

Veritas et Virtus

For Friends of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Veritas means truth; objectively the truth; the actual state or nature of things; reality. Virtus translates literally to manliness; manly excellence, but means generally, excellence, capacity, worth, goodness, and virtue (according to Cassell's *Latin to English Dictionary*). The words themselves actually have a long history at this university. Veritas et Virtus is the motto of the University of Pittsburgh and was chosen to reflect the strength of the past and the potential of the future. It can be found on the university seal; and hereafter, as the name of the newsletter of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, which will be devoted to news about alumni and what's happening on campus. Please help us by making *Veritas et Virtus* your publication.

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Bronze artist: George M. Turner Jr.

Inset: Rock cropping by campus mall flagpole where Mountain Cat will stand



Mountain Cat Finds Home

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Finally! Thanks to the efforts of the last few classes of UPJ students, a lifesize sculpture of the Mountain Cat mascot has found a home on the campus mall.

This project has long been discussed by students and alumni alike. In researching similar projects at the Oakland and Greensburg campuses, members of the Student Senate found that the funding for those projects came from the student government associations, through allocation of student activities fees.

With the help of Advisory Board member Rosemary Pawlowski, 2004-2005 Student Senate President Matthew Mazonkey commissioned Central City sculptor George M. Turner Jr. to design a mountain cat statue for our campus. Mr. Turner has displayed projects for the Johnstown Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center and the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, and is currently working on a series of bronze DNA strands for the Windber Research Institute.

The area on the campus mall between the flagpole and Heritage Square was chosen as the ideal site. The location is picturesque, with the Laurel Mountains and the flag serving as the statue's backdrop. It can be viewed on line with the UPJ webcam, and will be one of the first things that alumni, visitors and prospective students will see when they enter Blackington Hall.

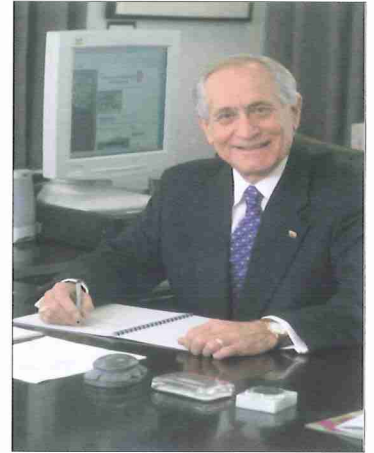
The statue will be completed within the next few weeks, and the dedication ceremony has been scheduled for 4 p.m. December 9. If you're in the area, I hope you'll plan to attend, or stop by when you are.



Remember when you had to pull out your winter boots in October?

Distinguished Authors Visit the Campus

This fall brought several distinguished visitors to our campus. Two of note were investigative journalist and author Seymour Hersh, who spoke September 15, and internationally known author Charles McCarry, who was this year's speaker in the Frank J. and Sylvia Pasquerilla Lecture Series October 4.



Albert L. Etheridge, Ph.D.

Regional Alumni Mixer Held in State College

Several State College area alumni and guests enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. Vicky L. Triponey ('79) and her husband, Mike Meacham, October 9, at their home. (See photos on page 8.) This was the first of three regional mixers to be held by Institutional Advancement. Plans call for a Harrisburg area mixer to be held in conjunction with Pitt Day in Harrisburg next February, and a Washington, DC, area mixer to be held in spring 2006. Alumni from these areas should watch their mail and check the UPJ website (www.upj.pitt.edu) in the coming months for more information.

We appreciate your support through your financial gifts to the annual giving fund, the college's various scholarships, other endowments, the capital campaign, the Heritage Square brick project, and other special funds. We also appreciate your service through your continuing involvement in fund raising, admissions efforts, career networking, legislative lobbying, and representation in the professional arenas in which you serve.

You are making a difference! On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff, I thank you.

Keep the memory of the Asphalt Campus alive!



The redbud grove on the lower part of the campus mall will be the location for the new Asphalt Campus memorial bench.

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's Asphalt Campus, located in the Moxham section of the city from 1946 to 1967, provided an otherwise unattainable education to thousands of deserving Johnstown area students who have gone on to prove themselves in a variety of arenas.

With the help of members of the Pitt Johnstown Alumni Association and the Asphalt Campus Club, UPJ was able to secure bricks from the demolished Cypress Avenue Elementary School. Alumni felt that these bricks could be used for something meaningful.

