

# BLUE & GOLD

## Pitt-Greensburg prepares for Pitt Day in Harrisburg 2024

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg is making plans to participate in Pitt Day in Harrisburg on Mar. 19. The event is the University of Pittsburgh’s signature day of advocacy, where advocates from across Pitt’s five campuses converge at the state Capitol to communicate the University’s impact to elected officials. It’s a crucial opportunity for state legislators to hear how much the Pitt community values public higher education.

The event, organized by the Pitt Office of Government Relations and Advocacy in collaboration with the Pitt Alumni Association, returns to an in-person format this year, following a digital advocacy day in 2023.

“The 2022 event featured more than 100 attendees from all five campuses, and we’re hoping for a similar turnout for 2024,” said David Brown, vice chancellor for government relations and advocacy. “Attendance is limited to 150 due to Capitol restrictions, so registration is required.”

Brown noted that there are changes expected to the format this year, including more dynamic research showcases and additional opportunities to network. Buses will be available from each campus for participants.

The primary driver behind Pitt Day is advocacy—advocacy for continued state support and a sustained commitment from Pennsylvania to higher education funding. Brown explained that the focus is creating opportunities for legislators to meet face-to-face with students, faculty, and staff who benefit from the commonwealth’s support. The intent is to share Pitt’s positive difference in their lives, thereby advocating for the legislature’s continued support for Pitt’s funding.

“It is a positive event intended to celebrate the University’s partnership with Pennsylvania and highlight how Pitt and its community contribute to the state,” said Brown. “The state-funded in-state tuition discount is a powerful and life-changing benefit—and one that directly supports the commonwealth’s students, families, and future.”

“We engage with our state legislative delegation by hosting regional legislators on campus and by traveling to the state capitol to meet with them in their offices,” said Robert Gregerson, PhD, president of Pitt-Greensburg. “In both cases, we listen to their concerns and suggestions, present campus updates, and provide the opportunity to interact with our students. It is important to help our legislators understand the contributions that Pitt-Greensburg makes locally, regionally, and beyond.”

In January, Pitt-Greensburg invited Westmoreland County Representatives and Senators to the Hempfield Township campus for a Legislative Breakfast. President Gregerson and members of the Pitt Government Relations staff met with the lawmakers and shared how Pitt-Greensburg is contributing to the economic well-being of the region, as well as how Pennsylvania students benefit from the State Budget Appropriation, which preserves the state-funded tuition discount.

### Why Attend?

Pitt-Greensburg alumni who are interested in participating in this year’s Pitt Day in Harrisburg should contact Emily Rose in the Office of University Relations and Institutional Advancement at 724-836-7497 or [uria@pitt.edu](mailto:uria@pitt.edu). While plans are still in process, this is a day trip that includes transportation from Pitt-Greensburg on a coach bus, a complimentary continental breakfast on the way out, a tour of the State Capitol building and group photos, meetings with Westmoreland County legislators, lunch provided by Pitt at the Capitol, and a cash per diem toward dinner at a rest area on the way back to campus (compliments of the PGAA).



- 1. Unique Experience:** The event offers a unique experience, providing attendees with an inside look at our state government and opportunities to meet representatives or senators and share Pitt’s positive influence on their lives.
- 2. Advocate for Pitt:** Participants could help influence policy by advocating for the University and its students. It allows attendees to be more involved and engaged citizens of Pennsylvania.
- 3. Networking Opportunities:** Pitt Day offers an opportunity to network among faculty, students, alumni, and staff, fostering connections during the trip.



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# Message from the President

Greetings from Lynch Hall and the beautiful campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg! Despite the cold, winter brings its own wonderful accents that we all enjoy. Looking out of my office window, it may appear cold outside, but there is so much happening that energizes our students, faculty, and staff this time of the year.

With the holiday break well behind us, we are fully engaged with teaching and learning in the spring semester. In Powers Hall, classes in disciplines such as creative writing, criminal justice, psychology, and education are meeting. In Cassell Hall and Village Hall, students are busy with IT and math classes. Across Slate Run, science students are working hard in classrooms and laboratories in Smith Hall and the Life Sciences Building, where our nursing students are also engaged with state-of-the-art learning opportunities. Open a full year now, the new building has made an important impact on teaching and learning for a large portion of our students and faculty.

