

# Spring Events

Events are free and open to the public unless indicated.

## March 21

Admissions Discovery Day provides an in-depth look at Pitt-Greensburg, including admissions, financial aid, housing, and residence life. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A \$45 application fee waiver is offered to students who have not yet applied. Register by calling 724-836-9880.

## March 26-29

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will present *Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play* (by Lauren Wilson). A broad farce based on the classic Robert Louis Stevenson tale, it explores the duality of human nature and the inner conflict between good and evil—all with a rousing sense of humor. The March 26-28 performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and the March 29 performance begins at 2 p.m. All performances are in Ferguson Theater. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students, seniors, Pitt ID).

## April 8

Pitt-Greensburg will offer Evening Information Sessions that include a campus tour led by a current student. The program begins at 5 p.m. Transfer students may schedule individual appointments every 30 minutes from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. To register, call 724-836-9880.

## April 10

The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform their Spring Concert, "Pop Stars," at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## April 11

Pitt-Greensburg's Discovery Day provides an in-depth look at the campus, including admissions, financial aid, campus tours, and lunch in the dining hall. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A \$45 application fee waiver to Pitt-Greensburg is offered to students who have not yet applied. Please call 724-836-9880 to register.

## April 15

Music at Pitt-Greensburg presents a voice and piano recital featuring students of Zach Rohlwing, instructor of Pitt-Greensburg's new Voice and Piano program. Rohlwing, a baritone, also is the accompanist for the Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers. This event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.

## April 18

The Joan Chambers Concert Series will present the Heinz Chapel Choir at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. This will be Conductor Susan Rice's first concert at Pitt-Greensburg.



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PGAA New Alumni Reception - Friday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Parent Appreciation Dinner - Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Commencement Procession - Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m.



Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni) for details.  
Contact the Alumni Coordinator at [pgaa@pitt.edu](mailto:pgaa@pitt.edu)  
for details on how you can participate.

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# Blue & Gold

## Teresa Glenn Petrick named PGAA Alumna of Distinction



The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) named Teresa "Terri" Glenn Petrick '79 the 2014 PGAA Alumna of Distinction. The award, which was presented during the alumni reception and dinner as part of Blue & Gold Weekend: Homecoming 2014, acknowledges excellence among Pitt-Greensburg alumni.

Senior vice president for AAA East Central (Pittsburgh, PA), Petrick is responsible for member service and operational performance of the not-for-profit automobile club operating in 81 sites in five states. She leads corporate functions, including human resources, information technology, and facilities, and she serves as chief integration officer leading the merger activities of AAA East Central into Auto Club Enterprises of Southern California.

Petrick graduated from Pitt-Greensburg as a University Scholar and *magna cum laude* with a bachelor's of science degree in Business Administration.

She completed her high school education at McKeesport Senior High School a year early and started college when she was 16 years old.

"Alumni are the ultimate 'product' of a college or university," said Sharon P. Smith, PhD, president of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. "Academic institutions, like other organizations, have 'brands' that make them distinctive and their alumni are characterized by that brand. Terri exemplifies the Pitt-Greensburg alumni brand. Her success is a combination of her own drive and expertise combined with the education and mentoring that she

received through Pitt-Greensburg. When I see Terri, I know that she personifies all the best that Pitt-Greensburg offers its students."

In her acceptance speech for the PGAA award, Petrick noted that the average person makes over a million choices in his or her lifetime, saying, "Most choices are insignificant, mundane, or even made in a relatively passive way . . . but a few, very few, are life defining. . . I once read that the hardest choices in life aren't between what's right and what's wrong, but between what's right and what's best. Without a doubt and unequivocally, Pitt-Greensburg was what was best for me."

She closed her speech with this observation: "I got that first class education, I found a mentor in Dr. Guy Rossetti who was a Spanish professor who helped me carve a pathway to graduate school and ultimately my career in health care. I made some lifelong friends . . . And I ultimately learned that even though we all make millions of choices over the course of time, in the end our choices make us. I am grateful that I chose Pitt-Greensburg and that choice made me."

After completing her degree at Pitt-Greensburg, Petrick went on to earn a master's degree in public management with a concentration in Health Care Management from Carnegie Mellon University's School of Urban & Public Affairs. She graduated with highest distinction from the program.

Petrick is a high impact business leader with 30 years of successful and diverse management experience who has demonstrated achievement in enhancing performance, profitability, and service growth. Her expertise lies in leading change, especially in the areas of planning, operations, outcomes management, leadership development, and system integration. Recognized as an inspirational leader, a collaborative team player, and a consistent top performer, she is skilled at communication, innovative thinking, leveraging corporate culture, and developing employees.

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Dr. Sharon P. Smith and Teresa Glenn Petrick '79

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# Message from the President

Congratulations to Terri Petrick '79 who was named the PGAA Alumna of Distinction. She exemplifies the Pitt-Greensburg brand like so many of our alumni do. The mentoring and education our graduates receive during their time here forms a foundation for the success they realize through their own expertise and drive.



