

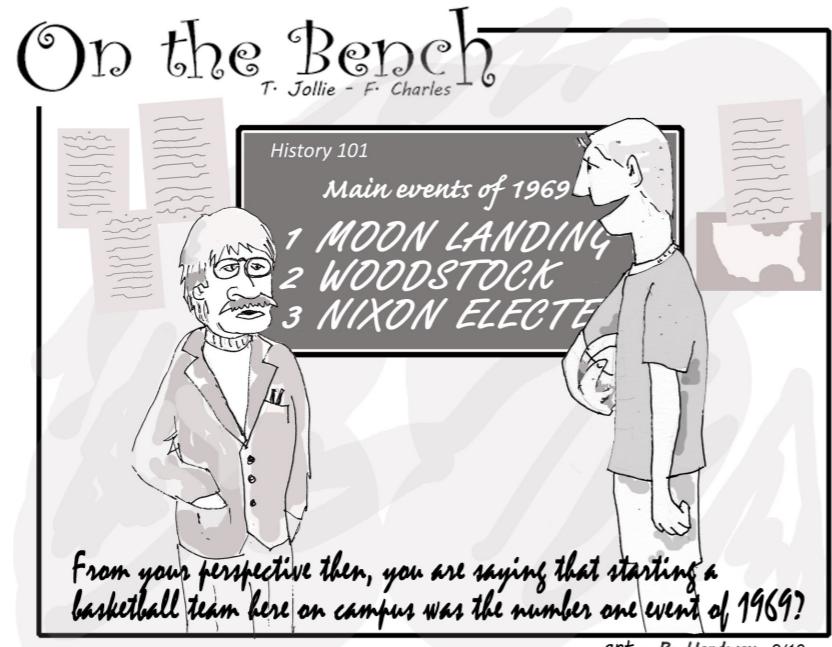
COACH'S CORNER



We have made it to year three, and after graduating only two guys the past two years, we will have more upperclassmen than underclassmen on the roster. I will expect a lot of

leadership from our large senior class, as well as from our juniors and sophomores who will have earned larger roles than in the past. Our guys have worked their butts off since the end of last season. Over time, our talent level has increased dramatically, and we are ready to compete with the top of the AMCC. Words can't describe how excited I am to get this season started.

— Brody Jackson



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THE VIEW FROM UP HERE:

A REFLECTION OF THE '19 OFF-SEASON AND PREVIEW OF THE '19-'20 SEASON

It was about 8 p.m. in mid-July, and the dog days of summer were more than already in full swing. However, despite the heat, the spirits of the Pitt-Greensburg men's basketball team were high. We had just won another game at the LaRoche University summer league that we played in throughout the summer. This particular win gave us a record of 5-0 in pool play, a far cry from our record of 1-4 the previous summer. We would eventually go on to the championship game and lose in a close game to LaRoche. Despite the loss we showed undeniable improvement and surely opened more than a few sets of eyes.



To those outside of the program, the sudden improvement may come as a bit of a shock. But to anybody who has been around Chambers Hall this summer, it comes as no surprise. The first piece of the puzzle would have to be our two newest players: TJ Jenkins and Kendall Jordan, two transfers from Chicago, have made immediate impacts on the court and are quickly carving out roles for themselves. The next piece is the players who are already here. Just about every player from last year's roster has put in countless hours of work in both the gym and weight room this summer, and the progress is easily noticeable. Guys like Matt Johnson, Brady Kingston, and Cody Spaid have emerged as workhorses and leaders during the off season. The last important piece of the puzzle is a program-wide change in attitude. Since I've been here, I haven't seen a team as ready to work as this one. Everybody is moving in the right direction. The pieces are falling into place and the picture is becoming clearer every day. If things continue this way, I have a feeling that this puzzle will come together sooner rather than later.

