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*Dr. Bernard Cobetto Lecture Series:*

## Former Secretary of Treasury to speak

The Dr. Bernard Cobetto Lecture Series will feature Paul H. O'Neill, former Secretary of the US Treasury. O'Neill will present "The Role of a Leader in Creating a Values-Based Institution" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in Ferguson Theater. This event is open to the public.

Chairman and CEO of Alcoa from 1987 to 1999, O'Neill retired as chairman at the end of 2000. Prior to joining Alcoa, he was president of International Paper Company



(1985-1987), where he was vice president (1977-1985). O'Neill worked as a computer systems analyst with the US Veterans Administration (1961-1966) and served on the staff of the US Office of Management and Budget (1967-1977). He also was deputy director of OMB (1974-1977).

He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Fresno State College and a master's degree in public administration from Indiana University.

The Cobetto Lecture Series focuses on contemporary ethical issues. Established in 2005, it is made possible by the support of Dr. Bernard Cobetto and his wife, Ellen. Dr. Cobetto is a 1945 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh and a 1947 graduate of the University's Schools of Medicine. ▲

## Pitt-Greensburg announces new Spanish major

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg received approval in late January to establish an undergraduate major in Spanish within the Division of Humanities, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Classes will be offered in fall 2010.

Because of the foresight and planning initiated by the faculty involved in developing the program, five Pitt-Greensburg students will graduate in December 2010 with the new degree. Dr. Nancy Estrada, associate professor of Spanish, Dr. Alicia Covarrubias, associate professor of Spanish, and Dr. J. Wesley Jamison, vice president of Academic Affairs, have led the process to develop the program.

The new Spanish major is expected to prepare students for careers, particularly in education and advanced degree studies. It also is intended to be part of an overall strategy for greater internationalization of the

curriculum and to add signature programs that will attract students of increasing academic quality.

Spanish is spoken by more than 500 million people in 22 countries. Approximately half of the population of the Western Hemisphere speaks Spanish and there are 35.5 million Spanish speakers in the United States. Hispanics also are considered the largest minority in the United States.

The Spanish major will provide a balanced combination of courses designed to strengthen written and spoken language skills, to develop a solid background in history, society, and politics, and to emphasize literary and cultural heritage.

Students majoring in Spanish will be encouraged to study abroad. Pitt-Greensburg's long-standing exchange program with the Universidad de Guanajuato and the Pitt study programs in Spain will provide opportunities for this experience. ▲



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# Message

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg continues to move forward with its strategy to develop signature programs that will attract students of increasing academic quality, as well as add further globalization to our curriculum.

Students entering in fall 2010 will be able to choose from 23 baccalaureate degree programs, including a new Spanish major and a new Secondary Education major, as well as 19 minors, and numerous pre-professional options. Watch for details about our new Secondary Education program in our summer 2010 issue, scheduled to mail in May.

As I write this, snow remains in the forecast for the Westmoreland County area. It is a reminder of how important our essential staff is to the operations of this campus. During the three days the campus closed during early February, residential students remained safe and well on campus due to the efforts of staff working in the Plant Maintenance, Residence Life, Chartwells Dining Service, and Safety and Security departments. By closing the campus, students who commute and other members of our staff remained safe during those three days when the snowfall and cleanup were occurring.

Congratulations to Barbara J. Christner '85, Esq., who was named the 2010 Alumna of Distinction. Barbara, a 1985 graduate of Pitt-Greensburg, continues to serve the University as a member of the Advisory Board. Barbara is to be commended for her work ethic—she worked full-time while earning both her undergraduate and law degrees—and for the success she has achieved thus far.

Congratulations as well to Dr. Brian Moreland '80 who is the recipient of the new PGAA Volunteer Excellence Award. The award was created to showcase exceptional service to the PGAA Board of Directors and to the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Brian's loyalty to Pitt-Greensburg through his service to the PGAA, both now and in the past, continues to enhance the organization and its offerings.

Finally, we congratulate Kelsey Wilcox, Amanda Sheaffer, Rashad Davison, and Coach Carol Gelet for their individual successes this past basketball season. Each has surpassed career milestones (see page 6 for details). Additionally, both the men's and women's basketball teams earned berths in the AMCC post-season tournaments, and the women's basketball team was selected to participate in the ECAC South Region Tournament. Go Bobcats!

*Sharon P. Smith*



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## Pitt-Greensburg names 2010 Alumna of Distinction



The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association has named Barbara J. Christner '85, Esq., its 2010 Alumna of Distinction. A certificate of recognition will be presented to Christner at this year's Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 1.

