

# BLUE & GOLD

## “White Coat Ceremony”

marks milestone for sophomore nursing students



Congratulations to our first cohort of nursing students who received their white lab coats in a ceremony August 29.

Row 1: Christina Pacacha, Kaylee McClelland, Hanna Horner, Malena Gallucci, and Jennifer Fitzgerald. Row 2: Jordan Prines, Emily Stein, Madison Swiger, and Trevor Ward.

On August 29, the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg held its inaugural “White Coat Ceremony.” One of the milestones in our students’ nursing education, the ceremony is a formal welcome of those students entering into the nursing profession. It signifies the transition from classroom learning to clinical learning.

Nine second-year nursing students received their white lab coats and recited the Student Oath with family, faculty, and campus administrators in attendance. Pitt-Greensburg expresses its appreciation to the Westmoreland/Frick Hospital Foundation, whose donation was used to purchase the lab coats.

Sharon P. Smith, PhD, president of Pitt-Greensburg, presented opening remarks, Helen Burns PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Excelsa Health, was the keynote speaker, and Jackie Dunbar-Jacobs, PhD, dean, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, presented closing remarks. Marie Fioravanti, DNP, RN, director of Pitt-Greensburg’s nursing program administered the Student Oath to the second-year students, and Jacqueline Horrall, PhD, vice president for Academic Affairs, presented the students to receive their white coats.

### The Student Oath:

As a nursing student dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge that I will:

- Consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns;
- Act in a compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my care;
- Apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients;
- Exercise sound professional judgment while abiding by legal and ethical requirements;
- Accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence;
- Promote, advocate for, and strive to protect the health, safety, and rights of the patient.

With this pledge, I accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the nursing profession.

I take this oath voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.



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# Message from the President

Fall is an exciting time for us as we begin the school year and greet our new and returning students, faculty, and staff. The class of 2022 is a noteworthy group, as this is the first class with students all born in this century! We are ready to welcome our new students with an exciting set of majors, minors, and certificate programs that should equip them for the opportunities that are emerging in this region.

We believe we have the right mix of programs: a wide variety across the sciences because that is where our students' interests have been focusing and an extensive array of other choices ranging from social sciences to the humanities. Regardless of major, all share the characteristics of a Pitt-Greensburg education: personal attention from outstanding teachers, a firm grounding across liberal arts disciplines, development of strong communicative skills that are relevant for each individual major, fostering of digital fluency, multiple opportunities for experiential learning, and timely interdisciplinary offerings.

This framework of studies enables our students to collaborate with faculty and staff in putting their skills in action to make a difference in our community. We see all of this come together in an exciting digital project jointly undertaken by Pitt-Greensburg, the University Library System, and West Overton Village & Museum. It is one of 23 projects selected for funding from the Chancellor's SEED program out of 171 applications submitted university-wide.

Meanwhile, the Allegheny Conference on Economic Development estimates that over the next decade there will be 80,000 job vacancies unfilled in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The programs we are offering our students will equip them to fill some of those vacancies and continue to enjoy the quality of life that is available here in the Laurel Highlands—an area of great natural beauty with easy access to both a major city and favorite outdoor recreational locations.

This fall marks a significant event for our nursing program: we celebrate the first "white coat ceremony." In all of the life sciences programs, receipt of the appropriate lab coat signifies the student's official entry into his or her future profession. For nurses, this occurs at the beginning of their second year of classes. This is a very proud moment for our students, for their families, and for us as we all celebrate their entry into this vital care-giving profession. The essence of this vocation is, of course, to display kindness and concern for others while delivering the skilled services patients need. It is a calling that deals in kindness, which, as Mark Twain said, "is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." For our nursing students, Pitt to the Power of One demonstrates that each individual nurse can change lives with kindness. Our nursing students have embraced that message. During the coming year we plan to complete the articulation agreement that will enable nurses who have become licensed in two-year programs to complete their baccalaureate programs at Pitt-Greensburg.

The journey ahead is an exciting one and we invite you to join us!  
Hail to Pitt!

Sharon P. Smith, PhD  
President



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# A liberal arts college for the 21st century

## Pitt-Greensburg positioned for continued success as Sharon P. Smith announces retirement

Over the past decade, those of us closely associated with higher education have experienced a multitude of changes. We've seen classrooms and teaching styles change as more and more technology is incorporated into the curriculum. Our students, who can be described as digital natives, have lived with digital devices—in their hands, their homes, and their schools—often being introduced to these devices before their first birthdays. Like colleges and universities across the United States, we intimately know the effects of the changes in state funding and the demographics of our region. These are just a few of the challenges we face in continuing to offer a quality education to students at a reasonable cost.

Amidst this tsunami of change, Dr. Sharon P. Smith has assembled a dedicated group of individuals who are meeting these challenges and preparing Pitt-Greensburg for the future. Over the past 12 years, she has worked to position Pitt-Greensburg for continued success.

As the campus' fourth president, Dr. Smith has built academic and student programs that position graduates for future achievement and established Pitt-Greensburg as the University's second-largest regional campus with more than 1,500 full-time and part-time undergraduate students. She led the transformation of the liberal arts programs by integrating them with digital learning, and introduced new majors in nursing, healthcare management, chemistry, biochemistry, public policy, education, and Spanish. The campus currently offers 29 undergraduate majors, 24 minors, and four certificate programs.