— #55 Nathaniel Burt '20



Fall 2019 NEWSLETTER

Reunion/Recognition Game Set for November 2019

The MBAC is excited that the new school year has begun and our reunion/recognition game on Saturday, November 30, is on the horizon. At this time, these alumni and friends are planning to attend: Nick Anderson '16, Kyle Bondi '19, Harry Bowser '72, Neil Cardello '07, Carlyle Carter, Fred Charles '71, Bernie Cobetto '73, Dom Domansky '03, Rob Domenick '75, Matt Furjanic (head coach '96-'00), Jerry Fedele '75, George Gajdos, Alan Hudock '74, Rich Hudock '77, Rich Hardway '73, Brody Jackson (current head coach), Tom Jollie '73, Myron Jones '98, Jeff Karaica '01, Joe Mancini '18, Bill McGrew (Trainer for Coaches Furjanic, Raday, and Kahn), Jim Murphy '76, Mike

Noppe '72, Dan Swalga (athletic director who began the 4-year program), Clint Roche '02, Dave Washburn (longtime assistant coach), and Jeremy Yetter (former head coach and current athletic director).



That is an impressive list, and there is still time to register, if you have yet to make your plans to attend. The MBAC hopes that more regular season champs will respond. All returning players, and coaches, who RSVP'd affirmatively, will be presented with a gift at the game. If you attend the game, but did not RSVP before the deadline, you will not receive a gift. Last day to RSVP is October 11, 2019. A final reminder text and e-blast will be sent at the end of September.

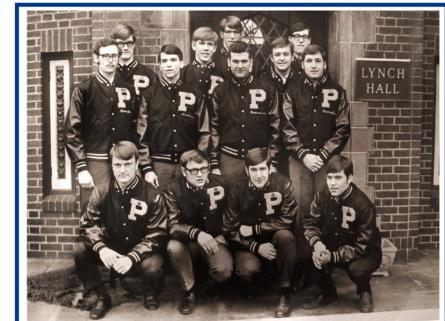
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PITT-GREENSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO RECOGNIZE 2019 VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT TOM JOLLIE '72



The Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) will recognize MBAC-founding member and PGAA Board of Director Tom Jollie '72 as the 2019 Volunteer Excellence award recipient at the Alumni Celebration Dinner. Tom is being recognized along with Alumnus of Distinction Rep. Austin A. Davis '12, and Young Alumni Leadership award recipient Cayla Ray '14. These awards are the most prestigious recognition given to alumni by the PGAA.

Part of the Blue & Gold Celebration, the Alumni Celebration Dinner will be held Saturday, October 5, in the Hempfield Room. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is from 6 to 8 p.m. All alumni and their guests are welcome to attend the event. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person, if registered by September 30. After September 30, the cost is \$30 per person. Guests may register online at <https://pitt.wufoo.com/forms/w18r2mrg0wolbh1/>, or they may contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-836-7496 or pgaa@pitt.edu.



2019-2020 BOBCAT PROFILES: SPOTLIGHT ON THE SENIORS



Nathaniel "Nate" Burt, at 7'0" and 265lbs., has to be the official "Big Man on Campus." There can't be that many others in the running. The son of Steven Burt and Lisa Krizon, he graduated from Rocky Grove High School in Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he was a star basketball player and helped to take his team to the state semi-finals. Nate still holds the rebound and blocked shot titles there.

A creative and professional writing major, he writes the column "The View From Up Here" for the MBAC newsletter.

Nate enjoys the community at the Greensburg campus and has plans for next year. He plans to get his degree, and he wants to up his game and help improve the team with his eye on the ultimate goal of conference title, the tournament playoffs and beyond.



Mason Eddinger is 6'3" from Sarver, PA. He attended Freeport Area High School and played for coach Mike Beale. His athletic honors include selection to the All-Section Team his junior and senior years.

As a shooting guard, he wants to help his teammates get better at every practice and every game. His strong desire to pursue a management degree, play basketball, and graduate from Pitt brought him to the Pitt-Greensburg campus. His overall goal is "to be successful in every phase of life."

He is always seen with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. The MBAC wishes him the best in the upcoming season.



