

COACH'S CORNER



No one in our locker room has been happy with our recent results. Losing close games can make for a long winter. While we are all competitive, I wouldn't trade these guys for anything, because I know we will start winning games; we are so close.

However, we won't just be defined by what we accomplish on the court. I am so proud of how these guys are developing and the adults they are becoming. They work on chemo bags and volunteer for food drives. Our GPA has risen every semester since I've been here. When we travel off campus, they handle themselves with class and remember their manners. We have guys that are willing to put in the work.

Kyle Bondi ('19), our lone senior, will graduate in the spring and already has been hired for a job that he wanted. He has led by example and will leave a lasting impact on the program when he graduates.

I love our guys, and they are a great representation of this University. I'm excited to see them continue to develop and have all of their hard work pay off. Until then, we will continue to tap the rock.

Go Bobcats!

2018-2019 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE — UPCOMING GAMES

Sat.	Jan. 26	AMCC	Pitt Bradford	Home	4 pm
Wed.	Jan. 30	AMCC	Penn State Altoona	Home	8 pm
Sat.	Feb. 2	AMCC	Medaille College	Away	3 pm
Wed.	Feb. 6	AMCC	Mount Aloysius	Away	8 pm
Sat.	Feb. 9	AMCC	Penn State Behrend	Home	4 pm
Wed.	Feb. 13	AMCC	Franciscan University	Home	8 pm
Sat.	Feb. 16	AMCC	Hilbert College	Away	3 pm
Wed.	Feb. 20		AMCC Tournament First Round	Away	TBA
Sat.	Feb. 23		AMCC Tournament Semifinal	Away	TBA
Sun.	Feb. 24		AMCC Tournament Championship	Away	TBA

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On the Bench

T. Jollie - F. Charles



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Winter 2019 NEWSLETTER

Reunion to Mark Back-to-Back Championship Team

The MBAC announces its tentative plans for a recognition/reunion game early in the '19-'20 season. Next year marks the 20th anniversary of the four-year program's back-to-back AMCC championship seasons as well as the 50th anniversary of Pitt-Greensburg Athletics. We would like to commemorate that anniversary with a reunion event. As we begin to plan, we would like to receive feedback about a reunion from the '98-'99 and '99-'00 players and coaches.



We would like to welcome back all of the men's basketball alumni and have a brief recognition ceremony for them. The day would start with a pre-game, on-campus reception for the alumni, current and past coaching staff, current players, their families, faculty, and staff. Guests would be invited to the men's and women's basketball games where we would recognize and welcome all returning alumni and coaching staff as well as give specially recognition to Coach Furjanic, his assistant coaches, and the players. After the game, everyone would be invited to an off-campus location for a social gathering to renew old friendships, make new ones, and swap stories about the "good old days."

We need your help. If you are interested in this event, please let us know. Volunteers are needed to help plan and organize the reunion events. If you are interested, please contact either Harry Bowser at 724-691-1378 or harryb@zoominternet.net, or the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-836-7496 or pgaa@pitt.edu.

Where Are They Now: Clyde Manns ('01)



Congratulations to Pitt-Greensburg alumnus Clyde Manns ('01) for having recently accepted the position as assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Rhode Island, a Division I, Atlantic 10 member.

His long road to Division 1 began as a player at Brashear High School in the Pittsburgh City League. From there, he came to Pitt-Greensburg, where he played on two basketball conference championship teams. The American Basketball Association (ABA), US Basketball League (USBL), and the International Basketball League (IBL) were all playing stops for Clyde before he began his coaching career. He's coached at La Roche College, Penn State Greater Allegheny, Washington & Jefferson College, Chatham University, and Valparaiso University. In October 2017, he was inducted into the Pittsburgh City League All-Sports Hall of Fame.

While at Pitt-Greensburg, Clyde earned his BA in administration of justice. Along with his basketball accomplishments, he has also been the owner and CEO of Grace Security Company in Pittsburgh for eight years.

Clyde held the top spot in career assists per game at Pitt Greensburg for 20 years, and he remains in the top 10 in total assists in a career. The MBAC wishes him good luck as he continues to assist others in this game of basketball.

