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## Pitt-Day in Harrisburg

On **Tuesday March 18**, members of the Pitt community from across the Commonwealth will gather for the annual "Pitt Day in Harrisburg."

For more than 15 years, "Pitt Day in Harrisburg," has given members of the General Assembly an opportunity to talk with students, alumni, and faculty about their work and to gain a first-hand perspective of the challenges and changes facing public higher education. Members of all Pitt campuses have annually traveled to Harrisburg in order to meet with elected officials and to be the voice of Pitt. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and other Pitt friends will attend to represent all of the Pitt campuses.

Transportation will be provided to and from Harrisburg.

For a complete agenda and registration information, visit <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/pittdayharrisburg>

## Alumni Recruiting Students

Did you enjoy your experience here at Pitt-Greensburg? Do you recommend your Alma Mater to current high school students? Did you ever think about volunteering in a simple way to advance the University? If you said yes to any of these questions, then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

The office of Alumni Affairs and the Admissions office are collaborating in order to help recruit perspective students and connect alumni to their Alma Mater. You will have the benefit of sharing your experience here as a student and helping us increase our enrollment numbers.

Current opportunities to help this spring are:

### **Saturday March 22:**

**Admitted Student Day** - 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. OR 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Alumni can be present during breakfast or lunch to host a table and share about your experience with the admitted students and their families.

### **Saturday April 5:**

**Discovery Day** – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch tables will be labeled with the student's interest of major and alumni will be able to discuss how their degree in that field prepared you for your career.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Josh Gmys in the Alumni Affairs office at [upgalum@pitt.edu](mailto:upgalum@pitt.edu) or call 724-836-7496. Alumni recruiting perspective students is a way to enhance Pitt-Greensburg and the long-term sustainability of the University.

## Volunteers Needed for the 2014 Resume Contest

The Office of Alumni Affairs is recruiting judges for Pitt-Greensburg's fourth annual Resume Contest, co-sponsored by the offices of Alumni Affairs and Career Services.

Part of the University's Career Month activities, is open to all Pitt-Greensburg students. Its goal is to:

- Raise awareness among students about the importance of developing a resume;
- Recognize student achievement and generate outstanding sample resumes that can be shared with other students in the future;
- Provide resume feedback from professionals with a variety of backgrounds;
- Engage alumni through a format that accommodates alumni who may not be able to easily return to campus.

Five alumni will be selected to serve as judges. Packets containing the scoring rubrics, resumes, and a return mail envelope will be mailed to judges by March 5. Deadline for returning completed materials is March 26. Judges can expect to review between 25 and 30 resumes. Winners will be announced in April.

Any alum of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg may volunteer to serve as a judge in the contest by contacting Josh Gmys, coordinator of Alumni Affairs at 724-836-7496 or [upgalum@pitt.edu](mailto:upgalum@pitt.edu) no later than February 28.

## 2014 Alumnus of Distinction Award Nominations

The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association is currently accepting Alumnus of Distinction Award nominations. View past recipients and their stories here <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumnus-distinction-award-11>

Established in 2001, this award acknowledges excellence among alumni of Pitt-Greensburg. All candidates must have graduated from or completed courses at Pitt-Greensburg. Candidates will be evaluated on the following:

- Outstanding level of professional achievement
- Service to the Community
- Service to the University of Pittsburgh
- Special Recognition of honors
- Other special efforts of success

This award is the highest honor given by the PGAA to an individual alumnus (a) annually. Submit your nominations here. <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/alumni-distinction-nomination>

Nomination deadline is Friday, May 9.

## Blue and Gold Weekend Save the Date



### October 3-5, 2014

Full schedule visit <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/about/blue-and-gold-weekend>

New events and activities always being added

## Alumni Spotlight

**My Name is:** . . . Bruce Contino

**At Pitt-Greensburg I studied.** . . . Management

**I graduated in** . . . 2012

**The thing that drew me to Pitt-Greensburg was** . . . The elite, world-class name of The University of Pittsburgh. The suburban style campus, convenient location, and family traditions. The attention and support that I would receive from the faculty and staff, and the opportunities

that I would have available for me.

**My First Impression of Pitt-Greensburg was . . .** a lasting one. I still remember my tour as a junior in high school when I began my search. The University had it together and had so much to offer on scales where other colleges do not even compare. The campus was serene, peaceful, and relaxing.

**My favorite thing as a student/fondest memory . . .** was when I was promoted to the Chambers hall Front Desk Manager as of summer 2009. I had only been working as an associate at the time. It was the biggest honor and a major accomplishment for me. This specific experience with the University allowed me to become so involved with campus matters, activities, events, and leadership/mentoring opportunities as well as develop and keep friendships with many people who I still contact today. All my thanks goes to my former supervisor and close friend, Tony Berich, for allowing me to step into this role and taking over by improving the operations and entrusting me with it all.

**The Faculty/staff member who had the greatest influence on me was. . .** Dr. Margaret Rechter. She is an amazing instructor that is caring, compassionate, and knowledgeable. She was also my faculty advisor and I truly miss her kind, professional personality, uplifting attitude and care for her students with a side of real life stories to make the class enjoyable and understandable. Dr. Rechter was a magnificent influence on me because she taught me the in-depth schematics of management and a true sense of business. I will never forget her famous quote that she would tell in class; “Small business is the back of America. The best thing you can for a fellow man is provide him with a competitive wage, good benefits, and great working conditions” that has been instilled in me and I carry that mentality with me into my career.