It's college basketball season, and our student-athletes are competing each week on the hardwood of the Chambers Hall gymnasium. Drop in sometime and watch an exciting game; the schedule is available on our website! Soon softball, baseball, and tennis will be back in action. I continue to be very impressed with the dedication of our student-athletes, coaches, and training staff who work so hard to compete in NCAA Division III sports. I am equally excited about the academic performance of these young women and men who give so much time to their sports. These are true student athletes, exemplifying that phrase daily.

With the 2023-24 commonwealth appropriation process finally successfully behind us, we turn to advocacy for the academic year 2024-25. We actively engage our legislative delegation year-round, hosting legislators on our campus, and traveling to Harrisburg to share the good news of our students' successes and the impact that we collectively make in the community. I urge you to continue promoting Pitt-Greensburg and the University of Pittsburgh when you have the opportunity. We are proud to be in the business of changing lives and contributing to the educated workforce for Pennsylvania.

Thanks once again for all you do to support this academic community. I encourage you to join me by participating in Pitt Day of Giving on Feb. 27. You can choose to provide support for an area of the University that best fits your interests. We greatly appreciate you!

Hail to Pitt!

Robert Gregerson, PhD  
President



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# Pitt-Greensburg Athletics announces 2024 Hall of Fame Class

The Pitt-Greensburg Athletic Department announced its 2024 Athletics Hall of Fame inductees. Nominations for the 2024 class were solicited from the public, and candidates are five years removed from their final year of collegiate competition.

This year, the inductees include the 2002-03 women's basketball team, Frank Cassell, PhD, Adam DiCarlo '06, and Zach Kocian '08.



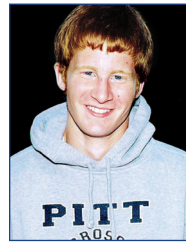
The 2002-03 Pitt-Greensburg women's basketball team is the first and only team to win a game in an NCAA Post-Season Tournament. The team finished first in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) with a 10-2 record while going 23-7 overall, earning the program's first AMCC Championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament. The Bobcats defeated Mount Saint Mary College in the first round of the tournament, 62-54. Leading the team were All-AMCC players Annie Sral, Erin Arnold, and Jess Porter. Pitt-Greensburg Hall of Fame inductee Carol Gelet was the head coach



**Frank Cassell, PhD**, the third president of Pitt-Greensburg, was at the helm when Pitt-Greensburg's Athletics made application and was accepted into the NCAA Division III. Cassell and fellow Hall of Famers Dan Swalga and Rick Fogle worked together to secure this membership for the campus.



**Adam DiCarlo '06** wrote the Pitt-Greensburg men's soccer record book. From 2002-05, DiCarlo made 63 goals and scored 143 points for the Bobcats. His record is 20 goals and 13 points more than the second place record holders. In 2002, DiCarlo was named AMCC Newcomer and Player of the Year, and he earned All-AMCC First Team recognition from 2002 through 2004. In 2022, DiCarlo was recognized as one of the top men's soccer players in the conference's 25-year history when he was named to the AMCC All-Anniversary team.



**Zach Kocian '08** is one of the most decorated athletes in the history of Pitt-Greensburg. During his four years as a member of the cross country team, he earned All-AMCC recognition and, for the past 15 years, held the fastest 8K time in Pitt-Greensburg's cross country history. Kocian moved into second place for this record in October 2023 when sophomore Ethan Barrick posted a faster time. Kocian twice finished in the top 10 at the AMCC Championship Meet.