Assists average (min. 50 games)	
1.	3.5 - Jerell Figueroa (100 games) - 2012-15
2.	3.3 - Clyde Manns (61 games) - 1996, 98-99
3.	3.2 - Duke Cooper (53 games) - 2004-05
4.	2.8 - Kevin Conlon (95 games) - 2001-04
5.	2.8 - Matt Darby (73 games) - 2014-16
6.	2.8 - David Winfrey (101 games) - 2002-05
7.	2.7 - Brock Witkowski (72 games) - 2010-12
8.	2.6 - Daian Founds (50 games) - 2009-10
9.	2.4 - Josh Sapotichne (81 games) - 1998-00
10.	2.4 - Brian Heinle (91 games) - 2011-14

2018-2019 BOBCAT PROFILES: NICK KOTECKI, DAVID RUNCO & CAM SEIGFREID



Nick Kotecki ('21), a 6'3" hooper, came to Pitt-Greensburg because he always wanted to have a Pitt education and to continue to play basketball. Before coming to Pitt-Greensburg, he played for Coach Shawn Bennis at Burrell High School in Lower Burrell, PA. Nick knows how to win. He was All-Section his senior year.

He joins the men's team with a passion for basketball. His strong desire to win will be a motivator for the whole team. His hustle and tough "D" will certainly help on the defensive end of the court. His soft outside shot is complemented by a strong move to the hoop. He looks like a future team leader who will get many rebounds.

Off the court, he's focusing on mathematics. His plans include earning a master's degree from Pitt. He has also studied martial arts and achieved a black belt in taekwondo. His desire to improve his game and study academically are fine goals.

MBAC welcomes this great addition to the team and looks forward to him playing with a bit of malice as you can't always be a nice guy on the court.

David Runco ('21), a 6' guard, came to Pitt-Greensburg to play basketball. Hailing from Laurel Highlands High School in Uniontown, he played for Coach Rick Hunger. His favorite high school basketball memory was traveling to Las Vegas to play in a game his sophomore year.

He brings to the team an extremely aggressive nature on the court which should motivate the other players. He is a very quick, tough-nosed guard with a nice jump shot. On the court, he can be a game changer. This recruit can also play defense.

Off the court, he wants to graduate with a business management degree from Pitt-Greensburg. His academic achievements include attaining the highest honor roll. He also enjoys his favorite restaurant P.F. Chang's.

MBAC welcomes him back for a second season and looks forward to watching this energetic player make game-changing plays.



Cam Seigfreid ('21), a 6'2" guard, came to Pitt-Greensburg because of the "real family atmosphere." Cam joined the Bobcats from Penn Trafford High School in Harrison City, PA. His coach Jim Rocco taught him what needs to be done to win. Due to his hard work and leadership, he was made team captain, and he lettered two years. Academically, he was on the honor roll for all four years.

On the court, he has a burning desire to win a championship. He is a player who could help the team do just that. He is exciting to watch and will score many points in his career with the Bobcats.

Off the court, he's majoring in political science and criminal justice. He enjoys watching his favorite TV Show *The Office*.

MBAC welcomes him back to the team for a second season and looks forward to watching how this exciting player's Pitt-Greensburg career continues to develop.

STRIVE TO BE KIND

When Pitt-Greensburg welcomed coaches Brody Jackson and Hayley Schaetzle in the fall of 2017, both made it quite clear that they wanted their players to develop their basketball skills, but it was also their hope that their players would become better people. Although the teams regularly work on character development, an opportunity arose in December 2018 to help the surrounding community.

Jackson and Schaetzle joined forces with Holly Hallman, who is the wife of assistant coach Craig Hallman and a teacher at nearby Wendover Junior High School. One of her students had suffered the loss of a family member to cancer. Filled with compassion for her student, Holly had an idea to bring some comfort to cancer patients, and she reached out to the men's and women's basketball teams to help her.

Holly wanted to make comfort totes for those suffering from cancer. Over the 2017 winter break, Holly raised funds by asking family and friends to donate. She was able to put together 48 cancer comfort totes. This year, she was determined to pack 100 totes, doubling last year's number. The word spread, and in came the donations. Holly, who had hoped to make 100 comfort totes, was able to triple the previous year's number. On December 15, the men's and women's basketball teams along with some junior high school students packed 150 cancer comfort totes. The totes were delivered by the players and students to the Arnold Palmer Cancer Centers in North Huntingdon and Greensburg, and there are plans to deliver totes to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Of the project, Holly says, "The coaches and I hope to instill a simple message into these young athletes – kindness is a quality that is often remembered about a person more so than any other quality. You don't need money or power, you just need to care." Holly, the coaches, and the teams hope to make her idea an ongoing project, and they look forward to making it bigger and better each year.

MBAC congratulates all those involved for being another example of "Pitt to the Power of One."



The men's and women's teams develop skills on and off the court.