The Honorable John J. Driscoll, LAW ’66 LLB, was one of 13 alumni to receive the prestigious University of Pittsburgh Legacy Laureate Award at a special recognition dinner held October 28. This award was established in 2000 to honor University of Pittsburgh alumni for their outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. It is the highest honor bestowed on alumni.

Judge Driscoll’s contributions to the overall good of the community extend from Pitt-Greensburg’s own campus to the national level. At Pitt-Greensburg, he is a valued member of the Advisory Board while providing time, talent, and financial support to many of the University’s projects and programs.

“We are pleased that Judge Driscoll has received the Legacy Laureate Award and believe he personifies the values we treasure in the Pitt pledge: civility, integrity, mutual respect, and concern for others,” said Dr. Sharon P. Smith, president of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

Judge Driscoll, in the Family Court division of the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas, serves as an administrative judge of the Westmoreland County Juvenile Court. He has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Previously, he served as Westmoreland County District Attorney and practiced law for a private firm.

Judge Driscoll proudly served in the U.S. Navy and received the Naval Achievement Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, and a National Defense Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as part of the U.S. Naval Support Activity in Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

He has been recognized for his efforts to aid juvenile offenders when he was awarded the Fred Funari Mental Health Association Award of Distinction from Mental Health America of Westmoreland County in 2005. He also has made numerous contributions to the community as a trustee of the Excela Westmoreland Hospital; past president of the Rotary Club of Greensburg; and as a member, director, and solicitor of the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Driscoll is the second alumnus with close ties to the Pitt-Greensburg campus to be named a Legacy Laureate. Gary Amelio A&S ’78 LAW ’81 received the award in 2007. Pitt-Greensburg is proud to note that it is the only regional campus to have nominated alumni who have gone on to receive this distinguished award.
This is a time of year when many of us take time to reflect on what we've been able to accomplish. For anyone associated with the Pitt-Greensburg campus community, you are aware of the many activities and accomplishments achieved over the past year.

Among those accomplishments:

- We added three new programs to our curriculum, including majors in Education and Spanish and coursework in Behavior Analysis.
- We continue to move forward toward the construction of a new Sustainable Office-Classroom (SOC) Building;
- We are completing construction on a new NCAA Division III-regulation softball field and renovation of the NCAA Division III-regulation baseball field;
- We welcomed four new Advisory Board members;
- We had two of our donors inducted into the prestigious Cathedral of Learning Society.

Most recently it was a pleasure to congratulate the Honorable John J. Driscoll when he was recognized for his innumerable contributions to the University of Pittsburgh community and beyond. He is just one example of the many Pitt and Pitt-Greensburg alumni who are working to make a difference in their communities.

A heartfelt thank you to our alumni, parents, and friends who have made contributions to the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg this past year. Your support of the University and its programs is a clear indication that you perceive value in the education provided here, and you continue to believe in our mission to educate our next generation of leaders. Many of your donations are used to provide merit scholarships to current students through the President's Scholarship Fund—making it possible for students to achieve their dreams of earning their bachelor's degrees.

As we approach the holiday season and the new year, I wish you good health, the love of family and friends, and success in all your endeavors.

Sharon P. Smith
President
Alumni Profile: Greg Turley ’87

My name is . . . Gregory (Greg) M. Turley.

I have been married 24 years . . . to my high school sweetheart Kim. We have two children—Brandon, 21, and Brittany, 19. Brandon is a senior applied mathematics major at Pitt-Greensburg. Brittany is a freshman at Pitt-Greensburg and plans to major in business management.

The thing I became “when I grew up” is . . . Operations Manager for the Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC. My major job responsibilities include product/service development, customer relations, contract negotiation, project management, and financial performance.

When it comes to my favorite music . . . I have always favored pop/rock but also listen to country once in a while. I enjoy a variety of artists.

My hometown is . . . North Huntingdon, PA. I did not leave the area because I have been fortunate to have a great career with Westinghouse, and I love the Pittsburgh area. I travel extensively and have received numerous comments from “out of towners” about Pittsburgh being known as a hard-working city. I respect Pittsburgh for our work ethic and strive to uphold the Pittsburgh tradition in my approach.