Brady Kingston, son of Mark and Lisa Kingston, has been a contributor to the Bobcats Basketball team for the last three years. Wearing jersey number 4, he was the bearded junior guard handling the ball and leading countless fast breaks in the 2018-19 season. Brady is from Tionesta. He is also a sportsman and loves golf.

Brady graduated from Venango Catholic High School with a graduating class of 22 students. The 6'3" Kingston was a 1,000-point scorer during his tenure there, first-team KSAC and District 9, the scoring-title holder, and student of the week.

Off the court, Brady is a business management major. His team spirit, drive, and hard work on the court will transfer well to the business world. He wants to be the best he can be in character and his studies. The MBAC sees the promise of great things to come with him this year.



Jake Kitner, at 6'4", 220 lbs., is another example of our growing team. From Johnstown, PA, he attended Conemaugh Valley Jr./Sr. High School and played for Coach Brandon Shea. He will never forget "being able to play ball in his hometown with friends." He lettered in three sports and was the MVP of the Bill Lamp Tournament. Jake was also in the National Honor Society.

Jake plays forward for the Bobcats. He wants to make his team better everyday. His major is information technology, and his desire is to further his academic and athletic careers at Pitt-Greensburg. Off the court, he wants to do great in school and help others.

The MBAC knows that with hard work and dedication he can achieve these personal goals.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SENIORS CONTINUED

David Knox is 6'3" 185 lbs. He went to Albert Gallatin High School (AGHS) where he was coached by Shea Fleener. He holds the record for most assists at AGHS. While in high school, he was inducted into the National Honor Society.

He came to Pitt-Greensburg because he enjoys the small campus life. David is grateful to Coach Brody Jackson for giving him an opportunity to play. On the court he just wants a chance to be part of a team that wins. A business management major, his immediate goals are to maintain a better than a "B" average and to graduate in the spring of 2020.

The MBAC hopes the playoffs as well as an AMCC championship are in his future.



Cody Spaid hails from Bigler, PA. He attended Clearfield Area High School where he played basketball for Coach Nate Glunt. Cody was on a team that won back-to-back D-9 championships and made the state playoffs in his junior and senior years.

At 6'8" and 260 lbs., he will be a force on the team. Cody wants his Bobcat basketball family to "make a run at the AMCC playoffs" and "win the championship and move on to the NCAA tournament." Off the court, he is pursuing a criminal justice degree.



The MBAC looks forward to seeing his leadership qualities as the team pursues a championship.

Isaiah Zeise, son of Paul and Denita Zeise, graduated from North Allegheny High School where he was a Scholar Athlete and the winner of the team's Leadership Award. He is one of the "Magnificent Seven Seniors" returning to the men's basketball team this year.

Wearing number 11, Isaiah brings to the team the skills that helped his high school team go 57-19 in his four years there. Playing defense, he is a blur darting after a loose ball or being the attacker on the press. Off the court, the 5'9" guard is a biology major.



In his final year, he plans to continue in his scholar athlete role to encourage the younger players and to join with his teammates as they hunt down the banner of Conference Champion. The MBAC wishes him the best.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW: MARCUS THOMAS '16

There is a banner hanging in the Chambers Hall gym proudly displaying Pitt Greensburg's 2015-2016 AMCC basketball championship. Helping the Bobcats to their first-ever NCAA D3 national tournament appearance was Uniontown High School graduate Marcus Thomas '16.



Marcus came to Pitt-Greensburg after his freshman season at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He then played basketball for three years at Pitt-Greensburg. Marcus' basketball history at Pitt-Greensburg includes career top 10 places in points, rebounds, and blocks. He is first overall in defensive rebounding per game average. Academically, he earned a BS in psychology before moving on to Robert Morris University to earn a master's in counseling.

After Pitt-Greensburg, Marcus served as a basketball graduate assistant at Robert Morris University for two years. He followed that role with a year as an assistant coach at Chatham University. Marcus helped guide the Chatham Cougars to their first-ever basketball championship in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC).

Where is Marcus now? He's living in southwestern Pennsylvania and accepting yet another challenge – this one as basketball head coach at Penn State Fayette. Best of luck to Marcus in continuing his string of success.