As the chairman of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board, I am honored to have worked with Dr. Smith and to have supported the programs and innovations she initiated at Pitt-Greensburg. Her legacy is the foundation on which the future of Pitt-Greensburg will be built as she announced in August that she will retire as president of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, effective June 30, 2019.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Tilstone".

A. David Tilstone, Chairman  
Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board

## Thank you!

Philanthropic contributions from alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and staff help to further the impact of our academic programs and strengthen the entire campus community. Your gifts provide the resources necessary to be able to offer students opportunities within and beyond the classroom, encouraging them to become dynamic leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for supporting the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. We are pleased to announce the 2018 Honor Roll of Donors, which recognizes donors who have given to Pitt-Greensburg between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Our Honor Roll of Donors can be found at <http://bit.ly/1718donors>.

Again, we extend our deepest gratitude to each of you for helping the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg continue on its mission of building a liberal arts college for the 21st century.

**Hail to Pitt!**



*Pitt-Greensburg makes every effort to ensure accuracy in the Honor Roll of Donors. If an inaccuracy is noted, please call (724) 836-9942 or email [kraising@pitt.edu](mailto:kraising@pitt.edu).*



# Technology doesn't have a finish line.



Marie Fioravanti, DPN, RN, walks her first-year nursing students through an exercise using a low-fidelity mannequin, currently in place in the nursing classrooms.

## Every time technology improves, Pitt-Greensburg must improve its technology, too.

That's why the Technology for the Future Challenge Fund is so important for our students and our campus.

Your gift to the Technology for the Future Challenge Fund allows Pitt-Greensburg students to use essential software and equipment as part of their everyday classroom experiences. This technology can be something that enhances the learning experience or it can be software or equipment they will use in their future careers.

For instance, as we build our nursing program, we plan to expand the equipment available to our nursing students here on campus. For Marie Fioravanti, DPN, RN, director of Nursing, the big dream is to be able to purchase and use a variety of high-fidelity patient simulators that will allow students to hear heart and breath sounds, feel internal movement, see where IVs and picc lines are going, assess wounds, and more. There is even a high-fidelity mannequin that simulates the birthing process!

This impressive equipment comes with equally impressive price tags. The purchase of this equipment and its associated technology would be made possible by using the interest generated by the endowment established through the Technology for the Future Challenge Fund.

That's just one example of the difference the Technology for the Future Challenge and its resulting endowment would make in the lives of our students.

September 30 marks the close of the second year of our five-year challenge. At this writing, because of your generosity, we have raised more than \$85,000 that will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$250,000 for the Technology for the Future Challenge Fund, resulting in an endowment of \$500,000 that includes the dollar-for-dollar matching funds. You can help us reach that mark, and in turn, help students to be better prepared for their careers and their futures. Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/tech-challenge](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/tech-challenge) for more information or to make your gift.



High-fidelity mannequins allow nursing students to see, hear, and feel actual physical sensations in the mannequin that mirror real-life medical scenarios. They provide a way for students to practice a variety of skills, as well as allowing instructors to simulate medical situations that students assess and then respond with appropriate treatments.

## What success looks like:

Just a few years ago, we had a student who was partnering with a biochemistry professor to do research. He wanted to include digital imagery as part of his research. At the time, Pitt-Greensburg only had one set-up with those capabilities, and it was in almost constant use because of classes and labs. To facilitate the process, the professor made arrangements for the student to have access to a microscopy and digital imaging lab at a nearby campus, which allowed him to complete his research. Today, Pitt-Greensburg has a microscopy and digital imaging lab with six student stations and an instructor's station, made possible through a grant from the Eberly Foundation, along with additional funding from the Richard King Mellon Foundation and Pitt-Greensburg.



Science majors using the microscopy and digital imaging lab, located in Smith Hall.

# PGAA holds annual retreat; Plans in place for 2018-2019

The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) held its annual summer retreat in June to begin planning for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/board-directors](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/board-directors) to see all of the alumni who are currently serving on the PGAA Board of Directors.



The PGAA Executive Board plays an important leadership role for the PGAA. The current executive board begins the second year of their two-year term, which ends June 2019. From left: John "JP" Hilzendegeer '12 – vice president, Barbara Smith '94 CGS – secretary, James "Jim" Smith '75 KGSB – president, and Scott Szyplulski, MBA '14, '18 KGSB – treasurer.



Pitt-Greensburg thanks the PGAA Board for their dedication in creating a strong, active alumni association. Members of the Board serve in an advisory capacity to the Office of Alumni Relations and work closely with staff who are responsible for the day-to-day operations. The Board provides strategic direction, resources, and professional expertise to carry out the PGAA mission. Front (left to right): John "JP" Hilzendegeer '12; Brian Moreland '98, DC, DACRB; Scott Szyplulski, MBA '14, '18 KGSB; Huong Vo '14; and Alicia DiPaolo '14. Back (left to right): Barbara Smith '94 CGS; James "Jim" Smith '75 KGSB; Sean O'Donnell '02 (outgoing director); Karen Rocco '93; Carrie Bush '14; Robert Najim, CPA '93, '00 KGSB; Heather Metro '14; and Michael Krzanowski '11.

