WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 2020

Pitt-Johnstown welcomed the class of 2020 with an event-filled, four-day orientation. The activities and events designed to introduce them to the five pillars of the Real World Action Program including Citizenship & Civic Engagement, Career Preparation, Campus Involvement, Community Engagement, and Making a Difference in our World.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

New student enrollment has increased by 6% compared to 2015. Freshmen enrollment increased nearly 3%. Engineering captured the most growth this year increasing their division by 13%.

APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2017

The engineering division is ahead 88% in applications at this time compared to last year.
NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

This fall several new programs replaced the current business programs within the Bachelor of Arts degree. They are designed to provide students a more in-depth curriculum, and strengthen the quality, visibility and impact of the Business Program at Pitt-Johnstown.

**New Business Programs:**
- BS IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS
  - Healthcare Information Systems
  - Business Information Systems
- BS IN MANAGEMENT
  - Healthcare Management
  - Human Resources Management
  - General Management
- BS IN MARKETING
- BS IN ACCOUNTING
  - Financial
  - Managerial
- BS IN FINANCE
  - Certified Analyst
  - General
- MINOR
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Information Systems

**New Engineering Programs:**
- BS IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
- BS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
- BS IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- BS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- BS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

**New Humanities Programs:**
- BS IN MULTIMEDIA & DIGITAL CULTURE

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**NEW FACULTY & STAFF**

**FACULTY:**
- Dr. Patrick Belk, Assistant Professor of Multimedia and Digital Culture
- Dr. Randall (R.J.) Bendis, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology
- Dr. Jennifer Cacciotti, Assistant Professor of Nursing
- Dr. Robert Grimminger, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- Dr. Yi (Jane) Jian, Assistant Professor of Business Finance
- Dr. Rajendra Khanal, Assistant Professor of Physics
- Shannon Parks, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering
- Stephen Sarma-Weilerman, Visiting Instructor in Computer Science
- Dr. Ramesh Singh, Assistant Professor Chemical Engineering
- Angela Stiffey, Visiting Instructor in the Respiratory Care Program
- Dr. Lauren Thompson, Visiting Assistant Professor of History
- Amy Wadsworth, Visiting Instructor in Nursing
- Julie Wagner, Visiting Assistant Professor of Justice Administration and Criminology

**STAFF:**
- Carla Horvath, Development Specialist
- Jaclyn Krawczyk, Assistant Director of Physical Plant
- Gina Thompson, Engineering Division Administrative Assistant
- Brooke Bango, Admissions Counselor

**DEPARTURES:**
- Luke Trotz (Admissions)
- Nathan Cade (Physical Plant)

**RETIREES:**
- Suzanne Kerchenske, Rich Lees, Judy Freedman, and Gloria Lehman

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**IN MEMORIAM OF ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES:**
- Dr. Carroll Grimes
- Dr. Uldis Kaktins
- Dr. Kenneth Kerrick

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**PROMOTED FACULTY**

The following faculty members were promoted to Associate Professor with tenure:

- Dr. Miron Bekker, Mathematics
- Dr. Jill Henning, Biology
- Dr. Thomas Malosh, Chemistry
- Dr. Ann Rea, English Literature
- Dr. Rebecca Webb, Biology
- Dr. Eunice Yang, Mechanical Engineering

**FACULTY EXCELLENCE**

Jill Henning, PhD, associate professor, conducted a multi-year study on the risk of Lyme disease in western Pennsylvania. She has worked with several Pitt-Johnstown students to test hundreds of ticks in the local area for the presence of two tick-borne pathogens.

Maddu Karunaratne, PhD, associate professor and electrical department chair, co-developed a method for Optimized Random Access Scan Circuitry and Methods for Test Compression and recently secured the US Patent # 9423455. He also recently published a paper on Impact of Piggybacked MATLAB in C-Programming Course.

Instructor Neil M. Coleman teamed with researcher and Pitt-Johnstown alumna Stephanie Wojno to analyze the hydraulics of the South Fork Dam to challenge the 127-year-old findings of the cause of the 1899 Johnstown Flood.

Pitt-Johnstown assistant professor Christine Dahlin, Ph.D., traveled with Pitt-Johnstown students through Costa Rica and Nicaragua to study communication in yellow-naped amazon parrots.

