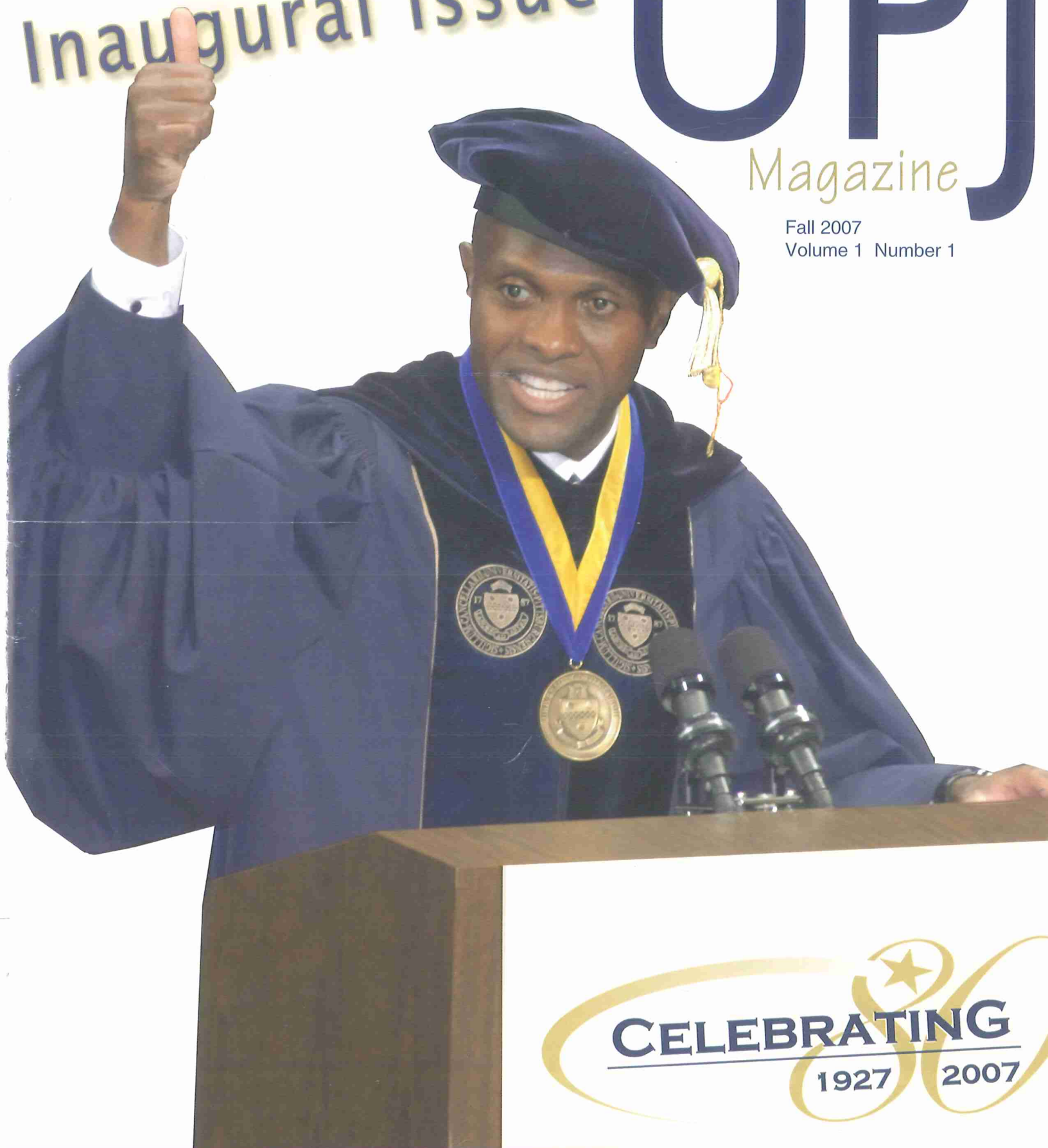


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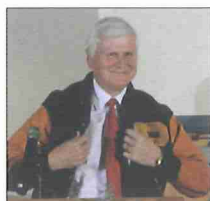
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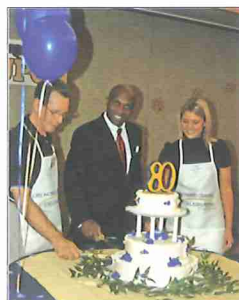
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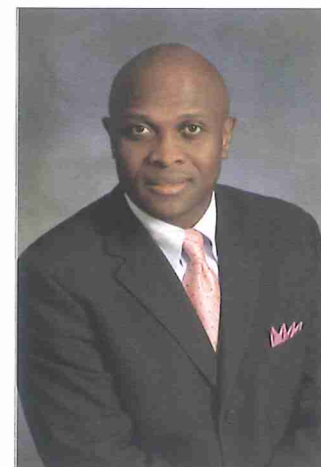
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Season's Greetings!

It is an honor to have been invited to join the UPJ family – a thriving community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni – individuals who are making a positive difference throughout our region and the world. In this holiday season, I am especially grateful to you, our alums, for the legacy you built and for your continued support. I am particularly touched by the enthusiastic welcome I have received from within and beyond our community. We are, indeed, off to a great start.



This is a most exciting time to be at UPJ! Today the campus stands tall and proud as a leading undergraduate college of the University of Pittsburgh, itself a world-class institution. Our record of excellence is increasingly reflected in the outstanding accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff; the achievements of more than 17,000 alumni; the satisfaction of employers who hire our graduates; and last but not least, the recognition afforded by publications such as *US News & World Report America's Best Colleges, 2008* and the *Princeton Review Best Northeastern Colleges, 2008*.

The momentum on campus is palpable. All campus constituencies have been actively immersed in developing a shared vision for the future, with an emphasis on attaining greater distinction and a higher level of excellence and prominence. Student engagement and campus pride are on the rise; our faculty teacher-scholar-citizens are deeply engaged and immensely productive; our staff is keenly committed to improving the quality of our services; many alumni are reconnecting with their beloved alma mater, returning home to homecoming and other events in greater numbers than ever. The community is equally energized as UPJ has received unprecedented and highly favorable attention in the local media throughout the 80th Anniversary year. Joyous and fulfilling times, indeed.

Yet, these accomplishments notwithstanding, our work is never done. In this milestone year as UPJ celebrates its 80th anniversary, it is a fitting time to speak of renewal as we explore the future together; as we gather new momentum on the wings of hope and possibility following the arc of human progress, and, as we fulfill our obligations to our predecessors in the Academy and our duty to society. From our uniquely picturesque location in the Laurel Highlands, we are proud of our successes, yet not content to rest on our laurels.

Consequently, during the inaugural week at the end of September, we announced the launching of our "New Dimension of Excellence for Real World Readiness." Implementing and attaining this New Dimension of Excellence is already underway as we focus on several key initiatives (see bulleted points on page 4).

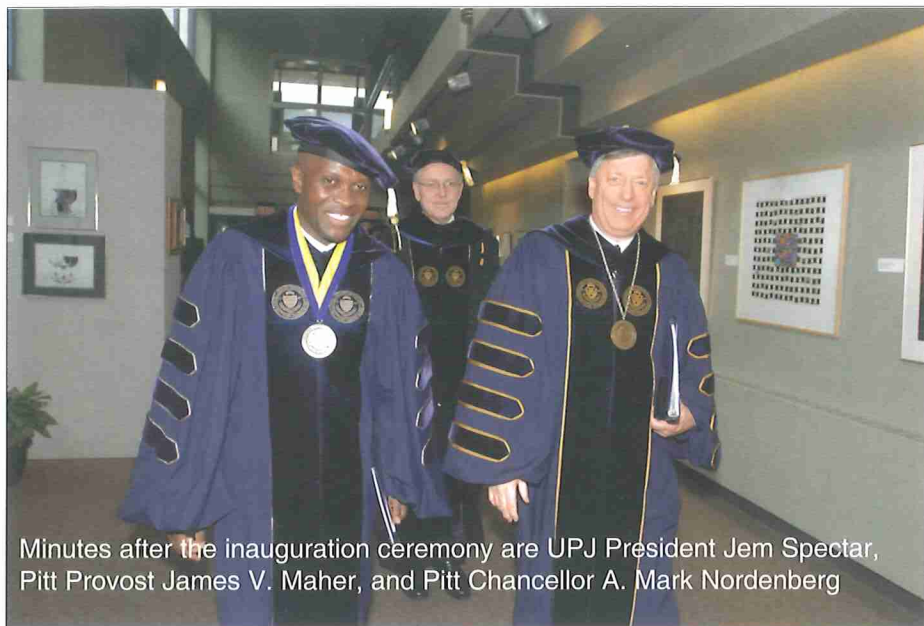
Going forward, establishing stronger and deeper ties with our extended family of alums will be a central focus of my administration. You are the cornerstone of our rich institutional legacy, the heart and soul of the spirit, the pride, and ethos that animates our campus today. By your accomplishments in your personal and professional lives, you proudly carry UPJ's banner and we are deeply grateful. With your support, UPJ will continue to produce real-world ready citizens, strengthen our communities, and, thereby, transform the world around us through the liberating power of learning! Meanwhile, if you wish to contribute ideas and advice that will shape or guide our future direction, please visit the "Developing a Shared Vision Together" section of the Alumni Affairs web site (www.upj.pitt.edu/upjalum).