It is easy for alumni to become involved—and stay involved—at Pitt-Greensburg. The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) is active and growing. Nominations are currently being accepted for the PGAA Board of Directors. Serving on the PGAA Board allows you to share your ideas and is just one way you can make a difference here. Other ways are to join us for Pitt Day in Harrisburg on March 4, and to watch for details about National Pitt Networking Day.

Be sure to plan to attend our many events planned for this spring semester. Whether it is an internationally recognized speaker or our own theater and music groups—there are plenty of opportunities to return to campus for quality programs that are free or reasonably priced.

Our Center For Applied Research (CFAR) marked its first anniversary last semester. The work they do continues to be impressive and, it is the interdisciplinary approach that it incorporates that makes it unique. Faculty from a variety of disciplines are working side by side with students who are gaining hands-on experience and being paid for their efforts. Their work benefits Pitt-Greensburg and the greater Greensburg community.

On a more serious note, we marked the passing of several members of our campus community: William Roach, Robert Davis, and Nancy Flórez-Estrada. Roach and Davis were *emeritus* Advisory Board members who died in December 2014 and Dr. Flórez-Estrada, *emeritus* associate professor of Spanish, died in January. Each one, in their own way, used their individual skills and talents to contribute to the growth and success of Pitt-Greensburg. Please watch for their obituaries when they are published in the summer magazine issue of *Blue & Gold*.

Aaron Slafka '08 also left his mark on our campus. Inspirational by his example, Aaron will be remembered for never giving up and for encouraging those around him to move past their limitations. Desiring to keep his memory alive and to help others, his friends approached Pitt-Greensburg about establishing a scholarship in Aaron's name. We couldn't think of a better way to commemorate his example and his contributions to our campus.

Hail to Pitt!

*Sharon P. Smith*

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# Class Notes

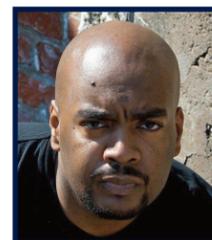
Edward Crist '89 is the technology manager at City Charter High School in Pittsburgh.



The Greco Family

Jennifer (Komlenic) Lape '97 OTD, OTR/L, is an assistant professor of Occupational Therapy at Chatham University in Pittsburgh.

Michael Greco '08 and Lynne (Marmo-Farina) Greco '09 are the parents of a baby boy who celebrated his first birthday in October 2014.



The Television, Internet, and Video Association of Washington, DC (TIVA-DC) awarded Chad Smith '08 a Peer Gold award in the Acting On Camera-Fiction, Male category, for his portrayal of a vampire who seeks psychiatric treatment for a phobia that impacts his way of life in the film "Dark Therapy." The film, which is also Smith's directorial debut, won the Bronze Award in the Independent Short category.

Elaine (Galinskie) Fisher '09 and her husband Daniel Fisher '07 purchased their first home. Elaine changed jobs in the fall and is a club support specialist with Anytime Fitness.

John "JP" Hilzendeger '12 and his wife, Julie, were married in June 2014. They live in Munhall, and JP writes that they are "having a blast in their first home." JP is employed by McKesson Corporation.

Gayle Temple '12 writes that since graduating with her MBA from Duquesne University, she has relocated to Pittsburgh and is working for Management Science Associates. Her daily duties are a mix of information management, supply chain, and marketing with well-known consumer-packaged goods partners.

In June 2014, Scott Szypulski '14 was hired as a financial assistant in the department of Critical Care Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. ▲

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Stay up-to-date with what is happening at Pitt-Greensburg, reconnect with friends, and share your news! #H2PG



# Spring Events

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Events are free and open to the public unless indicated.

## April 25

Pitt-Greensburg will hold its annual Commencement on Ridilla Field (inclement weather: Chambers Gymnasium) at 11 a.m. Alumni planning to participate should register by emailing [pgaa@pitt.edu](mailto:pgaa@pitt.edu). Tickets are required for this event and are distributed to the graduates.

## May 1

Pitt-Greensburg will host its 19th annual Children's Literature Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition to the featured speakers, participants can choose from among 10 other sessions specifically for writers, educators, and librarians. Early registration is \$70 by March 31. After the deadline, registration is \$80. Full-time students may register for \$60. Register on-line at [www.library.pitt.edu/UPG-childrens-literature-conference](http://www.library.pitt.edu/UPG-childrens-literature-conference).

## May 6

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.

## June 13

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 9:45 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. ▲

New events are added each week!  
Check the Event section at  
[www.greensburg.pitt.edu](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu) for more details.

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## Jakiela wins 2015 City of Asylum/Pittsburgh Prize



Lori Jakiela, poet, memoirist, and associate professor of English, is the recipient of the 2015 City of Asylum/Pittsburgh Prize.

Jakiela was chosen from a pool of writer-applicants, residents of Western Pennsylvania aged 30 and over, who have published at least one full-length book of poetry, fiction, or non-fiction. The 2015 City of Asylum/Pittsburgh prize consists of a month-long, all-expenses-paid writing residency in Brussels, Belgium. Applications were judged by Chuck Kinder, author of "Snakehunters and Honeymooners: A Cautionary Tale."