Political Science Professor James Alexander has been named winner of the 2016 Pi Sigma Alpha James L Lengle Chapter Recognition Award for his long service to Pi Sigma Alpha at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown.
Pitt-Johnstown Hosts Annual Fall into Research Symposium

The symposium provides a forum for faculty and undergraduate students to present their summer work during an informal evening of socializing and research and scholarship excellence. Innovative student and faculty research, and scholarly and creative projects were presented.

Athletic Achievements

Women's Volleyball, picked to win PSAC Central Crown in Preseason Poll. Morgan Cannin was named to All-PSAC Central Softball Team. Jake Stern & Nate Negri were named second-team to ALL-PSAC Western Division Baseball Team. Jake Stern was named first-team Academic All-District II, second-team NCBWA All-Atlantic Region and first-team Academic All-American. Aj Leahey & Nate Snodgrass were named to 2015-16 NABC Honors Court. The Pitt-Johnstown men's soccer earned their first PSAC victory. Jayhawn Whitfield placed sixth in triple jump at PSAC outdoor track championships. Wrestling added 12 recruits for 2016-17. The women's cross country team won the Pitt-Greensburg Invitational, claiming four out of the top five places.

PPAC Turns 25

The Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center is celebrating its 25th season! The PPAC, located on the campus of Pitt-Johnstown, is the premier cultural, artistic, educational, social, and economic resource for the Greater Johnstown area.

Welcoming Veterans

Pitt-Johnstown hosted an open reception for its 51 military veteran students on Sept. 14, 2016. The reception provided an opportunity for students to gather valuable information from our campus support and local veterans service organizations and meet fellow veterans.

Pitt-Johnstown Students Complete 2,000 Hours of Community Service

Students completed nearly 2,000 hours of community service in the Moxham neighborhood and adjacent neighborhoods. The service project is a continuation of Pitt-Johnstown’s commitment to strengthening the Moxham neighborhood.

Facilities Update

Construction of the Engineering and Science building is heavily underway. Phase 1 of the project was completed for the start of the Fall semester. Phase 1 included 3 new Chemistry teaching labs, 2 new research labs, faculty offices, 4 traditional classrooms & drawing classrooms, design-build lab, collaborative spaces and new engineering labs.

The Murtha Center is expected to be complete in December of 2016. The installation of the exhibit is expected to be complete in Jan/Feb of 2017.

New lobby furniture was purchased and installed for the Fall semester in Oak, Maple and Hickory Hall. New furniture was also installed in Cascade, Summit, Wilderness and Timberline. The carpets, floors, walls, heating units, lighting, ceilings and bathrooms were also renovated in Wilderness and Timberline.

The full renovation of CPA is underway and on schedule to be complete in Dec. of 2016.
PITT-JOHNSTOWN AWARDED $2 MILLION

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown President Jem Spector welcomed Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf on Friday September 2nd for the announcement of a $2 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant that will enhance Pitt-Johnstown’s chemical engineering program.

2016 ALUMNI GALA

Pitt-Johnstown alumni, current and retired faculty and staff, and friends from the community came together for a celebration honoring our distinguished alumni. Proceeds from the Alumni Gala benefit the newly established Alumni Log Cabin Scholarship Endowment. The event honored Thomas M. Kurtz (Distinguished Alumni Award), Ralph Graff (Legacy Award) and Kecia Bal (Young Alumna Award).

Each year, Pitt-Johnstown’s Alumni Association also recognizes several students at their annual Alumni Gala. This year Maria Fritzius, Cara Lang and James Geyer were recognized for receiving the Alumni Association Achievement award.

OVER 8 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE ACTIVE QUIET PHASE OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The $30-million fundraising goal of the campaign for Pitt-Johnstown will focus on providing endowed and current fund support to benefit:

SCHOLARSHIPS
Academic, Financial and Athletic student aid.

PROGRAMS
Engineering, Real World and Civic Engagement, Faculty and Student Undergraduate Research and Student Veterans Programs.

FACILITIES
Athletics, PPAC, Chemical Engineering Building, Living Learning Center, Roadways, Walkways, Nature Trails, Equipment, Technology, Academic Spaces, Heroes Memorial, Residential Village Center (the Polis) and Log Cabin.

UNRESTRICTED
Flexible funds for scholarships, facilities and programs

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