

What is the Pitt-Bradford Alumni Association (PBAA)?

The PBAA helps keep the more than 8,000 alumni in touch with the university. The association's primary objective is to promote and advance the interests of the university. The PBAA's **IN-STEP** mission statement is to support the university by **influencing** important constituents; strengthening and maintaining a **network** linking alumni with the campus community; **supporting** the growth and development of Pitt-Bradford with financial and other resources; building upon the university's **tradition**; and using the **expertise** of the alumni association to forge a valued **partnership** with the university. The association is governed by a 24-member volunteer board of directors.

- Influence** ...Through publications, advisory capacity and special events and key communicators.
- Network** ...In the areas of career development, political arenas and advocate recruitment.
- Support** ...By nurturing alumni generosity (financial and otherwise.)
- Tradition** ...Create and build college loyalty and increase alumni involvement.
- Expertise** ...Which our alumni possess and can be used to shape Pitt-Bradford's future.
- Partnership** ...Forged by linking the college community with its alumni.

Information for Alumni

How to Update Your Alumni Record

It is important to keep us informed of what's going on in your life, whether it is a change of address, e-mail, marriage announcement, or new job. If you already have a new address and job announcement, fill out the class notes form **[link]** and send it in. Class notes forms also are included in the *PBAA Post* and *Portraits* or you can e-mail us at pbaa@pitt.edu; or contact the alumni relations office at (814) 362-5273.

Publications and Web Site

Watch your e-mail for an alumni e-newsletter, coming soon! The e-newsletter will be your newsletter, and it needs your input if it is to be the kind of communication you enjoy. Write letters to the editor, send in class notes to share and suggest articles. The e-newsletter will be published monthly and is a great way to find out what is going on with your alumni association and on campus.

Portraits is the university magazine that is published two times a year by the Office of Communications and Marketing. Each issue includes an Alumni News section through

which you may keep in touch with old friends and features about the college, you and your fellow alumni, current students, faculty and staff.

Check out the Pitt-Bradford web site at www.upb.pitt.edu for up-to-date information on current Pitt-Bradford happenings. Visit the alumni page www.upb.pitt.edu/alumni.aspx to find out what's happening with the alumni association such as upcoming alumni events, news and services.

You will receive other mailings from Pitt-Bradford...invitations to area alumni gatherings, Alumni Weekend brochures, and fundraising requests. Keep your address current so we can stay in touch with you!

Career Services

Programs and services offered through the Office of Career Services are available to Pitt-Bradford alumni long after graduation. Whether you are looking for a new job, considering a career change or planning to continue your education, the Office of Career Services can provide you with the support and resources to help you reach your goals. Alumni may contact the Office of Career Services at (814) 362-7657 or visit their web site at [link](#) for a complete listing of career services available.

PantherTrack Network

The PBAA and Office of Career Services have co-designed an online alumni career contact network called **PantherTrack** to help connect Pitt-Bradford students and graduates with alumni who are employed in a variety of professions. These alumni volunteers are willing to share their career experiences, serve as professional contacts and provide information and answer questions related to interviewing skills, job search strategies, career choices, internships, career options and employment outlooks, as well as provide suggestions for professional advancement. You can access **PantherTrack** through the career services or alumni relations web sites.

Alumni Special Events and Activities

Alumni & Family Weekend

Every year during the first weekend in October, alumni come back to campus for Alumni Weekend. Activities include the Career Networking Luncheon & Symposium, mini educational courses, the annual alumni dinner and other activities throughout the weekend. Watch your mailbox at the end of the summer for a brochure describing all the activities or check the website.