Once again, thank you for the privilege of being part of this fine community. I look forward to working with you as we build upon your treasured legacy.

Mountain Cat Proud!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Spectar".

Jem Spectar
President



Minutes after the inauguration ceremony are UPJ President Jem Spectar, Pitt Provost James V. Maher, and Pitt Chancellor A. Mark Nordenberg

The Inauguration of Dr. Jem Spectar

September 28, 2007 began a new chapter in our rich history with the inauguration of Dr. Jem Spectar as the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's fifth President. A crowd, comprised of students, alumni, advisory board members, faculty, staff, legislators, and community friends, was on hand to share this important occasion.

E. Jeanne Gleason, Chair of the UPJ Advisory Board, led the platform party, comprised of Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, Provost James V. Maher, UPJ Advisory Board members, visiting dignitaries from other universities, and representatives of the faculty, staff, and student body.

During the ceremony, a congratulatory video message was played from Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu. Additionally, greetings were read on behalf of Republic of Liberia

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and former United States President William Jefferson Clinton.

The inauguration ceremony was the culmination of a week-long series of events that connected with all constituencies: more than 200 alumni at a Homecoming reception; students, faculty, and staff at an 80th Anniversary party that showcased the school's history through a display entitled *Memory Lane*; retired staff and faculty at the Emeritus Club Luncheon; athletes with the establishment of an Athletics Hall of Fame; donors at the annual Century Club dinner; and community members at a free picnic in Central Park.

Dr. Spectar most recently served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Western Oregon University. His prior appointments include Associate Provost for

Academic Affairs at the University of Scranton, Director of Studies at Princeton University, and the Assistant Dean of Students at the University of La Verne, Calif.

University of Pittsburgh Provost James V. Maher stated upon Dr. Spectar's appointment, "Both Chancellor Nordenberg and I respect Dr. Spectar's reputation for developing consensus while focusing on institutional priorities. Dr. Spectar is passionate in his commitment to the mission of the University of Pittsburgh and to Johnstown's important role within it."

Dr. Spectar earned his PhD in political science from Claremont Graduate University; a JD from the University of Maryland Law School; an MBA from Frostburg State University; an MA from George Washington University; an MA from Claremont Graduate University; and his BA in international studies from University of La Verne. His teaching experience includes Associate Professor of Law, University of La Verne; Lecturer, Political Science, Princeton University and Professor, Political Science, University of Scranton. He has received two awards for excellence in teaching.

In concluding his Inaugural address, Dr. Spectar offered these words, "Godspeed as we begin another leg of our journey, another year as cultivators of change, fashioning and forging an alternate future through the alchemy of our ideals, seeding the fields of hope and tending the gardens of the human mind, one magical moment at a time! As the clock steadily counts down and the harvest seasons go by, we can proudly say we are fulfilling our obligations to our predecessors and leaving our own imprints for not too distant posterity."

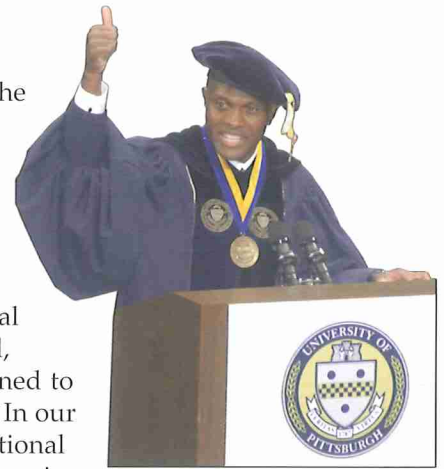
Please join us in welcoming Dr. Spectar to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown!

Excerpts From Inaugural Address

A Time, A Place, and A Legacy of Consequence

"We are at the cusp and the crossroads of great possibility and promise, riding the crest of a Tsunami-like wave of global change. Recognizing that we must prepare for change and adapt, we are developing a shared vision for a more purposeful and intentional approach to ensure that our young men and women can step up to the plate, *Ready for the Real World*."

"As we look back and celebrate a great legacy of learning in this place of consequence, we are also poised to look ahead ... We envision a revitalized traditional arts and sciences education that is professionally-complementary, socially-grounded, technologically-oriented, globally-focused, interdisciplinary, *and* purposefully designed to ensure students – upon graduation – are *Ready for the Real World* of the 21st Century. In our "New Dimension of Excellence," we seek to purposefully and actively connect traditional arts and sciences education to the practical realities and unfolding exigencies of a changing world, beginning with our city, our community, and beyond. We are envisioning a more distinctive, explicit, and intentional Pitt-Johnstown Signature, a first-class educational experience that is purposefully designed to produce graduates who are ready for successful participation in the emerging 21st century world..."



Increasing Awareness

Tribune-Democrat
September 9, 2007

**UPJ
targets
alumni**

New president
seeks involvement
from graduates

Tribune-Democrat, September 29, 2007

Ready to lead

Pennsylvania Business Central
October 11, 2007

**UPJ
Marks
80 Years**

Tribune-Democrat
September 30, 2007

**UPJ HALL OF FAME
Sherlock was
major force in
building UPJ**

Tribune-Democrat, September 20, 2007

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UPJ

Tribune-Democrat, September 26, 2007

Globalization issues on menu at UPJ

Tribune-Democrat, September 25, 2007

UPJ goes back to the future

Tribune-Democrat, October 1, 2007

**Athletes the focus
at Hall of Fame banquet**

*Just a sampling of the many newsworthy events
occurring at UPJ daily.*

New Dimension of Excellence Emerging Themes

- Advancing our academic mission through more responsive and distinctive programs consistent with the needs of an emerging global society.
- Building a more engaging and stimulating campus environment, including athletics
- Enhancing the living and learning environment by focusing on the quality of our facilities, infrastructure, and technology
- Building key partnerships and friend-making with external constituencies, ranging from our alums to area organizations and entities in our surrounding communities
- Strengthening our resource base, including expanded fundraising activities
- Institutionalizing a culture of effective planning, assessment, and accountability

A Capital Event

Washington, D.C.

The nation's capital was bursting with Mountain Cat pride on September 4 when nearly 50 alumni and guests gathered for UPJ's first-ever alumni event in Washington, D.C. The evening provided an opportunity for alumni to share some of their fondest memories about their years at UPJ. Tom Phizacklea ('81), vice president for finance at Goucher College, summarized the experience by saying "Getting together with my fellow Mountain Cats in our 'neighborhood' was a treat. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet and socialize with Dr. Spectar, and hear, first hand, his impressions of our alma mater and the role the alumni can play in making UPJ even stronger."

The evening also provided a chance for our alumni to network and share their collective successes. Read more about the accomplishments of your classmates in the *Of Note* section.

*Honoring the Past*

Asphalt Campus

One of the highlights of the 80th anniversary celebration week was the opportunity to reconnect with alumni from the Asphalt Campus Days (alumni from 1927 to 1967). More than 35 alumni and guests gathered to reminisce about the days when the school was known as "Junior Pitt" and operated out of the former Cypress Avenue Elementary School. During the reception, our rich legacy came to life through the many stories shared by some of the school's early alumni.



Florence Warfel (mathematics), Dr. Robert Duca (Italian and Spanish), George Mostoller (engineering technology), Claudia Jones (biology), and Bob Martinazzi, who still teaches in the Engineering Technology Division.

For history buffs, "Junior Pitt" operated out of the former Johnstown High School Building from 1927 until 1946 when it relocated to the Cypress Avenue location.

Athletics Hall of Fame Established



Lisa Britt, Sean Isgan, Dr. Jem Spectar, Carl Sax, and Ed Sherlock
(not pictured: James Wilkes)

Five UPJ alumni made history in September as the first inductees into the Pitt-Johnstown Athletics Hall of Fame. From the basketball court to the wrestling mat, the inductees were recognized for their accomplishments and leadership in athletic endeavors. The inductees were Lisa Britt ('80) women's basketball, Sean Isgan ('82) wrestling, Carl Sax ('58) men's basketball, Ed Sherlock ('61) men's basketball, and James Wilkes ('54) men's basketball.

More than 300 friends and family members attended the evening, which was emceed by Mike Mastovich ('85) from the Johnstown *Tribune-Democrat*. National Hall of Fame Wrestling Coach Pat Pecora was the featured speaker. The evening's highlights occurred when

each of the honorees took the stage to share memories, anecdotes, and inspiring stories. Hall of Fame Inductee Carl Sax even donned his original lettermen's jacket.

Each hall of fame member received a commemorative keepsake. Additionally, photos of each inductee will be hung in the Athletics Hall of Fame located in the Sports Center.