Board members not pictured: Harry Bowser '72 EDUC, Katie Byers '17, Justin Cannalley '15, Fredrick E. Charles, Esq. '72 A&S, Amy Fauth '98, John Felice '67 A&S, Joe Ferrante '15, Thomas Jollie '72 A&S, Michael Krzanowski '11, Christopher Luccy, DMD, '70 A&S, '73 DEN, William Musto '14, and Andrew Reese '13. Ex Officio members are Amanda Girdwood '18, Mallory Oates '18, Alexis Hepler (SAA president), and Kevin Kara (SGA president).

*"After returning to the area recently and seeing how the Pitt-Greensburg campus had grown, I was interested in reconnecting and found that I could be involved with activities and the alumni group. As I became more involved, the opportunity to serve in the PGAA as a Board member arose. Since I had time and was enthusiastic about making a contribution, I was glad to participate. At this time, there are two primary goals that I would like to pursue: to further the mission of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg by helping to differentiate it from competing institutions in the eyes of the public and prospective students and to engage both recent and long-time alumni in creating an active community of mutual support and help to enhance the value of the Pitt-Greensburg experience."*

*- Jim Smith '75 KGSB  
Retired*



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## PGAA volunteers for 2017-2018

Pitt-Greensburg often issues requests for alumni volunteers throughout the year. We love having alumni at our admissions events to chat with prospective students and their families. You can tell our story the best because you experienced Pitt-Greensburg and can directly speak to the personalized attention and quality education that you received. Other volunteer opportunities are designed to help our students to polish their professional skills by having alumni judge résumés in our annual contest or serve as interviewers in the mock-interview event. Sometimes, we need alumni to serve on committees to help plan and host PGAA events.

No matter how or when you volunteer, you are making a difference at Pitt-Greensburg. We thank those alumni who gave of their time to assist Pitt-Greensburg this past year.\* We also invite all of our alumni to join us when we post service opportunities.

*\*We do our best to record who is volunteering at our events and activities. If we missed adding you to this list, please accept our apologies and let us know by emailing [pgaa@pitt.edu](mailto:pgaa@pitt.edu).*

- Laura Wagner Aftosmis '91
- Charles Aftosmis '90
- Justin Antoszewski '12
- Jason Atwood '11
- Karen Babyak '08
- Lindsay Behen '14
- Terry Bengel '80
- Honorable John Blahovec '73 A&S, '76 LAW
- Matthew Blair '10
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- Harry Bowser '72 EDUC
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- Carrie Bush '14
- Katie Byers '17
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- Melissa Cuban '12
- Kayla Dames '15
- Brandi Darr '01
- John Thomas Davies III '81 ENGR
- Anthony Del Prete '82
- Alicia DiPaolo '14
- Robert Domenick '75 A&S, '82G
- Tim Dugan '83 ENGR
- Bryan Edwards '16
- Amy Fauth '98
- John Felice '67 A&S
- Joseph Ferrante '17
- Erin Frey '14

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# Upcoming Alumni Events *at-a-glance*

Details: [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events)

Oct. 6, 2018	Pitt (Oakland) Homecoming
Oct. 10-21, 2018	Blue & Gold Week
Oct. 13, 2018	Preview Pitt - Admissions (Alumni volunteers needed)
Oct. 25, 2018	Résumé Contest Begins (Alumni volunteers needed)
Nov. 16, 2018	PGAA at Painting with a Twist
Dec. 7, 2018	PGAA Merry Mingle
Jan. 10, 2019	PGAA Board Meeting (7 p.m.)
Feb. 5, 2019	Professional Impressions (6-9 p.m.)
Feb. 23, 2019	Commit to Pitt – Admissions (Alumni volunteers needed)

## Résumé Contest Reviewers Needed

The Offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services are looking for alumni to offer their time and talents by giving current students valuable and constructive feedback regarding their résumés. This opportunity is open to all alumni no matter the location. **Packets to be mailed October 25 and to be returned by November 12** for determination of the student winners. Register at: [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events).



## PGAA Merry Mingle Holiday Event

**December 7; 7 p.m.; Millstein Library**

'Tis the season to be jolly! The PGAA invites you to make your holidays bright with the Merry Mingle on Friday, December 7, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Millstein Library. A new spin on the popular Holiday Wine Tasting, the Merry Mingle will still feature delicious hors d'oeuvres and great company but will add new features such as an ugly sweater contest. Wine tasting will still be available.

Pre-registration is required. Visit the Alumni Events page for details on registration costs and early bird deadlines: [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events).



## Professional Impressions

**February 5; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Chambers Hall**



Mock Interview Night is not only getting a new name, but it is also getting a new program. The Offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services are again partnering to provide students with professional experience. While Professional Impressions will retain some key elements, new items like an alumni panel will be added.

Alumni volunteers are asked to pre-register for this event. Event details and registration can be found at: [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/events).



