

October 2025 Newsletter

Changing of the Guard: MBAC's New President

In July, the MBAC got a surprise when President Andy Garsteck '74 announced he was stepping down. Andy felt it was time for a younger generation of leadership to step up with the hope that they might be able to reach more alumni than the older leadership had done. As Andy said goodbye to the presidency, he offered his support to the new leadership as well as Coach Klimchock and the players.

Andy served as the club's second president following Fred Charles, Esq. '72, who was president from 2016 until his passing in 2022. Andy has been the club's president for three years. Looking back, Andy reflected on his accomplishments of which he is most proud.

"I am extremely happy that we started the awards presentation at the end of the season. When we started them, the players weren't quite sure what to make of it but, as it grew, we saw the players accept it and look forward to it with anticipation," he said of the annual awards dinner, that is approaching its fifth year.

He also noted, "I am also proud of the improved relations with the coaches, players, and administration, and I hope I can continue to work to add to our presence on campus for years to come."

The MBAC thanks Andy for his service and a job well done. But if you know Andy, you know he is not going anywhere. He will be right there waiting to assist the new leadership. He set the bar high and has given those who succeed him a course to follow.

Following in Andy's footsteps is Cam Seigfreid '19. The MBAC welcomes Cam as its third president.

"I agreed to take this position because I remember all the help the MBAC provided us as players. I remember during my playing days that the MBAC was instrumental in the program receiving its first shooting machine. Additionally, I want to work to create opportunities for all the alumni to gather and celebrate our time together," Cam said of his decision to take on the role.

As president, he hopes the MBAC can provide the current and future players with equipment and opportunities that will allow them to surge ahead of their competition and enhance the edge the coaches have when recruiting in the future. He is hoping that the current fundraising drive will reach the goal of buying winter coats for this year's team.

"I loved my time at Pitt-Greensburg. I created some of my closest friendships and bonds with my teammates and coaches. I hope the MBAC can provide opportunities to bring back alumni teams, allow the current teams to see the relationships that existed on those teams, and let our relationships serve as an example for them to foster those same relationships," he explains about his goals for the group.

The MBAC wishes Cam the best, and the organization's founders will be there for him and will help with anything.



Top: New president Cam Seigfreid with former president Andy Garsteck. Left: Cam, a lawyer, pauses for a photo in his office. Bottom: Andy at the 2022 Alumni Celebration Dinner, where he received the Volunteer Excellence Award.



MBAC SAYS GOODBYE TO LAST TWO ORIGINAL OFFICERS: BERNIE COBETTO '73 AND CARLYLE CARTER

Summer 2025 was a sad time for the MBAC as it lost its last two original officers, Bernie Cobetto '73 and Carlyle Carter. Since its inception in 2016, Bernie held the role of MBAC secretary, and Carlyle was vice-president from 2016 to 2022. They were essential in the founding of MBAC.



Bernie and Kate Cobetto

On July 20, Bernie Cobetto lost his battle with cancer. He fought bravely as long as he could. His wife Kate, whom he met on campus, cared for him during his illness and was by his side when he passed. The MBAC and Coach Klimchock visited the funeral home to pay their last respects. And his old friend Carlyle Carter was there too. Bernie and Carlyle's friendship was born on the basketball court and was nurtured by Bernie's family during his time at Pitt-Greensburg. Dr. Bernard H. Cobetto, Bernie's father and the team's physician, had a soft spot for Carlyle and took him under his wing. The Cobetto home became a second home to Carlyle, and a strong bond was formed between the two young men. Their friendship lasted throughout their lives — over more than fifty years.

In retirement, Carlyle made his home in Minnesota, but when he heard of Bernie's passing, coming home to PA despite a 14-hour drive was nothing to him. When he heard the news, his first thought was concern for Bernie's wife Kate and about who was there to support and help her. Little did Carlyle's friends know that he and Bernie would be together much sooner than anyone thought. At our MBAC meeting on August 12, we learned about Carlyle's passing. The news shocked all in attendance, but it hit those who knew him the hardest. The members had a moment of silence for him.

