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DECEMBER GRADUATES

The December graduating class included the first cohort of students who earned newly added degrees in Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Management and Marketing.

The new majors, offered within the Division of Business and Enterprise, position the Business curriculum in the intersection of knowing and doing, as they emphasize experiential learning in and out of the classroom. The programs include new tracks in Health Information Systems and Health Care Management, new tech savvy courses and tools for Marketing, alignment of the Finance curriculum with the content of valuable certifications, and options for Accounting students to meet new industry credit requirements.

JOHN P. MURTHA ENGINEERING & SCIENCE BUILDING OPENING

The first day of Spring term 2017 classes will mark a significant day in the history of Pitt-Johnstown as engineering students, faculty and staff will take up residence in the redesigned and renovated John P. Murtha Engineering and Science building. The state-of-the-art facility will provide a unique space and technology to promote our world class STEM curriculum.

The construction was part of a $23 million project that includes the addition of the John P. Murtha Center for Public Service and National Competitiveness. The buildings are named in honor of our late Congressman John P. Murtha who served 36 years in the U.S. House of Representatives until his death in 2010. Mr. Murtha was also the first-ever recipient of Pitt-Johnstown’s Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes an alumnus for individual achievements, leadership, service to community, and loyalty to the alma mater.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally open the Murtha Center is being planned for April.

Please see page 9 for a complete list of upgrades.
We continue to invest in our core mission by hiring new faculty and strengthening support for excellence in teaching, scholarship, research and creative actively. Since September we have added 15 additional full-time faculty to our Pitt family.

**New faculty** not listed in our previous newsletter include: Mallory Ferguson (Visiting Clinical Instructor Nursing); Judy Amigh (Visiting Clinical Instructor Nursing); Jody Bodenschatz (Visiting Clinical Instructor Nursing); April Kelley (Faculty Librarian); Gerald Zahorchak (Faculty Associate Professor Interim Division Chair Education).

**Staff Departures:** Christie Persio (Admissions)

**Staff Retirements:** George Hancock (Registrar’s Office)

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**FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

In addition to the Up-Close-and-Personal instruction provided to our students, our talented faculty has earned many awards and recognitions for their research, publications, and other accomplishments. We celebrate their successes.

**Jennifer Manges, Marissa Brainard & Kimberly Ziance**

were awarded a grant for Pitt’s 2016 Innovation in Education Awards Program for introducing original approaches to teaching

**Dr. Susan Wieczorek**

was awarded the “Johns Hopkins’ Outstanding Research Award” for her research demonstrated in her presentation, “Shared Decision Making (SDM) between Patients and Providers: Coordinating Meaning through Electronic Messaging.”

**Dr. Greg Faiers**

was presented with the Ruby S. and E. Willard Miller Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pennsylvania Geographical Society (PGS), November 2016. Dr. Faiers will retire at the end of summer 2017 after 23 years of teaching at Pitt-Johnstown.

**Dr. Jackie Myers**

received the Friend of Education Award from Greater Johnstown School District. Presented the award at the October School Board meeting. Dr. Myers also published an article entitled Interactive Read-Alouds: Explicit Vocabulary Instruction in the journal Making Literacy Connection.

**Dr. Conrad-Barnyak & Dr. Harkins**

presented at The Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators Conference (PAC-TE) held October 26-27 in Harrisburg. Their session was entitled “How Rocket Learned to Read: Literacy Modifications and Accommodations in the Inclusive Early Childhood Classroom.”

**Dr. Nina Girard**

attended The PAC-TE. She served as an affiliate representative on the Keystone Consortium of Education Associations board, participated in special sessions on program review, served as presider of a 50 minute concurrent session and attended workshops and sessions.

**Dr. McConnell & Dr. Harkins**

presented two-peer conversations sessions at the TED 39th Annual Conference. In addition, they also attended multiple presentations covering topics of interest to provide future teachers authentic field experiences working with families who have children with disabilities.

**Dr. Mark Previte**

presented at the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference. Dr. Previte also co-presented a session. In addition, Dr. Previte attended the National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference.
Dr. Elizabeth Harkins

was awarded the “2016 Unsung Mountain Cat Award for Outstanding Advisor” and Ms. Karen Clites, Division Administrative Assistant, was awarded the “2016 Outstanding Staff Award,” both presented by Best Buddies.