This PGAA award recognizes excellence among alumni at the

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg based on an outstanding level of professional achievements, service to the community, service to the University of Pittsburgh, special recognition or honors, and other special efforts or success.

"We are pleased to be able to recognize Barbara with the PGAA Award of Distinction," said Mary Lynn Yothers, DC, president of the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association. "Her accomplishments are an illustration of the level of success graduates of Pitt-Greensburg have attained."

Christner is vice president and shareholder at Ward & Christner, PC, in Greensburg. She graduated from Duquesne Law School and passed the bar exam in 1992.

Her career in law began in 1977 when she took a job as receptionist/secretary for John N. Ward, Esq. Christner

continued to work full-time while earning her undergraduate degree and law degree, advancing to bookkeeper and estate administrator at the law office. Christner earned the respect of lawyers who took over her cases at the auditing phase because of her thorough preparation of the cases and their materials.

"I'm humbled by the award," said Christner. "There are so many good people out there. I'm just so surprised and thrilled to receive the award."

Immediate past president of the Westmoreland Bar Association (WBA), Christner has served as a director and officer since April 2003. In addition to coordinating the "Truth about Living Trust Programs" sponsored by WBA, she has served as the co-chair of the Real Estate Committee (2002-2007) and a member of the Orphans' Court & Elder Law Committee. She also has served as a member of the boards of directors of the the Westmoreland Bar Foundation (WBF) and Laurel Legal Services.

She is currently a member of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board. Her community service includes serving as a member of the Lutheran Youth and Family Services (now Glade Run), the Westmoreland Choral Society, and serving on various committees at the First Lutheran Church of Greensburg. ▲

## Dr. Brian Moreland recipient of new PGAA Volunteer Excellence Award

The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Brian Moreland '98, is the first recipient of its newly-established Volunteer Excellence Award. The award was created to showcase a member of the PGAA Board of Directors for exceptional service to the board and to the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

"While president of the PGAA, Dr. Moreland was instrumental in strengthening the PGAA's relationship with the Pitt Alumni Association in Oakland, increasing scholarship dollars available to incoming Pitt-Greensburg students, and advocating for the needs of the University," said Mary Lynn Yothers '80, DC, president of the PGAA.

Dr. Moreland, owner of Back In Motion Chiropractic in Latrobe, graduated with a BS in psychology from Pitt-Greensburg. He continued his education at Logan College of Chiropractic, earning an additional BS in Life Science in addition to his Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

Board certified as a Diplomate in Chiropractic Rehabilitation, he serves as an associate clinical instructor for the Activator Methods Chiropractic Technique. Moreland served as the secretary/treasurer of the Pennsylvania Chiropractic Educational and Charitable Foundation and has been published in peer-reviewed journals. He is scheduled to begin a National Institute of Health-funded research study through the University of Pittsburgh to compare the results of the Activator Methods Chiropractic Technique to a manual



adjusting technique on lower back pain patients this upcoming year.

"I am very thankful for the success that I have achieved as a chiropractor, which is why I desire to give back to my profession and to my alma mater. The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg is a focal point of this community, and it is exciting and rewarding to be a part of an institution that is advancing many new programs and to serve on an alumni

association that is so passionate about helping students achieve their goals and dreams," explained Dr. Moreland.

A Life Member and winner of the 2008 Pitt Alumni Association Volunteer Excellence Award, Dr. Moreland recently completed a third term as the Pitt-Greensburg delegate to the PAA board of directors. Dr. Moreland continues to serve as a member of the Alumni Legislative Network and Pitt Career Network for the University, as well as providing internship opportunities to Pitt-Greensburg students at his chiropractic office in Latrobe.

Moreland's service to Pitt-Greensburg includes serving on the Board of Directors of the PGAA as treasurer, vice president, president, and now immediate past president. Moreland also served in an *ex-officio* role on the University's Advisory Board. ▲



# 2010 *La Cultura* Winter Gala:

More than 170 guests attended the 2010 *La Cultura* Winter Gala at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg on Saturday, January 16. This year's theme was "Moving toward a greener future." Proceeds from this annual event benefit the President's Scholarship Fund.

Guests enjoyed a winter wonderland in the lower level of Millstein Library during the cocktail hour, moving to the upper level for dinner and a verdant respite from the winter snow.

Chartwells Executive Chef Richard McMahon and his staff presented a classic menu built on locally available food that carried out the green/sustainability theme. Food suppliers, located within a 150-mile radius of the campus, whose products were featured included, DeLallo's, Harvest Valley Farms, Greendance: The Winery at Sand Hill, Tom Alexander Jr. for hydroponic greens, Friendship Farms, Bardines, Creek Side Farms, Jamison Farms, Pennsylvania Macaroni Company, Lamagna Cheese Company, Dawson's Orchards, Valley Dairy, Laurel Vista Farms, and Enrico Biscotti Co. The hors d'oeuvres and dinner were compliments of Chartwells Dining Service.