With Carlyle's passing, the last of the MBAC's original officers are gone. In 2022, the MBAC lost Fred Charles, Esq. '72 and Tom Jollie '72. The group's artist Rich Hardway '73 passed in 2024. Their passings leave a void, but it's also a challenge for the younger generations to live up to and continue their legacy.



Carlyle Carter

In closing, MBAC founding member Harry Bowser '72 shares a memory from Bernie and Carlyle's playing days —

"Carlyle has just battled for a hard-fought rebound. He is holding his bloody nose and sweat is dripping off his face as he runs down court past Bernie. And, Bernie tells Carlyle 'Good bound, my friend, but you should have hit me instead of Garsteck. You know my range is anything on our side of half court, and I have never seen a shot I didn't like.'"

Rest in peace, friends, and thank you for all you have done to help build the MBAC.

MICHAEL GAFFNEY '24 ACCEPTS SECRETARY POSITION



Michael Gaffney

The office of secretary was vacant for the first time since 2016. Michael Gaffney '24, a young man who established himself as "one of the best teammates ever" according to his fellow players, has accepted the position, becoming the second secretary in MBAC history. With Cam Seigfreid '19 as president, it seems a youth movement has begun in the MBAC.

"I want thank the MBAC leadership for trusting me and appointing me to a spot so early in my alumni tenure. I am excited to grow the MBAC," says Michael of his new role.

Michael accepted this role for many reasons. Foremost was the brotherhood his team formed. That brotherhood carried him through the ups and downs of his college career. This role also allows him to continue to serve Pitt-Greensburg players. In the future, he would like to see the MBAC become a bridge, creating mentorship opportunities, building stronger networking channels, and engaging alumni beyond game days. He hopes to create activities that appeal to younger alumni, but still honor existing traditions. Like Cam, he remembers how the MBAC supported him and his teammates, and he wants to continue that support.

The MBAC welcomes you, Michael, and hopes all of your goals can be accomplished.

DOMINICK DOMASKY '00 RECEIVES VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

The highlight of Pitt-Greensburg's Blue Gold Celebration has always been the Alumni Celebration Awards Dinner. Over the years, the MBAC has been represented well, and this year that tradition continues with Dom Domasky '00, the Volunteer Excellence Award winner.

Dom's resume, which showcases his love of volunteering and desire to help others, made him a deserving choice as recipient of this award.

"Volunteering is near and dear to my heart. We should all try to do what we can to help others," remarked Dom during his acceptance speech.

Looking at Dom's volunteering record, one can see he not only talks the talk, but he also walks the walk. Dom is the president of a local organization called Feeding the Spirit. This organization serves 10,000 meals a year and provides temporary housing and financial assistance in times of crisis. Dom also volunteers as the chief social media administrator for the MBAC Facebook page, which has become one of the best ways to keep up with MBAC activities. To top it all off, Dom is the volunteer announcer for Hempfield girls field hockey.

Dom is also the founder of the publishing and inspiration-sharing platform Motivation Champs, an organization that shares inspiration, positivity, and smiles and helps others do the same. Dom also hosts a local TV program *Bikes and Hikes*, a popular show on Armstrong Cable's Neighborhood Channel. Dom and his partner take viewers on adventures on and off the trails of Western Pennsylvania. In their episodes, they cover everything from history to Halloween, and they explore the theory of what floats and find out what doesn't float.

If you would like to meet Dom, come to one of the men's home basketball games. Dom usually has a front row seat and along with cheering on our team he "volunteers" by helping point out to the officials all the mistakes they have made. Congratulations, Dom, you are so very deserving of this award and bring pride to the MBAC.



Dom conducts a food drive to provide a turkey dinner to those in need.