Dr. Ramesh Singh

will have his manuscript in its current form published in Molecular Simulation. The Manuscript entitled “A Monte Carlo Simulation Study to Predict the Solubility of H2S in Ionic Liquids with ....”

Dr. Alvaro Antonio Bernal

had a book, Bogotá: realidades, delirios y ficciones (Magisterio 2016), published. He also had an interview and short story published.

Dr. Catherine S. Cox

presented a paper at the New Chaucer Society Biennial Conference, Queen Mary University of London. She also had an been accepted for a volume of essays by individual authors, Writing on Skin in the Age of Chaucer, to be published by DeGruyter's Anglia Book Series.

Dr. Michael W Cox

had a flash fiction go live on Atticus Review the week of December 5, 2016. He has had a short story accepted by Kestrel for its Spring 2017 issue. Issue #38 of Pennsylvania English, for which he is the Creative Prose Editor, was published in October.

Dr. Eric Schwerer

read from his latest collection of poetry, Cruel Folklore (Seven Kitchens Press, 2016).

Dr. Ako Inuzuka

presented three papers at the 2016 National Communication Association annual convention.

Dr. Dr. Barbara Petrosky


John Teacher

directed "All in the Timing," by David Ives, which featured over 40 students in multiple aspects of the show.

Dr. Derek Leben

received a book contract this semester with Routledge Press. He also had an article accepted for publication in Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy. In the summer he delivered a talk at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

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Dr. Ann Rea’s

will have an article published in Rose Macaulay, Gender and the Modern World, Routledge and a book review in Space Between Journal in early 2017. She gave a conference paper, at the Space Between Society Conference.

Dr. Michael Stoneham

presented at the Thoreau Conference. He also provided students, faculty and community members with a lecture in anticipation of Veterans Day.

Dr. Boris Kushner

will have eight translations included in the first academic edition of Sonnets of Shakespeare (in Russian Translations).

Dr. Elena Constantin

Published Second Order Necessary Conditions in Locally Lipschitz Optimization with Inequality Constraints, Optimization Letters.

Dr. Ross Kleinstuber

published a co-authored article in University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change.

Dr. Laura Dietz

and her colleagues are working on a treatment manual for Family Based Interpersonal Therapy that will be published as chapters in Treatments that Work series. She also presented two papers on FB-IPT.

Dr. Manisha Nigam

published a case study through the National Center for Case Study Education.. This new work is designed to better teach students about resonance.

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Dr. Chris Dahlin & Dr. Jill Hennings

published “Wild Snakes Harbor West Nile Virus” in One Health.

Dr. Chris Dahlin

published a case study on whether or not trophy killing of game animals such as rhinos is beneficial for wildlife management.
Dr. John McGrath and Skip Glenn presented the 2016 Economic Climate Study at the Economic Summit of business and political leaders on November 10 in Johnstown. The study assesses the attitudes of business organizations in our region about future economic market conditions, and identifies the most pressing issues facing our community. A new feature of this year’s study was a quality of life index that the researchers used to benchmark the Johnstown region against other peer cities in the Eastern U.S. The Economic Climate Study has become recognized as a leading economic barometer for our community and has been the topic of articles published in the scholarly journals Economic Development Quarterly and Local Economy.

**Education Division**

The Education Division completed a 10 year annual review required by the PA Department of Education. This was a major undertaking. The division is also planning a multi-year proposal for the university’s consideration. At the core of the proposal is an emphasis on “STEM Education” across all programs, with the possibility of PDE recognized certification endorsement for STEM and participation with Pitt-Johnstown’s exciting coding outreach initiative.

**Business Student Presentations**

Fifteen Business students made presentations on their fall internships to a full Blackington Auditorium on December 7, 2016. Host businesses or agencies included CMYK Agency (Brooklyn, NY), Pactrans Air & Sea (Chicago, IL), Hotel Indigo (Pittsburgh), Galliker’s, Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown Tomahawks, Problem Solutions, DRS Technologies, HR Consultants, and Allegheny Underground (all of Johnstown). The Business internships are part of the Experiential Learning component of the Business degrees that encourages students to learn by applying knowledge to Real World business challenges.