## PGAA volunteers for 2017-2018

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- Dylan Frund '14
- Anthony "Andy" Garsteck '74 A&S
- Richard Hardway '73 A&S
- Lawrence Helkowski '74
- JP Hilzendeger '12
- Erica Hixson '12
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- Brandon Hreha '07
- Richard Hudock '77
- Emily Johnston '15
- Thomas Jollie '72 A&S
- Nicholas Keller '01
- Patrick Kiss '17
- Michael Krzanowski '11
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- Megha Pai '13
- Anthony Payne '14
- Anna Peagler '96
- Terri Petrick '79
- Alexandria Polish '17
- David Postlethwait '16
- Andrew Reese '13
- Catherine Roberts '98
- Karen Rocco '93
- Brian Root '04
- Troy Ross '99, '08 EDUC
- Noel Saraceno '16
- Maryann Schneider '96
- Amanda Smith '17
- Barbara Smith '94 CGS
- James Smith '75, '84 KGSB
- Katie Stern '05
- Scott Szypulski, MBA '14, '18 KGSB
- Brandon Turley '13
- Brittany Turley '14
- Gretchen Uhrinek '17
- Benjamin Vasunda '10
- Huong Vo '14
- Mary Lynn Yothers, DC '80
- David Yurkovich '86
- Amanda Zacur '10
- Stephanie Zeiler, DMD '14, '18 DEN
- Sam Zeli '93 ENGR

## Alumni Spotlight

# Joyce Wineland: software developer, world traveler, and volunteer

Joyce Wineland '71, who graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh with a BA in mathematics and a minor in psychology, has spent her life making every breath count. With a strong education as her foundation, Joyce has pursued a career that she loved, traveled the world, and found satisfaction in volunteering.

Joyce's parents did not graduate from high school. Having watched them struggle, she knew that she did not want to face those same challenges. As a young girl, she watched her Aunt Leona, who had finished high school and attended secretarial school, leave every day for work as secretary for Hempfield School District. Joyce's aunt showed her what it was like to be an educated professional woman.

Believing that education was the key to "an interesting, active, and vibrant life," Joyce applied to Pitt and was accepted while a high school junior. Pitt-Greensburg's affordability and location made it the best choice. She studied at Pitt-Greensburg from 1967 to 1969 before transferring to Oakland to finish her degree. In Oakland, she pursued computer programming and was selected for the Women's Science Honorary Sorority (QUAX).

Joyce is proud of the foundation that she received at Pitt-Greensburg. She credits it with developing her skills in accuracy, logic, and public speaking.

"It was a wonderful place to be," she notes. For her, Pitt-Greensburg was a blessing, and she has established a trust through which it will receive scholarship funds.

After graduation, Joyce taught computer programming at the Institute of Computer Science in Philadelphia, and worked as a computer programmer for North Hills School District in Pittsburgh. In 1976, she started at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) as a programmer and progressed to manager. She left CMU in 1983 to work as a systems analyst for the U.S. Navy. She advanced to manager, and after 26 years, she retired in 2009.



Joyce is most proud of her involvement with the Amistad Mission in Cochabamba, Bolivia. She became involved with the faith-based mission more than 25 years ago when its founder spoke at her church. Unlike a traditional orphanage, the mission provides children with individualized care through small "families." It partners the children with *Amigos d'Oracion* (Prayer Friends). Thus far, Joyce has been a Prayer Friend to two children. She began writing to two-year-old Carla who is now 20 and married with a little boy. Carla graduated high school and now attends a technical school. Most recently, Joyce has begun corresponding with another little girl. Joyce has visited the mission and interacted with the children and staff through hands-on STEM activities, weekly Bible study, and daily worship services.

Joyce also gives back to her community. She previously volunteered at the Goddard Space Flight Center, is a church worship leader, teaches at the Paxtuxent Research Refuge, and advocates for the Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMAGLEV). At the University of Maryland's Arboretum, she works as an intermediary between the Storm Water Management and IT departments to develop a stream water management software.

She and her friend, Bruce Kuhl, also like to travel. They have been zip lining in Hawaii, night kayaking in Puerto Rico, and tubing in the Caribbean. They've also visited Australia, New Zealand, England, Germany, Singapore, Malaysia, Ecuador (Galapagos Islands), and much of the U.S. Their next adventure takes them to Barcelona.

"I'm alive. I better do something. So many people have done so much for me. I'm going to pass it on," Joyce says, summing up her approach to life. She credits her Pitt-Greensburg education for her exciting life, which was unimaginable to the little girl who watched her aunt go to work.

*by Julia Sefcheck, Alumni Engagement Officer*

## Please join us to Celebrate Excellence

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of our PGAA Alumni Award winners.



As part of Blue & Gold Week: Homecoming 2018, the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association will present its awards on Saturday, October 20, at the Alumni Celebration Dinner in the Hempfield Room

(Chambers Hall). The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Registration is available at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/BlueAndGoldWeek](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/BlueAndGoldWeek).



Timothy C. Dugan '83 ENGR  
PGAA Alumnus of Distinction Award  
Chief Operating Officer, CONSOL Energy's Exploration and Production Division



Carrie Bush '14  
Young Alumni Leadership Award  
Personal Lines Underwriter, WN Tuscano Agency



James R. Smith '75, '84 KGSB  
PGAA Volunteer Excellence Award  
Retired



# Pawprints

## In Memoriam: Clarence "Bud" B. Smail Jr.



Bud and Ellen Smail at the 2011 *La Cultura* Dinner

Our deepest sympathy and condolences are expressed to the family and friends of Clarence "Bud" B. Smail Jr. who died August 1. The iconic Greensburg-area car dealer and CEO of Smail Auto Group was a long-time member of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board, receiving *emeritus* status in 2016. Pitt-Greensburg is grateful for Smail's ongoing support, kindness, and generosity he extended to Pitt-Greensburg.

