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Inside Washington: a new immersive experience for students

For Danielle Mehlman-Brightwell, PhD, it's all about helping students to see beyond what they've always known, to look for the opportunities—and to take those opportunities. It's also about helping students to figure out where their places are and how they can contribute to society.

An assistant professor of public policy and communication, Mehlman-Brightwell coordinated an eight-day visit to Washington, DC, for 11 students who participated in the Inside Washington Seminar through the prestigious Washington Center. Each year, The Washington Center (TWC) provides immersive internships and academic seminars to students and young professionals from across the United States and more than 25 countries. Its goal is to help students to experience what a successful career looks like, establish a path toward their professional future, and—if possible—inspire them to become well-informed, public-spirited, and socially engaged in their communities. (<https://twc.edu/about>)

Pitt-Greensburg students Katherine Bordonaro, Alexander Ferris, Caleigh Johnston, Anthony Lewis, Maria Moore, Merle Musick, Rachel O'Neill, Olivia Policicchio, Sabrina Rutan, Marris Sobotka, and Isaac Stephens joined 280 other students at TWC in January. The group, a combination of majors representing bio-chemistry, business, communication, criminal justice, political science, and public policy, were the inaugural Pitt-Greensburg group to have this experience.

“Our students found out what was happening in real time in DC from the experts, the people who are working in the different industries and sectors,” said Mehlman-Brightwell. “We were touring the US Capitol the day the Speaker of the House vote was happening. We couldn't go into the gallery because of the vote—but we were witnessing history as it was happening. It gave the students a perspective that they wouldn't have had prior to the trip.”

Mehlman-Brightwell explained that the theme of the seminar is “Define your role in shaping democracy,” and it allowed the group to engage with leaders of the Biden Administration and experts in a variety of areas. The students returned to campus and spent the remainder of the semester reading, discussing, and doing research in preparation for a campus-wide symposium in April. The students also created portfolios of their work and experience.

Now, six months later, five students will go back to Washington, DC, for internships that will run from June 5 through August 5. At this writing, Isaac Stephens, Rachel O'Neill, Sydney Spino, Caleigh Johnston, and Jamie Harrover have been accepted into the TWC summer internship program. Johnston will intern with the American Sportfishing Association, O'Neill with Offender Aid and Restoration, Spino with Gensys Works, and Stephens with the National Hispanic Medical Association.

“I'm very excited about this,” said Stephens, a political science major with a minor in Spanish. “The Inside Washington Academic Seminar completely shifted my perspective on federal government work. As someone who hopes to pursue government work, it was very encouraging to hear from seasoned experts who shared their experiences with us!”



Students participating in the January Inside Washington Seminar included (front, L-R) Katherine Bordonaro, Marris Sobotka, Caleigh Johnston, and Olivia Policicchio; (back, L-R) Dr. Danielle Mehlman-Brightwell, Rachel O'Neill, Sabrina Rutan, Alexander Ferris, Isaac Stephens, Maria Moore, Merle Musick, and Anthony Lewis

As a programs intern for the National Hispanic Medical Association in downtown Washington, DC, Stephens will help to plan events, coordinate with possible clients, and assist the CEO with upcoming speeches and research programs.

“I'm so excited for this position, because I'll be able to make a positive impact on the Hispanic healthcare community. I'm also interested in becoming fluent in Spanish, so I hope to be in an environment where I'll be exposed to Spanish speakers to hone my own speaking abilities. I'm very thankful for this opportunity I've been given!”

Pennsylvania state funding was available to students who are permanent residents of Pennsylvania. In January, these students received \$1,795 to cover the costs of the eight day experience. The PA students who were accepted into the summer internships program will receive state-funded scholarships of about \$11,000 to cover the costs of living and working in Washington, DC. TWC provides secure housing for the participants, as well. In all, Pennsylvania State Legislature scholarships totaling \$23,045 for the Inside Washington Seminar and \$58,930 for Academic Internship Program in DC were secured for these Pitt-Greensburg students.