**STUDENT STANDOUTS**

**Olivia Wolff**

A junior double major in Environmental Studies and Energy and Earth Resources, took 1st Place in the 2016 Pennsylvania Geographical Society Student Poster Contest, for her poster: “Applied Drone Technology to Aerial mapping at Height of 400 meters: Renfrew Museum Park, Waynesboro, PA.”

**Respiratory Care Students**

Students formed a new club on campus this year called “Kick Start Kids Hearts.” The mission of the club is to raise awareness of the prevalence of congenital heart disease and to help local children who are afflicted. They are also raising funds for the PA Chapter of the Children’s Heart Foundation.

**Nursing Graduating Class**

The Nursing Graduating Class of 2015-2016 achieved a pass rate of over 90% on the NCLEX licensure exam for registered nurses.

Real World Career Services has increased outreach efforts to first-year students through a number of initiatives including Career Corner. The first round of Career Corner sessions, which are informal chats conducted in the first-year residence halls, launched this semester with topics including the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Future sessions will include the REAL WORLD Action Program, with emphasis on the Career Preparation pillar. The REAL WORLD Action Program is Pitt-Johnstown’s nationally recognized model of student engagement that focuses on five pillars: Citizenship and Civic Engagement, Career Preparation, Campus Involvement, Community Engagement and Making a Difference in the World.
In the Moxham neighborhood alone, our students have performed more than 5,000 hours of service since the initiative began in August 2014.

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Pitt-Johnstown has once again been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The President’s Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions in four categories: General Community Service, Interfaith Community Service, Economic Opportunity, and Education. Pitt-Johnstown is recognized in the General Community Service Category.

This is the fifth time that Pitt-Johnstown has been named to the Honor Roll. Pitt-Johnstown is the only regional campus of the University of Pittsburgh to be recognized.

One of our hallmark community events is the Pitt-Johnstown Moxham Light-Up Night. This event was created for members of both the Pitt-Johnstown community and the local community as a way to create holiday spirit among the residents of the neighborhood. We once again joined our neighbors to illuminate the Park Avenue Playground with more than 21,000 lights.

President Spectar shared with the audience his hope that the lights symbolize a rebirth of the Moxham community and Pitt-Johnstown’s commitment to making that happen.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Community Engagement is a bridge connecting the Greater Johnstown community with Pitt-Johnstown’s faculty, staff, and students. The office engages Pitt-Johnstown with the community by developing, sustaining, and enhancing programs and partnerships that have a positive community impact.

EDUCATING INMATES

For a Successful Transition

Members of the Criminal Justice Club from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and staff from the Johnstown Federal Credit union assisted the Department of Corrections (DOC) staff and Transitional Housing Unit (THU) participants by teaching in the transition program real-world money management skills.

Participants were each allotted an amount of money based on life sustaining employment with which they had to manage throughout a simulated month time frame.

Throughout the simulation, the participants were given unexpected expense/incidents to contend with and manage into their budget. Upon concluding the simulation they all met individually with a financial analyst who reviewed their monthly planning and budget to determine whether the participant was successful or not.

Great AMERICANS DAY

Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF (Ret.) discussed great American military women, past and present, at the 20th annual Pitt-Johnstown Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum.

General Vaught, an Air Force veteran of more than 28 years, retired in 1985 as one of the most highly decorated women in U.S. history. She is a Vietnam veteran and earned the Defense and Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, Air Force Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star.

The event was attended by approximately 270 people, including students from area high schools, community members, faculty, staff and Pitt-Johnstown students.

Funding for this event is provided by the Howard M. and Adelle C. Picking Great Americans Day Forum Fund.