"While I found many pleasures in quite a few of the entries, I kept returning with delight and excitement to the writing sample in Lori Jakiela's application," said Kinder.

The Prize is part of City of Asylum's Bridges initiative, which will create a number of international writer residencies for Western Pennsylvania writers. This residency is a collaboration with the Belgian literary organization, *Het beschrijf*, and is hosted at the *Passa Porta* literary center in Brussels.

"Jakiela's dedication to her craft means that she will be able to use her residency in Belgium to her artistic advantage, but I also feel that she reflects well on the literary community of our city and represents the values of City of Asylum in a special way," said Henry Reese, co-founder and president of City of Asylum.

Jakiela is the author of two memoirs and a poetry collection. Her third memoir—*Belief Is Its Own Kind of Truth, Maybe*—is forthcoming from Atticus Books in 2015.

A prolific writer, her work has been published in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and *Pittsburgh Quarterly*, among others, and has been widely anthologized in textbooks. A multiple Pushcart Prize nominee, she is the recipient of a Golden Quill award for column writing from the PA Newspaper Association and won the first-ever Literary Death Match/Pittsburgh.

The recipient of the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association's Outstanding Faculty Award, she also teaches in the graduate writing program at Chatham University and co-directs the summer writing festival at Chautauqua Institution. ▲

## Music at Pitt-Greensburg plans April concerts

Music at Pitt-Greensburg will close the spring semester with a focus on local talent and groups. The performances are free and open to the public. They begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center.



The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers will offer two performances of their spring concert on April 9 and April 10. Entitled "Pop Stars, Rachstars," the concert will present a selection of popular music past and present. Featured will be opera choruses from *Pagliacci*, *Nabucco*, *Il Trovatore*, *Der Freischütz* and others, as well as Rachmaninoff's *Bogorditse Devo* and contemporary hits featuring the music of Lady Gaga and Meghan Trainor.

Students participating in Pitt-Greensburg's Voice and Piano Study will perform in a recital on April 15. The students are under the direction of Zach Rohlwing, instructor and accompanist. The Voice and Piano Study allows students to start or continue their vocal or piano studies through intensive,

one-on-one, individualized lessons as well as in studio classes. The class strives to turn musically inclined students into competent and able musicians who possess the ability and confidence to be active artists in their community.



The Joan Chambers Concert Series will present the University of Pittsburgh's popular Heinz Chapel Choir on April 18. This is the group's first concert season under the direction of new conductor, Susan Rice.

The Joan Chambers Concert Series is named in honor of Joan Chambers, late wife of President Emeritus George F. Chambers. She was an ardent supporter and representative of Pitt-Greensburg in the community for many years. The Children's Literature Collection in Millstein Library, another of her passions, was developed and named in her honor. ▲

Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/musicseries](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/musicseries) for additional details.

## Alumni Spotlight:

### Ronna Colland '87 comes full circle



What started out as a desire to stay close to home while studying accounting has come full circle for Ronna (Sarsfield) Colland '87.

A work-study student in the Business Office at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Colland completed a BS in management, then returned to campus 10 years later as its director of Business Affairs. She recalls declaring in her interview that

it was her "dream job" and, upon being hired, said it was like "coming home."

A commuter student, Colland was active with the Student Government Association (SGA). She made many friends, including other work-study students as well as business management and accounting students in her study groups. Colland notes that she enjoyed all her classes but remembers Associate Professor Bob Pratt's involvement with students, including the business honor society, and Jim DeFloria, PhD, an assistant professor, for his willingness to explain and guide students in their accounting study.

Colland also reminisces about the honor she felt to be invited to Pitt's 200th anniversary celebration at the Greensburg Country Club in 1987 because of her involvement as a student. But her favorite memory: the beach party in the McKenna Hall Student Union.

"It was the middle of winter . . . they cleared out the furniture, SGA put sand in McKenna Hall, and we had a beach party. That was a lot of fun!" Colland adds, "I'm not sure how they got that past administration."

## Bruisers Quest 2015: Roaming for Alumni

A solitary yet adaptable creature, Bruiser the Bobcat is on a quest in 2015 to reach the home ranges of all Pitt-Greensburg alumni.

Bruiser is roaming cyberspace to unite with alumni in their natural habitat. Download Bruiser's image at <http://bit.ly/Bruiser-BQ15> and include him in a photo with you in your territory or while on the prowl. Post the picture to the PGAA Facebook page at [Facebook.com/PittGreensburgAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/PittGreensburgAlumni), or submit via the online form at <http://bit.ly/BruiserPhotoSubmission>.