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Message from the President

For me, each Commencement is the best day of the year. Watching more than 200 of our students cross the stage on April 29 and listening to their family members cheer provides a real sense of satisfaction. These moments demonstrate in a very tangible way that we've all worked together to support the goals and dreams of students and families. The bright smile on each student's face expresses the pride they feel in all they've accomplished. This day reminds us all why we do what we do.

Leading up to that glorious day in April were so many great events and accomplishments during the spring semester. I'll just mention a few: After a wonderful ribbon-cutting ceremony, we began teaching in the new Life Sciences Building in January. Activities in February included a successful Pitt Day of Giving. Thanks very much to all who contributed on that special day! Later that month, we celebrated Black History Month with a wonderful soul food dinner in a filled-to-capacity Wagner Dining Hall. Then we inducted our second group of athletes and teams into our Athletics Hall of Fame. In early March, a group of students from our Habitat for Humanity chapter participated in an alternative spring break trip, travelling to Tennessee where they built homes for three families. Throughout the spring our on-campus admissions events were very well attended, filled with enthusiastic prospect students and families. We look forward to welcoming many of these students as they join us next fall.

Summer is a time to refresh ourselves and the campus itself. We have a summer filled with upgrades to our facilities and grounds. Extensive sidewalk replacement in front of Chambers Hall, a thorough repair of the exterior of Lynch Hall, installation of carpeting in Powers Hall, and many other projects will be completed before students return in the fall.

Speaking of projects, following the completion of the Life Sciences Building, our attention has turned to improving the athletic fields located west of Millstein Library. These facilities need a significant upgrade that will include the installation of artificial turf and lighting and construction of a fieldhouse. Accomplishing this goal will enable us to add women's and men's lacrosse teams, which will attract a new group of students to our campus. We have a very good design in place. Completing the project will require multiple funding sources and is our top focus for fundraising efforts. If you can help, we would sincerely appreciate your support.

I hope you enjoy this great edition of the Blue and Gold.

Hail to Pitt!



Robert Gregerson, PhD
President



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Alumni Spotlight

Bree DeMoss '18: Building a Dream



From left: Jacob Myers '22, Brian Root '04, Quoc Vo '18, Bree DeMoss '18, Brooke (Stewart) Henderson '18, and Dijon Henderson '14 at the Tennessee Build Site.

In her junior year, Bree DeMoss '18 was encouraged to participate in the Pitt-Greensburg chapter of Habitat for Humanity (HFH) by her roommate Katie Byers '17. At the time, Bree was “trying new things” and went along with Katie to give it a try. She discovered that she loved it and was named its Member of the Year in 2017.

“It was such a fulfilling experience and really eye opening,” explains Bree.

She attended the alternative spring break trip to Georgia, which challenged her both physically and personally—learning carpentry and other build site skills as well as learning how to open up to others.

It also set her career in a new direction.

A communication major, Bree was interested in marketing, but she was undecided if she wanted to go the corporate route. While on site, Bree met a Habitat employee who had not only studied communication but did marketing and event planning for the organization.

“And, that’s when it clicked for me. I was like this is what I want to do. I’ll be putting a lot of effort into the marketing and communications, but it’s going to something that I care so much about, and it’s helping people. It was that moment where I was like this is what I want,” says Bree.

Returning to campus, she became intentional about the classes she chose. She picked up a psychology minor to better understand how people think and what stories to tell and took a web design elective course.

Fast forward to today, and Bree now works for Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury in Tennessee, serving as Outreach and Events Coordinator—the same position that she learned about on that junior-year trip.

“I wasn’t even really looking for a new job. It just popped up on my LinkedIn. I was like, “This is my dream job,”” says Bree, who moved to Nashville during the pandemic.