## Bobcat Athletics

### Pitt-Greensburg Scholar-Athletes

Pitt-Greensburg Scholar-Athletes were recognized for their academic performance during the fall 2023 semester. Eight of the 13 teams finished with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher, resulting in a combined GPA of 3.055. The women's tennis team finished with the top team GPA of 3.793. Ninety-nine students earned 3.0s or higher and were recognized as Scholar-Athletes at a recent luncheon. *\*dual sport athlete*

#### Men's Baseball

Benjamin Aftanas  
Conner Burkey  
Collyn Flynn  
Hunter Gideons  
Toby Kennedy  
Nicholas Laubach  
Tyler Litts  
Lucas Miller  
Neo Miller  
Steven Muratore  
Gabriel Pastrana

#### Men's Basketball

Michael Bigley  
Jackson Byer  
Michael Gaffney  
Matthew Marinchak  
Joshua Mentzer\*  
Trent Rozich  
Benjamin Thomas

#### Women's Basketball

Malina Boord  
Grace Bradley\*  
Anna Durbin\*  
Melina Maietta  
Tiana Moracco  
Madison Scalise  
Laura Vittone

#### Women's Bowling

Katherine Ryan Alford  
Beatrice Cook\*  
Kayla Gaughan  
Jamie Harrover  
Erica Moss

#### Men's Cross Country

Dylan Ackerman  
Nathan Barker  
Simon Gazarik  
Peyton Hause  
Joshua Mentzer\*

#### Women's Cross Country

Abby Copeland  
Anna Durbin\*  
Morgan Fong  
Hannah Lafferty

#### Men's Golf

Evan O'Toole

#### Men's Soccer

Jason Argueta  
Nick Braun  
John Gutosky  
Ammar Kanafani  
Lucas Killen  
Zander Plizga  
Ethan Rose  
Brayten Sedor  
Logan Swartz  
Vinnie Treonze  
Bryce Weber  
Adam Yoder

#### Women's Soccer

Emily Bonelli  
Mia Camps  
Hayley Felix-Priah  
Cora Forney  
Hannah Gesinski  
Logan Jennings  
Paige John  
Hailey Kepner  
Maggie Knorr  
Becca Kubler  
Hailey Miller  
Alexandria Rosser  
Julia Rowe  
Kylie Smith  
Sarah Tonkovich  
Maya Werteleit

#### Women's Softball

Beatrice Cook\*  
Mia Dalessandro  
Jessica Dunn  
Julia Jastrzebski  
Sadie Kelly  
McKenzie Lamb  
Makenzie Lang  
Melanie Mienke  
Madison Stonbraker  
Hunter Taylor  
Megan Toth  
Kacey Weller

#### Men's Tennis

Ryan Cole  
Kyle Glessner  
Michael Opal  
Roman Ruscitto  
Deven Summers

#### Women's Tennis

Isabella Lane  
Angela Long  
Eden Richey  
Abby Rosman  
Cathryn Rossi  
Emily Ruhlman  
Amber Sterrett  
Mariah Ulery  
Devon Ulmer

#### Women's Volleyball

Grace Bradley\*  
Madison Friess  
Emily Hernandez  
Taylor Logan  
Chloe Lukondi  
Alanna Meloy  
Abigail Miller  
Amelia Stohon  
Jadyn Zemba

# Pawprints

## Nursing faculty receive certification as Simulation Educators

This past fall, Amber Bugajski, MSN, RN, and Amy Shearer, PhD, RN, successfully completed education and testing to become Certified Healthcare Simulation Educators (CHSE) from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. With this certification, nurse educators demonstrate an understanding of the pedagogical underpinnings of simulation education



Amber Bugajski (right) assisting a nursing student

that includes scenario development, implementation of simulation, and effective debriefing. Preparation for the CHSE exam included attendance at a CHSE certification course and weekly sessions provided by the School of Nursing to review content covered in that course.

Bugajski, an instructor of nursing, and Shearer, director of the nursing program, will use this new expertise in further incorporating this method of teaching into the campus's nursing program, which now has enhanced capabilities due to the dedicated space and new equipment in the Life Sciences Building, University of Pittsburgh's School of Nursing Dean Christine Kasper, PhD, RN, has charged nursing faculty to allocate 25 percent of the instruction time as simulation in all clinical nursing courses.