GENE BRISBANE '74 EDUC, '79 MED WINS 2025 MICHAEL & JOHN FERRANTE MEMORIAL AWARD

On May 7, MBAC Treasurer Gene Brisbane '74 EDUC, '79 MED was presented with the Michael and John Ferrante Memorial Award for his career in coaching and promoting high school athletics. The award was presented to Gene at the Westmoreland County Scholar-Athlete banquet.

Gene has spent his career coaching high school athletes in basketball, and track and field. Gene coached at Hempfield, Jeannette, Greensburg Salem, and Derry school districts. He has also coached at the collegiate level at Westmoreland County Community College and Seton Hill University.

Gene graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974 with a bachelor's degree and again in 1979 with a Master's degree.

In his acceptance speech, Gene recognized all of his coaches, all of the coaches with whom he has coached, all of the athletes he has coached, and all of those who had anything to do with his fifty-plus years career as a coach. He said it was only fair to mention these people because they inspired and motivated him along the way. He also said it was an honor, and he was humbled to be in the company of the past winners of this award.

There is a saying. "Behind every successful man is a successful woman," so the MBAC not only congratulates Gene, but his wife Carol and their children because they stood behind and with Gene through thick and thin. The MBAC would like to wish Gene and his family congratulations, but also good luck as his coaching career is far from over.



Top: Gene and wife Carol Left: Gene's award Bottom: Gene's name was added to the list of awardees.



MBAC ADDS TWO SPECIAL EVENTS TO '25-'26 CALENDAR

Circle these dates on your calendar - Nov. 15, 2025 and Jan. 12, 2026!

On November 15, the MBAC hosts the annual Blue-Gold Alumni Game. The game's tentative starting time is 11 am. It's suggested that all alumni participating in the game arrive by 10:15 am. Players will have time to pick up their shirts, find out with whom they will be playing, and have time, most importantly, to warm up and loosen their muscles. All players and their guests are invited to attend a social event in the Fireside Lounge where a light lunch will be served. The MBAC is asking players to consider making a donation to help offset the costs involved in this event. If you are interested in playing, please contact Harry Bowser at 724-691-1378 or comment on the [MBAC Facebook page](#). When you are contacted about your intention to play, please be prepared to give your shirt size and to provide an estimated number of guests to help with the food preparations.



The 2024 Blue-Gold Alumni Game



2015-2016 Men's Basketball Team

On Monday, January 12, 2026, the MBAC would like to recognize and honor the team that was the first and only Pitt-Greensburg men's basketball team to qualify for the D3 national championship tournament. The Bobcats play Mount Aloysius that day. Tentative plans are for a reception prior to the game in the Fireside Lounge and for all players that return to be announced to the crowd. As the details finalize we will announce them on our [Face-book page](#).

Spread the word!! This is the first time two such events have been part of the schedule. The MBAC is trying to develop tradition at Pitt-Greensburg. Your attendance would be a big step in the right direction.

MBAC ATTENDS BLUE & GOLD CELEBRATION 2025

The Blue and Gold Festival, part of the Blue and Gold Celebration, brought different attractions to campus this year. New to the event were a mechanical bull, an inflatable obstacle course, and The Walkmen, a 90s cover band featuring alumni. The event was held from 12-3 p.m. around the Alumni Pavilion and was open to alumni, students, faculty, staff, and their families.

Once again manning the MBAC tent were Harry Bowser '72 and Andy Garsteck '74, the two members who seem to show up everywhere. In their usual place with their friendly greetings, they distributed free notepads and a copy of this year's schedule, and encouraged guests to come watch a game or two. Quite a few guests stopped by to talk and ask what the team looked like this year. The guests who made these two dedicated supporters of the men's program the happiest were the eight players from the men's team who stopped to say "hello."

The MBAC is slated to be next year's athletics affinity group at the Blue & Gold Celebration. Watch for details in the new year for dates and more.



Left: Harry Bowser and Andy Garsteck at the MBAC tent during the festival.



Right: Harry Bowser, Ryan Kull, and Andy Garsteck .