Since 2021, she’s been responsible for marketing, social media, and community outreach events. As part of the development team, she plans large fundraising events and assists with grants and building partnerships.

One partnership she recently built was with Pitt-Greensburg. In the fall of 2022, Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life and HFH advisor Brian Root '04 reached out to Bree about her chapter hosting Pitt-Greensburg for its March 2023 alternative spring break trip.

She approached her chapter’s volunteer manager and spoke about her own experiences. Everyone loved the idea, and Bree worked with colleagues to plan everything from lodging to build site details to meal donations.

While the group was on-site, Bree visited them, delivering lunches. She and the students shared their Habitat and student

experiences. She also stayed overnight with the group and participated in circle time, a reflective period focused on the day’s activities.

“Bree and her team rolled out the red carpet for us. They pulled so many strings and secured so many donations to bring us to Tennessee. Even when it came to finding us a place to stay for the week, Bree and her coworker agreed to sleep on the church floor alongside us just as a condition to allow us to stay at the church,” says Root.

“It was so full circle for me and heartwarming,” adds Bree, reminiscing with this year’s chaperones Quoc Vo '18, Brooke (Stewart) Henderson '18, and Dijon Henderson '14 who were also on the trips she attended as a student.

Looking back at her years at Pitt-Greensburg, Bree spoke about how impactful her time was on campus. From her academics to her co-curricular activities, she was well-prepared for her current position, utilizing the practical skills she learned like writing press releases or drafting a brand proposal. The event planning skills she developed in her roles with the Student Activities Board (SAB) and Lambda Pi Eta have assisted her in her career too, giving her confidence to know she can get things done.

For Bree, it’s come even more full circle. A transfer student, she found a community and family on campus. Today, she’s still best friends with her Robertshaw roommate Miranda Calabria '18. Bree and her Jack Russell terrier, Lily, currently live with Robertshaw alumna Molly Kegerreis.

By Julia Sefcheck '99, Alumni Engagement Officer



Visit www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni for the latest PGAA news and event information.

Check out the most recent issue of the monthly Alumni E-Connections newsletter at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/alumni/e-newsletter



Row 1: Troy Ross '99, EDUC '08, Kerry Manning, PhD '85, A&S '93, Mariam Apakidze '16, Rob Najim '93, Holly Chenoweth '00, and Gary Amelio, Esq. A&S '78. LAW '81.
 Row 2: John Felice A&S '67, Doug Smeltzer '17, Fredrick Mejia '13, Dr. Chris Luccy '70, and Jesse Brocius '05.

Commencement 2023: Welcome new alumni!

Graduation by the numbers:

- Two ceremonies were held that allowed graduates to invite up to four guests each
- 283 students were eligible to graduate
- 229 students registered for Commencement
 - 116 participated in the 10 a.m. ceremony (Bachelor of Arts degrees and Bachelor of Science degrees in early childhood education, secondary education, healthcare management, management, management: accounting, management: information systems, information technology, public policy)
 - 113 participated in the 1 p.m. ceremony (Bachelor of Science degrees in biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, information technology, mathematics, natural sciences, nursing, and psychology)
 - 21 students participated in the Legacy Diploma Co-Presentations, receiving their degrees from Dr. Gregerson and members of their families who also hold degrees from the University of Pittsburgh or who are employed in the University of Pittsburgh System
 - 189 Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees were awarded; 42 Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees were awarded; three students earned both BA and BS degrees
- Nearly 2,500 photos were taken during Commencement weekend. Visit <https://bit.ly/2023-commencement-pitt-gbg> to view the photo galleries and the video of the ceremonies

President's Medal for Distinguished Service

Rick Fogle, retired Dean of Students, was the recipient of the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

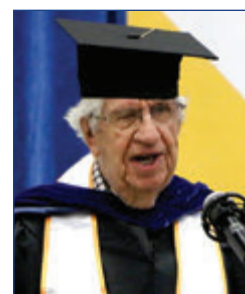
The award recognized his 37 years of service to Pitt-Greensburg, his contributions in building the campus' services for students, and his assistance in planning the physical structures that students use outside of the classroom.