Don't delay—Bruiser has a lot of ground to cover. Pitt-Greensburg graduates are in each of the 50 states, plus US territories, and various countries. Alumni submitting photos with Bruiser through March 31 will be entered into a drawing for a basketball autographed by Pitt Coaches Jamie Dixon and Suzie McConnell-Serio. ▲



Remember to use #BQ15

Colland, who took a couple of summer classes at the Oakland campus, finished her degree requirements a semester early at Pitt-Greensburg. Graduating in 1987, she just missed receiving her degree from Pitt-Greensburg, which received approval to confer degrees in 1988.

A certified public accountant, Colland believes her accounting courses at Pitt-Greensburg gave her a strong foundation on which to take the CPA exam, and her work-study experience provided great skills and practical training.

Like other Pitt-Greensburg students, Colland gave up her work-study job to pursue a full-time position at a law firm her senior year. "That's why I give to the Staff Association's Resource Fund," she explains. "It's directed toward helping students meet their educational expenses."

Colland credits the people in the Business Office with whom she worked as a student as having an impact on her. "Faculty and staff sincerely care about the students and want them to succeed. That is, foremost, Pitt-Greensburg."

For their part, Colland and her staff work to help students understand their bills and what they need to do to cover their tuition. "We try to steer them in the right direction, because we want them to succeed and continue in their studies."

Outside of work, Colland keeps busy with her husband, her daughter—whom she hopes will someday be a Pitt alum—and volunteer work.

"I would like alumni to come back and visit," she says. "Pitt-Greensburg is a dynamic place. It's a special place." ▲

--written by Sheila Kudrick

## Pitt Day in Harrisburg

### Wednesday, March 4

Mark your calendar, plan to attend, and make a difference!

**Chartered bus leaves at 7:15 a.m. from Pitt-Greensburg and returns at 7 p.m. Meet with regional legislators to share your story.**

Includes continental breakfast, lunch (provided by Pitt), dessert reception, and an opportunity for snack at Sideling Hill rest area.

**Deadline to register: February 27.**

Register online at <http://bit.ly/PittDayRegistration>

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## Pitt-Greensburg earns spot on *Money Magazine* list

*Money Magazine* released a new college ranking system that used three weighted categories—educational quality, affordability, and career outcomes—to make its picks. Its ultimate goal was to identify colleges and universities that “turn out graduates with the most manageable debt.”

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg was one of 665 colleges out of the nation’s approximately 1,500 colleges to make the cut and one of 70 Pennsylvania colleges on the

list. The University of Pittsburgh (Oakland) and Pitt-Bradford also made the list.

The three categories used by *Money Magazine* consisted of 17 factors that analyzed, among others, the average total debt students have at graduation and the amount parents typically borrow from the federal parent PLUS loan program, along with whether alumni from each institution typically earn enough once they are in the workforce to comfortably handle their loan payments. ▲

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Are you sharing the great news about Pitt-Greensburg on social media? Be sure to use the hashtag #H2PG to tag your posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## PGAA Board of Directors Election



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Alumni who are graduates of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg or who have attended at least three semesters of classes at the Greensburg campus are eligible to vote or to serve as a director or officer.

Nominations will be accepted through March 31. Board Responsibility and Nomination

Forms are available online at <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/board-directors>.

The PGAA Board Election runs April 3 through 17. The ballot will be available online at <http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/aumni/board-directors>.

For more information, visit the website or call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 724-836-7496. ▲

## Honor Roll of Donors published

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg thanks its donors for their generous support during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014). The annual Honor Roll of Donors is now available on our website at [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/honor-roll-donors](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/honor-roll-donors).

Contributions from alumni and friends are paramount in Pitt-Greensburg’s ability to support the funding needs of the University. Our number one priority is scholarships, followed by enriching the academic experience, enhancing the student experience, and building a beautiful campus.

Again, our deepest thanks for helping Pitt-Greensburg to continue its mission of building a liberal arts college for the 21st century. ▲

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Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company

## *Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play*

The Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Company will present *Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play* (written by Lauren Wilson) as its spring production. The performances are March 26 through March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 (regular) and \$5 (students, seniors, Pitt ID).

A dinner and theatre option is offered for the Saturday, March 28, performance. Theatre-goers will enjoy dinner, catered by Chartwells in the Hempfield Room (Chambers Hall), and receive preferred-seating tickets for the show. Cost is \$25 for both the dinner and the show. Registration is required, and may be completed by contacting Emily Stark at [eas114@pitt.edu](mailto:eas114@pitt.edu) or 724-366-9896.

The play, set in the steam-driven society of Victorian England, takes a farcical look at the Robert Louis Stevenson story. Jekyll’s research finds him—as usual—investigating the split between good and evil in the human psyche. Of course, things get out of hand when he decides being evil might be more fun and recreational. Soon he realizes he needs to put a stopper on the bottle before his evil murderous side can’t be contained. The Steampunk theme is a creative element added by Stephen Schrum, PhD, associate professor of Theatre and director of the spring production.

“It is an excellent visual touchtone that works well in shows of that era,” explained Schrum, who has been involving himself in the local Steampunk community. “I’m shading it with a touch of

expressionism, like those old Universal monster movies *The Mummy* and *Dracula* for that perfect Frankenstein-like marriage of styles.”