Familiar Faces?

President's Emeritus Club Formed

On September 24, President Spectar announced the creation of the President's Emeritus Club at a luncheon attended by retired faculty and staff. During the luncheon, attendees shared stories about their favorite moments at UPJ - many of which involved fond memories of students. Pictured from left-to-right are: First row - Shirley Verna (Health Services), Dr. Clea Hollis-Maghee (President's Office), Kay Esaias (Health Services), Dr. Lowell Shaffer (Student Life), Tony Zack (Physical Plant), and Dr. John Wilson (Mathematics); Second row - Jake Stiffler (Housing and Residence Life), Claudia Jones (Biology), Dr. Nancy Grove (Nursing), Betty Lewis (Registrar's Office), Dr. Florence Warfel (Mathematics), Dr. Jem Spectar, Dr. William Brice (Geology), Bruce Haselrig (Student Life), Linda McLeary (Career Services), Tom Kleban (Registrar's Office), Dolly Yonkoski (Housing and Residence Life), and Dr. Clifford Thompson (Biology); Third row - Dr. Ronald Reinbold (German/Education), Harry Probert (Physical Plant), Linus Pryal (Machine Shop), Linda Erwin (Financial Aid), Dr. William Lochstet (Chemistry), Dr. Merrily Swoboda (Communication), Dr. Thomas Sigmund (Mathematics/Education), George Mostoller (Engineering Technology), Paul Strzempka (Academic Affairs), Dr. Stanley Long (Economics), John Klavuhn (Engineering Technology), and Frank Hauser (Physical Plant).



Athletics Excellence

The Tradition Continues



After competing as an Independent since the early 1990s, the 2007-08 school year ushered in a new and exciting era in Pitt Johnstown athletics, as the Mountain Cats and Lady Cats began competing for championships in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC).

Men's Soccer

This move has already proven to be a beneficial one for the fall athletics teams. Head Coach Eric Kinsey's men's soccer team posted a 10-7-3 overall record and advanced to the WVIAC semifinals. The Mountain Cats, seeded #5 in the tournament with a 4-3-2 conference record, reached the semifinals by defeating Alderson-Broaddus (WV) College in a ten-round shootout in the quarterfinals. Five Mountain Cats were named to All-WVIAC teams, including junior forward Arik Misler and junior defender Vince Spillane, who were both second team selections.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team, under Head Coach Crystal Dye, also earned a spot in the WVIAC Tournament, but suffered an opening round loss at perennial power Concord (WV) University. Sophomore midfielder Kristin Kelly was tabbed Second Team *Daktronics* All-Great Lakes Region and Second Team All-WVIAC, while teammate Emily Babik also garnered second team all-conference honors.

Women's Volleyball

Women's volleyball also took advantage of the conference affiliation by advancing to the WVIAC

quarterfinals. Sophomore Megan Lasut was an Honorable Mention All-WVIAC selection for Head Coach Linda Renzi.

Women's Cross Country

A new era in cross country also started this year when Tess Jones took over the helm of the program. Freshman Berlyn Hubler finished a season-best 11th at the Waynesburg College Invitational.

Men's Wrestling

As the transition is made into the winter sports, high hopes and expectations abound. Head Coach Pat Pecora's wrestlers earned the pre-season #5 ranking in the nation by the National Wrestling Coaches' Association (NWCA). Along with the #5-national ranking, five Mountain Cats were individually ranked. Brandon Reasy (133 lbs.) and Mike Corcetti (184 lbs.) were both ranked #3 in the preseason poll, while Derrek Bosso (125 lbs.) was #5 and Shane Valko (141 lbs.) and Albert Miles (174 lbs.) were both ranked #7.

Men's Basketball

Head Coach Bob Rukavina's Mountain Cat basketball team enters the WVIAC with three returning starters and a total of eight lettermen, including Second Team All-WVIAC

selection Chris Gilliam, off of a team that posted an impressive 21-9 record a year ago.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Cats, coming off of their 16th NCAA Tournament appearance in 2006-07, look to continue the tradition of excellence that has been built over the years. Under the leadership of Head Coach Sasha Palmer, senior Jill Maurer and juniors Lindsay Cale, Krista Britcher and Kristin Irwin will be looked upon to lead a young and relatively inexperienced group that must replace several key players who helped lead the Lady Cats to the East Region Semifinals a year ago.

Men's Baseball

The Mountain Cat baseball team will look to make its second trip to the NCAA Regional Tournament under Head Coach Todd Williams. The Mountain Cats, who played a WVIAC schedule last year, but were not eligible for the conference tournament, finished second in the division with a 12-5 record in conference.

Women's Track and Field

Crystal Dye's women's track and field team continues to improve year-by-year and will look to be a major factor in this year's WVIAC meets.

Golf

The men's and women's golf teams, which became varsity sports just three seasons ago, are also improving under Coach Eric Kinsey. The men compete in several WVIAC tournaments in the fall and spring, while the women will get things started early this spring.

In the photo: UPJ's Chris Gilliam, Mike Corcetti, and Lindsay Cale.

Article submitted by Chris Caputo, UPJ sports information director.



Student Engagement

Keys to Future Success



Mountain Cat Maniacs Ally Maug, Merissa Larrew, Emily Coon, and Sarah Lees prepare for a men's basketball game.

The Division of Student Affairs has been working hard to positively enhance the UPJ student experience. This year many significant programming initiatives have been introduced with great fanfare and much success.

Mountain Cat Pride is Shining

This fall marked the launch of a new organization designed to create school pride and spirit while supporting our athletics programs. The organization, affectionately known as the "Mountain Cat Maniacs," already has over 300 members.

Under the direction of band director Mike Bodolosky, a pep band has been formed to perform at many of our team events. In addition, the UPJ Cheerleaders and Dance Ensemble will both perform at each game. This program has already created a shift within the student body and our campus by creating record attendance at events.

The Office of Student Life instituted a new Pitt Football program for our students this year. For each Pitt home game, 100 tickets, as well as a free bus ride to the game, were provided to students on a first-come, first-served basis. The demand for tickets was so high that tickets were claimed the morning they are made available.

Getting Our Students Ready for the Real World

Approximately 400 students, each maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA, are participating in our Leadership Development Program, "The National Society of Success and Leadership." This special program has made a significant difference in the leadership skills of many of our students with topics ranging from excelling at public speaking to motivating organizations. Our students have learned from nationally known speakers including Tim Wise (*White Privilege*), Janet Atwood (*The Leadership Promise*), Judy

Gorman (*Women's Leadership*), and Dr. Bertice Berry (*Laughing Your Way Through Leadership*). Additionally, students have the opportunity to earn a leadership certificate for successful completion of a more rigorous option within the program. Forty-four students have earned this certificate in the past four years.

Student Involvement

Student Affairs has worked closely with Information Technology to create a co-curricular transcript. This is a record of student engagement and recognizes excellence in participation in specific areas, including community service, club/organization involvement, leadership experience, philanthropic activities, and social and cultural participation. This new program was specially designed to add value to the student experience and give us a strategic edge over peer institutions.

Over 1,400 students are involved in more than 60 clubs and organizations. This is vital to the promotion of out-of-class experiences. Student involvement in campus activities has been shown to be key indicator of academic success, persistence, and graduation.

Residence Life continues to enhance the quality of both educational and social programming provided by staffing to our residential students. There have been over 150 successful programs offered on topics such as inclusivity, leadership, conflict management, and getting involved in campus life.

Austin Named to Student Affairs Position

Kelly Austin has been named associate vice president for student affairs and is currently acting vice president for student affairs. Mr. Austin most recently served as UPJ's director of student union/student activities. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a master's in student personnel from Slippery Rock University, and is currently working towards the completion of his doctorate in social and comparative analysis in education at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sustained Success

National Rankings Tell the Story

"Students get real-world experience that they can carry out into the job force."

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown continues to sustain momentum, recently receiving added recognition as an institution of preeminent educational quality. Commended once more by *US News & World Report, America's Best Colleges, 2008* and the *Princeton Review Best Northeastern Colleges, 2008*, UPJ once again maintains an enviable position in the upper echelons of institutional rankings.

These external accolades are, for the most part, merely echoing a history of excellence that is well attested to regionally. UPJ's top-tier classification is a reflection of the

accomplishments of talented students, staff, and faculty; the record of achievements of over 17,000 alumni; as well as the satisfaction of area employers. UPJ's graduation and retention rates continue to exceed the national averages of similar institutions in the *US News & World Report Best Baccalaureate Colleges Category* that is composed of institutions focusing on undergraduate education. Moreover, the University consistently maintains relatively small class sizes and excellent student to faculty ratios—all factors that make for high quality, individualized and supportive learning experiences.

Submissions to *The Princeton Review's Best Northeastern Colleges* place Pitt Johnstown in a favorable light, noting a "strong regional reputation in engineering and business" and confirm a solid internship program in which "students get real-world experience that they can carry out into the job force." In view of these hallmarks of distinction, the excellent rankings are viewed as one indicator, but by no means the only evidence of the institution's ascendancy and prominence in the region.

