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A Turning Point

Recent developments during the current academic year are signaling the dawn of a new era and a turning point in the history of our great institution. In the midst of grappling with some of the most formidable challenges of our time, e.g., population decline, intense competition, decreasing federal and state financial aid support for students, and the New York Excelsior free tuition program, our campus now looks to deal with a host of personnel transitions in the faculty, staff and administration.

One personnel transition that is fraught with mixed feelings is the decision by Dr. K. James Evans to retire in August 2018. The current issue of Portraits is dedicated deservedly to the man who institutionalized Student Affairs at Pitt-Bradford and brought a personalized outlook to student life that was rarely seen on college campuses in 1976 when Dean Evans started his career at Pitt-Bradford. We congratulate Dean Evans on his highly successful career and are happy that he will be able to cherish the positive and very personal and enduring impact he’s had on an overwhelming majority of the students who’ve studied on our campus. Of course, as we anticipate his departure, we dread the thought of a Pitt-Bradford campus without a Dean Evans. Perhaps the only consolation is that the infrastructure he established and some of the accomplished personnel he assembled will remain to continue his legacy.

Among the other key personnel transitions, occurring during the upcoming year will be the departure of Dean Evans’ longtime associate, Dr. Holly Spittler, whose personal impact on students is legendary as well. We wish Holly well, even as we congratulate and bemoan the upcoming departures of several deeply rooted faculty with established records of excellence: Professor Tim Ziaukas and Drs. Carys Evans-Corrales, Gautam Mukerjee, Lisa Fiorentino, and Rick Frederick.

Finally, I wish to salute and extend my sincere appreciation to Craig Hartburg, who recently completed his distinguished service as chairman of the Pitt-Bradford Advisory Board. Craig provided magnificent leadership of the Board for 12 of the most successful years in our very successful history.

What will ensure we are able to move through the upcoming transitions unscathed is the continuing support of our many constituents who help us in so many ways to execute our mission and advance our vision. We thank you for your continuing support.

Warmest regards,

Livingston Alexander, president
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Dean Evans knows best
8 Known simply as “Dean Evans” to generations of Pitt-Bradford students, Dr. K. James Evans will retire next summer as the longest-serving administrator in the college’s history and the longest-serving chief student affairs officer in the history of the University of Pittsburgh. While any administrator with that length of tenure would be sure to have a lasting impact on a campus, Evans has changed not only the physical space and student affairs structure at Pitt-Bradford, but also the very campus culture.

Bravo!
8 Jim Evans brought ROTC to Pitt-Bradford the year after it began granting four-year degrees. A beneficiary of an Air Force ROTC education himself, he wanted to give students an opportunity to serve and earn money toward their college education as well. The result was the Bravo Company of the Seneca Battalion at the nearby St. Bonaventure University.

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Matthew Brahaney, a broadcast communications major from Salamanca, N.Y., captured a friend and his snow spray midair during night ski at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, N.Y., 40 minutes from campus.
The Allegheny River Scholars marked 20 years and floated its last trip during the summer of 2017. Dr. Carol Baker, dean of academic affairs, conceived of the trip as a way to strengthen the Bradford campus’s ties to Pittsburgh and promote the university’s ideal of being a community of learners. Each summer, anywhere from 16 to 40 students, staff, faculty members and alumni would paddle canoes down river for two or three days. Along the way, they would test water quality, tour sites such as an abandoned iron furnace and hear star talks.

Mukerjee retires
Professor started economics major in 1980s

Dr. Gautam Mukerjee, associate professor of economics, retired from Pitt-Bradford in December, after 34 years of service.

Shortly after his arrival at Pitt-Bradford in 1983, he developed a joint major in economics and mathematics in 1985 that became the university’s economics major in 1987. In recent years, he wrote a free downloadable book on globalization for his students.

He was the 2006 recipient of the Pitt-Bradford Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award and served as president of the Faculty Senate.

“He is essentially the embodiment of Pitt-Bradford’s goal to aid students beyond their college studies,” Joshua Bridge ’02 said at the time.