This reflects the significance of simulation in nursing education and the many benefits simulation provides students. Since clinical experiences for students are often variable, simulation offers the ability to provide standardized, scheduled learning experiences that are difficult to obtain in real life and that can be customized to the situation as well as to the level of the learner. Simulation education also allows students to learn in a safe environment without fear of harming patients. It allows student nurses to practice and develop muscle memory to successfully and accurately complete nursing skills. A key component to simulation is debriefing, where much of their learning occurs.

The Pitt-Greensburg Nursing Simulation Lab has the capability for students not participating in the simulation to be in the Skills Lab where they can watch their classmates respond to the mannequin's cues, creating another opportunity for learning. Additionally, the simulation experiences can be recorded and watched by the participants. The detailed feedback and evaluation they receive in debriefing allows them to reflect and identify ways to improve performance. Participation in simulation also allows students to develop improved hands-on clinical judgement, effective communication, decision making, and teamwork skills, which are essential in the health care workplace.

## VOICES brings professional writers to campus

This past fall, VOICES, Pitt-Greensburg's literary series, welcomed filmmaker Melissa Martin, author Sarah Shotland, and poet Scott Silsbe to campus to share their work and their expertise with students.

Martin helped Pitt-Greensburg writers and digital storytellers to understand the importance of place and the vital role indie films play in American culture. Her credits include her work as producer/writer/director of "The Bread, My Sweet," a critically acclaimed, award-winning independent film set in the heart of Pittsburgh's Strip District.

"Our students, particularly those in our creative writing and digital storytelling classes, are learning about the essential role of place—as in the places where we grew up, the places we've left, the places that aren't there anymore, the places we hold only in our memories—plays in creative work," said Lori Jakiela, professor of English, who co-directs the VOICES series with assistant professor of English and award-winning Pittsburgh author Dave Newman.

Described as an author, playwright, and human-rights activist, Shotland is the author of the novel *Junkette*, and a playwright whose work has been performed in professional theaters worldwide. In 2009, she co-founded Words Without Walls, which brought creative writing classes to jails, prisons, and drug treatment centers in Pittsburgh. An assistant professor of English at Carlow College, she directs the Madwomen in the Attic program.

Silsbe's visit to campus was part of the celebration of the release of student-writer McKenzie Bonar's debut poetry collection, *A Daughter's Poems*. Bonar's collection was a capstone project she completed as part of her Creative & Professional Writing major and details the transition from girlhood to womanhood. Silsbe is the author of four poetry collections and a cornerstone of the Pittsburgh literary community.

The VOICES readings also feature Pitt-Greensburg student-writers sharing their work. The program is sponsored by the Academic Village, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Creative and Professional Writing Program.

## Westmoreland Reads: Virtual event with author Clint Smith

Westmoreland Reads will host a virtual event featuring a conversation with Clint Smith, author of this year's book selection *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*. An in-person watch party is scheduled for Mar. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Ferguson Theater (Smith Hall). Event and registration information will be available at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/westmoreland-reads](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/westmoreland-reads). Reading group materials for formal and informal discussion groups are also available on this webpage.



Clint Smith

Westmoreland Reads is designed to encourage the Westmoreland community to read and engage in a common read. Individuals and organizations are invited to form formal and informal reading groups, as well as to participate in the programming activities that are offered over the course of the year. Individuals living in the region can participate in a book discussion event that will be held at the YWCA on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. Please call 724-834-9390 for additional information or to register.

Most recently, as part of the Westmoreland Reads programming, the following activities were held in collaboration with sponsoring groups:

- In honor of Black History Month, the Pitt-Greensburg Chapter of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association and the YWCA Westmoreland sponsored Stories and Crafts for Kids.
- Diversity in Teaching: Discussing Race in the Classroom, a one-hour, interactive workshop, was offered in September at Pitt-Greensburg to allow educators and social service professionals of all backgrounds to think about how to talk about race.
- Pitt-Greensburg students and faculty traveled to Charlottesville, VA, and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in October 2023. The history of Monticello is one of the chapters in *How the Word is Passed*.
- Diversity in Teaching: Trauma and Its Impact on Learning, a workshop that focused on the impact of trauma on students and adults in terms of education, work, and relationships, was held at Pitt-Greensburg in October.
- Dr. Tiana Wilson virtually presented the Historians on History Series in November 2023.