Getting Ready for the Real World

Circling the Globe

UPJ students are expanding their horizons and taking their studies abroad through the Vira I. Heinz Travel Study Awards program. Three students were the recipients of the 2007 awards, Amanda M. Hanbury, Paige C. Stokes, and Andmoran C. Thomas.

Ms. Hanbury, a junior environmental studies major from Cuddy, Pa., used her scholarship to study German language during the summer of 2007 in Stuttgart, Germany.

Ms. Stokes, a junior communication major from Glassport, Pa., studied intermediate Spanish language in San Jose, Costa Rica, under the auspices of "Cultural Experiences Abroad."

Ms. Thomas, a junior history and political science dual major from Hollsopple, studied Viennese art and architecture, and Modern Austrian History in Vienna, Austria under the auspices of Hope College and the Austro-American Institute of Education.

To date 12 UPJ students have taken part in the Vira I. Heinz Travel Study program. The Heinz Endowments support efforts to make southwestern Pennsylvania a premier place to live and work, a center for learning and educational excellence, and a home to diversity and inclusion. Committed to helping its region thrive as a whole community, economically, educationally, and culturally, the Heinz Foundation works within Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the nation to develop solutions to challenges that are both national and international in scope. (Pictured above, left-to-right: Amanda M. Hanbury, Paige C. Stokes, and Andmoran C. Thomas)



Changing Times:

UPJ Goes Wireless

Remember having to sign up for computer time, and then spending hours in those hot labs working on your projects? Well, times have changed! The UPJ campus has officially gone wireless with the installation of *Wireless PittNet*.

The project, a cooperative effort between Information Technology and the Oakland campus, involves nine non-residential buildings: Blackington Hall, Biddle Hall, Engineering and Science Building, Krebs Hall, Owen Library, Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center, Sports

Center, Student Union, and Whalley Chapel. Users will also be able to access the wireless service from a number of outdoor areas adjacent to the academic buildings. The service will be available at no charge to all UPJ students, faculty, and staff.



Students Christy Neville, Amber Queer and Katie Gielata take advantage of the new *Wireless PittNet* to work collaboratively.

Partnership Celebrates Alumni Success

UPJ is working with Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI) on a project that will showcase the success of our alumni and provide valuable guidance to our current students on local employment opportunities and options available to them upon graduation. The project is part of JARI's Greater Johnstown Keystone Innovation Zone (GJKIZ), which has been designed to create partnerships between local colleges/universities and businesses to enhance local economic development.

The new project, which will become a model for other colleges and universities in our region, will utilize alumni as speakers, mentors, and project sponsors to create an awareness of opportunities in the fields of information technology, engineering technology, and the physical sciences. Students will benefit through the creation of internship, job shadowing, and mentorship opportunities in the area.

In announcing the new project, JARI Vice President for Procurement and Technology Bob Shark ('79) commented, "Various local initiatives have been developed over the years to educate area students about the business opportunities that exist in the region. We're asking UPJ grads to help expand the focus of that effort by developing coordinated alumni involvement to create more hands-on interaction between UPJ and local industry. Other university communities have successfully used similar professional networks as part of their overall 'brain gain' strategies, and I can't think of a better place than UPJ to start this in Johnstown."

Additional information on the program will be made available at a reception in January.

Alumnus Recognized for Volunteer Excellence



Ernest J. Mantini, DMD ('79) won the *Pitt Alumni Association Volunteer Excellence Award* in recognition of his work with the Pitt-Johnstown Alumni Association. Current treasurer of the Association and a past president, vice president, and council member, he has made his mark as a fund raiser for the Association. He serves as chairman of the annual Mountain Cat High School Basketball Tournament, a post that he has held for 22 years, raising more than \$100,000 for the Association, which has, in turn, helped fund these initiatives at UPJ: the Dr. Theodore W. Biddle Alumni Association Scholarship; the Dr. Frank H.

Blackington, III, Performing Arts Endowment; the Zamias Aquatic Center; the Alumni Association Achievement Award; and a number of other projects. In 2004, he took on the leadership role in another fund raiser: *UPJ Proud*. To date, he has raised \$46,562 for that event, which is growing into a UPJ tradition. After receiving his DMD in 1983, he started private practice in Johnstown and Davidsville. He met his wife, Linda Chestnutwood (UPJ '88), while serving on the Alumni Council. (Photo: Dr. Mantini accepts the award from Ruth Forsyth, Chair of the Pitt Alumni Association Awards Committee.)

A Week 80 Years in the Making



The UPJ campus, in fact the entire community, enjoyed a week-long celebration of our 80th anniversary. During the week of September 23-29, over 100 news stories were published about our anniversary and related activities. From three images on an electronic billboard in New York's Times Square to more than 850 mentions nationally and internationally, 80th Anniversary spirit took on global proportions.

The week was kicked off with an Island Party featuring a performance by Resonance Percussion. The event also marked the official launch of the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center's 2007-08 season. Other events held during the week included a community picnic in Johnstown's Central Park, the Worlds of UPJ diversity fair, the annual Century Club Dinner recognizing donors and friends of the University, a luncheon for international business leaders, the first-ever Emeritus Club luncheon, and an 80th anniversary party featuring cake and ice cream. Throughout the week, visitors to campus were also able to reminisce about the past 80 years through a special display entitled *Memory Lane*. *Memory Lane* featured artifacts, documents, and other historical items dating as far back as 1927.

Many thanks to the following individuals and organizations for their congratulatory messages on the occasion of our 80th Anniversary:

International

South Africa

Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu

Republic of Liberia, West Africa

Office of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Thomas Trigona, *Mayor*

Richland Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

Melvyn D. Wingard, *Chairman*

Gary A. Paul, *Secretary*

United States

The White House

President George W. Bush

Office of Former President William Jefferson Clinton

Congress of the United States

John P. Murtha, *12th Congressional District*

State Government

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Edward G. Rendell, *Governor*

Senate of Pennsylvania

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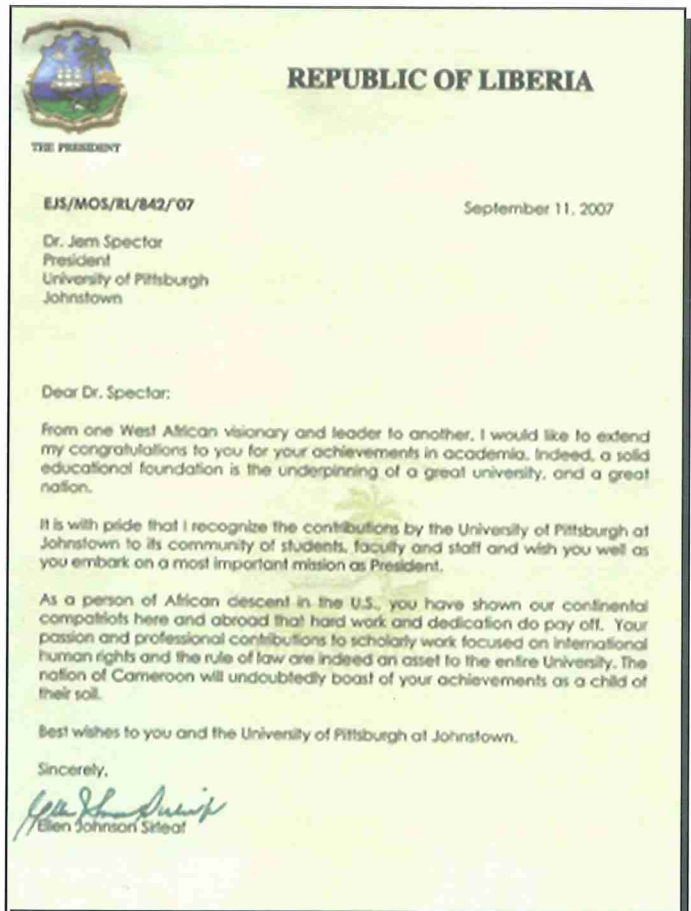
Local Government

Cambria County Commissioners

P.J. Stevens, *President Commissioner*

Milan Gjurich, *Commissioner*

William G. Harris, *Commissioner*



Message from Archbishop Desmond Tutu

"Dear Friends,

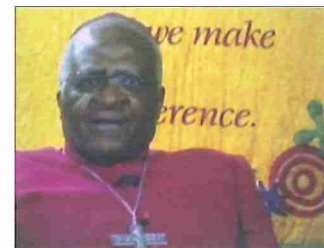
I send you my warm greetings — and to Dr. Jem Spectar — especially my heartiest congratulations on your inauguration today as the fifth president of this illustrious institution. I would have wished so very much to be with you to share this happy occasion with a brother from our beloved continent of Africa.

It is often overlooked that one of the most valuable exports from Africa are her people. You will find them in universities across the globe where they are making a distinguished contribution to academia. This university is also celebrating its 80th anniversary this year.