I arrived at Pitt-Greensburg in . . . 1980, when I started my undergraduate degree at the University. I started in Mechanical Engineering and changed to Applied Mathematics in my second year. The Applied Mathematics program caught my interest because it allowed me to diversify in my technical degree approach—part of my credits were derived from core engineering courses, part from mathematics courses, and part from computer science courses. That diversity has served me well in my career. It has given me a strong basis to interface effectively with technical–through executive-level personnel. I completed my undergrad degree over seven years of night school at Pitt-Greensburg. I worked during the day and went to school at night. Not an approach I would endorse, but it taught me how to focus on my priorities and plan well.

When I got here, the University was . . . small with limited facilities, as compared to the facilities that exist today. All of my classes occurred in Lynch Hall, Powers Hall, or Smith Hall. The professors, however, were second to none.

My best memories of my undergrad experience are . . . the small classroom experience and the one-on-one relationship with the professors. One of my favorites is Dr. Mary Grace O’Donnell. I fondly remember her passion to teach and make sure everyone understood the concept before she moved on. She would spend extra hours between or after classes, helping a student in need. I also recall Brandon’s orientation session three years ago. I noticed Dr. O’Donnell walking across the room. I introduced Brandon to her and to my great surprise Dr. O’Donnell remembered me and was pleased to have the opportunity to teach Brandon. Brandon is developing his own fond memories about her caring nature.

In 1986 . . . I took a job with a subsidiary company that was owned by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC. I was quickly recognized as a fast track employee and groomed for higher level technical and management positions. In 1996, I left Westinghouse to start my own company. Entrepreneurship gave me “street smarts” that cannot be learned in a traditional MBA program. I sold my ownership interest in my company and returned to Westinghouse in 2004. I have held a variety of management positions within Westinghouse to continue to broaden my horizons.

My favorite thing about the Alumni Association is that . . . I enjoy the fellowship and opportunity to contribute to the Pitt-Greensburg campus. I am proud of what Pitt-Greensburg has become and am excited about its future. I hope to be an active PGAA participant in driving future change.

One of the reasons why my children decided to enroll at Pitt-Greensburg is because . . . we are a PITT legacy family, starting with my father-in-law, my uncle, myself, and now my two kids. I am very proud of the family tradition that has been carried forward.

I am hopeful my kids will . . . make life-long friends with students and faculty and will fully utilize the education they will receive at Pitt-Greensburg. I am also hopeful they will become active alumni, taking pride in the Pitt-Greensburg campus.

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

Pitt-Greensburg initiates new Student Alumni Association

The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association has expanded its outreach to current students through a new organization: the Pitt-Greensburg Student Alumni Association (SAA).

Incoming first-year students received information by mail this past summer, explaining the group’s benefits and encouraging them to join. Additional recruitment materials were distributed in the residence halls in August when students arrived on campus. A goal of 25 student members was set for the first year, and, by mid-October, 35 student members had joined.

Students who enroll in the SAA receive a variety of Pitt-Greensburg merchandise, invitations to exclusive events, and access to special promotions. Exclusive networking opportunities with distinguished Pitt-Greensburg and Pitt alumni are also planned.

In October, Pitt-Greensburg SAA members joined Pitt SAA members in a special tailgate party before the Pitt vs. Rutgers football game at Heinz Field, in conjunction with the AT&T Great Lawn Tailgate. ▲
The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg welcomes four new members to its Advisory Board: Bernard North, Robert Rogalski, Ernest Vallozzi, and Thomas Yarabinetz.

Since 1981, Bernard North has served as vice president of Product Engineering at Kennametal, Inc., and been responsible for the development of new metal cutting and other products, as well as the associated manufacturing processes. In 2007, he also was named director of Kennametal India Limited. He is a member of the American Powder Metallurgy Institute (APMI) and an executive committee member of the International Tungsten Industry Association. His previous experience includes working for Lucas Industries (UK) and the UK Atomic Energy Authority.

North earned a BS and MS in Physical Metallurgy and Science of Materials from the University of Birmingham (UK) and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

Robert Rogalski is the chief executive officer (CEO) for Excela Health. Prior to his appointment at Excela, Rogalski served as senior counsel and health care practice group co-leader at Thorp Reed and Armstrong. He has more than 17 years experience advising health care systems and hospitals on a variety of strategic and legal matters including corporate governance, acquisitions, and other strategic transactions and contract negotiations.