PBAA Awards

PBAA Teaching Excellence Award

The PBAA Teaching Excellence Award recognizes Pitt-Bradford faculty (current or emeriti) who have exemplified the educational principles established at Pitt-Bradford, shown dedication in teaching their students and excelled in their area of specialty. The annual award consists of a plaque of recognition from the alumni association and a \$1,000 cash award given to the recipient's academic division, to be spent at the awardee's discretion. The award is presented at the annual alumni dinner held during Alumni Weekend. Past recipients include: Dr. Vincent Kohler (1996), Dr. Marvin Thomas (1997), Dr. Michael Stuckart (1998), Dr. Patricia Bianco (1999), David Blackmore (2000), Dr. Richard E. McDowell (2002), Jeff Guterman (2003), Betsy Matz (2004), Isabelle Champlin (2005) and Gautam Mukerjee (2006)..

PBAA Distinguished Volunteer Award

The PBAA Distinguished Volunteer Award was created to recognize individuals who have enriched the life of Pitt-Bradford and the alumni association through their volunteer efforts. The award consists of a gift of recognition and is presented at the annual Alumni Dinner during Alumni Weekend. Past recipients include Dennis Lowery '63-65, Susan Silvestri '72-'74, Gregory Silvestri '73-'75, Bill Krieg '64-66 and David Higie '74-76, Sharon Knouse '88 and Sandra Macfarlane '80-'82.

To nominate someone: If you would like to nominate a professor or an alumni volunteer for one of these awards, please submit your written nomination to (**link**) the Alumni Relations Office by April 15.

PBAA Volunteer Opportunities

The Pitt-Bradford Alumni Association (PBAA) is working hard to promote and advance the mission of Pitt-Bradford's community of learners. Everyday new alumni volunteers are joining in these efforts by getting involved in a variety of programs and activities that benefit the university and enhance the image of the alumni association.

Here's a look at what volunteer opportunities await you through the PBAA:

PBAA Board of Directors and Committees

The PBAA board of directors is a very active group comprised of 24 alumni who work closely with university personnel and other alumni to strengthen and enhance the presence of the alumni association within the college community. Non-board members are also encouraged to support the efforts of the alumni association by serving on one of the following committees:

Career Services – assists the Office of Career Services in developing and implementing such career-related programs as the online alumni career contact network, PantherTrack, and the student career program, From Backpack to Briefcase: Beyond Graduation.

Nominating Committee - identifies and recruits potential board and committee members and recommends board of director candidates and slate of officers to the full board for election.

Communications Committee - assists with the promotion of the college and the alumni association and provides recommendations for alumni publications.

Projects and Events Committee - provides suggestions and evaluations for alumni programming including Alumni Weekend, Career Networking Luncheon, Graduation Central and the Graduation Celebration Dinner.

Scholarship Committee - assists financial aid office with the selection of PBAA scholarship recipients.

Alumni Ambassadors

The Alumni Ambassadors Team is a network of alumni volunteers who share their knowledge of the university and enthusiasm for the education they received at Pitt-Bradford with prospective students and parents. They assist the admissions office with its recruiting efforts by volunteering at Pitt-Bradford's open houses and other on-campus admissions events. Open houses traditionally take place during the fall and spring semesters. Volunteer activities include giving campus tours and speaking to prospective students and parents about "life after graduation from Pitt-Bradford". Seasoned Alumni Ambassador volunteers may be asked to represent Pitt-Bradford at college fairs or even host regional "Pitt-nics" for incoming Pitt-Bradford students. Alumni Ambassadors are required to complete a training program. For more information or to volunteer, please contact.....???

Career Networking Programs

The PBAA co-sponsors a number of career networking programs with the Office of Career Services. The **Career Networking Luncheon & Symposium**, held during the annual Alumni Weekend in October, features alumni panelists who provide both students and alumni with valuable resources about new employment trends, ways to enhance their skills and how to market themselves in today's competitive work force. Alumni are also asked to serve as table hosts during the luncheon to provide information and advice about their careers to current and former Pitt-Bradford students.

During the "*From Backpack to Briefcase: Beyond Graduation*" student career program, alumni volunteers help conduct a variety of workshops that offer practical advice to Pitt-Bradford seniors and juniors for life after graduation.