He is now bound for Pittsburgh, where he hopes to fill his days with some of the things that had been put on hold: painting, sculpting and endless philosophical rumination.

“I will certainly miss the students who have never ceased to engage, amaze and entertain me,” he said.
Longtime staff members retire

Two longtime members of the staff retired during the summer – mail center supervisor Colleen Gleason and nurse Bonnie McMillen.

Gleason has been at Pitt-Bradford for 25 years. She took over as mailroom supervisor from her mother, Dusty Gray.

As one of the staff members whom students see every day “both Dusty and Colleen have had a great way of dealing students,” said Rick Esch, vice president of business affairs. “It wasn’t like, ‘I’m your best friend.’ It was like, ‘I’m your best adviser.’”

McMillen has worked both as a part-time nurse on campus and as the full-time director of student health services.

Dr. K. James Evans, vice president of student affairs, praised McMillen’s ability to deal with significant issues. “Bonnie was able to identify when a student needed to be referred. She’s cool, calm and collected and never panicked over any student coming through the health center.”

BOOKSHELF


She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and their cat and primarily writes science fiction, fantasy and horror short stories.

Lackey has more than 130 short fiction credits as well a short story collection, novella and novel and has appeared in “Daily Science Fiction,” “Beneath Ceaseless Skies,” and the Stoker Award-winning “After Death …”

Her fiction has appeared on the Best Horror of the Year Honorable Mention and Tangent Online Recommended Reading Lists, and she’s a member of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.
Three women inducted into Hall of Fame

Three women were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during Alumni and Family Weekend this fall, two volleyball players and a bowler from the campus’s original program. “All three of these women left their mark at Pitt-Bradford as members of their respective teams,” said Bret Butler, director of intercollegiate athletics.

Bowler Darlene Walker O’Connell ’80 helped put the Pitt-Bradford bowling program on the national stage during its first year competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association in 1980. The Bradford native placed fourth at Nationals and became the first Pitt-Bradford female NJCAA All-American. In addition to her groundbreaking success athletically, she shined just as bright in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 GPA as a computer science major.

Jennifer Lewke-Tortora ’05 was a member of the volleyball team from 2001-04. As a Panther, she still ranks second in school history in blocks, third in sets played, fifth in service aces and sixth in kills. She is currently an investigative reporter for WHEC news in Rochester, N.Y., and has won an Edward R. Murrow Award for her reporting.

Jackie Podrasky-McFadden ’11 was the volleyball program’s first All-American in 2010. That same year, she was named the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Player of the Year and the Pitt-Bradford Athlete of the Year while leading the Panthers to the program’s first AMCC title. In her career, she logged more than 1,000 career kills and digs – just the fourth player in program history to do so. She holds a doctor of physical therapy degree and is a physical therapist in Pinehurst, N.C.

Stauffer named Coach of the Year

Head men’s golf coach Keith Stauffer was named the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference’s Coach of the Year after the team finished fourth of nine teams at the conference championships for the second straight season.

Freshman Cary Ignaczak was named to the all-conference second team, and senior Brett Gardner and sophomore Matt Moonan were both named to the all-conference third team.

Volleyball falls in AMCC tourney semifinal

Women’s volleyball made it as far as the semi-final match in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference’s championship tournament before falling to Penn State Behrend.

Junior setter Payton Orzech of Somonough, Ill., was named to the all-conference team after assisting on all 29 of the Panthers’ kills in the team’s final match.

Going into the tournament, the Panthers had tied for first place in the conference and were seeded second.

It was the final game for the team’s lone senior Erin Fagan of Waverly, N.Y., who earned more than 500 kills during her Pitt-Bradford volleyball career and helped the program to a conference title last season.

The Panthers expect to return many members of its talented, young roster for the 2018 season.

“If I were to make a game about Jeremy, he would always have Monster Energy in his hand, and when he took a drink, he’d get a power.”