An overview of Fogle's accomplishments is available at <https://bit.ly/pitt-gbg-commencement-23>.

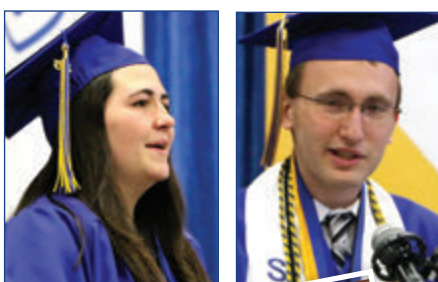


60th Anniversary Recognition

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of Pitt-Greensburg, **John Felice, a member of the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association Board of Directors and Greensburg businessman,** was recognized as **one of the first students to enroll at Pitt-Greensburg in 1963.** He shared his memories of what it was like to be a student at Pitt-Greensburg in those early years of the campus.



Student Speakers



10 a.m. ceremony:
Jenna E. Kuba, who graduated summa cum laude with a major in early childhood education

1 p.m. ceremony:
Jason D. Yeager, who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in chemistry



Pawprints



Fulbright Scholar brings global perspective to campus

Pitt-Greensburg welcomed Germán Silveira, PhD, as a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) for the 2022-23 academic year. Silveira, his wife Maria Ximena, and son Felipe arrived August 15, 2022, from their home in Montevideo, Uruguay. Moving into a suite in the Academic Village, they quickly became active participants in campus life.

“Through his expertise and personal experience, Dr. Silveira was able to bring new perspectives to our campus,” said Robert Gregerson, PhD, president of Pitt-Greensburg. “His insights and contributions in classes and programs were incredibly valuable.”

Silveira guest-lectured in a variety of classes at Pitt-Greensburg and team taught with Frank Wilson, PhD, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, in the Drugs & Society class. He also regularly participated in the Honors Program classes.

“My understanding of the world was enhanced by my relationship with Germán and his family,” said Wilson, who also served as the operational point person for the S-I-R. “I’m confident that he feels the same way.”

Read more about the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at <https://bit.ly/upg-fulbright-2023>.

Adams wins Provost’s Award for Excellence in Academic Advising

Academic Advisor Kearsten Adams is a recipient of the 2023 Provost’s Award for Academic Advising. This is the second consecutive year that a Pitt-Greensburg academic advisor has received the award. Adams, who works exclusively with education majors, draws on her experience as a middle school language arts and math teacher. She also serves as coordinator of the campus Bridge Program, which serves incoming students who might be academically at risk during their college experience.

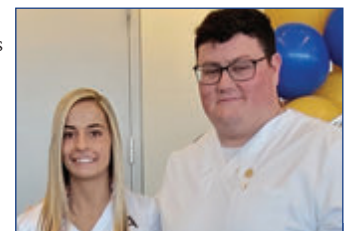


“I’m very proactive in my advising practices,” said Adams, who encourages her 60 to 80 assigned students to use career services, the learning resources center, and other campus assets. “I meet with them on a regular basis and serve as an accountability partner.”

Nursing students receive honors

Mimi Linn, a sophomore nursing major, is the recipient of the Johnson & Johnson Our Race to Health Equity Diversity Nursing Scholarship. The \$3,500 award was made by the Foundation of National Student Nursing Association (FNSNA) Scholarship Committee. As part of Johnson & Johnson’s Our Race to Health Equity initiative, over \$500,000 in scholarships were funded through the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association. The scholarships are one part of a multi-pronged strategy to ensure access to high-quality and culturally competent health care for all.