Alumni Association Board member Ed Kane ('53) spearheaded a campaign to erect a permanent Asphalt Campus memorial on the

current UPJ campus. Last fall, the college announced plans for a memorial bench. The bench will be placed in the redbud grove on the lower end of the current campus mall. More than 70 Asphalt Campus alumni have already made contributions to the project.

We need your help to complete the project. Your gift of \$25, \$50, or more can help to make the memorial a reality. To donate, please complete the form below and return it, along with your gift to the **Johnstown Educational Foundation** at the address below. Keep the memory of the Asphalt Campus alive!

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Asphalt Campus Memorial Bench Project

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone (include area code) _____

Amount Enclosed (payable to Johnstown Educational Foundation) _____

Send completed form and check or money order, made payable to Johnstown Educational Foundation. Institutional Advancement, 272 Blackington Hall, UPJ, 450 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904-2990.

Rising Star: Alumni



Jeff Thomas ('91)
Venice Beach, California
Television Producer
The Tyra Banks Show

Personal Information: I am single, no children, and love to take advantage of the Pacific Coast by bike riding and hiking there. That is usually where you will find me on a day off!

What led you to this career?

I know this sounds cliché, but I ALWAYS knew producing television was what I was meant to do in life. While most kids in the neighborhood were playing games like *Monopoly*, I was actually forcing all of my friends to play game shows like *The Price Is Right!!* I would cut out pictures from magazines as prizes, and actually recreate the show from a tape recording of the actual show! It was insane and funny to think back on it, but that is how I knew it was really in my blood. Through high school and college, I just tried to get as much exposure to the field as possible by

being a part of community theater and interning at local TV production facilities.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

The show I am most proud of was *America: A Tribute to Heroes*. This was a multi-network telethon where the entire Hollywood community came together to help raise money for the victims and families of the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster. Sometimes in this business, you don't want to, but you feel like you are exploiting people by having them air their dirty laundry on national TV. This telethon, however, was the one time in my career where I actually felt like I was truly helping people.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

For some reason, my best memories are of UPJ orientation. There was so much packed into just a few days, and it was a really exciting time; meeting new people and being exposed to so many new classes and activities. I was bored in high school because there just was not anything there for me. So when I first came to UPJ, it was like a rebirth. The campus really does have a lot to offer and all of my professors were so caring and supportive.

How do you give back to the community?

Living in Los Angeles, you can't help but notice the huge homeless population. This is a big thing with me because I struggled for so many years, and I feel so lucky to have a roof over my head and this is one way I can give back. Whenever I have the time, I volunteer at an organization called "Food on Foot" which provides the homeless in Venice Beach with meals and clothing once a week. Aside from that organization, one thing I also like to do with a friend of mine is to buy books of food gift certificates for restaurants and supermarkets and hand them out personally to the homeless on the street. If you give them money, they usually buy something that you have no control over. At least this way you know they are at least getting a hot meal. I usually don't talk about it, but this is something I especially like to do at Thanksgiving and Christmas. So many people are in need.

What is your favorite quote?

"Only a dreamer can have a dream come true." - Walt Disney

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

This is a hard question for me because, over the years, I never had people around me who could relate to my dreams of giving up everything to move to Hollywood and work in TV. My family and friends always tried to be supportive but thought I was crazy! I don't think people knew how to advise me. So I guess the best piece of advice was just listening to my own heart. It has been a hard road. I love what I do, but sometimes the reality sets in that I literally had to give up everything to get where I am...relationships, friendships, family weddings, family gatherings, watching my nephews and niece grow up, etc., so now it is just all about trying to find a balance and trying to get back some of those things that I gave up to get here. So now it is extremely important to me to find that balance by spending less time at work and more time with family and friends, even if it means compromising on my career. I wish someone would've told me 15 years ago that to achieve my dream I would have to give up relationships and special family moments because they are things you just cannot get back. But that is the reality, and I feel, at least now, that I can give advice and the real skinny to someone who may want to pursue a career in this field...it takes a lot of dedication and personal sacrifice.

In this issue of *Veritas et Virtus*, UPJ features a group of alumni who excel both in their professional careers and in their service to the community and/or charitable organizations. They are people who aren't just looking for their next big promotion but are trying to find out how they can make a difference within their companies and in the communities in which they live.