Left: Andy Garsteck and Ryan Greggerson.

SUMMER CAMP IS MORE THAN BASKETBALL

Last year when Koen Howison came to summer basketball camp, he was not quite sure what to expect. He was a little shy and unsure. It didn't take long for Koen to start feeling comfortable thanks to Coach Michael Bigley. His shyness gone, Koen came to camp each day eager to learn with a smile on his face, and when he came home every day, his mother Amy said all she heard was "Coach Bigs this" and "Coach Michael that." Everyone who has ever played a sport knows they have had someone they looked up to — someone they idolized. Many times, it's admiration from afar or a fantasy, but Koen was lucky to find the real thing.

At camp, Coach Klimchock always invites the campers to come to the men's basketball games and that was all the encouragement Koen needed. He asked his parents to take him to one of Coach Bigs' games. His parents brought Koen, and he watched Mike throughout the entire game.

"It was nice watching Coach Bigs play the way he was teaching us to play," said Koen of his coach.

Afterward they hung around and to Koen's surprise he ran into Coach Bigs in the hallway after the game.

"Wow! My coach from camp remembered me," Koen said of the meeting.

Koen's day was made, and the friendship grew. Michael returned the favor and attended Koen's game. As they got to know each other, Michael became a mentor and guide to Koen, giving him advice that he could use both on and off the court.

"We are so proud and glad to have a player like Michael guide Koen with his actions on the court and his words of inspiration and guidance off the court," said Koen's mother about Michael.

Klimchock tries to recruit players with strong personal character, and Michael is just one on a team of young men with that trait. The MBAC was already proud of Michael's accomplishments as a player, but when these stories came to light, they are equally proud of the person he is and thank him for representing the University so well. Although Michael is a tough act to follow, if Koen continues to follow him, Koen will not only be proud of himself, but make many proud of him too.



Top: Mike attends one of Koen's games. Second row left: Mike meets Koen at their first camp.

Second row

right: Coach Klimchock, Mike and Koen at camp Third row: Koen meets Mike after a Bobcats' game Bottom: Learning from Mike, Koen takes time to help a young fan.

PITT-GREENSBURG WELCOMES NEW SID

The MBAC welcomes, Alex Rohlf, Pitt-Greensburg's new Sports Information Director (SID). She has spent most of her time at the collegiate level as a softball coach at Penn State Fayette and Garrett Community College. As a St. Vincent graduate, she is familiar with this area. She has a masters from Cal State in Athletic Administration and another from West Virginia University in data marketing and communication. Her involvement in softball extended beyond her collegiate roles as she was the SID for the United States Collegiate Athletic Association and the Regional Director of the "Lady Duke" Softball Club.

She came to campus because the opportunity to be a full-time SID at a Division 3 school was appealing. She currently makes her home in Uniontown, PA. She hopes to gain valuable experience, but she also hopes to improve the student athletes' experience while they are on campus and develop their pride in Pitt-Greensburg.

In her first few weeks, she gained valuable experience, but it was a baptism by fire. With no athletic director in place to provide experience and support, she had to learn quickly as the seasons continued. She is grateful to the fall sports coaches for their support.



Alex Rohlf

WHERE ARE THEY NOW: MATT JOHNSON '22 AND TYLER DEWITT '16

From the courts of Chambers Hall to the sidelines of Central Pennsylvania high school gyms, Matt Johnson '22 has stayed true to what he loves most—basketball and helping others.

Originally from Prince George's County, MD, Matt transferred to Pitt-Greensburg from Division II Alderson Broaddus and quickly made an impact. He scored over 1,000 career points, earned First Team All-AMCC honors in 2020 and was named the Pitt-Greensburg Male Athlete of the Year. Known for his personality, leadership, and work ethic, Matt left a big mark on the Bobcats program.

After graduating in 2022 with a degree in business management, Matt went on to earn his master's in education and school counseling from Walden University. Since then, he's been working in human services and is now a school counselor—a role that lets him make a difference every day.