Jennifer Miele, WTAE Westmoreland County Bureau Chief and member of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board, served as mistress of ceremonies. David Tilstone, chair of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board, gave the toast.

Dr. Sharon P. Smith, president of Pitt-Greensburg, offered brief comments and used the opportunity to announce the formal approval to move forward with the final planning and construction of the campus' new "sustainable office and classroom" building.

Also attending the event from the Oakland campus of the University of Pittsburgh were Vice Provost Robert Pack and his wife, Jinx Walton, director, Computing Services and Systems Development; Cynthia Roth, associate vice chancellor, Operations and Improvement; Karen Whitehead, director of Advancement; and Helen Burns, associate dean of the School of Nursing. ▲



ABOVE: The upper level of Millstein Library was transformed into a paradise of green for *La Cultura* Winter Gala.



LEFT: Standing (from left) Linda Austin, Dr. George Austin, Terry Graft, and Jeanne Graft. Seated (from left) Debbie Reese, Terry Reese, Linda Assard, and David Assard.



Mark your calendar for  
**Saturday, January 15, 2011,**  
 when the 2011 *La Cultura* Winter Gala will be  
 held. Plan to join us in celebrating the  
**10th anniversary of this event.**



# moving toward a greener future



Michael Philopena (left) and George Shaner make last minute adjustments to the ice sculpture that was a focal point in the lower level of Millstein Library.



ABOVE: Standing: Julie Dlugos, alumni relations coordinator, and Dr. Brian Moreland '98. Seated (from left): Cynthia Roth '81, vice chancellor of Operations and Quality Administration, Karen Whitehead, director of Advancement Operations, Frank Spoto, Jr. '99, Mary Lynn Yothers '80, Rachel Moreland.

RIGHT: Vicki Booher (left) and Vance Booher (right) congratulate Chartwells Executive Chef Richard McMahon on the menu he designed for the event.



LEFT: Standing: Mary D'Angelo and Lou D'Angelo. Seated (from left): Anita Ibanez, Victor Diaz, Kim Tilstone, David Tilstone, John Dickerson, and Linda Dickerson.

*Did you know . . . La Cultura Winter Gala is a three-time "Tantalizing Twelve" selection by the Tribune Review?*

## Winter Sports Wrap-Up:

# Men's & women's basketball teams earn playoff spots

### Women's Basketball:



**Kelsey Wilcox**

The Pitt-Greensburg women's basketball team secured two post-season playoff spots, only to lose in the first round of both tournaments. In the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Athletic Conference, the Lady Bobcats lost to Pitt-Bradford in the first round. The women were then eliminated in the first round of the ECAC South Region Tournament by St. Vincent College. The women ended the season 17-10 overall and 15-5 in conference play.

In addition to the team's success, seniors Kelsey Wilcox and Amanda Sheaffer have each posted individual record-breaking performances.

Scoring 1,000 career points as a junior, Wilcox continued to break Pitt-Greensburg school records for career rebounds and career points. Her current career totals stand at 1,586 points and 1,131 rebounds. She is the only player (male or female) here to record both 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

Sheaffer is the seventh Lady Bobcat in school history to score 1,000 career points, posting 19 points in the 65-63 victory over Frostburg State University on February 17 that included a game-tying three-pointer with 1:05 left in the game.

Head Coach Carol Gelet, the only Pitt-Greensburg coach to record 100 wins in a career, improved that record to 203 career victories this season.

### Men's Basketball:

The Pitt-Greensburg men's basketball team secured the seventh seed in the AMCC post-season tournament with a 72-68 win over first-place Medaille College but lost in the first round to first-seed Pitt-Bradford. The loss capped an up-and-down season for the Bobcats who were 10-10 in conference play and 12-13 overall. The 2009-2010 season was Head Coach Jeremy Yetter's second year leading the team.

Senior Rashad Davison recorded the 1,000th point of his career at Pitt-Greensburg on January 2 in a loss at Penn State Behrend. Davison scored 10 points in the contest. ▲

## Snow storms bring out the best in essential staff

Operations at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg were minimally affected during the back-to-back storms that resulted in record-setting snowfalls and a state of emergency in Pennsylvania.

The campus closed Tuesday, February 9, through Thursday, February 11, because of hazardous road conditions and a request from the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety for motorists to stay off the roads to allow for proper snow clearing.