Maribeth and Mak

Michael Makatura ('87)
Richmond, Virginia
 Vice President of Sales,
 Eastern US
 Fuego

Personal Information: Wife
 Maribeth; three children; Ryan, 14;
 Parker, 8, and Kendall, 2

What led you to this career?

After a seven-year career as an intelligence officer in the Air Force, I

transitioned into software sales. I wanted to challenge myself in the most competitive corporate environment I could find and prove my mettle against my peers.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

My proudest professional moment was sitting in the Caribou Club in Aspen, Colorado, with my entire team and their wives, celebrating a sales year where everyone on my team exceeded their sales goals.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

UPJ was the perfect place for me, and as such, the great memories are plentiful. Perhaps my favorite was watching Dave Rebich, Joe Minicucci, and Joe Germanoski try to sneak a keg past Pam Neely and me at College Park Apartments. I said, "Try."

How do you give back to the community?

Each of us has a responsibility to be a good steward of the blessings we receive. Part of that responsibility is to give back to our communities, our country, and our world. While this may seem to be too large of a charter, the path to fulfilling it begins with the first step and that step is taken in one's own home. Along those lines, we adopted a baby girl from China. We were blessed to be able to bring her from an environment of poverty, communism, and religious intolerance to an environment where she will share in the blessings of America. That experience led to my involvement with Nightlight Christian Adoption Agency, where I currently sit on the Board of Directors. In this capacity, we make it possible for other families to adopt children from all over the world and to give them the same opportunities our daughter Kendall now has.

What is your favorite quote?

"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race." - Calvin Coolidge, as taught to me by Tom Kelly.

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

It's either "Be the ball" or "Have patience with people."



John M. Hettle, P.E. ('77)
York, Pennsylvania
 President
 R. A. Walton and Company

Personal Information: Wife of 21
 years, Naglaa, and
 16-year-old-daughter, Deenah

What led you to this career?

I was always exposed to construction with my father being Vice President of Wilson Construction Company. Engineering was not my initial choice, but it fit with what I knew so I pursued it. Construction presents changes and challenges every day which along with "building things" fills a piece of my life.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

My proudest professional moment was this past winter when I came back to UPJ to speak with some of the graduating engineers and got to see how the tradition of UPJ engineering has carried on.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

Believe it or not, I have so many memories (flashbacks?) of my years at UPJ and the great people and staff that there is not one to single out. It was a great time. I occasionally try to locate old friends and provide a "blast from the past."

How do you give back to the community?

I have not been able to provide a whole lot back to the community yet, but I plan to do more as I move forward. I work with our customers, suppliers, and employees to try and make life a little better, am involved with United Way, belong to the Associated Builders and Contractors, and am a great neighbor.

What is your favorite quote?

I don't really have a favorite quote, but based on the best piece of advice I ever received I tell people, "Calculated risk and change are the engines that drive you to a higher level of life and happiness."

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

I had grown up in Johnstown and gone to UPJ thinking that after graduation I would work for Wilson Construction and hopefully fill my father's shoes one day. As graduation approached and it was time to discuss a job, my father told me to go out and try something and someplace different. If it didn't work, I could always come home. But if I never tried it, I might wonder about it for the rest of my life. It worked! I have traveled to places in the U.S. and world and have met great people that have filled my life, and it never would have happened otherwise.



Barbara Knox Parkins ('81), Johnstown Superintendent
Greater Johnstown School District

Personal Information: Mother of two sons, Andrew, 22, and Philip, 17. My hobbies include reading, listening to music, exercising, professional development in the field of educational research, and

traveling.

What led you to this career?

My mother, Mary L. Knox ('51), most influenced me in my choice to become a teacher. Her kindness toward and appreciation for children led me to follow in her footsteps as both a teacher and as a student at UPJ.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

My proudest professional moment was receiving the job title which I hold today as Superintendent of the Greater Johnstown School District. The main reason for this is that it is the district which educated me and gave me my foundation in learning. I am especially pleased to continue leading in the community that has supported me throughout the years.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

As a student, my favorite UPJ memory is performing in the UPJ musicals. There are many, many memories of the many "entertainers" that spent many, many hours preparing for "another opening, another show...." My time with other dedicated and committed musical artists was well spent in delivering not only fine performances but also in demonstrating the power of collaboration. As an adult, my favorite UPJ memory is being able to share the stage with Bill Cosby. As president of the Pitt Johnstown Alumni Association, I delivered the alumni address during the same Commencement ceremonies that Bill Cosby delivered his keynote to our honored students. This was a special moment for me both personally and professionally, as Dr. Bill stresses the importance of an education.