Matt has also found his way back to the court as an assistant boys' basketball coach at Cedar Cliff High School in Camp Hill, PA. His fiancé, Maddie Sitler '22, a former Pitt-Greensburg women's basketball standout, coaches the girls' team there.

"I enjoy teaching the game of basketball as well as being a mentor to young men," Matt says.

When he looks back on his time at Pitt-Greensburg, his favorite memories aren't the points or awards — they're the bus rides to and from games, where the team bonded and shared plenty of laughs.

Now living in Central PA with Maddie, Matt continues to bring the same passion, teamwork, and positivity he showed as a player—both in the gym and in his everyday life.



Matt Johnson coaching from the sidelines.



Tyler DeWitt with wife, Paige.

Tyler DeWitt '16, left the western PA area to travel to Durham, NH. He moved with his wife Paige (Misawic) DeWitt '17 to support her college volleyball coaching career. She is the assistant coach for the University of New Hampshire. Tyler is a Business Analyst for the State of New Jersey.

Tyler and Paige have been married for five years and have two children, Niko and Nova. Tyler enjoys being a father, playing golf, and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers. Tyler and his wife remain avid lovers of fitness as they both spend as much time as they can in the gym.

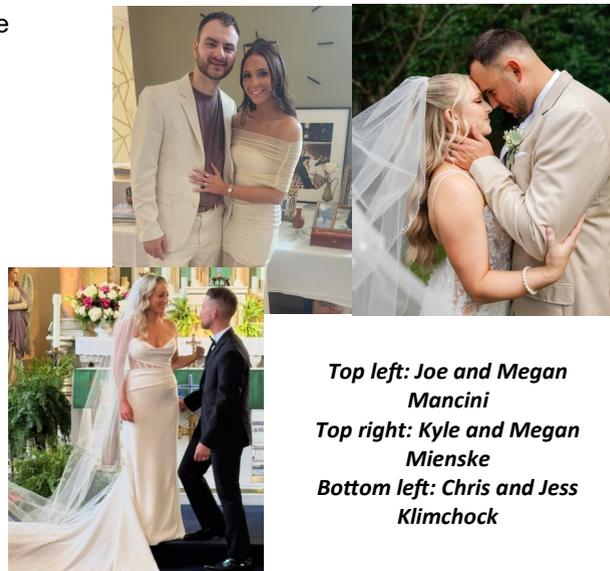
Tyler, who was known as "Sauce" in his playing days for his flashy moves, was and is a member of a group of players known as the "Elite Eight." That group of seniors received this title because they were the only Pitt-Greensburg men's basketball team to qualify for the NCAA D3 tournament at the end of the 2016 season. Tyler is still in contact with his teammates and calls them "his brothers for life."

TWO ALUMNI COUPLES AND COACH KLIMCHOCK TIE THE KNOT

You have heard the children's song that goes, "Billy and Susie sitting in a tree, k-i-s-s-i-n-g, first come love, then comes marriage, then comes.....?" We have to stop there for now but, who knows what the future holds. The MBAC would like to congratulate two alumni players and Coach Chris Klimchock for saying "I do."

The ceremonies began on August 2 when Kyle Bondi '19 and Megan Mienske exchanged their wedding vows. Later that same day, Chris tied the knot with his one and only, Jess Ferragonio. The third couple, Joe Mancini '18 and Megan Jones, exchanged their vows in early October in Italy. The MBAC congratulates all three couples and wish them all the best as they navigate their life's journeys together.

And, what was the last line of that children's song? Oh yes, "Along comes Kyle, Chris, and Joe pushing a"



*Top left: Joe and Megan Mancini
Top right: Kyle and Megan Mienske
Bottom left: Chris and Jess Klimchock*

MBAC GIVES BACK TO BASKETBALL PROGRAM

This summer, the MBAC decided that it wanted to increase its efforts to enhance the experience of the young men who chose Pitt-Greensburg as their home for four years and committed to play basketball. A Fundraising Committee was formed, and goals were set. The committee got to work immediately. The MBAC is happy to announce that it is well on its way to reaching the set goal.