Elizabeth Penrose ’23 was named “Keeper of the Light” at this year’s Pinning Ceremony. Among her accomplishments, Penrose achieved the highest GPA in her nursing class—and was a four-year member of the Pitt-Greensburg Women’s Basketball team. During the Pitt School of Nursing pinning ceremony held at the David L.



Elizabeth Penrose & Charlie Mazon

Lawrence Convention Center, she joined the Keepers of the Light from other Pitt system campuses in making a short speech to their colleagues. Pinning marks the successful completion of the students’

Senior Send-off

The Senior Send-off opened the Commencement weekend when graduates and their guests gathered in celebration with PGAA members, faculty, and staff in Wagner Dining Hall. Champagne toasts and “Sweet Caroline” filled the air as the attendees enjoyed hot hors d’oeuvres and beverages. Champagne toasts were led by Class Agents Lena Shandorf ’22 and Jamie Shank ’22, Rob Najim, ’93 PGAA Board President, and President Robert Gregerson. This annual event is hosted by the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) and the Student Government Association (SGA).



PGAA Award Recognition:

- PGAA Student Community Service Award: Henry “Hank” Polley ’23
- PGAA Outstanding Faculty Award: Laura Giovannelli, MEd, instructor of chemistry
- Winner of Most Pitt Degrees in their Family: Allison Blackwell



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2023 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions

Congratulations to the Pitt-Greensburg Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2023!

Kevin Conlon '05, Men's Basketball (2001-2005)

"One of the most decorated men's basketball players in campus history"

- Three-time All-AMCC First Team selection;
- 2005 AMCC Player of the Year;
- ECAC South Second Team;
- National College Coaches Association Great Lakes District II Second Team;
- CoSida All-American Second Team;
- ESPN The Magazine recognition;
- D3 Hoops recognition; and
- AMCC Faculty Representative (FAR) award for top male student-athlete in the conference.
- Conlon, who scored 1,417 points (now fifth in program history), also played on the Pitt-Greensburg baseball team and served as an assistant women's basketball coach (2005-2007).



Kevin Conlon

Men's Golf Teams (1997-2000)

Recognized among the best golfers in the Pitt-Greensburg program history (and in the AMCC)

In 1997, the men's golf team became the first-ever Pitt-Greensburg athletic team to win an Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championship—and then went on to win a total of four consecutive AMCC Championships (1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000). Three-time AMCC Golf Coach of the Year Scott Statler recruited a group of athletes who are recognized among the best golfers in the Pitt-Greensburg program (and the conference), including three AMCC MVPs: Pete Dzambo, Chuck Thatcher, and Ken Saska.

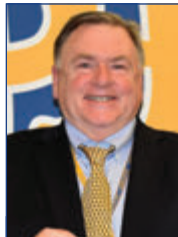


Members of the Men's Golf Teams present at the induction ceremony included (Row 1 from left): Matt Montgomery, Jim Sciabica, Bryan Rosatti, Sean Sapotichne, and Pitt-Greensburg President Robert Gregerson, PhD. (Row 2) Athletic Director Jeromy Yetter, Scott Statler, Bob Statler, and Mike Yates.

Rick Fogle, retired Dean of Students

Instrumental in building the foundation of Pitt-Greensburg Athletics

Fogle arrived on campus in September 1985 and was named Dean of Students in 1997. After hiring Dan Swalga (HOF '22) as director of Athletics, the two began the process of applying to and joining the NCAA Division III—thus moving the campus into the intercollegiate sports arena. Fogle served at Pitt-Greensburg for 37 years and recently retired in summer 2022.



Rick Fogle

Women's Tennis at a Glance:



- **NCAA Division III Championship Tournament:** As the 2003 AMCC Women's Tennis Champion, Pitt-Greensburg advanced to the first round of the NCAA tournament, where they lost to Presidents' Athletic Conference Champion Allegheny College.