Alumni volunteers are encouraged to register with **PantherTrack**, Pitt-Bradford's first-ever online alumni career contact network. **PantherTrack** helps connect Pitt-Bradford students and graduates with alumni who are willing to provide information and advice about careers, internships, interviewing skills, job search strategies and employment outlooks. Many faculty members also seek alumni volunteers to serve as e-mentors to current students.

Alumni Annual Fund Committee

Alumni fundraising volunteers are a vital component to the overall success of Pitt-Bradford's development efforts. Members of the alumni annual fund committee represent a variety of alumni constituencies such as class years, decades, and affinity groups. Committee members, or agents, help Pitt-Bradford identify alumni donors, secure gifts from their peers and also recruit other alumni to serve as AGF representatives.

If you'd like to become a PBAA volunteer or would like more information about these exciting and worthwhile volunteer opportunities contact the director of alumni relations at 814-362-5273 or e-mail at pbaa@pitt.edu.

Why Should You Become Involved in the PBAA?

- To show your loyalty to and satisfaction with Pitt-Bradford.
- To network with alumni, faculty, staff and friends.
- To learn about new programs and people at Pitt-Bradford.
- To gain leadership experience.
- To participate in a variety of stimulating programs.
- To strengthen established Pitt-Bradford friendships and make new ones.

2006-07 PBAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tim Fannin '78	President
John Foerstner '79	Vice President
Terri Smith '69-71	Secretary
Ward Garner '89	Pitt Alumni Association Representative

Vickie L. Baker '03
Cheryl (Fox) Bazzoui '90
Joshua W. Bridge '02
Joe Castagnino '94
Carol (Roberson) Coats '63-66
Krista (Lohss) Davis '97
Anita (Hunt) Dolan '88
John Eschrich '67-'69
Jeff Heshler '96
Jim Kiser '79
Sharon (Vogt) Knouse '88
James J. Macfarlane '85
Catherine (Anderson) Moody '88
Stephen L. Roesch '03
Michael "Zeke" Rutter '93
John Seltzer '72-'74
Rob Swales '99
Stacy (Sorokes)Wallace '01
Rick Weinberg '94

Ex-officio members

Tony Bury, 2006-07 SGA president
Karen Niemic Buchheit, executive director of institutional advancement
Lindsay Hilton Retchless '98, director of alumni relations
Sandra Macfarlane '80-82, immediate past president
Danielle Munksgard '08, Blue & Gold Society representative

2005-06 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	9 – Reed-Coit House dedication 10 - Alumni Fall Phonathon begins 16 – Norman Rockwell exhibit opens through Nov. 7 30 – Alumni & Family Weekend begins Career Networking Luncheon & Symposium
OCTOBER	1 - Alumni & Family Weekend PBAA Board of Directors meeting Alumni Reception/Dinner
DECEMBER	16 - Annual Leadership Donor reception
JANUARY	28 - Backpack to Briefcase 28 - PBAA Board of Directors meeting
FEBRUARY	6 - Alumni Spring Phonathon begins
MARCH	Pitt-Bradford Career Fair
APRIL	29 - Graduation Celebration Dinner 29 - PBAA Board of Directors meeting 30 - Commencement

Please note: some dates subject to change. Check our web site or contact the alumni relations office for the most current information.

Important Campus Telephone Numbers

Area Code 814

MAIN SWITCHBOARD	362-7500
Academic Affairs, Dean	362-7510
Admissions	362-7555
Alumni Relations	362-5273
Athletics/Recreation	362-7520
Business Resource Center	362-5078
Campus Police	368-7506
Career Services	362-7657
Conference Services	362-5271
Development/Institutional Advancement	362-5091
Enrollment Services & Financial Aid	362-7602
Hanley Library	362-7610
Human Resources	362-7531
Panther Shop	362-7540
President	362-7501
Marketing/Communications	362-7275
Registrar	362-7600
Student Affairs, Dean	362-7650