## Cabinet In Your Community event held at Pitt-Greensburg



Pitt-Greensburg was the venue for the July 30th Cabinet In Your Community event featuring five members of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's Cabinet. Approximately 100 people were in attendance to listen to and share their questions with Major General Tony Carrelli, Adjutant General of Military and Veterans Affairs; Dennis M. Davin, secretary of Community and Economic Development; Lieutenant Colonel Robert Evanchick, acting State Police Commissioner; Patrick McDonnell, secretary of Environmental Protection; and Jennifer Smith, secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

## Reverse articulation agreement with WCCC in development

Pitt-Greensburg is building on its current articulation agreement with Westmoreland County Community College (WCCC) to develop a reverse articulation agreement. This agreement would allow WCCC students who transfer to Pitt-Greensburg prior to completing their associate's degrees to have their Pitt-Greensburg transcripts sent to WCCC where the approved credits would complete the associate-degree requirements.



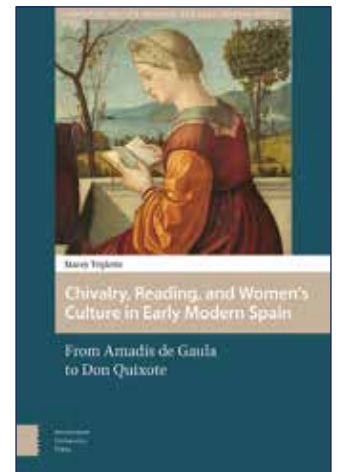
## Pitt-Greensburg to host 15th annual Graduate and Professional School Fair



More than 35 schools and programs are expected to be represented at the annual Pitt-Greensburg Graduate and Professional School Fair. This event, on Thursday, October 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chambers Hall, is free and open to the public. For additional information and to see a list of participating schools, visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/gradfair](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/gradfair).

## Stacey Triplette's book published

*Chivalry, Reading, and Women's Culture in Early Modern Spain*, a book by Stacey Triplette, PhD (Spanish & French), was published by Amsterdam University Press in August 2018. The book studies the representation of female literacy in works of fiction from the 15th and 16th centuries in Spain, uncovering a surprisingly progressive outlook on women's agency as readers and writers. Positive depictions of active, literate female characters contradict the moral discourse of the day and encourage real women to join the reading public for early modern fiction.



## Collaborative learning space installed

Smith Hall is the home of a newly converted collaborative learning space, courtesy of funds provided through the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant Pitt-Greensburg was awarded in 2016. Six new collaboration tables with white-board-style tops, laptop computer plug-ins, and 32" monitors, plus chairs replace the previous furnishings. Each table allows students to plug into the room's network so that screen sharing can occur from the instructor's computer to the table monitors, or from a student's laptop to the other monitors in the room. A new 80" touchscreen monitor was also installed in the room for instructional use.



## SIP Supplemental Grant submitted

Pitt-Greensburg was invited to submit a supplemental proposal to our Department of Education Strengthening Institution Program (SIP) grant. If approved, funding will be available from October 2018 through September 2019 to support the proposed activities associated with personal financial literacy and the discussion of diverse ideas.



## Reflection garden established in memory of Bonnie Chambers



Caption: Bonnie Chambers '91 (center) with her sister, Susan Chambers Johnson '83, and father George F. Chambers, PhD

A gift made by George F. Chambers, PhD, president *emeritus* of Pitt-Greensburg, in memory of his daughter Bonnie Chambers, a library specialist with Millstein Library for more than 20 years, created a reflection garden near the upper entrance to Millstein Library. The project includes landscaping changes and the addition of a teak bench to match the other outdoor seating areas on campus.

## Daffodils: Painting the campus gold

Brooke Stewart '18 and Sharon P. Smith, PhD, campus president, prepare to start a new tradition on campus by planting the first of many daffodil bulbs to "paint the campus gold." Each fall, beginning this year, daffodil bulbs will be planted



President Sharon P. Smith (left) and Brooke Stewart '18 prepare to plant the first daffodil bulb

in recognition of the students graduating in the previous spring. The flowers will eventually fill up the hillside behind the Academic Village, along Lynch Drive. This fall, 236 bulbs will be planted in honor of the 2018 graduating class. Stewart, an English literature major, was the valedictorian of this year's graduating class.

## Sponsorships for Blue & Gold Week

Sponsorships are available for each of our signature Blue & Gold Week events and start as low as \$150! You can become a sponsor online at <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/about/blue-and-gold-week> or by contacting Kellie Surmacz at [pgdonate@pitt.edu](mailto:pgdonate@pitt.edu) or 724-836-7761.

We are seeking sponsors for the following events:

- **Golf Outing**  
Friday, October 12, at Westmoreland Country Club
- **Art Show**  
October 10-21, including reception on October 19, at Millstein Library on campus
- **Car Cruise**  
Saturday, October 20, in the Smith Hall parking lot
- **Sponsorship for multi-events**  
(golf, car cruise, and art show levels are included).