RESOURCE Advisory GROUP

Pitt-Johnstown has formed the Resource Advisory Group, which has the goal of improving our management of the natural area to provide benefits for wildlife, for our faculty and students who use the natural area as a teaching and research resource, and for community members who could benefit from an improved trail system. Under the direction of Grounds Supervisor David Finney and Assistant Professor Christine Dahlin, the Advisory Group seeks to improve environmental and management practices at Pitt-Johnstown and to make the campus a leader in community environmental practices.
In November, President Jem Spectar announced an ambitious coding literacy initiative for the Greater Johnstown community, with the goal of making the region a national model for the development of coding literacy, beginning with K-12 and extending to all segments the community.

In December, as a part of the global Hour of Code Week, the pilot program (Coding for the Commonwealth) was launched by introducing coding instruction to more than 550 elementary students at Johnstown, Forest Hills and Somerset.

The Pitt-Johnstown initiative was developed to add “Tech Skills” in general, and specifically “Coding,” to the skill base of youth in Cambria and surrounding counties.

Coding for the Commonwealth Initiative

Key components include:

- Basic coding vocabulary
- Fun, interactive and project-driven coding classes
- Real World application of coding skills
- Map to current and future evolutions of Coding Accreditation
- Free Community Coding Outreach Courses
- Preservice Education and K-12 Certification
**Volleyball**

Pitt-Johnstown Ladies Volleyball- for the first time ever - advanced to the NCAA Atlantic Region Semifinals.

Junior defensive specialist Devan Orr, a three-time PSAC Defensive Player of the Year award winner, was named Second-Team Conference's Commissioner's Association (CCA) NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Volleyball.

Three of our Lady Cats earned spots on the AVCA All Region Volleyball Teams.

**Wrestling**

Led by returning national champions and preseason No. 1-ranked Nick Roberts (133 lbs.) and Tyler Reinhart (165 lbs.), Head Coach Pat Pecora's Mountain Cat wrestling team has been ranked third in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division II Preseason Poll. We have another extremely talented and hardworking team and looking forward to another exciting and successful season.

Cody Law won the Championship Title at 157 lbs. at the Midwest Classic.

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**MILITARY FRIENDLY**

For the eighth consecutive year, the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown has been designated a Military Friendly School® by Victory Media, the premier media source for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown held its sixth annual Veterans Day tribute November 11, 2016, on campus at The Heroes Memorial. Pitt-Johnstown President Jem Spectar spoke of the appreciation for all veterans, including students, faculty, and staff, saying: “Today we celebrate veterans of the United States of America, we are grateful for your service, and are honored to be in your presence.”

He was joined at the Heroes Memorial by students, faculty, and staff who served in the US Armed Forces. The tribute closed with the laying of a wreath by Dr. Spectar and Mr. Rohm, followed by a moment of silence to honor the memory of the service men and women who were killed in Afghanistan and Iraq.
Distinctive PLACE = Exceptional PERFORMANCE

JOHN P. MURTHA ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

- New Engineering Faculty Offices and Conference Room
- New, 35 seat computer lab, expanded from former lab of 25 seats
- Updated Auditorium with new Audio Visual displays, seating, sound absorbing ceilings
- Engineering student lounge and club offices
- Upper floor connector to Nursing and Health Sciences Building
- Civil Engineering Laboratories
- Computer Engineering Lab
- Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge Spaces
- Collaborative Learning Zones in public spaces
- Enhanced Wi-Fi throughout Building

COLLEGE PARK APARTMENTS (CPA)

- Opening January 3, 2017
- Off-campus housing available to upper classmen
- 70 of 140 units have already been reserved
- The $6.5 million makeover included:
  - Heating and Air
  - New Roof
  - New Kitchens and Bathrooms
  - ADA Renovations and fire safety renovations
MURTHA CENTER GRAND OPENING

April 6 & 7, 2017

UPCOMING PROJECTS

BLACKINGTON HALL STAIRWELL AND LOBBY
- $750,000 Construction Project
- Expanded stairwell
- High efficiency lighting
- New lobby flooring with radiant heat
- Furniture and Wi-Fi for enhanced student study space

BUCKHORN AND SUNSET LODGES
- $3.6 Million Construction Project
- Added Sprinklers and New Fire Protection
- Updated Electrical Systems
- New Roof, Gutters
- Updated Bathrooms
- New ceiling, walls and flooring finishes
- Expanded Wi-Fi

ALUMNI LOG CABIN
- ADA Accessible Entrance
- New Addition with ADA Bathrooms
- Updated Electrical Systems
- Expanded Wi-Fi

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
- $4 Million Building, Adjacent to E&S
- Architect Selection, December 2017
- Construction Begin, September 2017
- Final Completion, July 1, 2018

$ 35 MILLION IN NEW AND CURRENT CONSTRUCTION
RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES NET POSITIVE RESULTS

Strategic initiatives to boost our recruiting are seeing results. Investments in additional staff, who are traveling to all parts of the state and beyond, share our story with prospective students, parents and educators, are paying off.