The team is already benefitting from those efforts. Thirteen alumni, coaches, and administrators have made donations. The men's basketball program has benefitted greatly from their gifts. The MBAC made a donation towards the expenses of the summer league, purchased the players and coaches winter jackets, and bought a new set of alternative grey uniforms. The team made a thank you video which can be found on the MBAC Facebook page.

The MBAC also manned a tent at the Blue and Gold Festival and handed out notepads and schedules while encouraging everyone, who stopped by their tent to join them at a game or two this season.

In November, the MBAC will host the second annual Blue-Gold Alumni game. In December, the club will most likely sponsor a Christmas party for the team and provide some help to the team when they play in a holiday tournament. On January 12, 2026, the MBAC will welcome back the 2015-2016 team to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their conference championship victory and qualifying for the D3 NCAA tournament. In the spring, the group will also sponsor the annual Awards Dinner, where players are rewarded for their efforts on and off the court.

If you haven't given and would like to, please contact Harry Bowser at 724-691-1378. You can also contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 724 836-7496, or use the direct link which is shared below.



Thanks to your generous donations the MBAC purchased this winter jacket for the players and coaches.

DIRECT GIVING MAKES SUPPORTING MBAC EASIER

The MBAC's new direct giving link provides an easier way to make a gift to the club throughout the year. You will no longer need to scroll through a list of accounts. Simply follow [this link](#) or visit the [MBAC webpage](#), and scroll down to "[Support the Men's Basketball Alumni Club](#)" under the "Get Connected" section.

After clicking on the link, you will be redirected to a campaign page where Men's Basketball Alumni Club is the pre-set designation. All you need to do is enter your gift amount, contact information, and click "complete gift" to enter payment information.

If you have any issues accessing the page, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at pgaa@pitt.edu or 724-836-7496 for assistance.

Thank you for your donations!



If you have questions about upcoming events, giving, or volunteering with the MBAC, please contact Harry Bowser at 724-691-1378 or the Office of Alumni Relations at pgaa@pitt.edu or 724-836-7496.

MEET THE NEW PLAYERS

Arkel Batts, a 6'1" guard, transferred to Pitt-Greensburg from Northampton Community College, where he was coached by Brennan McCarthy. While there, he received a Player of the Week honor. Arkel is a graduate of Middletown High School, where he was a member of the district's championship men's basketball team and was named to the District All Star Team. The son of Ada Pulliam and Ace Batts, Arkel is pursuing a degree in business administration. He transferred to Pitt-Greensburg because Coach Chris Klimchok showed consistent interest in him as a person and a player. A self-described S'mores Pop Tart lover, Arkel hopes to help hang a championship banner.



Jaydan Brown is a 6'3" freshman forward, from Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School, where he was coached by Brian Urso and served as a senior co-captain. The son of Danielle Brown, Jaydan was a two-year high honors student, a four-year honors student, a Damar Hamlin Award recipient, a 2023 WPIAL Champion, and a 2025 State Semi-Finalist. Jaydan chose Pitt-Greensburg for the college experience and the opportunity to play basketball. His major is biology. He hopes to grow as a player, become a better student of the game, and grow to be a better person.

Justin Chandler, a 6'3" freshman SG/PG, is a graduate of Annapolis Christian School. He was coached there by Doug Scheidt. Justin also attended Run the Show Prep, where he was coached by Will Lucas and Blaine Calhoun. He chose Pitt-Greensburg because he had a good campus visit where he connected with some of the players and felt a competitive and winning attitude. Justin, who is the son of Zakia Chandler and Davone Chandler, is pursuing a business degree. He hopes to contribute to the winning culture, make the team better every day, and win a championship.