I am confident that students from this institution under the guidance of Dr. Spectar will make a substantial and positive difference to the world.

Go for it.

God Bless You."



And, special thanks to our friends in the academic community who sent official recognition and greetings to UPJ on the occasion of Dr. Spectar's inauguration:

Albright College • Alderson-Broaddus College • Allegheny College • Appalachian State University • Arcadia University • Arkansas State University, Jonesboro • Armstrong Atlantic State University • Black Hills State University • Boise State University • Cabrini College • Cal State San Marcos • California State University • California State University, Dominguez Hills • California State University, Long Beach • California State University, Northridge • California State University, Stanislaus • Carlow University • Central Michigan University • Central State University • Central Washington University • Chadron State College • Claremont Graduate University • Clayton State University • Clemson University • College of Charleston • College of New Jersey • Connecticut State University System • Coppin State University • Davis & Elkins College • Delaware Valley College • Dickinson College • Eastern Connecticut State University • East Stroudsburg University • Eastern Washington University • Edinboro University of Pennsylvania • Frostburg State University • Gettysburg College • George Washington University • Georgia College & State University • Georgia Southern University • Goucher College • Governors State University • Grambling State University • Grove City College • Indiana State University • Indiana University East • Indiana University of Pennsylvania • Immaculata University • Jacksonville State University • Keene State College • Kennesaw State University • Lafayette College • Lebanon Valley College • Lehigh University • Lehman College • Lincoln University • Longwood University • Lycoming College • Lyndon State College • Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts • Metropolitan State University • Minnesota State University • Mississippi Valley State University • Missouri State University • Montclair State University • Muhlenberg College • Murray State University • Neumann College • Northeastern Illinois University • Northern Illinois University • Northern Kentucky University • Old Dominion University • Oswego State University of New York • Penn State, Greeter Allegheny • Pennsylvania Highlands Community College • Point Park University • Prairie View A&M University • Princeton University • Ramapo College of New Jersey • Richard Stockton College of New Jersey • Robert Morris University • Sahmyook University Korea • Saint Joseph's University • Salisbury University • Seton Hill University • Slippery Rock University • Sonoma State University • South Dakota State University • Southern Connecticut State University • State University of New York College at Brockport • State University of New York College at Cortland • State University of New York College at Old Westbury • State University of New York College at Potsdam • Texas State University • Texas Southern University • Texas Woman's University • The Citadel • The University of Toledo • Thiel College • Towson University • Troy University • Truman State University • University of the Arts • University of Central Florida • University of Central Missouri • University of Charleston • University of Wisconsin • University of Wisconsin, River Falls • University of Hawaii at Hilo • University of La Verne • University of Maine at Fort Kent • University of Mary Washington • University of Michigan Dearborn • University of Montevallo • University of Nebraska at Omaha • University of North Alabama • University of North Dakota • University of North Texas • University of South Alabama • University of South Carolina Aiken • University of Scranton • University of Tennessee at Chattanooga • University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College • University of Texas at San Antonio • University of Virginia's College at Wise • University of West Georgia • University of Wisconsin La Crosse • University of Wisconsin Oshkosh • University of Wisconsin Parkside • University of Wisconsin Superior • University of Wisconsin Whitewater • Valley Forge Christian College • Villanova University • Washburn University • Westminster College • Western Carolina University • Western Kentucky University • West Virginia Wesleyan College • Wright State University • West Texas A&M University • Wilson College • Winona State University • Winthrop University • Youngstown State University

Of Note:

"What are my classmates doing?" It's the "most asked" question we get. Tell your former classmates what you're doing! Submit your information at www.upj.pitt.edu/alumni or mail it to Institutional Advancement.

1950s

James H. Geer ('54) is a visiting scholar in the department of psychology at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. He is a fellow, Association for Psychological Science and American Psychological Association; and president, International Academy of Sex Research. He has published five books and has delivered over 150 research articles and papers.

1970s

David E. Casker ('71) is a quality control manager at Sargent's Court Reporting, Johnstown.

Sherry (Hersh) Shurin ('72) is a professor of teacher education at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Johnstown. She also holds a master's degree in education.

Donna Jean Berriman ('73) is the president and owner of the Robert Francis Group, Inc., in Falls Church, Va.

Thomas McCullough ('73) is a principal architect for software systems at Lockheed Martin Information Technology in Alexandria, Va. While at UPJ, he won the Natural Sciences Division Scholar Award and was president of Phi Eta Sigma. He recently was re-elected to serve a third term as president of the National Capital Management Professional with masteries in IT management, data warehousing, and data management.

Leonard J. Shurin ('73) is a staff and curriculum developer at Appalachia IU 8 in Altoona, Pa. He is a contributing author in *Curriculum and the Cultural Body*, Peter Lange publishing, 2006.

Beverly (Williams) Withiam ('76) is the interim director, Engineering Technology at UPJ.

Daniel D. Barta ('77) is an elementary science and health teacher at the Shade Central City Elementary School, Cairnbrook, Pa.

Rebecca M. Lear ('77) is a reading specialist at Windber Area Elementary School, Pa.

Ronald C. McDevitt ('79) is a financial policy and information manager for the Fairfax County Government, Fairfax, Va.

Joan L. (Suboleski) Pennline ('79) is a high school principal in the Prince William County Schools, Dumfries, Va., while enjoying world travels.

1980s

Barbara L. (Knox) Parkins ('80) is the superintendent, Greater Johnstown School District.

Toni Jean (Giallonardo) Clark ('80) is a teacher/librarian at St. Benedict's School, Johnstown. She is pursuing a master's degree in elementary education (reading and literacy).

Jeffrey R. Blair ('81) DMD, Temple University ('85) received a fellowship from the Academy of General Dentistry at the annual convention in Denver. He has been in private practice since 1985 and has operated a solo dental office in Parkesburg, Pa., since 1992. He resides in West Chester, Pa. with his wife, Annmarie, and their children Austin 17, Patrick 8, and Shannon 7.

Jamie Ann (Fetcko) Kieta ('83) is the co-director and preschool teacher at Day Dreams Day Care, Inc., Johnstown.

Braden R. Berkey ('84) is the director of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Institute at the Center on Halsted in Halsted, Ill.

Gregory T. Novak ('84) CEO of Harris Interactive and a mechanical engineering technology graduate, rang the opening bell Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at NASDAQ's MarketSite in Times Square. Mr. Novak, who resides in New York, joined Harris Interactive in 1999 and was named CEO in 2005. He had served as vice president and general manager of

Lightnin Americas, a unit of GSX. Mr. Novak received an MS degree in management from Purdue University's Krannert Business School. He also is a graduate of General Electric's Nuclear Power Engineering Program and FMC's Corporate Analyst Training and Development Program.

Shane M. Swisher ('84) is a public relations accounts manager at Boyd Tamney Cross Public Relations in Wayne, Pa. He handles public relations for everyone from business-to-business clients to celebrities.

Mike Mastovich ('85) has published a book, *Slap Shots and Snapshots: 50 Seasons of Pro Hockey in Johnstown*, through the *Tribune-Democrat* newspaper, Johnstown.

Jeanne (Delich) Susko ('85) has been named senior coordinator of outreach programs at UPJ. She serves on the boards of the Women's Help Center, Women's Information Network, and Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center, Johnstown.

Martin Edward Brandau ('86) is a senior customer service specialist at Penelec/FirstEnergy, Johnstown.

Jane (Serena) Cannata ('86) is an account executive at AH&T, Inc., Leesburg, Va.

Melissa M. (Blososky) Garland ('86) is the math department chair, as well as a math teacher in the Spotsylvania County Schools, Spotsylvania, Va.

Gina (Stefancic) Rembold ('86) is business manager in the Conemaugh Township Area School District, Davidsville, Pa. She is also the president of the Mid-State Pennsylvania School Business Officials.

Phil Cynar ('87) is a senior communications specialist at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and its Affiliates, Pittsburgh.

David R. Ericson ('87) has been a manager in the computer field for five years. Married with six children, he and his wife own and operate The Tanning Loft in Allison Park, Pa.

Jeanne R. Feathers ('87) is the director of sales at Unique Venues, Johnstown.

Ken Nicely ('87) is the director of information and business systems for Merion Publications, Inc., King of Prussia, Pa.

Alan P. Flynn ('88) has opened a restaurant, Alan's Fine Dining, Johnstown.

Jaci L. (Meckley) Nicely ('88) is the vice president of Merion Publications, Inc., King of Prussia, Pa.

Jeffrey S. Philibin ('88) is a loan officer at AmeriServ Financial, Johnstown.

Sally McDonough Niemiec ('89) is communications director and press secretary in the office of First Lady, Laura Bush. She served as vice president at Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide, where she managed a portfolio of media projects on issues of youth development and public health. These include campaigns in which Mrs. Bush has participated, among them the *Jones New York in the Classroom* initiative to support teachers and the award-winning National Heart, Lung and Blood, Institute's *Heart Truth* campaign, of which Mrs. Bush is national ambassador. Prior to her tenure at Ogilvy, she built and managed her own firm, McDonough Public Relations. Her work has earned several awards for excellence in advertising, public relations, and professional achievement.