— Bey Duda, a computer information systems and technology major on her Virtual Reality instructor Jeremy Callinan ’04

Read more about the class at www.upb.pitt.edu/VR
His day job: Teaching geometry, physics, pre-calculus and calculus at Cuba-Rushford Middle High School in Cuba, N.Y.

His sideline: In 2005, Kenyon and his wife, Julie, bought Slate Brook Farm in Black Creek, N.Y. They were looking for something to raise when a friend suggested myotonic, or “fainting” goats, a gentle heritage breed that’s good for dairy, hair and meat. The “fainting” they’re known for is actually a seizure that causes their legs to stiffen if they’re startled or frightened. If they’re off balance, they fall over.

Why he likes it: “If you’re in a bad mood and you go home and spend a little time with the goats, you just relax. They’re nice and peaceful. They’re a very gentle breed of goat. We’ve held so many babies in our hands. The kids are fun to watch bouncing around. Hopping all over and jumping and skipping, and occasionally they faint while they do that.”

Tom Kenyon ’00
Math teacher has sideline raising fainting goats
In the fall of 2014, Dean Evans chats with students during a break on campus.

Dean Evans kn

Campus’s longest-serving administrator to retire in 2018
Dr. K. James Evans remembers the exact moment when he decided he wanted to become a dean of students. It was spring of 1970 at Grove City College, where he was a senior chemistry major about to receive his commission in the U.S. Air Force.

In his role as student government president (of course he was student government president), Evans had worked closely with Grove City’s dean of students, and he was looking forward to taking a school trip to Europe with the dean that summer before receiving his military orders – possibly to Vietnam.

“I remember I was sitting out in the sun on the lawn with some of my friends, and it just came to me like a thunderbolt,” Evans said. “I said, ‘I want to be a dean of students in a small college.’ I made my decision right then and there.”

When chance took him not to Vietnam, but South Dakota, where he would be a missile launch officer at Ellsworth Air Force Base, Evans immediately looked into graduate programs at nearby South Dakota State University and began working toward a master’s degree in counseling.

In another stroke of Evans-style luck, two years later, he finished his master’s degree and was simultaneously discharged early from the Air Force as part of the military drawdown as the United States pulled out of Vietnam. The next month, he was in a classroom at Pitt working
toward his doctoral degree in higher education administration.

While working on his doctorate, he served as the assistant director of residence life at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. "But I always had my eye on the job I really wanted," he said. Meanwhile, in Bradford, Dr. Richard E. McDowell, the then-33-year-old president of Pitt-Bradford, had had a rough time with his first dean of students, which was a new position at the university. He had had to let the fellow go. He called a friend at Pitt to ask for some candidates. The friend, of course, suggested Evans.

When Evans came to campus for an interview, it was "love at first sight," McDowell said.

Evans agreed. "We just clicked," he said, but he also told McDowell that he was not sure he had enough experience to be a dean of students.

As Evans remembers, McDowell said, "Hell, Evans -- if I could be president at 29, you can certainly be dean of students at 28."

He joined a faculty and staff so small that they fit into one large classroom in Swarts Hall for the opening of school convocation in 1976. His staff consisted of one part-time nurse, Carol Mulvihill.

Thus, his first order of business was to hire an administrative assistant, Cindy Cavallero, and a director of residence life, Henry Enright.

Slowly, he would build the office of student affairs, as it is known today. He wrote a grant and began the office of career services in 1977 and established the office of student activities and campus police in 1979. Counseling services and community engagement followed in later years.

Universities were entering a new time, McDowell said. Student protests during the Vietnam War and Civil Rights era had shaken...
up campuses and spurred them to create new services in the area of student affairs. The field was a new one, and Evans learned as the university grew, becoming a four-year degree-granting institution in 1979.

No matter how large the university would grow – more than tripling its student population during his tenure – his relationship with students remained at the core of everything he did.

Some students swear that he knows every one of them by name, but he says he gets too much credit for that.

“I wish I knew the name of every student, but I don’t,” he said.

However, he is not the kind of administrator who knows only a few students. He knows lots of them well, and it is something he has worked at, constantly reaching out in person and via email.