How do you give back to the community?

Because of the support that the community has given me, I attempt to give back to it as well. I am an active member in several organizations the most noteworthy of which are my memberships on UPJ's Advisory Board and Alumni Association Board.

What is your favorite quote?

My favorite quote, at least right now, is one by H. J. Heinz that I found on the back of a ketchup bottle and used in my graduation speech for students at Greater Johnstown High School, which really emphasizes how you can become successful by doing your best and doing it better than those around you. "To do a common thing uncommonly well brings about success."

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

The best piece of advice that I have received is to continue your education. Always continue to learn, because no matter what happens, no one can ever take away what you know and what you can do with that knowledge. Knowledge is power; use it wisely and productively.



Stacey McMahon ('00)
Charlottesville, Virginia
Graduate student
University of Virginia

Personal Information:

Engaged to be married to Clint Guillot on May 13, 2006.

What led you to this career?
Science was always the subject

I found most interesting, so going to graduate school was the perfect next step. They pay me to learn more! Yes, it is true, for those who never thought about it- in science, they pay you a stipend while you get your PhD. I am still not sure what my ultimate career will be, but my postdoc will last a few years so I've got a little more time to learn how to be an independent scientist and figure out my next step.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

My proudest professional moment was the publication of my first research article in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* journal.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

My fondest UPJ memory is just hanging out with some friends at their townhouse.

How do you give back to the community?

Hopefully someday I'll be able to give back to the community by teaching others what I have learned.

What is your favorite quote?

Hmmm, no favorite quote really.

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

The best piece of advice I ever got was to stay in school and learn as much as I can.



John F. Green ('81)
New York, New York
Director, Fixed Income
Citigroup Investments

What led you to this career?

My economics training at UPJ, along with my interest in real estate and investments led me to the investment arena.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

I was interviewed on CNBC about the mortgage market.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

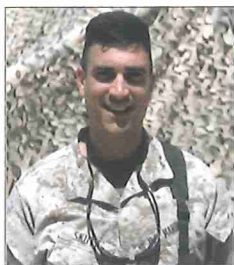
Taking afternoon naps and having barbeques behind Oak Hall.

How do you give back to the community?

Among other things, I am an active fund raiser for the University of Pittsburgh.

What is your favorite quote?

"Ignore those who tell you it's not possible."



Philip C. Skuta ('87)
Carlisle, Pennsylvania
 Lieutenant Colonel
 U.S. Marine Corps

Personal Information: I am married and my hobbies include fishing, international traveling, reading, running, and having a great enthusiasm

for amateur vintner, novice Scotch, and cigars, though I am not quite a knowledgeable connoisseur of any of these pleasures.

What led you to this career?

A desire for public service.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

There have been a number of proud professional moments in my early career. Most recently, however, one of the most profound experiences has been to see and share with the Iraqi people the realization of their new future.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

Learning, Delta Chi fraternity life, and making lifelong friendships.

How do you give back to the community?

By donating to charities and doing volunteer work.

What is your favorite quote?

I have a habit of carrying 3" x 5" index cards with me that contain quotes and quips. From time to time I find myself giving impromptu speeches to groups of service members. Where public service and citizenship are concerned, I am always drawn to Theodore Roosevelt's oft-quoted "Man in the Arena" speech: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." Another favorite quote from Winston Churchill is, "Keep buggering on."



Craig L. Albert ('82)
Sanibel, Florida
 President and Senior Loan Officer
 Sanibel Captiva Community Bank

Personal Information: Wife Monica, daughters: Stephanie, 17, and Melanie, 15. Hobbies: Tennis and Golf

What led you to this career?

Unfortunately, the economy in Western Pennsylvania was in bad shape in 1982. In order to get my career started, I was forced to leave. I received several job offers in southwest Florida (two from banks) and I decided to take the highest paying.