Baseball at a Glance:

- **AMCC Preseason Ranking:** 7th
- **At this writing (April 2023):** 21-14 overall; 7-7 conference
- **Spring Trip to Florida:** 6-1 record with wins against Martin Luther, Medaille, Gordon College, and Penn State Brandywine. Only loss was to Eastern Mennonite.



Nathan Mankoski



Colin Solinkski

- **AMCC Player of the Week:** James Domer
- **AMCC Pitcher of the Week:** Nathan Mankoski (3x)
- **National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Rookie of the Week:** Nathan Mankoski
- **Team Record Set:** Most runs in a single game (27 vs. Martin Luther)

Jim Kubicek, Men's Basketball (1970-1972)

First 1,000-point scorer in Pitt-Greensburg Men's Basketball history

During a two-year (1970-1972) career with the Bobcats, Kubicek recorded 1,095 points—in a time prior to the three-point line being instituted. His other honors include being named the team MVP (1970-1971), co-team MVP (1971-1972), and MVP of the Pitt Regional Campuses Tournament (1971, 1972).



Jim Kubicek

Kelsey Wilcox '10, Women's Basketball (2006-2010)

Credited with "writing the record books for the women's basketball program"

- First for points in a career (1,644);
- First Pitt-Greensburg athlete to be named AMCC Player of the Year twice (2009, 2010);
- Up until the 2021-2022 season, was the only Bobcat to record more than 1,000 rebounds (1,183);
- In 2009-2010, finished the season sixth in rebounding average (14.2 rpg) among NCAA Division III women's basketball players;
- As a junior, led the Bobcats to an AMCC Championship and the NCAA Division III tournament.
- Her other honors include being named All-AMCC First Team (2008-2009, 2009-2010), All-AMCC Honorable Mention (2006-2007, 2007-2008), ECAC South Region Second Team honors, and D3Hoops Second Team All-Great Lakes Region honors.



Kelsey Wilcox

For complete details on our 13 varsity athletic teams, please visit pittgreensburgathletics.com.

- **Individual Record Set:** Most strikeouts in a single game (15 vs. Martin Luther by Nathan Mankoski)
- **NCAA Division III Individual Rankings:**
 - Colin Solinski (6th in on-base percentage; 10th for batting average).
 - James Domer (9th in toughest to strike out).
 - Nathan Mankoski (4th in ERA; 27th in WHIP)
- **AMCC Regular Season Tournament:** 4th seed vs. Hilbert

Softball at a Glance:

- **AMCC Preseason Ranking:** 7th with Haley Licchetto and Kayla Santucci named Players to Watch
- **At this writing (April 2023):** 9-21 overall; 5-5 conference
- **Spring Trip to Florida:** 3-7 record with wins against Bluffton, River University, and Concordia
- **AMCC Pitcher of the Week:** Melanie Mienke
- **Statistical Team Leaders:**
 - Kacey Weller (1st in batting average (.419); 1st in slugging percentage (.419); 1st in on-base percentage (.449));
 - Ava Martin (1st in runs (20); tied for 1st in doubles (7); tied for first in total bases (42));
 - Haley Licchetto (1st in OPS (.982); tied for first in doubles (7); first in triples (4); tied for first in total bases (42); 1st in slugging percentage)
 - Melanie Mienke has 83 strikeouts and giving up only two home runs.



Haley Licchetto



Ava Martin



Melanie Mienke



Kayla Santucci



Kacey Weller

Upcoming Events

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Blue & Gold Beer Garden

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Lynch Hall Patio
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: Grab some food at the Welcome Back Picnic, then stop at the Blue & Gold Beer Garden to have a drink and cheer on the men's and women's soccer teams.

Men's & Women's NCAA Div. III Soccer Games

2 p.m. & 4:15 p.m.; Ridilla Field
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: Cheer on the Bobcats as they compete in these NCAA Division III matches. Remember to wear your Pitt Spirit gear!