Amy McCoy Moffatt ’08 was a student leader on campus who would also go on to serve in higher education administration. She is an assistant director for out-of-state recruitment at the University of South Carolina.

“I was probably one of the students at the time who had more interaction with him because of my leadership roles on campus,” she said. “When he’d see me walking with my friends in the Commons, he’d always say, ‘Hi, Amy,’ and then introduce himself to my friends and ask about them.”

Walking across campus with Evans is like walking through Bedford Falls with George Bailey. Pat Frantz Cercone, executive director of communications and marketing, who worked closely with Evans as co-chair of the university’s 50th anniversary celebration committee, has seen it herself. “He is one of those distinguished gentlemen from another era,” she said.

“When he remembers something about you, it does make you feel special. He’s so genuine and so authentic. Young people can pick up on that.”

For students who do not come across his path, he will reach out further. As soon as he hears about a troubled student, he sends them an email asking them to stop in to see him. They do – both announced and unannounced. A box of tissues sits on the coffee table in his office between two couches and is often used. Evans does more than give students a place to unload; he will follow up with faculty or others on a student’s behalf, balancing the needs for privacy and understanding to give others a “heads up” that a student is having a hard time.

While he exudes warmth and understanding, he also has a calming authority that assures students there is a way to handle any situation. “Unflappable” is how colleague Dr. Holly Spittler refers to him. In 1981, he hired Spittler to be director of career services. They have worked together ever since. Spittler has watched Evans work his magic on students for 36 years.

“Students respect and love Dean Evans, and many, many have been mentored, guided and sometimes disciplined by him,” she said. “Whether they were a student leader or the student he had to sanction for a violation of the
Student Code of Conduct, they continue to call, visit and keep in touch with him long after their graduation.”

That’s right – the students he disciplined stay in touch with him and are some of his biggest fans. “Students feel that he is on their side,” Spittler said, “even if he has to discipline them.”

Tracy Karstetter Kiras ’91 was another student who would follow Evans and Spittler into the world of higher education administration. She now works in residence life at the University of Maryland.

“I landed in his office once because of a roommate issue,” she said. “Dean Evans was someone I respected and feared because I didn’t want to disappoint him. When someone shows such concern and compassion for students, you want to give your best. Dean Evans brought that out in me. I’ve seen him stern, but I don’t know if I ever saw him angry. He was always warm and someone that students wanted to be around.

“I just remember having some really profound educational conversations with him – what it means to be a good roommate; what it means to be a leader on campus. He was always very patient and used a lot of active listening skills and would bring the hammer down if he needed to, but I always left knowing that I was supported on campus. That’s exactly what you need and want in a student affairs professional.

“Dean Evans had a profound impact on my decision to pursue student affairs as a career.”

For students who were interested in following him into student affairs, he has been a mentor. Brandon E. Nelson ’07 is now the assistant director of university housing at Appalachian State University.

Evans had served as executive dean several times for Semester at Sea, an academic semester on a cruise ship circumnavigating the world. He encouraged several students to make the trip themselves, including Nelson.

A native of nearby Warren, Pa., Nelson had not traveled and was nervous about the prospect. Evans encouraged him and walked him through the necessary financial aid.

“I decided to go and got accepted, and that trip changed my life,” Nelson said. “That was by far the best thing that happened to me in college, and I would not have done it without Dean Evans.

“His providing the opportunity of Semester at Sea impacted me so much, that if I could do that for just one other person, that would be huge, and he’s done that for hundreds of people.”

Evans helped him look at graduate school programs, and they visited three campuses together. Now they see each other annually at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators conference.

“He’s always been very thoughtful about reaching out, checking in,” Nelson said. “Whenever you talk to a Pitt-Bradford alum, they know Dean Evans.”

This personal touch has become a hallmark not only of Evans, but of the entire Pitt-Bradford
One of the tasks that has befallen Jim Evans during his time at Pitt-Bradford is organizing and directing Commencement. The military man in him makes sure the exercises always start right on time.

of students at a small college was his dream job.