Colette Michelle Releford ('89) is the director of marketing at Korth Abramson Construction in Gaithersburg, Md. She completed her master's degree in e-commerce and will complete her MBA in August 2008 from the University of Maryland.

Robin Jean (Telek) Peel ('89) is senior systems analyst/project leader for General Nutrition Centers, Inc., Pittsburgh. She

received her MBA in 1997 from Robert Morris University.

Martin Van Buren ('89) is employed by ITT, Carmel, Ind., as the vice president of information technology.

1990s

Matthew W. Singel ('90) is program manager for Soil Cement/Roller-Compacted Concrete for the Cement Council of Texas in Hurst, Tex. He is a licensed professional engineer (civil) and was a featured speaker at the 2004 AASHTO national construction meeting.

Karen J. Golden ('91) is a senior accountant at Conemaugh Health Initiatives, Inc., Johnstown.

Matthew R. Harvey ('92) is employed by Hershey's Mill Golf Club, West Chester, Pa., as a PGA professional. He resides in King of Prussia.

Carolann M. (McHale) Marker ('92) is an accountant for the U.S. Treasury Department, Hyattsville, Md.

Brian K. Ott ('92) is the corporate director of government program management at GapVax, Inc., Johnstown. He and his wife, Kendra, have two daughters, Casey and Makanna.

Michele (Hoover) Argast ('93) is a marketing program manager at Leadsources, Pittsburgh.

Theresa L. (Fleegle) Heyn ('94) is vice president and business support manager at the Bank of America, Charlotte, N.C.

Christian J. Stumpf ('94) has been named the assistant vice president of auxiliary services at UPJ where he also serves as director of the Conference Center.

Michelle G. (Goodman) Stumpf ('94) is the operations manager for Unique Venues, Johnstown.

Mike Suman ('94) is a senior system developer for AAMC, Washington, D.C.

Amy Jo Watterson ('94) is a registered occupational therapist-rehabilitation, New Port Richey, Fla.

Leonard J. Benning ('95) is an emergency management program specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Dean Ely ('95) is the associate director at Holiday Fenoglio Fowler, LP, Pittsburgh.

Marty R. Henry ('95) is a branch manager at Wells Fargo Financial, Philadelphia.

Bruce E. Schweitzer ('95) is a project manager for First General Services of Ebensburg/Altoona.

Kurt R. Nilson, Esq. ('96) was consulted by *Forbes* magazine for an article about intestacy that was published November 12, 2007. His work is featured in the personal finance section at the *Forbes* web site. He is an associate with the Johnstown firm Spence, Custer, Saylor, Wolfe & Rose, working in estate planning and administration practice.

William "Mike" Barton ('97) is a principal at Preparatory Institute, School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West Hall in the Clark County School District, Las Vegas. In 2006, he accepted the job as principal for the "worst performing school in the state of Nevada" and transformed it into a school exhibiting academic rigor and student success.

Alumnus Named Director of Alumni and Community Relations

Robert Knipple ('87) has been named director of alumni and community relations at UPJ. Bob most recently served as UPJ director of outreach and professional services. He received a bachelor's degree from UPJ and master's degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is an active community member and currently serves as president of the East Hills Business Association; chairman of the board of directors for the Learning Lamp; member of the Board of Directors for the United Way of the Laurel Highlands, and the Johnstown Area Regional Industries business and education consortium.



Doug Cannin ('97) has been working in public relations at Magee-Women's Hospital (now part of UPMC) Pittsburgh, since 2003.

Kimberly Ann (Walls) Dorchak ('97) is a certified government financial manager, as well as a CPA for Dennis P. Kotzan, CPA, Johnstown.

Collette A. (Morrissey) Harclerode ('97) is an information technology generalist at the State Correctional Institute at Huntingdon (Pa.).

Jason R. Jacobs ('97) is employed by the Rehab Centre, Clarion, Pa., as a chiropractor.

Nicole Dawn (Rombaugh) Kuzmiak ('97) is an assistant principal at the Westmont Hilltop Middle School, Johnstown. She married John Kuzmiak in 2004 and had daughter, Quinn Marie, in 2006. She received a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in 2001, a K-12 Principal Certification in 2004, and a Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility in 2006.

Joyce L. (Perrin) Neumann ('97) is a realtor, ABR, CRS, and SRES for Howard Hanna Heritage Real Estate, Johnstown.

Chris R. Feather ('98) is the director of audit services at the Pennsylvania Credit Union Association, Harrisburg.

Dr. Lauri Chose ('99) is a visiting assistant professor of English at Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pa.

Carissa Meiklejohn ('99) is employed by Milford High School, Milford, Del., as an English teacher and head of the theatre department, where she annually directs two plays and one musical.

Rex A. Morgart ('99) is a program analyst for the U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, Washington, D.C.

Julia Reed-Young ('99) received an MA in secondary English education in 2002. She has taught for five years at Hancock High School in Hancock, Md., and is an adjunct instructor at Hagerstown Community College. She resides in Berkeley Springs, WV, with her husband Christopher Young, and two dogs.

Kaley Sue (Shellhammer) Zundel ('99) is a senior collegiate program coordinator at SAE International, Warrendale, Pa.

2000s

Susan Lindsay (Ware) Gahs ('00) is working for American Airlines and living in Frederick, Md.

Rachel E. Lengle Govelovich ('00) is an assistant project manager at Gannett Fleming, Inc. She is responsible for assisting the development, initiation, planning, execution, and closing of water system projects. She was named the *Young Engineer of the Year* by the Central Pennsylvania Engineers Week Council. She and her husband, Alexander, reside in Oberlin, Pa.

Michael A. Pastore ('00) is in sales for Your Building Center, Altoona, Pa.

Michael Rygel ('00) is an assistant professor of geology at SUNY-Potsdam, N.Y. He completed his PhD in earth sciences at Dalhousie University in 2005 and was awarded the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists PhD thesis award.

Jonathan C. Snyder, PE ('00) is a staff engineer at Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., and living in Baden, Pa.

Kara Benoni ('01) is employed at Sykesville Middle School, Md., as a teacher. She was awarded the Eldersburg *Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year* in May 2007.

Clayton James Johnson ('01) is the executive vice president for Clifton Johnson Associates, Inc., Monroeville, Pa.

Erin O'Brokta ('01) is a high school mathematics teacher in Charleston, S.C. She coaches the school's math team with her husband and earned national board certification in young adult mathematics.

Meghan (McLaughlin) Stahl-Skinner ('01) works in the marketing department at American Red Cross Blood Services, Johnstown.

Mandy (Mathews) Fischer ('02) was featured in the *Philadelphia Inquirer Patients in Training*, September 4, 2006 with a family of spectacled langurs.

Natalie R. (Ream) Owens ('02) is an environmental scientist at URS, Pittsburgh.

Leonard P. Vigna ('02) has joined the law firm of Kaminsky, Thomas, Wharton, and Lovette, Johnstown. He is a 2005 graduate of the Widener University School of Law.

Corrin M. Cochran ('03) is a guidance counselor in the Kittanning Senior High School, Pa. She earned a master's degree in secondary school counseling from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Stephanie J. (Anderson) DeSio ('03) is a second grade teacher at Spotsylvania County Schools- Wilderness Elementary in Spotsylvania, Va. She married Adam DeSio.

Jill Marie Yochus ('03) is a sales manager for the Willard InterContinental Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Thomas A. Beck ('04) is an analysis engineer at NuVision Engineering, Pittsburgh.

Danielle M. Claar ('05) is a clerk in the office of disability adjudication and review, Johnstown. She is pursuing a master's degree in psychology at Mount Aloysius College.

Melissa Kelly ('05) is a WKST-FM traffic director at Clear Channel radio, Pittsburgh. She was married in May 2007.

Calling All Delta Sigma Chi Brothers

The Delta Sigma Chi fraternity, founded in 1963, will celebrate its 45th Anniversary in 2008. The weekend celebration will take place March 28 and 29, 2008. The formal dinner/dance will be held at the Pasquerilla Conference Center in downtown Johnstown on Saturday night. Friday night's "bro" evening events are currently being planned. Invitations will be mailed in January 2008. For additional information, contact: dsc_upj_alumni@verizon.net.

Brad A. Meucci ('05) is a graphic design associate for the Corporate Executive Board, Washington, D.C.

Joyce (Reed) Radovanic ('05) has been named assistant to the president at UPJ. She has been employed at UPJ for 25 years, most recently as assistant director for auxiliary services.

James A. Selapack ('05) is a subcontracts administrator at Concurrent Technologies Corporation, Johnstown.

Tracie N. Calvert ('06) is a marketing coordinator at Elbeco Incorporated, Reading, Pa.

Lindsay M. Camino ('06) is a human relations administrator for Robbins Gioia, Alexandria, Va.