# Alumni Spotlight

## Alex Androkites '17 on giving back

Whether it's working with patients or donating to campus, Alex Androkites, DO, '17 believes in giving back. This belief is rooted in a firm resolve to stay involved in the local community and to make a difference in the lives of those who come after him.

Alex graduated from Pitt-Greensburg in 2017 and then went on to graduate in 2021 from the Lake Erie College of

Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) at Seton Hill University. He's now in his last year of the medical residency program at the Independence Health System at Latrobe Hospital with the goal of becoming a primary care physician (PCP). He prefers the daily contact with patients, and his ultimate goal is to become a geriatrician, which adds an additional year of training as part of a fellowship. In July, he'll enter a Geriatric Medicine Fellowship at UPMC St. Margaret to complete a year of training specifically tailored to the care of the elderly.

While he's still learning, he's also teaching as one of eight residents in his class selected to teach new residents. "They're just so eager, and you know you're eager to see them succeed, too," he explained of his work with the new residents. "You want to give them the best start that you can."

Alex started his undergraduate journey at the University of Pittsburgh as a philosophy of science major before transferring to Pitt-Greensburg and becoming a biology major with a psychology minor.

"I was applying to medical school, but there's a different path you could take as a non-science major," he shared. Then he realized that philosophy wasn't for him and opted to take more science courses, "but the large class sizes made it hard to get into the prerequisite classes." The Greensburg native had passed the Pitt-Greensburg sign on Route 30 many times and decided to see what the campus had to offer.

That summer, Alex enrolled in an organic chemistry class taught by Matthew Luderer, PhD. Right away, he was impressed. The small class size and Luderer's teaching were game changers. "We basically had one-on-one instruction with him." Alex then decided to take anatomy with Koreen Byrns. After traveling back and forth between Oakland and Greensburg, he made the transition to becoming a full-time student at Pitt-Greensburg.

"I really enjoyed my academic experience at Pitt-Greensburg," he noted. He was amazed by the care given to the students by the professors. Office hours and visits were encouraged, and professors and students knew each other. "The professors care. They really try to know you," he noted. "They cared about how you were then and what you wanted to do in the future."

Alex credits his time on campus for giving him a love of science and providing him with a foundation that allowed him to get to where he is today.

It's one of the reasons he gives back to campus. He wants those Bobcats who follow in his footsteps to have the same excellent experiences he had. Because of his positive experience at Pitt-Greensburg, Alex has made a gift to campus every year since his graduation.

"Giving back to the school that gave me a very good foundation is very important to me," Alex explained. "I want people to have the best experience there, so it's important to me to make Pitt-Greensburg the best that it can be. Every time we do [Pitt Day of Giving] in February or another [giving opportunity] comes up, I think, 'Wow, this is great, another opportunity to really give back.'"

He also is proud of how the campus has grown, specifically with the addition of the nursing program. As a doctor, he experiences the nursing shortage daily and how it impacts the healthcare field. He enjoys running into other Pitt-Greensburg nursing and medical students at the hospital. Not only does it give him the opportunity to catch up on campus news, but their similar experiences make for a positive experience.

## Pawprints

### Pitt-Greensburg to dedicate new Wings Across Westmoreland installation

As part of its Pitt Day of Giving festivities, Pitt-Greensburg will host Wingstravaganza!

Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m.** for the dedication of Pitt-Greensburg's own Wings Across Westmoreland. The location for the installation will be the rock garden outside of Chambers Hall—near the campus clock. In case of inclement weather, a mock-up of the actual design will be displayed in the Bobcat, too. Watch the Pitt-Greensburg Facebook account for details—and for the special Pitt Day of Giving Wingstravaganza tasting that will kickoff at 11:45 a.m. in the Bobcat. For a \$5 donation to Pitt Day of Giving, fearless taste-testers will be able to take on Chartwells's five hot sauce gauntlet in various intensities.

