

## COACH'S CORNER



It was a long and winding (and sometimes bumpy) road, but we made it to Year Two. The amount of work and time that our guys have put in since the final buzzer last season is unbelievable. The guys made it a mission in the spring and summer to get better. We played in over 20 games this summer. We had guys travel over an hour, one-way, to come and play in the games or come to the gym on a random weeknight. This group may be the most hard-working, self-motivated team that I will ever coach. They are ready for Year Two.

Building a program is like building a house. When I started, I knew what the house was going to look like, but no one else did. People saw the losing; I saw a foundation. I know we have a strong foundation on which to build. I'm really lucky to be blessed with this group of guys. I am ready for Year Two.

Please don't hesitate if I can help you guys in any way. Thank you all for your support as we continue to try to build this program and carry on a winning tradition. Go Bobcats!

### 2018-2019 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE — UPCOMING GAMES

Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Time
Tues. Nov. 13		Washington & Jefferson College	Home	7pm
Fri. Nov. 16		Gene Richards Memorial Classic	Away	TBA
Sat. Nov. 17		Meadville, Pa	Away	TBA
Tues. Nov. 20		Messiah College	Home	7pm
Sat. Nov. 24		Saint Vincent College	Away	7pm
Wed. Nov. 28	AMCC	Franciscan University	Away	8pm
Sat. Dec. 1	AMCC	Hilbert College	Home	3pm
Wed. Dec. 5	AMCC	La Roche	Away	8pm
Sat. Dec. 8	AMCC	Pitt Bradford	Away	4pm
Fri. Dec. 28		Oberlin College Holiday Classic	Away	TBA
Sat. Dec. 29		Oberlin, Ohio	Away	TBA

For the full season schedule, please visit <https://pittgreensburgathletics.com/>

## On the Bench

T. Jollie - F. Charles



Wow!! What a great Q.P.A. Now how about working on your other numbers like your P.P.G. and R.P.G. Then we will be talking more P.T.!!

art - R. Hardway 9/18

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THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR  
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SUPPORT!**

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## Fall 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Bobcats Prepare for New Season

The 2018-2019 season of men's basketball is fast approaching, and some changes are in store. Head coach Brody Jackson needs to replace graduate Joe Mancini ('18) who led the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) last season in 3-pt. field goals with 71. Two freshmen and a sophomore (pictured) join the veterans in that competition. The 2018-2019 schedule includes a game with neighboring school St. Vincent College, a member of the Division III Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC). In this issue, we visit with alumni players, meet the new recruits, get an outlook on the season from Coach Jackson, and more. The MBAC invites you to attend games and welcomes any help in making our basketball history available to all.



### Karaica ('01) Maintains Campus Record

Field goal percentage (min. 150 made)	
1.	.660 - Jeff Karaica (389-589) - 1996-98-99
2.	.575 - Bill Scavincky (158-275) - 2005
3.	.574 - David Palmer (548-954) - 2009-12
4.	.541 - Jason Trout (791-1452) - 1996-99
5.	.517 - Brian Gurenton (169-327) - 1998-99
6.	.515 - Daniel Waajid (390-758) - 2004-05, 07-08
7.	.510 - Nate Watkins (322-631) - 2001-04
8.	.509 - Marcus Thomas (409-803) - 2013-15
9.	.509 - Rocco Contristano (490-963) - 2012-15
10.	.491 - Kevin Conlon (465-947) - 2001-04

Pitt-Greensburg Men's Basketball team started as a two-year team when the school was a two-year institution. In 1988, Pitt-Greensburg began granting four-year degrees, and became a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). One of the members of the first four-year teams, which were coached by Matt Furjanic, was Jeff Karaica from Highlands High School in Natrona Heights. Today, Jeff remains in the Pitt-Greensburg record books as the career leader in field goal percentage at a lofty .660. Jeff received his BS in Psychology and was awarded his master's degree in Health and Physical Education from IUP. He is a physical education teacher at his alma mater, Highlands High School. If Jeff is not in the gym working out, he's somewhere in PA enjoying trout fishing.

### Where Are They Now: Jim Murphy ('76)

Jim Murphy came to Pitt-Greensburg during the early years when the college operated as a two-year institution. From 1973 to 1974, Jim was a member of Coach John Hunter's basketball team. Jim finished his bachelor's degree at the Oakland campus, where he majored in English literature. He was awarded his master's degree in theatre arts in 1986. Today, Jim works in the Hollidaysburg Area School District, where he teaches English. He also is president of the Hollidaysburg Area Education Association. Jim enjoys long distance running. If you spot him on the road, you will likely see plenty of Pitt-logo gear on full display. Jim and his wife Rita live in the Hollidaysburg area and frequently visit Pitt-Greensburg, where their daughter Colleen is a current member of the women's basketball and softball teams.