We are using technology to reach prospective students – on their smart phones and computers using social media, Facebook, Pandora and our website.

The 2017 recruitment class is trending slightly ahead of where we were this time last year. Direct applications and paid admits are up.

Investments in International recruiter, Sui Chen, has resulted in a significant jump in International students who will begin in Spring 2017.

Investments in the Engineering Program and the significant investment in our Engineering Facilities are showing returns. Engineering Direct Applications are ahead of last year’s pool by 32 percent.

PEER TUTORING PROGRAM SUCCESS

Pitt-Johnstown’s unique peer tutoring program, which offers assistance through the Academic Success Center, saw a sharp increase in the number of students participating in Supplemental Instruction, Drop-in Sessions, Small Group Sessions and One-on-One sessions. During the 2016 fall semester, 30 percent of the student body utilized 6000 hours of tutoring resources.
Jaunine Fouché 
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Jaunine Fouché PhD, a teacher at the Milton Hershey School and a ’93 Pitt-Johnstown graduate, was a recipient of the 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching from the office of President Barack Obama.

Jaunine Fouché PhD is the school’s science curriculum supervisor. The award is given annually to teachers of kindergarten through 12th grade from across the United States, in recognition of their efforts to develop and implement educational programs. It is granted by the National Science Foundation on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Fouché was one of 213 recipients nationwide to earn the award, which is the highest honor bestowed on a math or science teacher in the nation.

ALUMNA DR. NANCY ROTTLER RECEIVES AWARD

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown alumna Dr. Nancy Rottler was recently named winner of the Saint Vincent College Projektenmacher Award.

Dr. Rottler is director of the Opportunity/Act 101/Student Support Services (SSS-TRIO) Program at Saint Vincent College and assistant professor of health sciences. She was won the sixth annual award in recognition of her initiatives that, in the spirit of Saint Vincent founder Boniface Wimmer, “have brought vision to reality through hard work and perseverance.” The award was presented by Saint Vincent College President Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B., during the Founders’ Day Honors Convocation on Nov. 17 in the Saint Vincent Basilica.

Dr. Rottler serves as secretary of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Alumni Association.

Dr. Rottler earned a bachelor of arts degree in business economics with a concentration in management and a minor in communications at Pitt-Johnstown, completed a master of arts degree in student affairs in higher education with highest honors at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2000, and was awarded a doctor of education degree in administration and leadership studies with highest honors at IUP in 2013.

We welcome your Alumni news and updates. Please connect with our Alumni Office at upj.pitt.edu/myalumniinfo
7 SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR GIFTS

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends have saluted the graduating class of 2016 and continue to celebrate the incoming class of 2020. During this time of beginnings and endings, we consider how we each impact the people, the places, and the causes for which we invested in our time, treasure and talent.

With the year coming to an end, it is important to consider making a gift and the related potential tax benefits. Below are the top 7 ways to help support the University:

1. **GIVE CASH.** Cash is an easy way to give each year. Cash should be presented to the Office of Institutional Advancement so that you may receive a dated receipt from Pitt-Johnstown to ensure your eligibility for a tax deduction to the extent allowable by law.

2. **GIVE A CHECK.** Bring or mail a check in any amount to the Office of Institutional Advancement, located in Blackington Hall, Suite 272. A canceled check will provide sufficient documentation only for gifts by check if they are less than $250.

3. **GIVE APPRECIATED SECURITIES** (stock, bonds, mutual funds, etc.). Your gift will be tax deductible at its full fair market value on its date of delivery if you have held the appreciated securities for more than one year.