### Call for PGAA Award and Board Nominations

Would you like to be more involved with the activities and programs hosted by the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association? Well, now is the time to make that happen. Nominations to serve as a member of the PGAA Board will be accepted through Mar. 29 for the July 2024-June 2027 term. Work with engaged and enthusiastic alumni to support the mission of the University. An open election for all alumni will be held in early April. Watch your email for details. Learn more at <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/board-directors>.

Nominations for the PGAA Awards are also open through Jul. 8. These are the most prestigious honors given to alumni from the Greensburg campus. Presented during the Blue & Gold Celebration at the Alumni Celebration Dinner, the awards recognize thriving alumni who are making significant achievements in their service to community and their profession. Self- and third-party nominations will be accepted through Jul. 8. To submit a nomination, please visit <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/awards>.

## Professional Impressions set for March

**Mar. 27 at 6 p.m. | Hempfield Room (Chambers Hall)**

Help students to become more comfortable at a networking event. Listen to and give feedback on students' elevator pitches. Participate in a mini-workshop and enjoy appetizers, music, and beer samples. While all alumni are welcome, mentors in science-related fields are needed. Reserve your spot at <https://bit.ly/PROFESSIONAL-IMPRESSIONS-24>.

**PITT-GRENSBURG CROSS COUNTRY**

**BOBCAT 6K+5K CHALLENGE**  
MARCH 2 AND MARCH 23, 2024

**March 2 | 9am | 6K Trail Race**  
Bell Memorial Trail (above Academic Village)

**March 23 | 9:15am | 5K Road Race**  
Campus Route

**Register today for one or both races.**

 **T-shirts, prizes, and awards, too!**  
\$30 | one race ■ \$55 | both races  
**Net proceeds benefit Pitt-Greensburg men's & women's cross country teams.**

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# Bobcat Athletics Wrap-up

For complete details on our 13 varsity athletic teams, please visit [pittgreensburgathletics.com](http://pittgreensburgathletics.com).

## Men's Basketball

- Record: 6-9 overall | 5-3 conference
- Win Highlights: Geneva (87-85), Penn St. Behrend (72-68), Hilbert (75-67), Wells (71-60), and Pitt-Bradford (71-70)
- AMCC Pre-Season Coaches Poll: 7th out of 10 teams
- AMCC Player of the Week: Matthew Marinchak (26 pts. scored vs. Hood College)
- Scoring Leaders (100 points or more): Matthew Marinchak, Trent Rozich, James Evans-Mcquay, and Jackson Byer
- 3-Point Leaders (20 points or more): Matthew Marinchak, Micah Jones, and James Evans-Mcquay



Jackson Byer



James Evans-Mcquay



Micah Jones



Matthew Marinchak



Trent Rozich

## Women's Basketball

- Record: 7-8 overall | 5-3 conference
- Win Highlights: Waynesburg (81-77), Carlow (76-64), Alfred State (74-71), Thiel (83-66), Hilbert (23-59), Wells (42-81), and Pitt-Bradford (87-51)
- AMCC Pre-Season Coaches Poll: 4th out of 10 teams
- 1,000-career points: Melina Maietta scored her 1,000th career point against La Roche College
- Scoring Leaders (100 points or more): Melina Maietta, Malina Boord, Sarah Penrod, Tiana Moracco, and Anna Durbin
- 3-Point Leaders (20 points or more): Malina Boord, Melina Maietta, and Sarah Penrod



Malina Boord



Anna Durbin



Melina Maietta



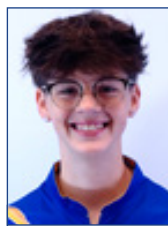
Tiana Moracco



Sarah Penrod

## Women's Bowling

In January, Erica Moss finished in the top 15 of the individual standings (traditional matches) of the Greater Pittsburgh Collegiate Classic. Her average score was 186.5 with a top score of 202. Kayla Gaughan finished in the top 25 (avg. score 166.5) and Natalie Coughenour finished in the top 40. The Bobcats finished eighth out of 10 teams with a total pinfall of 5427.