## 2018-2019 BOBCAT PROFILES: JOJO FRANCE, MATT JOHNSON & TOM ARBUCKLE



**J**ojo France, 5'11", will wear number 10 this season. He comes to Pitt-Greensburg from Manchester High School in New Franklin, OH, where he was both a football and basketball standout. He earned recognition as a three-time PAC-7 basketball player, and during his senior year, he was selected for the all-state team. He is quick to note that his dad was his favorite coach. His dad coached his eighth grade championship basketball team, and he was the offensive coordinator of his high school football team.

He chose Pitt-Greensburg because he believes in Coach Jackson and wants to create a tradition of winning here. His major is undecided, but he wants to leave with an outstanding GPA.

His favorite players are Ohio State player K.J. Hill and Houston Rockets player James Harden.

Jojo is a great addition to the program. MBAC welcomes him and looks forward to seeing him on the court with the hope that his high school success follows him to Pitt-Greensburg.

**M**att Johnson, 5'10", will wear number 22 this season. Matt transferred to Pitt-Greensburg from Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, WV. He played high school basketball at Hammond High School in Columbia, MD, where he lettered all 4 years.

His favorite coach from high school was Mike Salopatta because Matt says, "He made us tough!"

His favorite players are University of Kansas player Frank Mason III and Boston Celtics player Kyrie Irving.



Matt was an honor student all through high school and on the honor roll in Grades 10-12. He chose Pitt-Greensburg because it is a family-oriented and caring community. His major is management. His personal goals are to be First Team all-defense and First Team all-conference. Defense wins championships, and turnovers are his specialty.

Hopefully, he can combine his major with his basketball skills and "manage" the opponent's point guards. MBAC welcomes him and can't wait to see him controlling the opponents point guards.



**T**om Arbuckle, 5'9", will wear number 20 this season. Tom comes to Pitt-Greensburg from Indiana High School where he lettered in football and basketball for three years in a row. His favorite coach was Greg Lezanic, his high school basketball coach. They are still close and have remained friends.

During his senior season, he was First Team all-section in basketball, which capped off a four-year run as section champs for Indiana. During the 2015 season, Indiana High School was a WPIAL champion.

Tom came to Pitt-Greensburg to earn a Pitt degree and to help the team win an AMCC title. He is a business management major.

His favorite players are Duke University player Zion Williamson and Boston Celtics player Kyrie Irving

Tom is a talented athlete. MBAC welcomes him to Pitt-Greensburg and looks forward to seeing his winning attitude on the court.

## WELCOME BACK, MR. YETTER



**W**elcome home Jeromy Yetter! On August 13, 2018, Mr. Yetter became the new Athletic Director at Pitt-Greensburg. He replaced Mr. Anthony Berich. When Jeromy took over, he hit the ground running, and he hasn't stopped yet. The last time he called Pitt-Greensburg home was in 2010 when he served as the men's basketball head coach and assistant athletic director. He held those positions for two years before he was lured away. Most recently, Jeromy served as an assistant coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, a NCAA Division I school that competes in the Patriot League. During his time at Navy, he helped build Navy into a top competitor in that league.

Jeromy has fond memories of Pitt-Greensburg, and walking away from it was not an easy decision. Of his previous time at Pitt-Greensburg, he notes with appreciation, "This was where I was given the position of head coach at a college program. I will always remember where I became a head coach. Both years here were special."

As he begins his new career, he hopes to reconnect with some of the people that were at Pitt-Greensburg when he left, especially some of his former players. "There are not many familiar faces on the coaching staffs but I have been impressed with the coaches I have met since I returned. I hope to move athletics forward and improve the facilities here," he says of his goals for the future.

His office walls are bare, but for one picture that he proudly displays. It is of the first team he coached during his first stay at Pitt-Greensburg. Those empty walls may be a sign he is just moving in, or they are sign of his aspirations to fill them with new memories and achievements. MBAC recognizes that Jeromy is coming home and welcomes him with open arms. They hope that he turns the aspirations he has for the campus into realities. They also hope his stay is a long one filled with prosperity and success for all the athletic programs.

## SENIOR PROFILE: KYLE BONDI ('19)

**T**he lone senior on this year's squad came to Pitt-Greensburg from Moon High School, where he earned 10 varsity letters and played football, basketball, and baseball. As the only senior, leadership falls on his shoulders, but Kyle will do well because he loves, cares, and serves his teammates.

When he thinks about his time at Pitt-Greensburg and graduating this spring with an accounting degree, he admits, "I can't believe I am in my final year." His advice to the incoming freshmen shows how he feels. He advises them to "take advantage of every minute, time ticks away, especially when you are a senior."

As he begins his senior year, his two fondest memories are winning the AMCC Conference championship his freshman year and being part of Coach Jackson's first collegiate win as a head coach. As for the upcoming season, he wants to at least double the win total from last year, and if he scores a thousand points along the way, that will put a smile on his face.

He thanks his Dad and Annie for all the love, support, and guidance they have given him along the way. He knows he wouldn't be who he is without them. He also thanks Coach Jackson, Coach Craig, PT, and his friend Coach OG.

MBAC thanks Kyle for all the thrills he has given everyone over the last four years, and hopefully they can see that smile on his face when his 1,000th point goes through the bottom of the net.