## Pitt-Greensburg awarded funding from inaugural Pitt SEED Fund

Pitt-Greensburg's project, "Pitt-Greensburg and ULS Partnership with West Overton Village & Museum: Photogrammetry, GIS, and Virtual Tours," was one of 23 proposals out of 171 applications to receive funding from the



inaugural Pitt SEED Fund. A collaboration of the University Library System (ULS), Pitt-Greensburg faculty, staff, and students with West Overton Village & Museum over the next two years, it will construct a virtual tour of exterior and interior spaces at West Overton Village & Museum (Scottsdale, PA). The project envisions designing a mobile-friendly virtual tour for West Overton Museum in which, as visitors approach a building on the physical site, the interior spaces of the building will be available for viewing in layers representing available data from historic photos. The project also will help the site serve visitors with disabilities. Faculty involved with the project include Amber McAlister, PhD, (History of Art & Architecture), Pilar Herr, PhD, (History), and Elisa Beshero-Bondar PhD, (English).

## EITC Tax Credits available by donating to SSME

Pitt-Greensburg's Summer Science Math Experience (SSME) is an approved Education Improvement Organization (EIO) eligible for the Pennsylvania State Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. This program allows eligible businesses to donate to a registered and approved 501(c)(3) EIO of their choice. The state then provides a tax credit of the donated amount. A one-year commitment to SSME earns businesses a tax credit equal to 75% of their contribution. A two-year commitment earns a tax credit of 90% for two consecutive tax years. For more information please visit the DCED EITC webpage or contact Courtney DeCarlucci at 724-836-9892 or [pggrants@pitt.edu](mailto:pggrants@pitt.edu).

## Military and Veterans Services Program now SITREP; new honor society for veterans part of campus

This past fall, Pitt-Greensburg rebranded its Military and Veterans Services program as SITREP to play off of the military acronym for "Situation Report" in order to create another acronym that focuses on its key areas of Service, Initiative, Transition, Resource, Education, and Partnership. A new Veterans Services Action Team, composed of a broad representation of campus departments and services, was also initiated to further maximize the resources available to students. Approximately 14 percent of the campus enrollment is made up of veterans, active military, and those using military benefits as spouses or dependents of veterans or military personnel. Co-chairing the Veterans Services Action Team is Lisa Reffner, the campus' certifying official for Veterans benefits in the Office of the Registrar, and Alexander Bittner, a Pitt-Greensburg Admissions counselor. Both Reffner and Bittner are former military personnel and veterans.

Through a partnership with the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Veterans Services, one of the team's first actions was to apply for and receive approval to install a chapter of SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society on campus. It is the only national honor society recognizing and honoring the service and the scholastic achievements of student-veterans. In addition to this recognition, the society provides scholarship opportunities to eligible candidates.

# Spring Sports Wrap-up

## Three Bobcats selected for AMCC Spring Sportsmanship Teams



Vaughn Hunkele



Mike Spadafore



Alyssa Panza

Three Pitt-Greensburg student-athletes were selected for the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Spring Sportsmanship Teams: Vaughn Hunkele (men's tennis), Mike Spadafore (baseball), and Alyssa Panza (softball). All AMCC-member teams that compete for an AMCC championship may select one member from their team who, throughout the season, displayed good sportsmanship, demonstrated a high-level of ethical conduct, respect, and fair play in both practice and competition. He or she must also serve as a positive representative of school spirit when a spectator at other teams' sporting events. Selection is based on a vote of the team.

## Rainey earns All-Mideast Region honors; Baseball team sets school-record 26 victories

Reno Rainey, a freshman this spring, was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III All-Mideast Region Baseball Third Team. A first baseman, he also was named to the D3Baseball All-Mideast Region Third Team. Rainey led the team with 24 multi-hit games and posted a team-best .996 fielding percentage, committing just one error for the season. Playing as a freshman, he set Pitt-Greensburg single-season records in on-base-percentage, runs, doubles, total bases, and posted the second highest hit total (65).

As a team, the Bobcats set a new school record for victories with 26 during the 2018 season. They advanced to the AMCC Championship series losing 7-3 in the championship round to La Roche College. The Blue & Gold finished the season 26-13, with Matt Mish, Tyler Holland, and Rainey selected to the AMCC All-Tournament Team.



Reno Rainey

## AMCC All-Conference Team selections

### Baseball

Tyler Holland – 1st  
Reno Rainey – 1st  
Chris Common – 2nd  
Mike Parlack – 2nd

Patrick Aul – 3rd  
Mike Dolan\* – 3rd  
Ian Hart – 3rd  
\*Co-Newcomer of the Year

### Softball

Katlyn Keenan – 2nd  
Tayjah White – 3rd

### Men's Tennis

Jeremy Simms – 2nd

Get full details on these and other stories at [PittGreensburgAthletics.com](http://PittGreensburgAthletics.com)

## Men's Tennis falls in AMCC Tournament Semi-Final

Senior Jeremy Simms led the men's tennis team with a 4-2 record at the number six singles position. Simms set career highs in singles victories and claimed three-straight victories to end the season. Simms' victory over Pitt-Bradford's Jeffrey Kocjanic not only clinched the match for Pitt-Greensburg, but earned the Bobcats a berth in the AMCC tournament.