What has been your proudest professional moment?

After Hurricane Charlie hit Sanibel and Captiva islands last summer, our bank was the primary bank that business owners and residents came to for help. We were able to defer many loan payments for six months so that people could rebuild and re-open their businesses. We also provided numerous construction loans which enabled many condominiums and homes to be rebuilt.

What is your favorite UPJ memory?

Meeting my wife at the Log Cabin.

How do you give back to the community?

I give back to the community through involvement in many charitable organizations. I've been involved as Past President of Sanibel Captiva Kiwanis Club, Past Treasurer for the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees, volunteer Little League baseball umpire for 20 years, current Treasurer of the J. N. Ding Darling Wildlife Society Board of Directors, current member of the City of Sanibel Board of Trustees Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund, and head coach of the Sanibel School tennis team for the past five years.

What is your favorite quote?

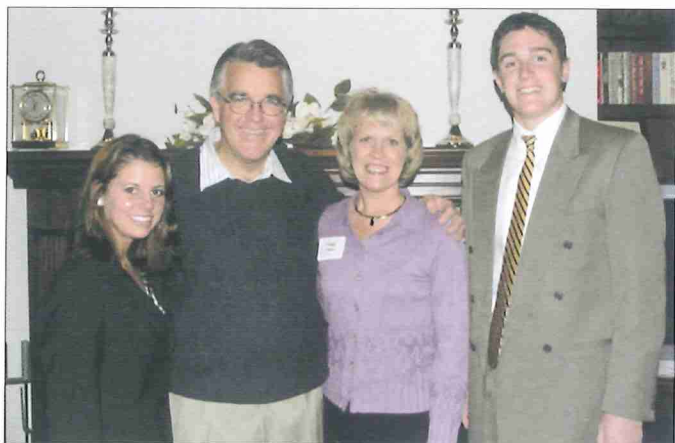
"You miss 100% of the shots you never take." - Wayne Gretsky

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?

To begin working on starting a new bank about five years ago.

We asked administrators, faculty, division chairs, and others to recommend alumni who they feel are examples of Rising Star Alumni. Those profiled here are just a few of the many names we received. If you know of any alumni you would like to see featured in future issues, please contact us.

Mountain Cats invade Nittany Lion country!

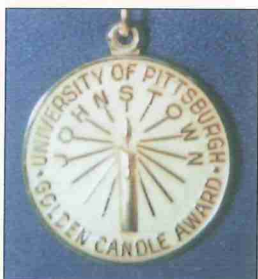


Since most alumni find it difficult to make time in their busy schedules to come back to campus, we've decided to bring a taste of UPJ to you. The first of three regional alumni receptions was held October 9 at the home of Dr. Vicky L. Triponey ('79), Vice President for Student Affairs at The Pennsylvania State University, and her husband, Dr. Michael Meacham.

Below left: Pennsylvania State Representative Lynn Herman ('78)

Above left (left to right): Carissa Cyran, Student Senate President; Mike Meacham and Dr. Vicky L. Triponey ('79), hosts of the State College alumni mixer, and Bradley Kohr, Blue and Gold Society President

Above right: Sharon and Damian ('83) Rose and Leonard ('78) and Denise ('79) Kowalski



Campus Association Rosella Blackington Award and Idzkowsky Golden Candle Medal Past Award Recipients

In our spring 2005 issue, we ran a story on the history of this 48-year-old campus award, along with a partial list of past awardees. Thanks to the help of past recipients and their families, we have compiled a more complete listing of recipients for this issue.

Amy Ross (2005)
Melissa Jean-Louise Dorer (2004)
Shannon Hanselman (2003)
Trisha Aurndt (2002)
Bethany Simunich (2001)
Cassandra Hirsh (2000)
Melinda Ickes (1999)
Rachel M. Davis Loya (1998)
Dott Merryman (1997)
Holly Banas (1996)
Kimberly Brentzel (1995)
Sarah Schwarm (1994)
Shannon Mrkich (1993)
Kirsten Rafferty (1992)
Dawn Marshall (1991)
Catherine A. Yonkoski Gorski (1990)
Kelly Marie Miller (1989)
Suzanne Heather Blasko (1988)
Sandra E. Connelly (1987)
Toni DiGiacobbe (1986)