Tylan McCune-Daniels, a 6'6" freshman SF, is a graduate of Northgate High School and was coached there by Cam Williams. Tylan was a four-year high honors student and 1st Team All Section. Tylan decided on Pitt-Greensburg because Coach Chris showed him the most love out of everybody. The son of Erika Coleman and Deon Daniels, Tylan plans on majoring in information technology. His goals include to be the best athlete he can be and to contribute to a championship.

Tony Martin, a 6'3" freshman SF, is a graduate of Dock Mennonite High School, where he was coached by Mike Fergus. Tony was a 1,000-point scorer and received the 2025 Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award. He was also the 2024 and 2025 Team MVP, and he received the 2024 and 2025 1st Team League Award. Tony chose Pitt-Greensburg because of our early recruitment interest and the campus' family atmosphere. Tony, the son of Steve and Wanda Martin, is currently undecided on a major of study. His goals are to contribute to the team's chemistry and to win a championship.



Justin Pierre-Paul transferred to campus from Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, where he was coached by Chris Weakley. Justin was part of the team who won the DIII NJCAA Region 20 Championship and the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference (WPCC) Conference Championship. A native of West Palm Beach Florida, he played at Santaluces Community High School, playing under coach Reggie Dixon. Justin, the son of Madeline Saintard and Mario Pierre-Paul, is pursuing a degree in psychology. He credits his connection with Coach Chris and Coach Rick Klimchok for his decision to attend Pitt-Greensburg. Justin feels a winning culture here. His goals are to get his degree, help the team to an AMCC championship, and become a member of the MBAC.

SID JACOB OBERDORF ACCEPTS POSITION AT IUP



**Former
Pitt-Greensburg SID
Jacob Oberdorf**

On Friday, May 16, Pitt-Greensburg said good bye to its Sports Information Director (SID) Jacob Oberdorf, and it was a bittersweet moment for him. Jacob's family are all educators. His mother and father are both teachers, both his brother and sister are teachers, and some of that also must have rubbed off on Jacob. He viewed his job as a way to impact young people while having a career that allowed him to do what he loved — sports.

Jacob accepted the position of Director of Strategic Communications and Ideation at IUP. This is a new title for sports information director. Jacob welcomes the challenge of this new position with the attitude that he will do what is needed to succeed and his focus will be on what is in front of him.

Jacob began his career at Pitt-Greensburg in 2018 as an Information Technology Specialist. In 2021, his love of sports, his ability to write, and his computer skills persuaded him to apply for the open SID position. Jacob was ecstatic to hear that he had been hired as the SID, it was a dream come true for him. AS SID, he guided and mentored interns in the field of athletic communications to show them how they could turn their love of sports into a career. Working with the students was he felt the highlight of his career at Pitt-Greensburg.

Jacob's time on campus ended in May 2025, but his dream will continue to grow at IUP. He again wants to do all he can to incorporate and involve his interns in the school's many programs. He also hopes he will have the opportunity to continue his education. He knows there will be new and different challenges in this new position and new sports to learn.

Saying goodbye to Pitt-Greensburg was not easy.

"My experiences there made me who I am today, and a piece of my heart will always be blue and gold. When I hear *Sweet Caroline* being played you can bet 'Let's Go Pitt!' will be echoing in my mind. I want to extend my thanks to everyone at Pitt-Greensburg for all they did to help me — Jeremy our AD, all the coaches, the administrators, and especially all the athletes in all the sports for allowing me to share your ride through collegiate sports with you. I will only ever be as far away as this," Jacob concluded as he held up his phone. The MBAC thanks Jacob for making us feel like a part of Pitt-Greensburg athletics and wish him the best.

CHEMISTRY, COMMITMENT AND CHARACTER KEYS TO WOMEN'S SEASON

Second year head women's basketball coach Julie Bolden approaches every season with a few firm goals locked in: to improve both as a group and as individuals and to develop strong leaders who set goals, take initiative, and work to get better every day. And to meet these goals, Coach Bolden says she has seven returning players who will help her hit the ground running.