Schrum is encouraging members of the audience to join in the fun and wear Steampunk gear to the performances.

“Anyone wearing Steampunk gear to the performances will receive a 40 percent discount on the ticket price,” he explained. “Anyone wearing Steampunk gear to the Saturday (March 28) performance is invited to stay after the show to have his or her photo taken on the set by Elaine Fisher of Elaine Fisher Photography.”

Members of the cast include:

- Jordan Fessler (EUPHRONIA JEKYLL, society matron)
- Kaitlyn Schmidt (AMBROSIA JEKYLL, her daughter)
- Cletus McConville (HENRY JEKYLL, her son)
- Lauren McGuigan (LADY THROCKMORTONSHIRE, a grand dame)
- Sam McGuigan (CALLIOPE and PENELOPE THROCKMORTONSHIRE, her twin daughters, aged 9)
- Stephanie Jenkins (ROSAMUNDA DEWTHISTLE, an eligible young lady)
- Alex Knapp (XAVIER UTTERSON, cousin to Jekyll)
- Samantha Wilczynski (IVY, a maid)
- Sabrina Miron (PLODGETT, a cook)
- Harry Edmonds (CONSTABLE)
- Patrick Dittmar (POLICE LIEUTENANT) ▲

Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/Jekyll-Hyde](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/Jekyll-Hyde) for cast bios.

## Give A Thread Campaign

## Pitt-Greensburg collects 8,300+ pieces of clothing



The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg collected more than 8,300 pieces of clothing as its contribution to the University of Pittsburgh’s Give a Thread Campaign. Students and Office of Student Services staff loaded two vans with the bags containing the donated clothing that were then delivered to Oakland.

The campaign kicked off in late November 2014 with the collection period running through the end of January. The announcement of the total pieces of clothing collected is expected to be made at the end of February—and official notification of

whether the University of Pittsburgh set a Guinness World Record for most clothing collected for the intent of donation or recycling. Pitt’s overall goal is 150,000 pieces of clothing.

Pitt-Greensburg was one of four regional campuses in the Pitt system participating in the clothing drive. It expresses a hearty thank you to the campus community and members of the greater Greensburg community for donating clothing and helping Pitt-Greensburg to make a stellar showing in this activity. ▲

## Blue & Gold Weekend

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# Fall Sports Athletes earn AMCC honors

## Cross Country

The Pitt-Greensburg men's and women's cross country teams competed in seven meets, including the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Championships at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Joyce Brobeck, who started the Bobcat program in 2002, ended a 13-year career at Pitt-Greensburg with her retirement at the close of the 2014 season.

The men's team finished sixth among the 10 conference teams on the 8K course, with junior Garrett Urban finishing ninth overall with a time of 27:55. Urban earned All-AMCC First Team honors for the season.

The women's cross country team finished eighth out of the 10 teams at the Conference Championships. Freshman Marie Miller came in 19th overall in the 6K race with a time of 26:58.



Garrett Urban

## Golf

The Bobcat golf team finished in sixth place at the 2014 AMCC Championship with a team score of 690 over the two-day tournament. Zach Berkstresser finished his junior season with rounds of 85 and 82 (167 combined) at the championship, tying for 17th overall. Junior Marty Sholtis finished three strokes behind Berkstresser with an 86 and an 84 (170 combined score).

The team competed in six events over the course of their season, finishing as high as second out of six teams at the DuBois Collegiate Classic hosted by Mount Aloysius College in October. They are coached by Anthony Berich.

## Men's Soccer

Pitt-Greensburg's men's soccer team posted their best season in 10 years, finishing 12-7-1 and qualifying as the number three seed in the AMCC Tournament. The team defeated D'Youville College in the first round before dropping its semi-final match to Medaille 1-0 in double overtime. Twelve players will return for the 2015 season under the direction of newly promoted Head Coach Dan Keefe.



Jeremy Niemiec

Senior Jeremy Niemiec, who led the team with 11 goals and 13 assists, earned All-AMCC First Team honors. Earning AMCC All-Conference Second Team honors were seniors Alex Leonard and Carmene Albano. Senior Massimo Paolone, team captain, and junior Brandon Galley were named to the All-Conference Third Team.

## Women's Soccer

Junior forward and team co-captain Courtney Carroll earned All-AMCC Third Team honors. She led the Bobcats in goals and points, ranking her among the AMCC's best. Carroll also earned a place in the Pitt-Greensburg record books, taking the number one spot for career penalty kicks and moving into fourth place for women's soccer all-time scoring with 58 career points.

The Bobcats finished the season 7-10-1 overall and 3-5-1 in conference play under the direction of Head Coach Chuck Wigle, Assistant Coaches Chris Fabian, Holly Shipley, and Jenna Biddle, and Goalkeeper Coach Ryan Mates. The team narrowly missed earning a spot in the AMCC Championship tournament when they lost the tie-breaker match to Juniata, 3-1.