Prior to joining Thorp Reed and Armstrong, Rogalski served as in-house counsel for health systems in Western Pennsylvania and the upper Midwest, most recently as vice president and general counsel and compliance officer for MedCenter One Health Systems in Bismarck, ND. His prior experience includes working as in-house counsel at Western Pennsylvania Allegheny Health System and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Rogalski is a graduate of Saint Vincent College and received his juris doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Since 1980, Ernest Vallozzi has been bringing innovative style in dining to the Greensburg region through Vallozzi’s Restaurant. Famous for its wine programs, the restaurant has become one of the top wine selling restaurants in Pennsylvania and has received the “Wine Spectator Award of Excellence” for the past 15 years. In 1997, Vallozzi’s became one of the first restaurants in Pennsylvania and one out of the 500 fine dining establishments in North America to achieve the D’Orna award—“Distinguished Restaurants of North America” award. Vallozzi’s Restaurant continues to hold that title today.

A philanthropist at heart, Vallozzi is an active supporter of community events and organizations. As a co-founder of the Greensburg Croquet Club and Men’s Night Out, he has helped to raise more than $1.5 million for the Greensburg YMCA. In 2010, the event was redesigned to better benefit Westmoreland County. Now called the Westmoreland Croquet Club, the annual event raises money to provide grants that support qualified 501(c)3 organizations and is organized under the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County. In 1985, he received the Edwin Lauer Award from Westmoreland Hospital (now Excela Health Westmoreland) for his fundraising efforts.

Vallozzi’s other activities include being a patron of the Vatican Museum and Westmoreland Museum of Art. He also was the 2007 YMCA Person of the Year and the 2008 Columbus 500 Man of the Year. A member of the National Restaurant Association, he has received the Barilla Pasta “An Italian Experience” Award, the Gourmet Diners Society of North America Award, and the Pittsburgh Magazine Best Restaurant of the Year Award.

Thomas Yarabinetz is the superintendent of Schools for the Greensburg Salem School District, a position he has held since 1997. His experience includes serving the District as director of Secondary Education, Human Resources and Transportation; assistant principal and director of Alternative Education; and teacher of Grade 12 American Government, Economics, and Sociology.

Recently, he was appointed a member of the Excela Health Board of Trustees. He also serves as chairman of the Westmoreland County Public Schools Health Consortium and a member of the Executive Board of the Western Pennsylvania Forum for Superintendents, Smart Growth Leadership Advisory Committee for Westmoreland County, the Executive Committee of the Westmoreland Heritage Community Partners, the Tri-State Executive Committee, the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Co-Op Drug Free Schools Board, and the Educational Leadership Initiative (ELI) Steering Committee.

Yarabinetz holds a BS in Social Science from Penn State University, an MEd from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Principal’s Certification from Duquesne University, and Superintendent’s Certification from the University of Pittsburgh.
The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg recently developed coursework in Behavior Analysis. The Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc. has approved the following course sequence as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst Examination: Experimental Learning, Applied Behavior Analysis, and Advanced Behavior Analysis.

Pitt-Greensburg is one of only two schools in Pennsylvania whose coursework has received this approval.

Applicants will have to meet additional requirements to qualify. Students would begin the course sequence in the fall semester of their sophomore or junior years.

“We developed this coursework to meet the increasing demand for evidence-based practice within Psychology,” said Jessica Everly, PhD, assistant professor of Psychology at Pitt-Greensburg. “We encourage students majoring in Psychology, Education, Business/Management, Sociology, Criminal Justice, and other helping professions to study Behavior Analysis.”

After completing the courses in Behavior Analysis at Pitt-Greensburg, students should be able to identify and measure ongoing behavior in educational, residential, business, and institutional settings; analyze and solve behavior problems using behavioral technology; assist professional behavior analysts in designing and implementing customized intervention plans for various populations; and manage their own behavior using behavior principles.

Pitt-Greensburg's signature event, La Cultura Winter Gala, will be held Saturday, January 15, 2011, in Millstein Library. This year’s theme is “Sparkling Reflections: the 10th anniversary” and will include elements from each of the past nine La Cultura Gala events. Proceeds from this black-tie optional event benefit scholarships. The gala opens with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets will be available through December 17 at a cost of $115 per person or $920 per table of eight. Tables of 10 are available at a cost of $1,150.

After December 17, tickets will cost $130 per person or $1,040 per table of eight. Tables of 10 will be available at a cost of $1,300.

To purchase tickets or for information about the gala, please call 724-836-9942.