Among the veteran players expected to make a strong impact are four that logged significant minutes last year: Tiana Moracco, Jocelyn Bielak, Anna Durbin, and Autumn Matthews. Adding to the mix are three incoming freshmen: Hailey Bock, Katie McGrail, and Gabriella (Gigi) Finch. These players add both size and flexibility to the roster. Once again former Bobcat standout and head coach Kelsey Oddis will be assisting on the bench, and Bolden couldn't be happier as Kelsey has a great relationship with the players, deep knowledge for the game, and a passion to help these women succeed. She brings balance and perspective to the team.



Women's season starts Nov. 8

This year's non-conference schedule is challenging but the tough competition, Bolden believes, should provide good preparation for conference play. Kenyon, Muskingum, and Waynesburg return from last year's slate, but this year's schedule will also feature newcomers St. Vincent, Chatham, and Hood, among others.

Bolden looks forward to being battle ready for conference play and believes that the AMCC conference has become one with a lot of potential for different teams to pull out in front each year.

The season opens against Kenyon on November 8 at 6 pm in Chambers Hall, and the Bobcats would love to have you in the bleachers to cheer them on. Mark your calendar!

COACH'S CORNER



The start of a new season is always an exciting time, and our team is ready to get things rolling! The energy around our program has been awesome. Our guys have been working very hard all off season, and you can feel the excitement and focus every time we hit the court. We've got a great mix of returners who've really stepped up as leaders and some new faces who have already made an impact. As a staff, we are fired up about this team. We can't wait to compete and represent the University, our alumni, and our community with pride. The players have bought in, they compete, and they care about each other. I enjoy coming to work every day because they are such a great group to be around. We can't wait to get things started and represent Pitt-Greensburg.

I also want to give a huge thank you to the MBAC for all your continued support. The impact you make on our program is incredible. Your donations go directly toward helping our players have the best experience possible. We were able to purchase winter coats, play in a highly competitive summer league, order new alternate jerseys, and more through your generosity. Our guys know they are part of something bigger because of you. We're ready to get after it and can't wait to see you all in the gym this season. Let's make it a great year for Bobcat Basketball!

2025-2026 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Opponent	W or L	Overall	Conference
Fri., Nov. 7	H	Baldwin Wallace University			
Wed., Nov. 12	A	Grove City College			
Thurs., Nov. 13	A	Robert Morris University (EXH)			
Sat., Nov. 15	H	Allegheny College			
Wed., Nov. 19	A	Waynesburg University			
Sat., Nov. 22	H	Hiram College			
Tues., Nov. 25	A	Seton Hill University (EXH)			
Sat., Nov. 29	A	Geneva College			
Wed., Dec. 3	H	Penn State Altoona*			
Wed., Dec. 6	A	Pitt-Bradford*			
Sat., Dec. 13	H	Alfred State College*			
Mon, Dec. 29	A	Albright Tournament - Albright			
Tues., Dec. 30	N	Albright Tournament (John Carroll or Stockton)			
Sat., Jan. 3	A	Westminster College			
Wed., Jan. 7	A	Penn State Behrend*			
Sat., Jan. 10	A	Carlow University*			
Mon., Jan. 12	H	Mount Aloysius College*			
Sat., Jan. 17	H	Hilbert College*			
Wed., Jan. 21	A	LaRoche University*			
Sat., Jan. 24	A	Alfred State College*			
Wed., Jan. 28	A	Mount Aloysius*			
Sat., Jan. 31	H	Penn State Behrend*			
Sat., Feb. 7	A	Hilbert College*			
Wed., Feb. 11	H	LaRoche University*			
Sat., Feb. 14	H	Carlow University*			
Wed., Feb. 18	A	Penn State Altoona*			
Sat., Feb. 21	H	Pitt-Bradford*			

“*” - Denotes a conference game.

“***” - As the second-place team, the Bobcats earned a bye in the semi-final round of the AMCC tournament, which was held at Pitt-Bradford.