## Women's Tennis



Shayla Landman

Junior Shayla Landman was selected the AMCC Player of the Year in women's tennis, as well as earning All-AMCC First Team Honors in singles. She finished the season 9-0 at the number one singles position and helped the Bobcats earn the number three seed in the AMCC tournament. The team finished as a semi-finalist, losing to second-seed Penn State-Behrend, 5-4.



Cayla Ray

Earning All-AMCC First Team honors in singles and Second Team honors in doubles were senior Cayla Ray and sophomore Sydney Geary. Amanda Jepsen, a freshman, was named to the Second Team in both singles and doubles, while Emily Frye, also a freshman, was named to the Second Team in doubles.



Sydney Geary

The women's tennis team finished the season 7-7 overall and 6-2 in conference play under the direction of Maria Iovino '13.

## Volleyball

The Pitt-Greensburg women's volleyball team finished the fall season 3-25 overall and 0-9 in the AMCC. The team posted wins against Manhattanville College at Allegheny, Chatham University, and Waynesburg University. Leroy Simms and Klynn Smith serve as head coach and assistant coach, respectively.

Sophomore Lauren Tassone led the team in attacks and finished second in serves and third in digs. Amanda Ross, a freshman, was first on the team in blocks and second in attacks. Sophomore Renee Ault led the team in serves while finishing second in blocks. ▲

# New projects build CFAR credentials

Pitt-Greensburg's Center For Advanced Research (CFAR) marked its first anniversary this past fall, and its list of accomplishments are noteworthy.

Most recently, CFAR was the featured campus organization at the Business and Community Leaders Holiday After Hours, hosted by the Office of University Relations and Institutional Advancement in December 2014. Local community and organization leaders were able to meet and chat with CFAR faculty and students during the informal reception at Lynch Hall.

"It was a great opportunity for faculty and students to speak individually with the judges, commissioners, business and non-profit leaders, and educators to identify any projects on which we may be able to collaborate," said Dean Nelson, PhD, associate professor of Mathematics and director of CFAR.

CFAR also was one of the programs featured during Chancellor Patrick Gallagher's visit to Pitt-Greensburg in October 2014. The Chancellor met with CFAR's faculty and student research assistants to learn how the center reconceives community service, bringing faculty and student expertise to bear on real problems and issues in the community.

"We felt that our students were well able to articulate the nature of their experience with CFAR," noted Nelson.

At this time, six affiliated faculty members and several other faculty members are collaborating on projects. Nine student research assistants gained valuable hands-on experience working on projects in the fall and were trained in using the statistical analysis software SPSS, qualitative analysis software NVivo, and in performing needs assessments.

One of CFAR's first projects, funded in part by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, was to

provide an "overall examination of the current offender re-entry process in Westmoreland County, with a particular emphasis towards mental health and housing issues . . ." On June 30, 2014, the Center submitted its final report for the project entitled, "An Examination of the Adult Offender Re-entry Process in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania."

Prior to the end of the Spring 2014 semester, CFAR began working with the Blackburn Center Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. A steering committee consisting of CFAR faculty and campus staff will both assess attitudes on sexual violence among Pitt-Greensburg students and create co- and extra-curricular programming aimed at positively impacting those attitudes. A survey administered to all incoming freshmen in Fall 2014 will serve as a baseline measure of their attitudes. Plans are in place to re-survey this cohort when they are seniors to determine the impact of the programming held on campus during their four years here. This pre/post assessment on subsequent entering freshman classes is expected to be repeated.

CFAR worked on other projects and actively maintained relationships this year with both internal and external clients, including the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland, the Central Westmoreland County Unity Coalition, Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and United Way of Westmoreland County.

Three grant applications for projects involving economic forecasts, state-wide delivery of domestic and sexual violence prevention services, and a community mural project to ameliorate blight were submitted by the center but were not funded. CFAR is confident that several other development proposals currently underway will be successful. ▲

## Petrick named Alumna of Distinction

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centers of which three are associated with one of the nation's premier family medicine teaching programs. She was responsible for defining a revitalized vision for St. Margaret that includes the development of Centers of Excellence, the reapplication for Magnet Status. Her ability to build interpersonal relationships with key

Prior to being named a senior vice president with AAA East Central, Petrick's past experience was primarily in health care. From 2010 through 2013, she served as president of UPMC St. Margaret (Pittsburgh, PA) where she was responsible for the operations of a 250-bed hospital, a hospital-affiliated surgery center, and multiple outpatient primary care

health care leaders led to the development of clinical linkages with 15 non-UPMC community-based hospitals in Western and Central Pennsylvania and Western Ohio.

Petrick serves as a member of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board and the La Roche College Board of Trustees.

In the community, she served as a member of the Kearns Spirituality Center/Sisters of Divine Providence Advisory Board. She is a past chair and volunteer for the Diversity Council for UPMC. A volunteer and past board member with the Cranberry Alliance and the Northern Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce, she served as co-chair for the American Diabetes Association Step-Out Walk.