Denise E. Brutts (1985)
Linda Soler Niedziela (1984)
Rose Ann Spridik (1983)
Martha M. Pfeiffer Dombrowski (1982)
Pamela Zedick (1981)
Rosemary Cirelli (1980)
Cheryl Ann Drzewiecki Harrigan (1979)
Lona Toffolo (1978)
Jolene R. Youhouse (1977)
Susan Lampe Williams (1976)
Christine Marie Young Smith (1975)
Elaine Kush Huffman (1974)
Ruth Ellen Hostetler Pfeil (1973)
Theresa Rovon Shustrick (1971)
Judith Opacic Hamonko (1970)
Barbara Hornick Lockard (1969)
Suzanne Jane Nowading Anderson (1968)
Linda Ashman Segal (1967)
Susan Peck Neun (1966)
Melissa Kolar (1966)

Catharine Berret Kloss (1965)
Patricia Stauffer Burd (1964)
Patricia Huddy Peterson (1963)
Kathleen George (1962)
Merrily Kodis Swoboda (1961)
Carol Buffenmyer (1960)
Ann Elizabeth Neff (1959)
Mary Ann Kovach (1958)
Betty G. Idzkowsky Hazlett (1957)
Patricia LaMonettin Gatehouse (1956)
Mary Anne L. Dulansey (1956)
Sandra Russell Henderson (1955)
Nancy McHugh (1954)
Claryne Bowman Young (1953)
Claudia Jones (1952)
Thelma Sipe Kulamer (1951)
Martha Krise Carl (1951)
Emma Jane Hirschberger (1950)
Joanne Sheehan Smith (1949)
Theresa Mesenko Javois (1948)



Support the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, roast Bruce Haselrig and Jake Stiffler on their retirements,

and enjoy an evening of food, friendship, and fun at UPJ.

Invite your friends, buy a table for your business or organization, bring your fraternity or sorority, reunite with former classmates!

Help your Alumni Association help future students!

UPJ is the place to be on Saturday, May 20, 2006!

featuring

Flood City Brass Band

Full Table for Eight People	\$1,000
Half Table for Four People	\$500
Quarter Table for Couple	\$250
Single seat	\$125

A portion of your reservations is tax-deductible.

For reservations, contact:

Alumni Relations
272 Blackington Hall
450 Schoolhouse Road, UPJ
Johnstown, PA 15904
Phone: 1-888-UPJ-ALUM
Email: upjalum@pitt.edu
Reservation deadline: May 12, 2006

Why

The Pitt Johnstown Alumni Association Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 to provide support to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. The fund provides scholarships, career networking, and leadership training opportunities to students.

When

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Where

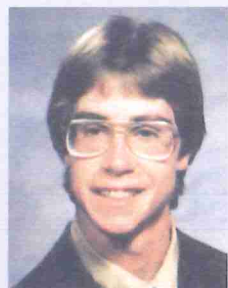
Living/Learning Center, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

Dress

Black tie optional

Overnight Accommodations

Available at the Living/Learning Center, 1-800-875-5958



Where Are You Now?

Do you ever wonder whatever happened to a certain classmate of yours? So do we! These photos come from *Trails* yearbooks from 1979 through 1989. If your photo is here, tell us what you're doing now by emailing us at upjalum@pitt.edu or writing us at *Veritas et Virtus*, 272 Blackington Hall, UPJ, 450 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904. We'd love to hear from you! Watch for your friends in future issues.



Of Note: Alumni

1970s

James C. Bollibon ('77) has been named president of Morris Knowles and Associates, Inc., Delmont. He has been with the firm for over 27 years and is a Registered Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor in Pennsylvania, in addition to other states.

Susan C. Alwine Brandau ('72) is the director of the Windber Public Library.

Vicki L. Brown, Ph.D. ('76), has been selected as Widener University's 2005 Educator of the Year. Dr. Brown is an associate professor and chair of the Civil Engineering Department at the university. She has a total of 26 years of service as a lecturer and professor at Widener. Her specialty and coursework is in structures, and her research is concentrated on composite materials and design criteria for fiber reinforced polymer concrete. Dr. Brown has published numerous papers on these topics.

William Crowe ('78) has been promoted to president of Miners Medical Center, Hastings. Before coming to Miners, Crowe was the CFO for Conemaugh Health Initiatives and returns more than a decade after he served as Miners CFO from 1988-94.