A special thank you to the sponsors who have already committed to graciously providing services and prizes for this year’s event:

- Fotorecord Print Center, owned by Paul Nickoloff, who has donated the printing for the event;
- Beeghley and Company Jewelers, owned by Brian and Amy Beeghley, who have donated a sparkling two-strand briolette-cut gemstone necklace, which will be the prize for a special drawing to be held that night;
- Chef Richard McMahon and Chartwells Dining Services who prepare and serve the special gourmet meal for the event as a donation to Pitt-Greensburg.

A sampling of Silent Auction and other prize items includes:

- Two round-trip vouchers from Spirit Airlines;
- “Chef Deluxe”— dinner for six to eight guests prepared by Chef Dato at his restaurant or at the winner’s home;
- “Panera Bread for a Year”— one loaf of Panera Bread a week for 52 weeks;
- Overnight stay for two at the Oaks Bed & Breakfast in the wine country of Jamestown, NY, package;
- Overnight stay and breakfast for two at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort package.
Two members of the Pitt-Greensburg community published books this fall.

Stephen Murabito, a professor of English at Pitt-Greensburg, has had his first collection of short stories, *Chasing Saint George*, published by Star Cloud Press. Twelve of the 13 stories in this book have appeared in other publications, including the *North American Review*, *Antietam Review*, *Sou'wester*, and *Voices in Italian Americana*. Murabito is no stranger to the publishing world having published six other books, including a textbook, three books of poetry, and a chapbook of poetry.

The title of the book, taken from the short story of kids who chase a giant Saint Bernard that often gets loose, also is indicative of the fact that all of the characters are chasing something they cannot catch—love, identities, God, etc. The title piece was recently nominated for a Pushcart Prize in Fiction. The book took Murabito more than 20 years to complete. Rita Ciresi notes, “In *Chasing Saint George*, Stephen Murabito displays the rare gift of making readers laugh and cry at the same time.”

Dave Newman '93 is the first Pitt-Greensburg alumnus to have a full-length book published. His novel, *Please Don't Shoot Anyone Tonight*, was released this fall by *World Parade Books*. *Please Don't Shoot Anyone Tonight* is a coming-of-age story set in Hempfield, PA. Donald Ray Pollack, bestselling author of *Knockemstiff*, said it’s “not only one of the sharpest and funniest novels I’ve ever read, it’s also one of the saddest and truest about teenage life in a small town.”

Newman has had poems and stories published in more than 100 literary magazines throughout the world. Winner of the Andre Dubus Novella Award, the Liquid Paper Chapbook Prize, the Platonics Three-Way Press Chapbook Prize, and more than a dozen Pushcart Prize nominations, he has taught in the writing programs at Pitt-Greensburg and at Pitt-Oakland. His poetry and fiction chapbooks include *Club Boom, Allen Ginsberg Comes to Pittsburgh, Midnight, Better Business*, and *Truck It*.
Pitt-Greensburg receives grant from Pennsylvania Arts Council for summer puppetry workshops

A grant from the Pennsylvania Arts Council’s Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts program will fund two summer workshops for high school students. The workshops will be offered by the Pitt-Greensburg Theatre Department and will provide high school students (aged 12 to 17) the opportunity to learn in depth the history and art form of puppetry.

Shadow puppets will be the topic of the workshop running from June 27 through June 30. Rod puppets will be studied July 11 through July 14.

Students will learn how to:
- design and build a puppet;
- use various tools and materials;
- create articulated joints;
- use basic animation techniques;
- create skin-like qualities.

Students will also learn when to use rod puppets over hand or marionette puppets. An impromptu performance, featuring the newly created puppets, will be held on the final day of each workshop.

The cost to attend one workshop is $60 per person or $100 per person for both workshops. Registration will close June 20. To register, download the registration form at http://musofyr.com/puppets/puppetregistration.html and mail it with a check (made out to “Pitt-Greensburg”) to: Puppet Workshop, 218 FOB, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, PA 15601. For more information, contact John Teacher, workshop instructor, at jgt10@pitt.edu.

Bobcat Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Men’s Soccer

The Pitt-Greensburg men’s soccer team finished the season 8-9-1 overall and 4-5 in conference play. The Bobcats earned an invitation to the AMCC playoffs, but fell in the first round to Penn State Altoona. Senior defensive player Jake Wehar was named to the AMCC All-Conference First Team. Freshman forward Craig Mcdonald and freshman midfielder Mark Tomich were named to the AMCC All-Conference Third Team.