“Every day is different, and our Pitt-Bradford students are a joy to work with. That’s what’s so enjoyable about the job,” he said.

But it’s not just working with the students that keeps things fresh. “What you see here did not exist,” he says of the campus when he arrived.

Evans plans to keep his energy in Bradford, continuing to watch the campus grow and perhaps taking on a select special assignment or two.

“There are very few opportunities to help grow a college like this today. There was always a sense of entrepreneurship and excitement at Pitt-Bradford.”

He wants to retire, he said, with the same energy for the job that he had when he started.

That is something Spittler attested to. “When something happens, whether it’s a flood or a power outage, he’s the first to come out and spend all night with the students in the Commons, and he’s full of energy the next morning.”

Evans plans to keep his energy in Bradford, continuing to watch the campus grow and perhaps taking on a select special assignment or two.

“I feel so fortunate to have been invited and to have worked for two fine presidents,” he said. “Both Dr. McDowell and Dr. (Livingston) Alexander have been exceptional in their leadership. I’m extremely optimistic about the future of the college and believe the best days for Pitt-Bradford are yet to come.”

IN HONOR OF DR. K. JAMES EVANS’ CAREER AT Pitt-Bradford, the university has founded the Dean Evans Legacy Fund. The fund will specifically help students whose college careers are at risk due to an inability to meet unpaid balances on their tuitions. Those unpaid balances prevent students from registering for classes to continue their schooling. If Pitt-Bradford raises $200,000 for the Dean Evans Legacy Fund by June 30, 2018, donors will give an additional $200,000. For more information or to make a contribution, visit www.givetoupb.org or contact Jill Dunn, executive director of the Bradford Educational Foundation at j Dunn@pitt.edu.
In 2003, Cory Angell’s first deployment took him to Kandahar, Afghanistan, on a search-and-sweep operation clearing Taliban fighters from caves.

BRAVO!

Since it was founded in 1980, Pitt-Bradford ROTC has commissioned nearly two dozen officers

by KIMBERLY WEINBERG, Portraits editor
WHEN DR. K. JAMES EVANS, VICE PRESIDENT AND dean of student affairs, retires next August, one of the lasting legacies of his tenure will be the Bravo Company of the Seneca Battalion Army ROTC.

In January of 1979, the Pennsylvania Department of Education gave final approval to Pitt-Bradford’s new status as a baccalaureate-granting institution.

Evans, who had been dean of students for 2 1/2 years, could now work on bringing something to campus that had been important to his own education – a Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program.

Founded in 1916, ROTC programs prepare college graduates to become officers in the U.S. military. Students in the program have the option to apply for and sign a contract to serve in the military through active duty or a reserve or National Guard unit. In exchange, the military provides financial assistance to all contracted cadets and full tuition scholarships to many of them.

It was an opportunity that Evans himself had taken. He attended and graduated from Grove City College on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, was commissioned as a lieutenant and served two years as a missile launch officer for the Minuteman 1 Weapon System at Ellsworth Air Force Base. The Air Force even helped pay for his doctoral program through the GI Bill, which gives benefits to veterans.

Evans knew that nearby St. Bonaventure University, just 21 miles across the New York State border, was home to the Seneca Battalion, which had been training Army officers since 1936. Evans established a cross-enrollment agreement with St. Bonaventure, opening the doors for Pitt-Bradford students to participate in Army ROTC through the Seneca Battalion.

The presidents of each university and Brig. Gen. Cecil Adams signed the agreement to take effect beginning in the fall of 1979.


In the 1990s, a better relationship with the Soviet Union led to a military drawdown, and nationwide, the ROTC shrunk its programs and limited the number of scholarships it offered. According to The New York Times, the Army closed half of its 416 college and university units.

Pitt-Bradford would not have another commissioned officer until 1997.

Cory Angell ’96, a native of nearby Port Allegany, Pa., had already joined the Pennsylvania National Guard unit in
Bradford when he went off to his freshman year at Mercyhurst University in Erie. After a semester, he wanted to transfer home to McKean County and Pitt-Bradford.

