (\$) - 6-8 pm; Chambers Hall (Wagner Dining Hall)

Join the PGAA and Student Life on Apr. 28 as we recognize Class of 2023 and Dec. 2022 graduates on reaching this milestone. This event is a great opportunity for graduates to pay tribute to their family and friends and celebrate with alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Graduates are free, and the cost for all other guests is \$15/person. Register at <https://bit.ly/senior-sendoff-23>.

Apr. 29, 2023

Commencement - 10 am & 1pm; Chambers Gymnasium

The Class of 2023 will celebrate with family on this special day. Tickets are required to attend either ceremony.

Jun. 2, 2023

Pitt-Greensburg at PNC Park & Pre-Game Tailgate (\$) - Game start: 7:05 pm; PNC Park

Join the PGAA for a pre-game tailgate, then watch the Pirates play the St. Louis Cardinals. First 20,000 fans receive a free t-shirt. Tickets include tailgate, ballgame, promotional item, and \$10 food/drink credit. Register by Apr. 14, for early bird pricing (\$37 each) and chance to win a free ticket. After Apr. 14, tickets are \$40 each. Register at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-pirates-23>.

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



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