Petrick and her husband, David, reside in North Huntingdon, PA. They have five children and seven grandchildren.

Visit [www.greensburg.pitt.edu/news/pgaa-petrick](http://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/news/pgaa-petrick) to read more about Petrick's accomplishments. ▲

# Scholar-Athletes recognized for achievements

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg honored and recognized 88 student-athletes during its 2015 Scholar-Athlete Awards ceremony held in February. The awards presentation recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must have earned a 3.0 or higher GPA during the previous semester in order to be recognized.

Alumni who participated in athletics at Pitt-Greensburg were invited back to campus to join in celebrating the current students' accomplishments.

## BASEBALL

Nicholas Anderson*	JR	Communication
Anthony Bozzuto	JR	Mgt.-Accounting
John Buerkle	SR	Psychology
Jacob Bywalski	FR	Management
Brett Dadig	SO	Biological Sciences
Adam Dodson	JR	Mgt.-Accounting
William Elliott	SO	Management
Zachary Fodor	FR	Applied Mathematics
Matthew Germanoski	JR	Mgt. Info. Systems
Ian Hart	FR	Mgt.-Accounting
Brandon Hoener	FR	Management
Michael Maleski	FR	Communication
Matthew Moyer	JR	Mgt.-Accounting
Michael Parlak	FR	Criminal Justice
Jared Pestcoe	FR	Management
Dylan Pounds	SO	Mgt.-Accounting
Travis Sanner	FR	Communication

## BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

Nicholas Anderson*	JR	Communication
Michael Connelly	JR	Management
Jerrell Figueroa	JR	Management
Brian Heinle*	SR	Mgt. Info. Systems
Joseph Mancini	FR	Pre-Pharmacy
Jarrett Shannon	JR	Mgt. Info. Systems
Marcus Thomas	SO	Psychology
K. Doug Wilson	JR	Mgt.-Accounting

## BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

Carly Baer	SO	Mgt.-Accounting
Lyndy Baer	SO	Applied Mathematics
Casey Hamilton*	SO	Applied Mathematics
Megan Hans	SR	Communication
Lindsey McKamish	SR	Early Childhood Ed.
Emily Merryman	FR	Pre-Education
Kelsey Oddis	FR	Psychology
Sylvia Stuart	FR	Communication

## CROSS COUNTRY (MEN'S)

Tyler Lookabaugh	SO	Psychology
Robert Pokora	FR	Criminal Justice
Garrett Urban	JR	Biological Sciences
Glen Wolfarth	FR	Information Science

## CROSS COUNTRY (WOMEN'S)

Christine Hartner	SR	Information Science
Laura Krunzzyinsky	SO	Early Childhood Ed.
Marie Miller	FR	Pre-Medical

## GOLF

Zachary Berkstresser	JR	Mgt. Info. Systems
Brian Heinle*	SR	Mgt. Info. Systems
Martin Sholtis	JR	Mgt.-Accounting
Luc Tilley	FR	Pre-Engineering

## SOCCER (MEN'S)

Santo DeFrancesco	SR	Management
Alexander Guie	SO	Pre-Education
Brian Koerber	SO	Biological Sciences
Alex Leonard	SR	Management
Craig Macdonald	SR	Natural Sciences
Jeremy Niemiec*	SR	Natural Sciences
Massimo Paolone	SR	Social Sciences
Trevor Smith	JR	Applied Mathematics
Jerome Williams	JR	Applied Mathematics

## SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

Madison Bernard	FR	Biological Sciences
Courtney Carroll	JR	Biological Sciences
Ashley Dickey	SR	Chemistry
Alexandra Dimoff	SO	Undecided
Shannon Edwards	FR	Pre-Health & Rehab. Sciences

## SOFTBALL

Camille Hickman	FR	Mgt.-Accounting
Hayley Hulbert	FR	Pre-Education
Jenna Morgan	FR	Pre-Medical
Caitlin Welsh	JR	Biological Sciences
Kara Barclay*	JR	Biological Sciences
Casey Hamilton*	SO	Applied Mathematics
Courtney Hrabosky	FR	Biological Sciences
Jaymee Humbert	SO	Pre-Education

Katlyn Keenan	FR	Biological Sciences
Marley Lafferty	JR	Criminal Justice
Amanda Leschak	SO	Biological Sciences
Amanda Shepard	SR	Criminal Justice

## TENNIS (MEN'S)

Tyler Fox	SO	Psychology
Izaak Fulmer-Moffat	FR	Applied Mathematics
Jeremy Niemiec*	SR	Natural Sciences
Jeremy Simms	FR	Pre-Education
Adam Snyder	FR	Pre-Engineering
Luk Zeleznik	FR	Mgt.-Accounting

## TENNIS (WOMEN'S)

Lindsay Bonacci	FR	Criminal Justice
Emily Frye	FR	Management
Amanda Jepsen	FR	Management
Corinne Kirk	FR	Biological Sciences
Shayla Landman	JR	Communication
Kasey McIntosh	FR	Pre-Education
Elizabeth Polce	FR	Biological Sciences
Cayla Ray	SR	Biological Sciences