**After Pitt Greensburg, I . . .** went on to Property Management with a nationally-known, award-winning, high-class management firm called Habitat America LLC as a property manager. I have since been promoted to Community Manager at a new construction senior community named The Greens at English Consul in Halethorpe, Maryland. Habitat America is a leader in the property management industry and provides the highest quality of living.

**My reason for becoming active with the Alumni Association . . .** is I enjoy staying connected with my fellow classmates and networking with those who have graduated before me. The Alumni Association is a great way to continue to be involved post-graduation. It is key that we bond together as Pitt-Greensburg alumni and keep the tradition going into the future.

**In my Spare time, I like to. . .** I love to spend time with my fiancée, Kara, travel, and do volunteer work. Also, I work many Saturdays at other properties with the Habitat America family to help out my fellow co-workers. Lastly, I love to go to the movies and feed my bad habit of shopping.

**Tell us something we didn't ask. .** My amazing fiancée and I will be married on Saturday, March 1, 2014! She is my best friend and I couldn't imagine my life without her. We met online through a site called ChristianMingle.com in November

2012. We went on our first date to the National Aquarium in Baltimore the following month. Soon after, I proposed to Kara on the beach during the family annual vacation to Ocean City, Maryland, in August 2013. Kara keeps me positive, in check, uplifts and, encourages me when times are tough. I am the luckiest, most blessed man in the world.

*Would you, or an alum you know, be interested in sharing your story? The PGAA wants to hear from you! Email [upgalum@pitt.edu](mailto:upgalum@pitt.edu) and tell us why you or someone you know would like to be interviewed, and you, he, or she could be our next Alumni Spotlight.*

## Weddings at Pitt-Greensburg



### Is there a ring in your future?

If there is a ring in your future,  
we invite you to consider holding your wedding ceremony  
in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

Some restrictions apply, so visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/weddings-campana](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/weddings-campana) to view our guidelines.



**Make your reservation by contacting the Alumni Coordinator  
at 724-836-7496 or [upgalum@pitt.edu](mailto:upgalum@pitt.edu).**

The Mary Lou Campana Chapel is a beautiful facility that accommodates 172 guests. The Chapel is available to those who have a direct affiliation with the University including current students, faculty, staff, and alumni of any Pitt campus, Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board members, and the immediate family members (parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, and siblings) of any of these individuals. To reserve the chapel for your upcoming wedding, visit <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/weddings-campana-chapel> to see guidelines and fill out your application.

Contact Josh Gmys at 724-836-7496 with any questions and to confirm your affiliation with the University.

### Wedding Photos

As part of your reservation of Campana Chapel, you may also request a permit to take photos on Pitt-Greensburg's beautiful, 219-acre campus is included. If you choose to hold your wedding ceremony at another venue, but would like to have your wedding photos taken on our beautiful campus, we ask that you obtain a permit from our Conferencing Center. A nominal fee of \$25 is required for those with a direct affiliation to Pitt-Greensburg, all others will be charged \$100. To request the form, visit <http://www.upg.pitt.edu/Alumni/weddings.aspx>.

## Share Your Notes and News



Update us on different life milestone by visiting <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/update-my-info>

## Pitt Alumni Travel Program

The Pitt Alumni Association presents a fantastic list of travel destinations for your enjoyment. Mark your calendar for these fabulous trips and see the world, expand your knowledge, and share the experience with other Pitt alumni and friends of Pitt. Our travel partners AHI International, GOHAGAN & Company, and GoNEXT Travel have put together distinctive trips that will create lasting memories for all.



Visit <http://www.alumni.pitt.edu/travel/> to see a list of destinations and photos.

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Call the Pitt Alumni Association at **1-800-ALU-PITT (1-800-258-7488)** or email [Jana.Sestili@ia.pitt.edu](mailto:Jana.Sestili@ia.pitt.edu) if you would like additional information, receive an individual brochure, or have your name added to our Alumni Travel mailing list.

“Experience what you have always wanted to experience . . . through the Pitt Alumni Travel Program”

## Find Us on Facebook

Become a fan of the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) Official Facebook Page today! Updates to the page are made daily. Stay connected with Alumni Association news and events, reconnect with your fellow alumni, or post an announcement on the page’s wall. You can also interact with the page administrators (Alumni Affairs staff), or share thoughts on the best things about Pitt-Greensburg. Add photos or peruse the ones that have been added by other alumni to see how the campus has changed over the years. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Pitt-Greensburg-Alumni-Association-PGAA-Official-Page/> [http://upgservices.pitt.edu/images/uploads/newsletters/PM-DSC\\_0018rev.jpg](http://upgservices.pitt.edu/images/uploads/newsletters/PM-DSC_0018rev.jpg) ; Not already on Facebook? visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and click the green “Sign Up” button on any Facebook page, and you can create an account in under five minutes.

## Mark Your Calendar

**February 13 & 14:** Pitt-Greensburg students will perform their annual production of “**The Vagina Monologues.**” Proceeds from the performances will benefit the Blackburn Center.

**February 15-16:** Delta Psi Omega will host its annual **Red Eye Project**, a 24-hour theater workshop during which students write, direct, and perform one-act shows. Students begin working on their projects Saturday, followed by the performances Sunday afternoon. The performances are open to the public.

**February 28:** The **Friday Evening Music Club** will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. This event is open to the public (donation at the door).

**March 8:** The **Westmoreland Symphony Chamber Music Series** presents the **Freya String Quartet** at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students.

**March 18: Pitt Day in Harrisburg** is a day where the Pitt-Greensburg community travels to Harrisburg to meet with local legislators and discuss challenges facing public higher education.

## Make your gift to Pitt-Greensburg today!

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For more information on upcoming events:

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