Kellyn Wilhide ('06) is a planning assistant for Ameriprise Financial, Pittsburgh.

Carrie Anne Young ('06) is a research assistant at Harris Interactive, New York.

Lacey Lynn Slavich ('07) is a producer in the creative services department for WJAC-TV, Johnstown.

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Biggest Alumni Fund Raiser of the Year

Don't miss the reunion!

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

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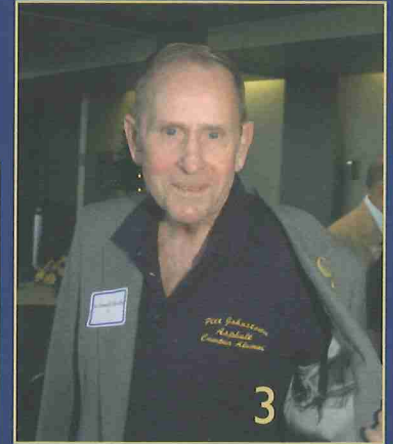
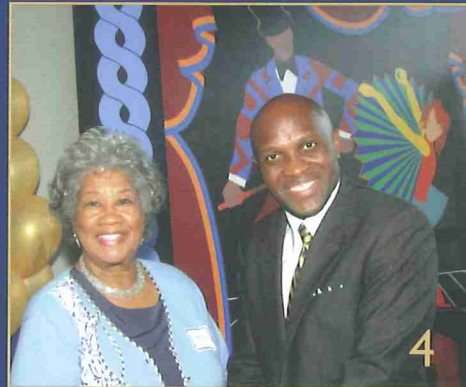
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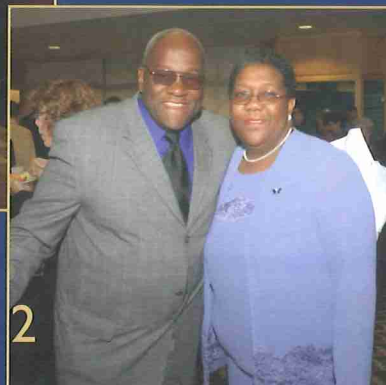
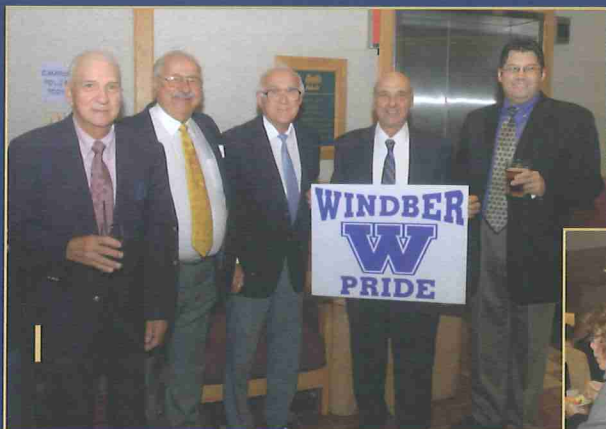


Asphalt Campus Reception



1. Jackie Klanchar, Dr. Anthony Gergley, Ted Timko
2. Mary Theresa and Bill Knipple, Dr. Jem Spectar, Rev. Wilbert Boerstler
3. Dr. Lowell Shaffer
4. Claudia Jones, Dr. Jem Spectar
5. Eugene Spangler, Zoraida and Dr. Bob Duca

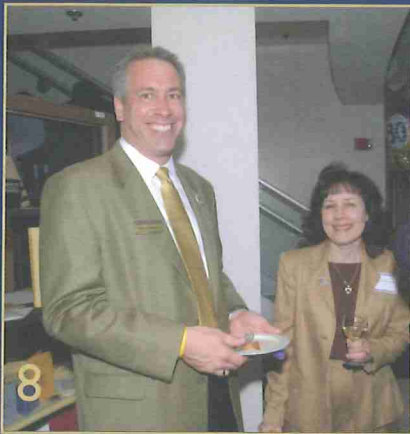
Athletics Hall of Fame



1. Eugene DeBarto, Anthony Spinos, Shaz Yuhas, Tony Zack, Mike Sotosky
2. Benny Britt, Lisa Britt

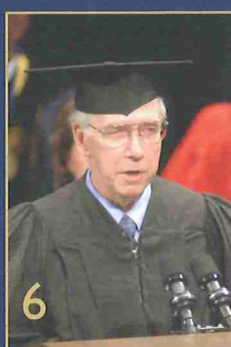
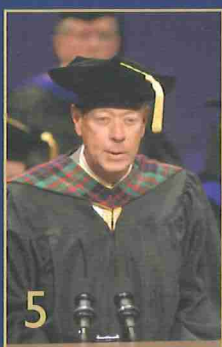
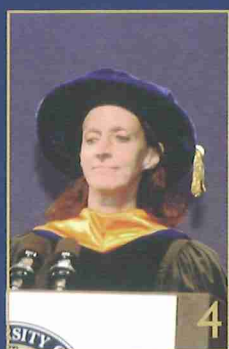
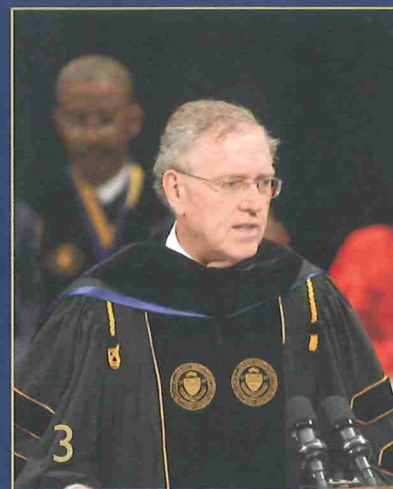
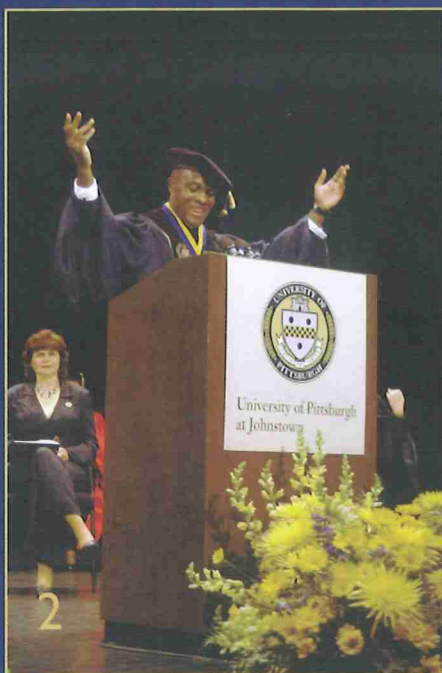
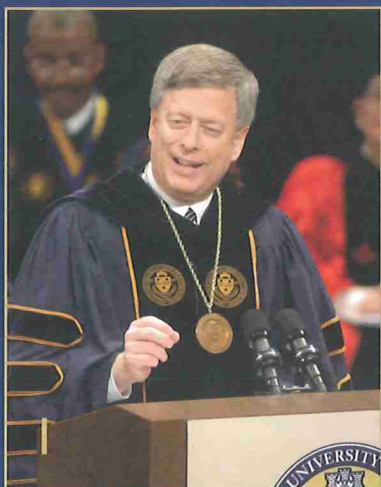
President's Homecoming Reception

Nearly 250 alumni and guests attended the President's reception this year.
Be sure to join us next year and help us double that number!



1. Ernie and Linda Mantini
2. Mike Susko, Rick Korber
3. Gladys Go, Chris Stumpf
4. Bernie Martin, James LeVan, Joel Miller
5. Nancy Rottler, Jim Gyure
6. Pam Sabol, Cliff Kitner, Karla Garman
7. Michelle Stumpf, Jeanne Feathers, Lauri Chose
8. Bob Knipple, Stephanie Korber