Sept. 30 Alumni Celebration Dinner (\$)

5:30 p.m. (cocktails)/6 p.m. (dinner); Chambers Hall (Hempfield Room)
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: Alumni, family, friends, faculty, staff, and students are invited to celebrate the 2023 PGAA Award recipients and the 2023 affinity groups. Join us for dinner. Registration is required for this event: <https://bit.ly/alumni-dinner-23>.

Oct. 16 – November 3 Resume Contest

Alumni judges are needed to evaluate student resumes for the annual contest that is completed online and with mailed packets. Alumni typically receive packets of 25 resumes. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/resume-judge-23>.

Nov. 2 Professional Development Workshop

6:30 p.m.; Village Hall 118
This free workshop will focus on communication and interpersonal interaction. Alumni and students are welcome to participate. Alumni interested in joining the panel can e-mail the Office of Alumni Relations at pgaa@pitt.edu. To join us in-person or virtually, please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-prof-dev-23>.

Nov. 4 – Nov. 10 Veterans Week

Each year, Pitt-Greensburg honors the contributions and sacrifices of military veterans with a weeklong series of events designed to illustrate the veteran experience. Check www.greensburg.pitt.edu for this year's details.

New events are added each week!

Visit www.greensburg.pitt.edu to view additional events. A complete schedule of athletic events is available at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/athletics

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undergraduate studies and symbolizes welcoming new graduates into the nursing profession. Charlie Mazon, '22 BSN, RN also participated in the "passing of the light," a ceremony where past Keepers of the Light pass on the light, representing the light of nursing, the knowledge and core-values the student gained at the School of Nursing to the next generation.

SPSEA in action



More than 70 students, representing five universities and three high schools, participated in the spring 2023 Teacher Leadership Institute. This was the sixth year that Pitt-Greensburg's chapter of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA) had hosted the event.

SPSEA also hosted the Superintendent Series, participated in nine service activities that enhanced the lives of local children and educators, and took part in seven activities designed to educate others in how their political involvement could affect education and educators in Pennsylvania.

With all of this activity, it's easy to see how Pitt-Greensburg SPSEA brought home the 2023 APEX first place award for the fourth consecutive year. Pitt-Greensburg also received the Program Award. Pitt-Greensburg students were elected to the offices at the SPSEA state and regional levels. Marian Lagattuta received the Servant Leadership Award, and Emily Gill was the recipient of the Lucy Vallero Scholarship. Read more about these activities at <https://bit.ly/upgspsea-23>.

THANK YOU

for helping to contributing to
Pitt-Greensburg's success during
Pitt Day of Giving 2023!

The Pitt-Greensburg campus community **raised over \$30,000 for vital student funds.** One thing is clear: our campus community and friends believe in the goals of Pitt-Greensburg students!

As a result of your support, Pitt-Greensburg **won the Schools & Colleges Power Hour** and brought a **bonus \$1,000** (in addition to the final amount raised) for student funds.

During the on-campus festivities for Pitt Day of Giving, **our campus community donated 102 non-perishable food items** for the campus free Little Food Pantries, which aim to reduce food insecurity!

Thank you for your support of Pitt-Greensburg students!

Upcoming Events

Events are free and open to the public unless indicated (\$).

Jun. 19 Juneteenth

University closed in observance of the holiday.

Jul. 4 Independence Day

University closed in observance of the holiday.

Jul. 10 PGAA Awards Deadline

The PGAA Awards are the most prestigious awards given to Pitt-Greensburg alumni. Nominate yourself or fellow alumni today for the Alumnus of Distinction, Young Alumni Leadership, and Volunteer Excellence awards. Recipients will be recognized at the Alumni Celebration Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 30, as part of the Blue & Gold Celebration. Learn more or submit a nomination at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-alumni-awards>.