Key personnel checked road conditions each morning during the storms to assist in the decision-making process to close campus.

Much credit goes to the departments that maintained essential staff during the closure, thus providing for the safety and well-being of Pitt-Greensburg residential students. These departments included Plant Maintenance, Residence Life, Chartwells Dining Service, and Safety and Security.

Homecoming and Family Weekend activities planned for Friday, February 5, proceeded as scheduled, and a special dinner held in Wagner Hall was well attended. Activities planned for Saturday, February 6, were postponed to Sunday, February 7.

Approximately 15 members of the plant maintenance department logged nearly 200 hours of overtime clearing snow from February 5 through February 18. Joe Olczak, director of the department, noted that everyone in his department is involved in snow maintenance, whether it's clearing sidewalks and entryways to buildings or using a snow plow, bobcat, snow blower or other



**Scott Coffman plows the Robertshaw Hall sidewalk.**

equipment to clear snow from parking lots and sidewalks.

For Rick Fogle, dean of students, and his staff, the safety and well-being of resident students is a primary concern—especially during a campus closure. Through the efforts of Fogle, Troy Ross, coordinator of housing and residence life, and Anthony Berich, director of athletics and recreation, students were able to use the facilities in Chambers Hall and speak with a staff member, if necessary. Resident assistants, students who manage sections of the residence halls, kept fellow students busy

with activities during the three days.

Richard McMahon, executive chef, and the Chartwells Dining Service staff catered the Homecoming Dinner Friday evening.

"Everybody has to report," McMahon explained. "It's okay to be late, but we ask our staff to make an effort to safely come into work." McMahon noted that regular hours were maintained at Wagner Dining Hall, the Bobcat Station, and the Coffeehouse. "Probably our biggest challenge was keeping everything stocked because the road conditions prevented students from leaving campus."

According to Tom Horan, director of Campus Safety and Security, his department worked the entire time the campus was closed. The officers worked well together in filling shifts other officers could not work, because they could not get in due to road conditions. The officers were also busy shoveling students out of their parking spaces and jumping car batteries that were dead. ▲



## Spring music events scheduled

The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform their annual spring concert Friday, April 16. The groups are under the direction of Chris Bartley, instructor of music.

The Swara Sonora Trio will perform Saturday, April 17, as part of the Joan Chambers Concert Series.

The Trio, from Tucson, AZ, revitalizes chamber music with a mix of commissioned works and known treasures of the repertoire. They unite different artistic disciplines and explore multi-cultural themes. Pianist Aryo Wicaksono, soprano Kathryn Mueller, and baritone Nathan Krueger have been teaching and performing together for five years.

Both performances are open to the public at no charge and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. ▲



## Spring *La Cultura* Lecture Series events planned

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg will continue to explore Brazilian Culture through the 2009-2010 *La Cultura* Lecture Series this spring. The series opened with a celebration of *Carnaval* in February and featured speaker Peter Kornbluh March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. Kornbluh, director of the Chile Documentation Project at the National Security Archive, presented “Secrets of State: Brazil, Human Rights, and the Regional Role of a Latin American World Power.”

Lilly Abreu, Brazilian soprano and jazz vocalist, will present “The Many Faces of Brazilian Jazz”

Monday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. During this lecture/demonstration, the audience will have the opportunity to learn samba steps, as well as to ask questions to Abreu and band members Eric Susoeff, Dwayne Dolphin, and Tom Wendt. This event is sponsored by



Pitt-Greensburg’s International Academic Village.

Andrew E. Franz, an assistant professor at Pitt-Greensburg, will present “Environmental Crime in Brazil” Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in Village Hall. Franz, who holds a JD from Tulane University, teaches courses in Criminology, American System of Justice, Environmental Crime, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, Violent Crime, Organized Crime, Crime Law and Public Policy, Capstone, and Constitutional Law. He also is a pre-law advisor at Pitt-Greensburg. ▲

## Pitt-Greensburg presents Tony award-winning musical

The spring 2010 production of the Tony Award-winning musical *Urinetown* marks the first-ever collaboration among the Pitt-Greensburg Theatre program (Stephen Schrum, director), the Music Program (Chris Bartley, director), and two student organizations: Delta Psi Omega, the national theatre honor society, and the campus Performing Arts Society.

Dr. Schrum, assistant professor of theatre, describes this production as “at once a musical and a satire of musicals, it deals with contemporary issues of capitalism, the ownership of natural resources, and environmentalism . . . while subjecting us to . . . sophomoric comedic wordplay.” Like the fall 2009 production of the *Duchess of Malfi*, *Urinetown* deals with lust, greed, corruption, and murder.