## VOLLEYBALL

Renee Ault	SO	Management
Kara Barclay*	JR	Biological Sciences
Julie Barron	SO	Management
Erica Bosh	FR	Criminal Justice
Elizabeth Gerda	SO	Chemistry
Paige Misawic	SO	Chemistry
Amanda Ross	FR	Mgt.-Accounting
Amanda Shemansky	SO	Pre-Pharmacy
Lauren Tassone	SO	Chemistry

\*participates in two sports



**Bruiser greets the crowd at the 2015 SOPA Hoops Saturday game. The event, a collaborative project of the campus' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA), is in its fourth year and has raised more than \$4,000 for Special Olympics PA (SOPA) in Westmoreland County. The event showcases a SOPA exhibition game during the halftime of one of the two D-III basketball games played that day.**

# Aaron Slafka Memorial Scholarship established

Ten years ago, Pitt-Greensburg student Aaron Slafka experienced a life-changing diagnosis of a benign brain tumor after being in a car accident. The surgeries following the diagnosis triggered epilepsy that ultimately contributed to his unexpected death in April 2014.



Aaron Slafka, who graduated in 2008, is remembered for his determination, warmth, upbeat personality, and—ultimately—the inspirational way that he lived his life.

A member of the Pitt-Greensburg cross country team throughout his diagnosis and illness, Slafka showed up for every practice and every meet. When he could not get clearance to run, his coach, Joyce Brobeck, sought to get him clearance to ride a bicycle during the team's practices. He took on the role of leader and motivator, following along behind the runners shouting out encouragement.

Brobeck, who retired at the end of the fall 2014 season, said her strongest memory is of the Westminster Invitational when she "broke every rule in the book" by telling Slafka to dress and warm-up because he was going to run in his first and only college meet. At the time, Slafka was having problems with one of his legs, causing him to fall while running.

Brobeck notes that each time he fell, he would get back up and keep running. She remembers running ahead to each mile marker to make sure Slafka was making it through the course. At the last mile marker, she sprinted ahead to the finish line and asked the invitational officials if they could keep the timing equipment in place for Slafka to finish. Twenty minutes after the other runners had completed the course, Slafka crossed the finish line with all of the competing college teams cheering him on.

Slafka, a McKeesport native, graduated from Pitt-Greensburg with a degree in political science. President of the Pitt-Greensburg Student Government Association (SGA) and captain of the cross country team, he loved politics but never got to realize his other dream of living and working in Washington, DC. He did get to meet and host Hillary Clinton when she held a rally at Pitt-Greensburg in 2007 as part of her presidential campaign.

Slafka is remembered as an inspiration to all who met him. In 2007, ESPN profiled the student-athlete in a segment of "NCAA on Campus."

"Aaron cared so much about Pitt-Greensburg and was strongly committed to the school in so many ways," says Paul Adams, PhD, associate professor of Political Science and chair of the Behavioral Sciences Division. "Whether it was student government, cross country, or an enlightening discussion in class, Aaron was always engaged—even when his illnesses were making it hard for him to do so."

Recently, friends of Slafka approached Pitt-Greensburg about establishing a scholarship in his memory. The scholarship would



be awarded to a junior or senior student majoring or minoring in political science who has demonstrated service to the University and demonstrates perseverance and the ability to overcome adversity.

"After Aaron's death, his mother, told me how much he loved Pitt and that he wondered whether we had forgotten about him," says Adams.

"The award is a way to make his presence not only one that we will never forget but a means to encourage and reward students like Aaron who achieve so much in the many different areas of their Pitt-Greensburg experience."

Adams continued, "The award will go to a student who not only reflects the kind of leadership and engagement that Aaron possessed but who also has overcome adversity, challenges, and travails that make that accomplishment so much more meaningful. It is a way of saying thanks and recognizing the special student-scholar/ leaders who play incredibly important and irreplaceable roles at this university." ▲

*Contributions are now being accepted for the Aaron Slafka Memorial Scholarship Award. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please send a check made out to the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and indicate that you are contributing to the Aaron Slafka Memorial Scholarship Award. To donate using a credit card, please call 724-836-7497.*

## You CAN make a difference

Scholarships are an essential component in recruiting and retaining top quality students. The vast majority of Pitt-Greensburg students receive some type of financial aid, making scholarship revenue our single greatest need. Endowments provide financial support for scholarships, fellowships, faculty chairs, instruction, University programs, facilities, and services.

Scholarships and endowments are created with an initial investment and can be added to over time, by anyone. These funds are named in perpetuity and not only provide student and University support, but also provide the donor an opportunity to interact with the students and faculty members that benefit from their generosity.

For more information about establishing a scholarship or endowment, please contact Jodi Kraisinger, director of University Relations and Institutional Advancement, at 724-836-9942 or [gifts2pg@pitt.edu](mailto:gifts2pg@pitt.edu).