Pitt-Greensburg's 3-8 overall and 2-3 conference records are not indicative of the team's growth over the course of the season under the direction of first-year Head Coach Doug Smelzter '17. The Bobcats won their final two regular-season matches before dropping their AMCC semifinal match to top-seeded Franciscan University of Steubenville.



Jeremy Simms

## Keenan leaves her mark on the Bobcat softball program

Katlyn Keenan finished her Pitt-Greensburg career as the all-time leader in walks (45), third in games played (136), fourth in games started (134), fifth in at-bats (366), tied for sixth in runs (69), and seventh in hits (102). As a senior, she posted a career-best .357 batting average with four home runs and 26 RBI, as well as a .583 slugging percentage and .438 on-base percentage.

Freshman Tayjah White led the team in batting average (.412), slugging percentage (.608), and on-base percentage (.474). She hit seven doubles and scored 10 runs. A leader on the field, she recorded a .988 fielding percentage.

Pitt-Greensburg's softball team finished the 2018 season 7-21 overall and 3-13 in the conference. The Bobcats posted wins against Carthage College (5-4), New England College (14-6), Wheelock College (17-0), Waynesburg University (7-2), Penn State-Altoona (11-10), D'Youville College (11-4), and Franciscan University of Steubenville (14-5).



Katlyn Keenan



Tayjah White

## New athletic director is a familiar face to Bobcat fans

Jeremy Yetter, former head men's basketball coach (2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons) for the Bobcats, was hired by Pitt-Greensburg as its new Director of Athletics and Recreational Activities. Most recently, Yetter had served for three years as an assistant coach with the Navy men's basketball program where he was involved with recruiting, player development, opponent scouting, and game-day preparation. He also oversaw the Navy Basketball Development Team (JV). Prior to his arrival at the Naval Academy, Yetter served as the head coach at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI, for three years.



Jeremy Yetter

## Berich accepts AD position with Randolph College

This summer, Randolph College (Lynchburg, VA) named Anthony "Tony" Berich its new Athletic Director. Berich, who also coached the Pitt-Greensburg men's golf team, had served as the Pitt-Greensburg Athletic Director since 2008. Highlights of Berich's career here at Pitt-Greensburg may be found at <http://bit.ly/BerichHighlights>.



Anthony Berich



# Music at Pitt-Greensburg:

## Scottish folk group highlights the program

The Joan Chambers Concert Series opens the Music at Pitt-Greensburg season on September 21 with a performance by one of Scotland's most popular folk bands, North Sea Gas. They bring a mix of traditional, contemporary, and self-penned material to life with great vocals, three-part harmonies, and a variety of instruments.



Pitt-Greensburg faculty will perform in a recital set for October 5. This recital showcases the musical talent of Pitt-Greensburg's faculty, including Chris Bartley, director of the music program, Cynthia Ortiz, instructor of voice, and Matt Klumpp, instructor of piano.

The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Chris Bartley, will present two performances of their fall concert: November 28 and November 30. Their program, entitled "A Great Vision," will feature selections from Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, Boulanger's *Hymne au soleil*, and Debussy's *Dieu! qu'il fait bon regarder!*



*Sports continued*

## Women's Basketball Team places on WBCA Top 25 Team Honor Roll

The Pitt-Greensburg Women's Basketball Team was honored for its dedication in the classroom, earning a spot on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association 2017-18 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll. The Bobcats ranked 19th among all Division III teams, posting a cumulative GPA of 3.594. This is the second-consecutive year that the team has earned this honor. The WBCA Academic Top 25 recognizes NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA, and two-year GPAs inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. The 2017-18 season is the 23rd in which the WBCA has compiled the honor rolls. The WBCA academic award is the second recognition for Pitt-Greensburg this year. Earlier this season, the Bobcats posted the highest GPA among all women's basketball teams in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, earning the Team Peak Performer Award. This is the second-straight season Pitt-Greensburg was named a Peak Performer.

## Oddis returns as new assistant coach

The Pitt-Greensburg women's basketball team welcomes back Kelsey Oddis '18 as its new assistant coach. One of the most successful players in the campus's women's basketball history, Oddis is a two-time All-AMCC selection, a 1,000-point career scorer, and multiple school record holder. Oddis will work with Head Coach Hayley Schaeztle, who begins her second year at the Bobcat helm.



Kelsey Oddis '18



The Joan Chambers Concert Series will present Shana Mashego, DMA, soprano, on February 15. Mashego, who has taught and performed extensively in the United States and abroad, has become known as an expert interpreter of sacred song and a specialist in vocal anatomy. Her research interests include the study of the voice, music practices of Afro-European church denominations, and music for global and non-conventional church congregations.

Also on the schedule are the concerts performed by the members of the Friday Evening Music Club, which draws area performers and audiences for shared artistic programs and camaraderie. They perform September 28, October 26, and November 16 (American Music Month theme). Their 2019 program opens January 25 with student recitals.

Fall music events are free and open to the public. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## Universal Monsters: Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company to present Dracula

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will explore classic monsters through its theme, "Universal Monsters," for the 2018-2019 season.



"The theme refers to the monsters depicted in the main stage shows, and implies that those monsters, both appearing in films made by Universal Studios in the 1930s, exist among us in many forms, and these characters—the life-sucking vampire, the servile madman, the inquiring scientist, and the hapless creature cobbled together from various parts—are therefore well-known to us in the world even today," explained Stephen A. Schrum, PhD, associate professor of Theater Arts and director of the company. *Dracula* will be performed this fall and the musical, *Young Frankenstein* (by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan) will be performed in the spring.