4. **GIVE A GIFT OF A LIFE INCOME PLAN.** A life income gift provides you with payments for the rest of your life and Pitt-Johnstown with support. You may consider using appreciated securities that you owned for longer than 365 days to fund the lifetime gift, then you may be entitled to an income tax deduction based, in part, on the charitable portion of the securities’ full value, as well as eliminating up-front capital gains tax.

5. **GIVE REAL ESTATE OR OTHER TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.** Give property that would have resulted in the greatest capital gain if you would have sold the asset on your own. When you donate property to Pitt-Johnstown, the University will sell it and you, the donor, will eliminate any capital gains tax you would have paid if you had sold it directly.

6. **DONATE AN INSURANCE POLICY.** A gift of a life insurance policy you no longer need makes a perfect year-end gift. To qualify as a deductible gift, Pitt-Johnstown must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the fair market value of the policy, whichever is less.

7. **COMPLETE A PLEDGE FORM FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION.** Donate funds on an automatic, repeating basis from your paycheck on a bi-weekly or monthly schedule.

All Gifts are receipted by the Office of Institutional Advancement, no matter the size!

Remember: All gifts, no matter the size, count!!
THE IMPACT OF Scholarship Support

It’s no secret that the cost of a college degree can be costly. We want to make it as affordable as possible, and one way to do that is to have the ability to offer donor supported scholarships for our students. Nearly all of the students who apply for financial aid receive some kind of assistance through scholarships, grants, loans, work study, or undergraduate research funds.

During this current academic year, critical support was provided by business and industry groups, community members, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni who collectively worked together to create scholarship funds in honor and in memory of key individuals who have impacted the University. As a result, the students will benefit through critical financial support that helps offset the cost of tuition, fees, books and other indirect student expenses.

For example, newly established endowed funds, such as, the Dr. Ronald Vickroy and Dr. Ulda Kaktins were funded through the combined efforts of individuals, businesses, and foundations to honor the memory of the esteemed professors in perpetuity.

When making your gift, consider the positive impact scholarships can have on our students.

Coming Soon! 2016-17 Faculty & Staff Campaign

Our talented faculty, hardworking staff and steadfast administrators are all invested in providing our students with a meaningful experience and strong education. Access and affordability to Pitt-Johnstown necessitates an investment in the love of humankind through donations to support the most critical needs, as well as technology, facilities and student scholarships. Together with the contributions of alumni, parents and friends of Pitt-Johnstown, your gifts make a significant impact for the students who utilize this campus every day.

Furthermore, your participation inspires others to give. For example, when requesting substantial grants and gifts, the office of institutional advancement is often asked about the faculty and staff participation rate. Funders want to know that institutional members value the University and that we believe in the mission of academic and student success.

So, when the faculty and staff campaign is launched in January, please join in the effort to support the University with both your time and financial investment. Remember: choose how your gift impacts the institution, the individual and the community! All gifts count, no matter the size.

UPCOMING CAMPUS CALENDAR EVENTS

| JAN 9  | Basketball vs. Gannon University 5:30 p.m. Sports Center |
| JAN 11 | Basketball vs. Cal U 5:30 p.m. Sports Center |
| JAN 13 | Wrestling vs. Lake Erie College 7 p.m. Sports Center |
| JAN 18 | Wrestling vs. Seton Hill 7 p.m. Sports Center |
| JAN 19 | Etiquette Dinner 4:00 p.m. Cambria Room |
| JAN 21 | Basketball vs. Seton Hill 1 p.m. Sports Center |
| FEB 4  | Basketball vs. Edinboro 5:30 p.m. Sports Center |
| FEB 7  | Wrestling vs. Shippensburg 7 p.m. Sports Center |
| FEB 8  | Basketball vs. IUP 5:30 p.m. Sports Center |
| FEB 11 | Basketball vs. Mercyhurst 1 p.m. Sports Center |
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OVER 5k IN SERVICE HOURS
96% PLACEMENT RATE

10 NEW DEGREES

15 NEW FACULTY MEMBERS
600 STUDENTS RECEIVED CODING INSTRUCTION

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