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National Pitt Networking Day

On **Thursday, May 29**, the PGAA invites you to meet up for an evening of informal networking with fellow alumni.

National Pitt Networking Day is a day when Pitt alumni from every campus, in locations across the country, get together to socialize with fellow alumni while striking up career conversations and building professional relationships. Pitt alumni (from any campus) who are located in the Westmoreland County area are invited to join the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association. Details are below:

National Pitt Networking Day: Westmoreland County Networking Event

Thursday, May 29 6-8 p.m.

Café Supreme

200 Main St, Irwin, PA 15642

Appetizers will be provided, courtesy of the PGAA; Cash Bar is available.

The event is free to attend, but **you must register yourself and any guests by 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27**

at <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/networkingday>

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 annual 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

To view a full schedule and a highlight video of last year, visit <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/about/blue-and-gold-weekend>

New events and activities always being added.

Alumni Spotlight

My Name is: . . . Matt Burns

At Pitt-Greensburg I studied. . . Accounting

I graduated in . . . 2012

The thing that drew me to Pitt-Greensburg was . . . I liked the idea of the small campus with a big name.

My favorite thing as a student/fondest memory . . . I enjoyed all the chances there were to get involved on campus. My first two years of living in College Hall is where I was able to make lasting friendships. The best memory I have is the trip to Rocky Mount, NC with Habitat for Humanity during spring break.



The Faculty/staff member who had the greatest influence on me were. . . My Accounting professors Sharon Turchick and Pam Ondeck. They were always available for questions and made time for me if I needed extra help. They continuously challenged their students which has helped in my current job.

After Pitt Greensburg, I. . . worked as a temp at Scarano, Trump & Adelsperger in the spring of 2013. I then went on to work for a company in Wilkinsburg until I received an offer back at Scarano, Trump & Adelsperger for a full time position as a staff accountant.

My reason for becoming active with the alumni association is . . . It's a great way to stay connected with friends and the University. I also enjoy meeting new people part of the PGAA who graduated before me and hearing how Pitt-Greensburg benefited them in their current stage of life.

My Family/Friends . . . have been the driving force behind my success to this point. My girlfriend Kelli Fockler and best friend JP Hilzendeger have each helped me grow professionally and personally. There are many other friends I met during my time at Pitt-Greensburg that have made an impact on me, as well.

Tell us something we didn't ask. . I am a diehard fan of the NHL, especially the Philadelphia Flyers. I enjoy studying the game and its history. When I have free time, I try to pick up a book about a team's history or player's stories.

Would you, or an alum you know, be interested in sharing your story? The PGAA wants to hear from you! Email 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 to view our guidelines.



Make your reservation by contacting the Alumni Coordinator
at 724-836-7496 or 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 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

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Mark Your Calendar

May 2: Pitt-Greensburg will host its 18th annual Children's Literature Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Featured speakers are author/illustrator John Rocco and author Steve Sheinkin. Participants can choose from among 10 other sessions specifically for writers, educators, and librarians. Early registration is \$70 by March 31. After the deadline it is \$80. Full-time students may register for \$60. Register on-line at www.library.pitt.edu/UPG-childrens-literature-conference.

May 7: Students interested in transferring to Pitt-Greensburg can participate in an accelerated application process on **Transfer Decision Day**. Admitted students, after paying the tuition deposit, can schedule their courses for the upcoming semester. A \$45 application fee waiver to Pitt-Greensburg is offered to students who attend and bring all official transcripts and test scores necessary for the application review. This program is for transfer students only. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

May 27: The **Joan Chambers Concert Series** will present the **Tucson Girls Chorus** at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. This event is free and open to the public.

May 29: National Pitt Networking Day will be at Café Supreme. This event is sponsored by the PGAA and all University of Pittsburgh alumni from in Westmoreland County are welcome at 6:00 p.m.

June 14: Pitt-Greensburg's **Saturday Open House** is a larger group event that welcomes prospective student and their families to campus. The day consists of an admissions presentation and a walking tour of campus. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon. A \$45 fee waiver to Pitt-Greensburg is offered to students who have not yet applied. To register, call 724-836-9880.

Make your gift to Pitt-Greensburg today!

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For more information on upcoming events:



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