John L. Dietz Jr. ('78) is the director of development and alumni relations, College of Engineering, at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

Arthur N. DiLoreto ('78) is an administrator for the Area Agency on Aging of Somerset County and has held that position for 21 years. He earned an MA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1980.

1980s

Debra L. Christner DiLoreto ('80) does title abstracting and is a Licensed Title Insurance Agent. For six years she has owned and operated her own business.

Roberta Drinkwater ('80) is an English teacher at Cedar Grove Christian Academy, Philadelphia.

David Gilliland ('80) works for Glenn Engineering in North Huntingdon and, after passing the Professional Engineers Examination, is now a registered engineer in Pennsylvania.

Melissa Hay ('89) is the head cheerleading and dance team coach at Methodist College in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was selected as a member of *Who's Who in Collegiate Cheerleading* and is recognized in *American Cheerleader* magazine. Melissa will be presenting several sessions at the National Cheerleading Coaches conference in May 2005 and in the fall will be presenting a session on Positive Body Image at a teen

summit sponsored by the Harnett County Health Department.

Paul J. Kassalen ('85) works for Makita Corporation of America, in Buford, Georgia. Kassalen was appointed to the 2005 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, by the acting director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

William R. Lorentz ('87) received his MSEE with honors from Capitol College in Laurel, Maryland, in May 2005. Lorentz is currently employed by Comtech Mobile Datacom in Germantown, Maryland, as a radio frequency engineer.

Scott A. Scurfield ('85) became a partner in the law firm of Yates, McLamb & Weyher, LLP, North Carolina, in January 2005. He works in the firm's general liability defense section.

1990s

Michael D. Barno ('97) graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 2001. He owns and operates Barno Family Chiropractic in Avondale.

Stacy Morrison Barno ('98) is a care management supervisor with the Chester County Department of Aging Services.

Samuel H. Baughman II, P.G. ('94), completed his master's degree in Applied Geosciences at The Pennsylvania State University in 2005. He works for Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc., in Ephrata.

Jenell Coleman, M.D. ('94), attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her residency training at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), where she developed an interest in perinatal HIV. Ongoing research projects include "HIV Shedding in the Female Genital Tract of Kenyan Women" and "Levonorgestrel IUD in HIV-Infected Women."

Kristen M. Radovanic Corcoran ('98) is assistant director of residence life at Saint Francis University, Loretto. In May 2005, she graduated from Saint Francis with a master's degree in education/leadership.

Melissa Vanderpoel Cornelius ('99) has earned her master's degree in library science and information technologies from Mansfield University. Currently, she is an elementary librarian.

Of Note: Alumni

Glenn W. Grau ('91) has been named vice president of sales and marketing by P. W. Campbell, Pittsburgh.

Rhett A. Heiple, P. E. ('98), received the Award of Excellence in Prestressed Structures from the Graduate Program Committee of The Pennsylvania State University in Harrisburg. Heiple is a structural engineer in the bridge unit of Gannett Fleming, an international planning, design, and construction management firm.

Debra M. Orner ('91) has been named vice president of The Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Her job responsibilities include management of special events and programs, development of Chamber publications, and public and media relations. In 2003 she became a graduate of the United States Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management.

Chad Serena ('96) graduated with a Master of Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh in 1998. In 1999, he enlisted in the U.S. Army's Officer Candidate program and finished his service in 2003 as a captain in military intelligence. He has been accepted by Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs as a Ph.D. candidate in the foreign and security policy program.

Michael Weigel ('92) works for the compliance division of the Pennsylvania Department of Banking as a financial institutions examiner. In 2003 he received the internationally-recognized Certified Internal Auditor designation from the Institute of Internal Auditors.

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Christopher A. Gallus ('00) was awarded a Master of Medical Science Degree from Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia.

Christopher Wayne Hamm ('01) earned his professional engineering license in Pennsylvania and works for Morris Knowles and Associates, Inc., Delmont.

Karl Limmer ('00) graduated from Temple University School of Medicine in May 2005 with an MD degree and is now in a general surgery residency at the University of California San Diego Medical Center.

Neelum Mittal ('03) is attending Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia.

Ryan D. Pensyl ('01) is attending graduate school at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia.

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