Natalie Coughenour



Kayla Gaughan



Erica Moss

## Fall 2023 AMCC Fall Season President Cup Standings

Pitt-Greensburg finished in fourth place after the fall 2023 competition, earning nearly 70 percent of the possible points. Contributing to the standing were the women's tennis team winning its third consecutive AMCC Championship, women's soccer competing in the AMCC Championship, and men's golf finishing as a runner-up.

## Women's Soccer

- All-ECAC Team: Megan Hickey (2nd team) and Nylah Pannebaker (2nd team)
- ECAC Women's Soccer Tournament: ECAC Tournament Runner-Up; first appearance in the tournament; first-round win over FDU-Florham (3-2); second-round loss to Hartford College (6-0)
- AMCC All-Conference Team: Maya Wertlet (1st team), Nylah Pannebaker (1st team), Megan Hickey (1st team), Paige Inman (1st team), Julia Rowe (2nd team), Hailey Kepner (2nd team), Logan Jennings (3rd team), and Sarah Tonkovich (3rd team)
- AMCC Offensive Player of the Year: Maya Wertlet
- AMCC Co-Defensive Player of the Year: Nylah Pannebaker



Megan Hickey



Paige Inman



Logan Jennings



Hailey Kepner



Nylah Pannebaker



Julia Rowe



Sarah Tonkovich



Maya Wertlet

## Men's Soccer

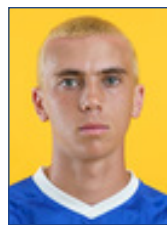
- United Soccer Coaches Division III All - Region Second Team: Zander Plizga
- ECAC Tournament: Second-consecutive invitation; lost to Franciscan University of Steubenville (1-0) in the first round.
- All-ECAC Team: Adam Yoder (2nd team)
- ECAC Rookie of the Year: Matt Armenio
- AMCC Newcomer of the Year: Matt Armenio
- AMCC All-Conference Team: Zander Plizga (1st team), Adam Yoder (2nd team), Matt Armenio (2nd team), and Ross Hartley (3rd team)



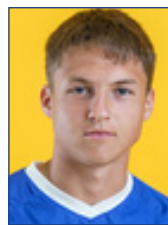
Matt Armenio



Ross Hartley



Zander Plizga



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# Music and Theater



The Heinz Chapel Choir

## Music at Pitt-Greensburg: Spring Performances

*Unless otherwise noted, these free, public concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.*

The Joan Chambers Concert Series will host the **University of Pittsburgh's Heinz Chapel Choir on Friday, Apr. 19.** Under the direction of Susan Rice, DMA, this renowned a cappella choir always shines in its blend of harmonies and genres.

Two other concerts were held on campus as part of the Joan Chambers Concert Series: The Pittsburgh Trombone Project performed in November 2023 and mezzo soprano Gina Morgano performed in February.

Music at Pitt-Greensburg will present a **faculty recital on Thursday, Feb. 29**, featuring Chris Bartley, baritone, Matt Klumpp, pianist, and Chelsea Ritenour, soprano.

The **Spectrum Concert, on Mar. 21 and Mar. 22**, will feature the Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chambers Singers, Seton Hill University's Una Voce, and the Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company cast of *Fun Home* (spring musical preview).



Pitt-Greensburg Chorale & Chamber Singers

## Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company to present *Fun Home*

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will present *Fun Home* as its spring musical production. In 2015, this coming out and coming of age story was nominated for 12 Tony awards and won five. It shares the experience of the adult Alison who struggles to remember her past as she comes to terms with her father's suicide while trying to write her graphic novel. The show ran on Broadway from April 2015 through September 2016.

"I'm excited for this chance to direct an all-women-written musical, as well as direct a story that represents an LGBTQIA+ experience," said Christina Allaback, PhD, director of theater at Pitt-Greensburg. "This is a first for our campus. The theatre company hasn't taken on anything like this in the past 20 years."

Chris Bartley, music director at Pitt-Greensburg, will collaborate on the project.

*Fun Home*, is a musical adaptation of Alison Bechdel's 2006 graphic memoir, with music by Jeanine Tesori and book/lyrics by Lisa Kron.

The show will run **Apr. 11, 12, and 13 (8 p.m.) and Apr. 14 (2:30 p.m.)**. General admissions is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.