Jul. 17 – July 28 Merry Mingle Jingle in July Sale (\$)

Register for the Merry Mingle at a special price! Scheduled for 7 p.m. on Dec. 1, in Millstein Library, the Merry Mingle is a fun way to start the holiday season. Special Jingle in July prices are \$30/person or \$55/couple for guests with holiday spirits; the cost for all other guests is \$25/person or \$45/couple. Register at <https://bit.ly/merry-mingle-2023>.

Jul. 29 Summer Pitt-nic

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Wagner Dining Hall & Alumni Pavilion
A Summer Pitt-nic for prospective students and families interested in exploring Pitt-Greensburg. Join us for a tour of our beautiful campus, enjoy a delicious cookout, and have fun playing lawn games with our Admissions staff!
Register at <https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/admissions/visit-campus>.

Aug. 2 New Pitt Student Send Off

6:30 p.m.; Applebee's (Westmoreland Mall)
Welcome incoming freshmen and transfer students to the Pitt-Greensburg family, answer their questions, share your experiences, enjoy appetizers, and more.
Register at <https://bit.ly/pitt-student-send-off-23>.

Aug. 23 Move-In Day

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Campus
Greet new students and their families as they arrive on campus. Volunteers will distribute refreshing water to keep them cool as they move in. Shifts are available.
Register at <https://bit.ly/pgaa-move-in-2023>.

Sept. 4 Labor Day

University closed in observance of the holiday.

Sept. 25 – October 6 Art Show @ Pitt-Greensburg

Library business hours; 2nd floor, Millstein Library
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: The show returns for a seventh year. Register artwork now through Sept. 8. Artists of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Visit the exhibit online or in-person on the second floor of Millstein Library during its hours of operation (<https://www.library.pitt.edu/greensburg>) and vote for your favorite pieces through Sept. 28. Mingle with the artists on Sept. 29 from 6-8 p.m. There is a registration fee (\$) for artists; public viewing is free. Learn more about the show and sponsorship opportunities: <https://bit.ly/art-show-23>.

Sept. 28 Dedication of Pitt-Greensburg's Wings Over Westmoreland

3:30 p.m.; Chambers Hall Lawn
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: Come get your wings . . . and join us as we dedicate our Pitt-Greensburg-themed display that is part of the Wings Over Westmoreland. After the dedication, have your photo taken "wearing" our wings and join us at the Campus Picnic scheduled from 4-6 p.m.

Campus Picnic

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Alumni Pavilion
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: The celebration really gets going at the Bobcat Meet & Greet and Campus Picnic.

Sept. 29 Pitt-Greensburg Golf Outing presented by Elliott Group (\$)

9 a.m. shotgun start; Totteridge Golf Course
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: Take advantage of early bird pricing (\$150 individual/\$600 foursome) when you register by Sept. 6 to play 18 holes of golf, compete in skills contests, and enjoy a steak/chicken buffet catered by Rizzo's Malabar Inn. Visit <https://bit.ly/golf-outing-23> for full details on the day's offerings, to register online, or to find out how to become a sponsor. Proceeds benefit Pitt-Greensburg Athletics, the PGAA, and the Student Emergency Fund.

Artists Reception & Art Show

6 – 7:30 p.m.; Millstein Library (2nd floor)
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: The Art Show @ Pitt-Greensburg invites you to mingle with the artists during the annual Artists Reception. View the artwork, enjoy light refreshments, and applaud the prize winners, too!

Campus Bonfire

7:30 p.m.; Chambers Hall Lawn
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: Alumni, Families, and Friends, join Pitt-Greensburg students as they toast marshmallows for s'mores and sip hot chocolate at our traditional bonfire gathering.

Sept. 30 Blue & Gold Festival & Welcome Back Picnic

12 - 3 p.m.; Chambers Hall Lawn & Alumni Pavilion
Part of Blue & Gold Celebration: Stop by the picnic for lunch and to visit with friends, alumni, and campus families. Stop by the Blue & Gold Festival, too! The picnic is free, but registration is requested at <https://bit.ly/blue-and-gold-cel-picnic>.

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