Women’s Soccer

The Pitt-Greensburg women’s soccer team finished the season 3-13-2 overall and 1-6-2 in conference play. Sophomore goalie Olivia Valenti earned AMCC Defensive Player of the Week honors for the week of October 11 to October 17. Valenti ended the season with two shut-outs to her credit, the second one a scoreless tie against Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Volleyball

Freshman outside hitter Casey Lynn was named to the AMCC All-Conference Third Team after leading the Lady Bobcats in kills per set and hitting percentage for the season. Pitt-Greensburg ended the season 5-18 overall and a 4-5 in conference play. The team advanced to the AMCC playoffs for the seventh consecutive season, only to fall to Medaille College in the first round of play.

Golf

Junior Brian Clause was named to the AMCC All-Conference Second Team after finishing the season as Pitt-Greensburg’s leading golfer with an 83.42 tournament scoring average. Clause, the Bobcat team captain, shot 80 on both days of the AMCC Championship in October and led the team to a sixth place finish in the tournament.

Cross Country

The Pitt-Greensburg men’s cross country teams opened their season in September with a 12th place finish at the Westminster Invitational. The team finished fifth overall in the men’s division of the Bobcat Invitational with Andrew Haller placing 21st with a time of 31:51:1.

Sophomore April Shultz finished 21st overall in the women’s division of the Bobcat Invitational. She also placed 20th with a time of 27:00 at the Hood College Invitational.

Women’s Tennis

The Pitt-Greensburg women’s tennis team posted their first victory in the history of the program with a 5-4 win over Thiel College early in the season. The team went on to finish 4-7 overall and 3-5 against AMCC opponents.

CPG announces winter schedule of classes

Visit www.greensburg.pitt.edu/about/cpg to view the newly announced winter 2011 schedule for the Center for Professional Growth (CPG) at Pitt-Greensburg. Courses include Leadership, Six Sigma, Process Improvement, and Nursing. Many offer continuing education credit for associated professions.

Highlighting the schedule are six courses about Six Sigma and Process Improvement from January 2011 through March 2011.

Shankar Lakhavani, a senior consultant and Six Sigma Master Black Belt for L65 Quality Solutions LLC, is the instructor for the series. The classes will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hempfield Room (Chambers Hall) at Pitt-Greensburg. Registration can be done on-line at the web address listed above.

As new programs are confirmed, they will be added to the schedule. The Center for Professional Growth at Pitt-Greensburg provides high-quality, relevant educational courses, programs, and services designed to meet the needs of professionals seeking to start, advance, or maintain their professional status, while providing career development, training, and consulting services that help organizations, businesses and corporations prepare effective leaders and create productive work environments.
**Winter Events**

**December 3**
PGAA Holiday Wine Tasting Event at 7 p.m. in Lynch Hall. Kick-off the holiday season with your Pitt alumni friends. Registration is $15 per person or $25 per couple. Call 724-836-7496 to register.

**December 10**
The Pitt-Greensburg Chorale and Chamber Singers present their annual fall concert, “The Child” at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Campana Chapel and Lecture Center. Music to be featured includes Benjamin Britten’s “A Ceremony of Carols” and John Rutter’s “Five Childhood Lyrics.” This event is free and open to the public.

**December 24-January 3, 2011**
The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg is closed for Winter Recess.

**January 15, 2011**
La Cultura Winter Gala, Sparkling Reflections: the 10th Anniversary will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Millstein Library. Early bird registration ends December 17. Proceeds from this event benefit the President’s Scholarship Fund. Call 724-836-9942 to reserve your tickets.

**March 19, 2011**
Visit the Pitt-Greensburg campus during Discovery Day and meet faculty from all academic departments, staff from admissions, financial aid, housing, campus life, and other areas. Campus tours and lunch will be available, too. An application fee waiver is offered to any prospective student who attends this program. Call 724-836-9880 to register.

Visit www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics for schedules, rosters, and the latest updates on Bobcat athletics!

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**Class Notes . . .**

Maria Borrelli ’09 writes, “I have been working as a teacher’s aide at a school for children with autism for over a year now, and I love it more than I could have ever expected.”

Treg Campbell ’09 was recently hired as an English teacher for the Washington (PA) School District. Treg writes, “I am currently teaching multiple sections of Advanced English 9 and English 12.”

Donald Cole ’87 works as a police officer for the City of Greensburg, PA.

Nirvana Gaffey Frisko ’08 graduated in May 2009 with an MSW from the University of Pittsburgh.

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