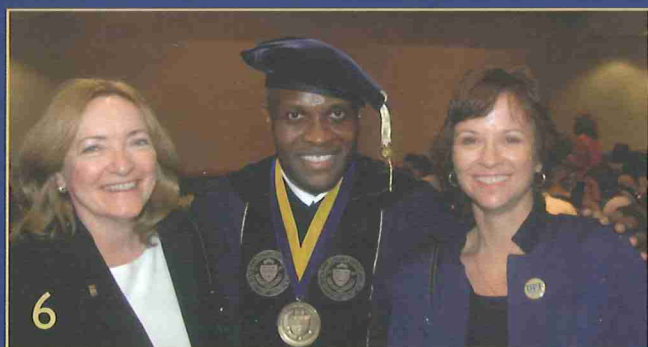
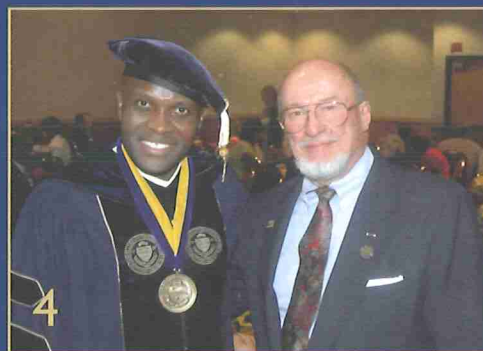
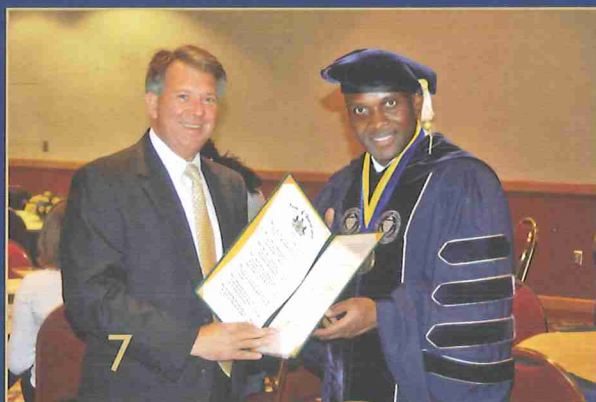
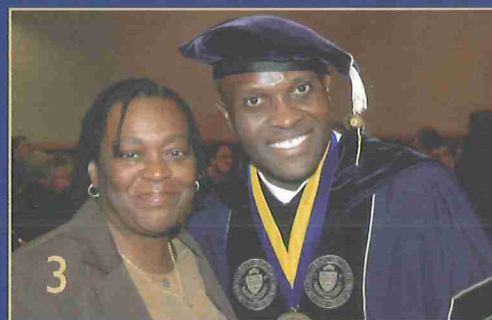
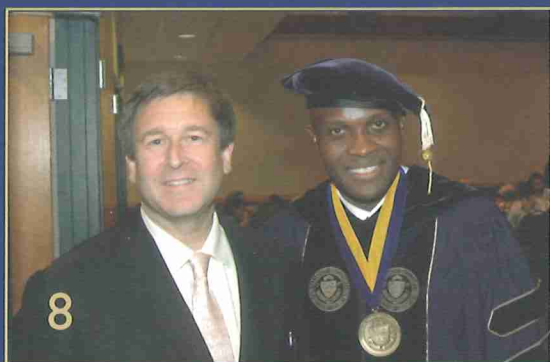
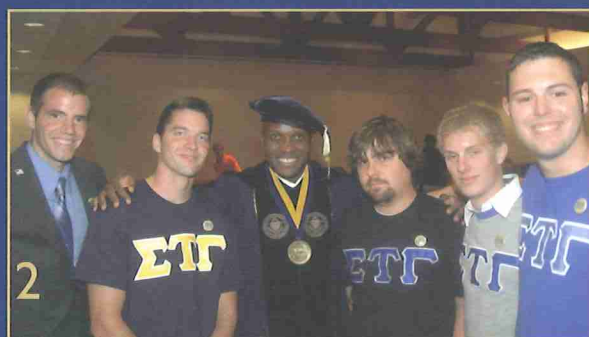
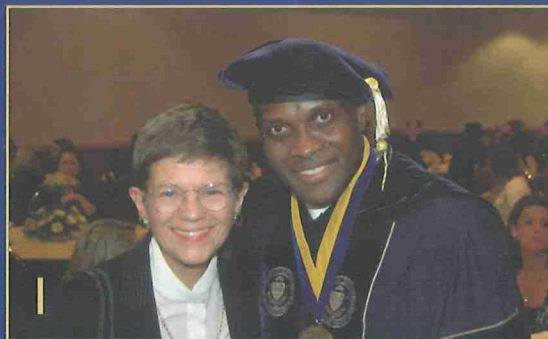
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Platform Speakers

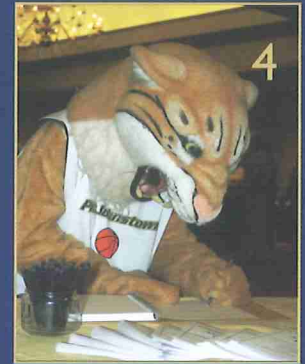
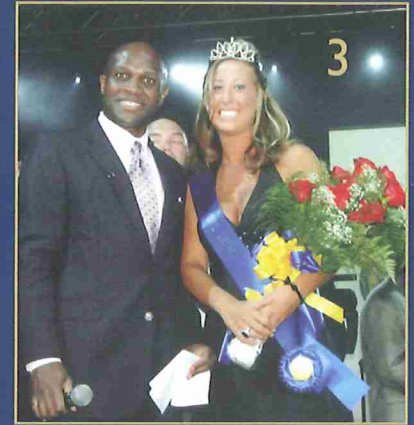
1. Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg
2. President Jem Spectar
3. Provost James V. Maher
4. Dr. Catherine Cox (University Marshal)
5. Ronald Vickroy (Presider)
6. David H. Fyock (from the community)
7. Dr. Beth Barnett (from the academic community)
8. Gladys Go (from the alumni)
9. Angela Mazur (from the students)
10. Andrea Leibfreid (from the staff)
11. Archbishop Desmond Tutu delivers congratulatory greetings via videotaped message
12. Dr. John Thompson (from the faculty)
13. E. Jeanne Gleason (from the Advisory Board)

Inauguration Day

1. Dr. Sharon Smith, Dr. Jem Spectar
2. Marc Myszak, Joe Yasick, Dr. Jem Spectar, Seth Kristoff, Taylor Bostock, Ben Kleban
3. Laura Perry-Thompson, Dr. Jem Spectar
4. Dr. Jem Spectar, Dr. Gerald Johnston
5. Daniel Holquist, Dr. Jem Spectar, Oscar Zolbe
6. Beverly Withiam, Dr. Jem Spectar, Amy Miller
7. Senator John Wozniak, Dr. Jem Spectar
8. Mark Pasquerilla, Dr. Jem Spectar



80th Anniversary Week



1. Thomas Dupnock, Dr. Jem Spectar, Angela Mazur
2. Patty and Don Woodnorth, Lois Jenkins
3. Dr. Jem Spectar, 2007 Homecoming Queen Kristie Carozza (Alpha Sigma Alpha)
4. UPJ Mountain Cat
5. Andrea Sadvari, Andrea Leibfreid
6. Dr. Jem Spectar, Robert Brallier, Mayor Thomas Trigona
7. Dr. Leah Hollis, Dr. Clea Hollis-Maghee, Debra Sherlock
8. Robert Brallier, UPJ Mountain Cat, Jeffrey Burtner, Amy Laird
9. Mary and Dr. Joel Borkow, Susan Minchau

Get Involved! Make a Difference!

Access

- Zambas Aquatic Center (as available)
- Owen Library (use of selected computers)
- Fitness Center/Sauna (Conference Center)

Attend

- Homecoming
- Mountain Cat High School Basketball Tournament
- UPJ Proud Reunion
- Special receptions and events

Plus...

- Find lost friends (alumni locator service)

Supports

- Pitt-Johnstown Alumni Association Scholarship
- Theodore Biddle Memorial Scholarship
- Frank H. Blackington III Endowment for the Performing Arts
- Owen Library (Buy-a-Book program)
- Zambas Aquatic Center

Fast Facts

- Founded in 1973
- 17,000+ alumni
- Phone: 1-888-UPJ-ALUM
- E-Mail: upjalum@pitt.edu
- Web: www.upj.pitt.edu/upjalum

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Class year _____ Spouse's maiden name _____

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This year, because this issue of the alumni magazine is devoted to introducing UPJ's new president, Dr. Jem Spectar, we are using it to print his annual appeal letter asking our alumni and friends for their support.

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.



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Season's Greetings! What a delightful time, and a fitting moment to reach out to a loyal friend of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. I am also honored to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to encourage you to join us as we continue the noble labor of building a stronger academic institution that will meet the challenge of a 21st century education for our vibrant democracy in a changing world!

Dear friend of UPJ, it is an exciting time to be at UPJ, a period of great possibility and promise. We are especially energized as we launch a new strategic direction, to wit, our *New Dimension of Excellence for Real World Readiness*. I am writing to invite you to join us as we strive to accomplish this *New Dimension of Excellence*.

As we embark on a path towards this new dimension of educational excellence, UPJ needs your goodwill, as well as your contributions. In fact, your donations have never been more meaningful as we launch an endeavor that will surely lead to greater distinction and enable our graduates to compete and succeed in tomorrow's global economy. As institutions like UPJ strive to excel in a highly competitive environment, the stakes could not be much higher. Profoundly grateful for your goodwill, and recognizing the work that lies on the road ahead, I am seeking your support. I urge your participation in this year's annual appeal.

Thank you in advance for whatever help you are able to give, and again, joys of the season to you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jem Spectar".

Jem Spectar
President

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Goodwill Arches

Experience the spirit of the season at the Goodwill Arches!
Over 4,000 blue and gold lights illuminate the pathway leading
from Blackington Hall to the Mountain Cat statue. It's destined
to become a UPJ holiday tradition!

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