The musical runs Wednesday, March 24, through Saturday, March 27, in the Ferguson Theater. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$2 for Pitt students, staff, and faculty with a current ID.

Those planning to attend the Saturday, March 27, performance are invited to the pre-event buffet dinner to be held in the Hempfield Room. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the buffet, catered by Chartwells Dining Service, will be available at 5:30 p.m. Cost for the dinner theatre is \$20 per person and includes a ticket for the show. ▲

## Emeritus professor earns CSA honorable mention

That “Dr. Z” Zaleskiewicz, PhD, recently was named an honorable mention in the University/Post-Secondary Educator category of the 14th annual Carnegie Science Awards. The awards, sponsored by the Eaton Corporation, are made annually by the Carnegie Science Center to recognize and promote outstanding science and technology achievements in western Pennsylvania. Awardees will be honored during a formal celebration at Carnegie Music Hall on May 7.

Zaleskiewicz, *emeritus* professor of Physics at Pitt-Greensburg, continues to look for innovative ways to inspire in others a love of science and math. Building teams of like-minded scientists and educators throughout his 45-year career, he has successfully brought to fruition projects that make science more accessible to both students and their instructors. Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/news](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/news) for a comprehensive listing of Zaleskiewicz’s achievements. ▲

# Spring Events

## March 22

**Lilly Abreu**, Brazilian soprano and jazz vocalist, will present “The Many Faces of Brazilian Jazz” at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## March 23

**Pitt Day in Harrisburg** will allow students and others to meet with Pennsylvania legislators. Alumni interested in attending Pitt Day on behalf of Pitt-Greensburg should email upgalum@pitt.edu as soon as possible. Please visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/news](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/news) for an agenda and details.

## March 24-March 27

The Pitt-Greensburg theatre program and music program will present the **Tony-award winning musical *Urinetown*** in Ferguson Theater (Smith Hall). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$2 for Pitt students, staff, and faculty with a current ID. A dinner theatre will be hosted before the last show.

## April 5

**Andrew E. Franz**, an assistant professor at Pitt-Greensburg, will present “Environmental Crime in Brazil” at 7 p.m. in Village Hall as part of the *La Cultura* Lecture Series.

## April 9

**Friday Evening Music Club** will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## April 13

The **Dr. Bernard Cobetto Lecture** will feature **Paul O'Neill**, past chairman of Alcoa and Treasury Secretary under President George W. Bush. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## April 16

**Pitt-Greensburg Chorale & Chamber Singers** will perform their spring concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## April 17

The **Joan Chambers Concert Series** presents the **Swara Sonora Trio** at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## May 7

The 14th annual **Children's Literature Conference** at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg will feature author Leonard Marcus and illustrator Betsy Lewin. Visit [www.library.pitt.edu/green/webclc.html](http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/webclc.html) for information and to register.



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### Class Notes . . .

This past August, **Rebecca Miller '06** entered a PhD program in anthropology (archaeology emphasis) at the University of Buffalo.

**Kelly Sieczkowski '08** and **Justin Innocent '06** were married September 12, 2009, in Sarver, PA. The couple resides in Cheswick, PA. Kelly is an advocate at Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, and Justin is employed through Phillips-Respironics.

**Katie E. Wells '05** is working as a marketing specialist for Brayman Construction Corporation, Saxonburg, PA.

Congratulations to **Melissa A. Wess '05** and her husband **Greg Faltenovich '05** on the birth of their daughter Sophie on January 3, 2009. ▲

## Alumni invited

### to participate in graduation ceremonies

#### Friday ♦ April 30

Alumni are invited to attend the PGAA reception to welcome graduates into the ranks of the alumni association. The reception begins at 5:15 p.m. in the Alumni Pavilion. Alumni are also invited to attend the **Parent Appreciation Dinner** following the reception. This dinner is an opportunity for students to celebrate their accomplishments and show appreciation to their parents. For alumni, the dinner is a way to personally connect with the newest members of the PGAA. Cost to attend the dinner is \$20.

#### Saturday ♦ May 1

The PGAA Board of Directors will hold an **Annual Alumni Leaders Meeting** at 8 a.m. This board meeting is open to all alumni.

**Commencement Ceremony:** All alumni are invited to participate in the Commencement ceremony at 11 a.m. Pitt-Greensburg alumni are encouraged to walk in the ceremony with fellow alumni and sit in the designated alumni section.

**Advance reservations are required for all activities. For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 724-836-7496 or upgalum@pitt.edu. ▲**