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## Upcoming Events

*Events are free and open to the public unless indicated (\$).*

**Apr. 13** ..... **Commit to Pitt Admissions Event**  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Wagner Dining Hall

Alumni can help to grow the campus community by volunteering at upcoming Admissions events where they can meet with prospective students and families over lunch. Answer questions about your student experiences and share your post-graduation successes. Alumni volunteers may register at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-commit-to-pitt-volunteers>.

**Apr. 26** ..... **Class of 2024 Senior Send Off**  
Watch for details later this spring on how you can join the PGAA at this year's Class of 2024 Senior Send Off.

**Apr. 27** ..... **Commencement**  
TBD | Chambers Hall Gymnasium

Degrees will be conferred on members of the Pitt-Greensburg Class of 2024. Details, including how alumni can register to process at the ceremonies, will be posted at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/commencement](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/commencement) as plans are finalized.

**Jul. 8** ..... **PGAA Alumni Awards Nominations**

Did you know the PGAA Awards are the most prestigious honors given to alumni on the Greensburg campus? Presented during the Blue & Gold Celebration at the Alumni Celebration Dinner, the awards recognize thriving alumni who are making significant achievements in their service to community and professionally. Self- and third-party nominations are being accepted through Monday, July 8, 2024. To nominate yourself or fellow alumni, visit <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/awards>

**Watch your e-mail for other upcoming alumni events including Pitt-Greensburg at PNC Park.**

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## Feb. 21 ..... Wings Across Westmoreland Dedication 11:00 a.m. | Chambers Lawn

Join us as we dedicate the installation of Pitt-Greensburg's version of Wings Across Westmoreland. Then stop by the Bobcat between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the Wingstravaganza that is part of our Pitt Day of Giving festivities. It's a special wings and hot sauce tasting event. Watch for details on the official Pitt-Greensburg Facebook account.

## Feb. 27 ..... Pitt Day of Giving All Day | Campus and Digital

Mark your calendar for Feb. 27, and watch for details on how you can support Pitt-Greensburg, its students, and its programs with your gift made during this annual event.

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## Mar. 10 – 17 ..... Spring Recess (students) Residence halls close at noon on Mar. 9 and reopen at noon on Mar. 17. University offices remain open Mar. 9 through Mar. 14.

## Mar. 15 ..... Spring Holiday University offices are closed in observance of the spring holiday.

## Mar. 29 ..... PGAA Board Nominations Deadline Make your mark on campus when you join the PGAA Board for the July 2024-June 2027 term. Work with engaged and enthusiastic alumni to support the mission of the University through events and other activities. Nominations are being accepted through Mar. 29. An open election for all alumni will be held in early April—watch your e-mail for details. Learn more at <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/board-directors>.

## Apr. 6 ..... Spring Preview Pitt Open House 9 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Campus

Prospective students and their families can learn more about Pitt-Greensburg at this Open House. Meet the admissions team and our faculty while you learn about the admissions process and tour the campus.

### New events are added each week!

Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu) to view additional events. A complete schedule of athletic events is available at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics)

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# Get ready for Pitt Day of Giving 2024!

During Pitt Day of Giving, participation is a **BIG deal for Pitt-Greensburg**. That's because we are competing with other Pitt campuses, schools, and departments during this annual University-wide giving day.

At the end of Pitt Day of Giving, the top 10 schools/departments with the highest number of donors will receive bonus funds for their students.



You can show your support for our students by making a donation of just \$5 or more to a campus fund that's important to you! Visit <https://bit.ly/gbggive24> to make your donation starting Tuesday, Feb. 20, through Pitt Day of Giving on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Remember – it's the number of total donors that count in this event – not the amount of money donated! We need **YOUR** help to get the word out to as many people as possible about Pitt-Greensburg's campaign! Sign up to become a Social Media Ambassador at <https://bit.ly/gbgmsa>, and we will provide you with everything you need to help make Pitt Day of Giving a success!

Choose from funds that support the Student Emergency Fund, scholarships, academic divisions, athletics, renovations, student clubs, veteran services, and more!



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