Contemporary playwright Steven Deitz based his play, *Dracula*, on Bram Stoker's well-known vampire novel, giving it a more modern structure. Schrum had originally considered the stage version that starred Bela Lugosi in his most famous role, but found that version somewhat flat. Schrum noted, "If someone doesn't know the film, they probably know a lot about vampires, both dark and sparkly, from contemporary culture, and I wanted to give the audience a few unexpected twists and turns, along with a chill or two." Borrowing from techniques used in 1930s radio drama, the play will be performed with a live musician providing mood music and sound effects.

*Dracula* will be presented in Ferguson Theater Thursday, November 15, through Saturday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. A 2 p.m. matinee performance will be offered Sunday, November 18. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students, seniors, Pitt ID).

## Fall Events *Continued from back cover*

Events are free and open to the public unless indicated.

### November 28 & 30

The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers will present performances of "A Great Vision," featuring the works of Rossini, Boulanger, and Debussy. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

### December 5

The Pitt-Greensburg Admissions Office will offer a **Twilight Tour** of our campus. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

### December 14

The Pitt-Greensburg Office of Admissions will hold a **Transfer Decision Day**. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

### December 16

**Winter Recess for students**, through January 6, 2019.

### December 24

**Winter Recess for faculty and staff**; campus closed through January 1, 2019.

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# Fall Events

Events are free and open to the public unless indicated.

## September 21

The **Joan Chambers Concert Series** presents the popular Scottish folk band **North Sea Gas** at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## October 5

**Music at Pitt-Greensburg** will present a **faculty recital**. Watch for details for this event that will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## October 10

Pitt-Greensburg's **Founders Day**.

## October 10-21

**Blue & Gold Week: Homecoming 2018.**

## October 10-21

**Art Show @ Pitt-Greensburg** is open for viewing during normal business hours in Millstein Library. Members of both the Pitt-Greensburg community and the greater Westmoreland County region are invited to submit artwork for display. Submission details are available at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/art-show](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/art-show).

## October 11

Pitt-Greensburg will host its 15th annual **Graduate and Professional School Fair** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chambers Hall. More than 35 schools and programs are expected to attend. Details available at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/gradfair](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/gradfair).

## October 12

The **Pitt-Greensburg Annual Golf Outing** will be held at the Westmoreland Country Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Early bird registration (through 9/13) is \$135 per golfer and \$540 per foursome. After 9/13, registration increases to \$155 per golfer and \$620 per foursome. Sponsorships are also available for this event that supports the Technology for the Future Challenge, PGAA scholarships and events, and Pitt-Greensburg Athletics. Register at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/blueandgoldweek/golf-outing](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/blueandgoldweek/golf-outing).

## October 13

The Pitt-Greensburg Office of Admissions will host its "**Preview Pitt**" event. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

## October 15

**Fall Break** for students. University offices remain open.

## October 19

The **Art Show @ Pitt-Greensburg** will host a **reception for artists and the public** as part of Blue & Gold Week: Homecoming 2018. Join us from 6 p.m. to 7:30 and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a great selection of artwork.

## October 19

A **Campus Bonfire** will be held at dusk on Chambers Lawn as part of Blue & Gold Week: Homecoming 2018.

## October 20

The Pitt-Greensburg Community will participate in **Pitt Make a Difference Day**, another component of our Blue & Gold Week: Homecoming 2018. Watch for details about volunteer opportunities in the community and on campus.

## October 20

**Blue & Gold Week: Homecoming 2018** brings together the campus, alumni, and the community for a day full of activities. Plans are in development to welcome back participants in Women's Basketball, Student Activities Board, and Communication majors.

- **11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Stop by campus (Chambers Hall) to enjoy the Pitt-Greensburg Car Cruise, **Blue & Gold Festival**, **Hospitality/Welcome Tent**, **Pancake Man**, **Pumpkin Patch**, **Mini Golf**, **Welcome Back Alumni Picnic**, and **NCAA Division III Volleyball**.
- **5 p.m.** – Join us in welcoming back our alumni at the **Alumni Celebration Dinner** and celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni award winners. Registration will be available at <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/about/blue-and-gold-week>.
- **9 p.m.** – Our **Casino Night and Homecoming Dance** top off our full day of celebration.

## November 7

The Pitt-Greensburg Admissions Office will offer a **Twilight Tour** of our campus. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

## November 12

The Pitt-Greensburg Office of Admissions invites you to learn about the **Power of Healthcare**. Featured will be our BSN in Nursing. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

## November 15-18

The **Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company** will present **Dracula**, a play by Steven Dietz that is based on Bram Stoker's novel. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. November 15-17 and 2 p.m. November 18. Tickets, available at the door of Ferguson Theater, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (Pitt ID, students, senior citizens).

## November 20

The Pitt-Greensburg Office of Admissions will host its **Transfer Decision Day**. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

## November 21-25

**Thanksgiving Recess** for students.

## November 22-25

**Thanksgiving Recess for faculty and staff**; campus is closed.

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A complete schedule of athletic events is available at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics).

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