He had already gone through basic and other training. “I had an interest in pursuing something more in the military, but my dad wanted me to finish college first,” he said. When he met Evans on campus, he asked if there was a way that he could pursue becoming an officer.

“I happen to know you can do that here,” Evans said. As the only Pitt-Bradford student enrolled in ROTC at the time, Angell would have to drive to St. Bonaventure for his military science classes.

Angell was commissioned in 1997 and has served most of his career as a public affairs officer, something that made the most of his broadcast communications major. He has served in Iraq and twice in Afghanistan, most recently for the Special Operations Command in Bagram in 2016. “It’s the greatest honor I’ve had in uniform,” Angell said.

Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, ROTC programs expanded across the country, including the Seneca Battalion and Pitt-Bradford’s Bravo Company, which would commission more than a dozen officers between 2001 and 2017.

For much of that time, Lt. Col Rick Trietley was the officer in charge of the battalion. As the unit commander and professor of military science, Trietley was with the Seneca Battalion from 2003 through 2008. Previously, he had served as a junior officer with the battalion as a recruiter from 1993 to 1996. In addition, he had been commissioned by the battalion as a 1986 St. Bonaventure graduate.

“It’s been an incredible program,” Trietley said of the Pitt-Bradford cross-enrollment agreement with St. Bonaventure. “Pitt-Bradford officers have done very well in the Army, and the person who’s kept that going is Jim Evans.”

Currently, any student can enroll in military science on the Bradford campus. Students can take their first two years of classes in Bradford.

“We really strongly encouraged any student to try it,” Trietley said. “It’s leadership training. They’re earning electives toward their degree and getting fit. What a lot of students love is that it’s a different type of class.”

During labs, students fire rifles, rappel down buildings and take part in land navigation exercises. “It’s a nice break from the normal routine,” Trietley said. “A lot of students love to take it as a change of pace, and some stayed.”

Interest in the program grew nationwide as the United States began withdrawing troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, and the 2008 housing market crash left students looking for ways to pay for college.

Another reason the program grew in Bradford, Trietley said, was an active National Guard unit based at the Bradford Regional Airport and the efforts of a National Guard recruiter who was also a Pitt-Bradford alumnus, Warren Shaw ’97. Students began joining the ROTC as a way to become officers in the Pennsylvania National Guard and earn a scholarship without having to make a full-time military commitment upon graduating.

In 2006, 29 students were enrolled in one of 10 military science courses offered. By spring 2014, that number had more than doubled to 72. Since then, enrollment has declined again. This fall, 10 students were enrolled.

During the 2012-13 academic year, Tiara Brown ’13 set a new milestone when she became the first Pitt-Bradford cadet to serve as Battalion Commander.

That fall, through a nomination by Trietley, the Seneca Battalion inducted Evans into its hall of fame.

“Dr. Evans has provided unparalleled support, mentorship and encouragement to hundreds of UPB cadets who have enrolled in ROTC classes,” Trietley wrote. “Perhaps his greatest legacy in this role, though, is the incredible service, accomplishments and sacrifice of the ... UPB students who have been commissioned as Army Officers.”
We had another magnificent and very productive year in fiscal 2017, in spite of familiar challenges and unanticipated setbacks. We continue to attract students from our local region, from counties throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, states throughout the country and as many as 15 to 20 foreign countries. We are expanding our campus facilities to accommodate the students, near and far, who are choosing to enroll at our beautiful campus. We also continue to develop a host of academic and social engagement programs and services to ensure students are empowered to achieve their educational goals. We refer to the atmosphere and setting in which students grow and mature as scholars as the Pitt-Bradford Experience.

The Pitt-Bradford Experience is the outcome of the ongoing efforts of our faculty and staff to create a unique campus experience, one that students cannot obtain anywhere else. The principal features of the Pitt-Bradford Experience are as follows:

• A friendly, safe and academically focused environment;
• Strong interactive bonds between students and our faculty and staff;
• A spirit of compassion manifested in all relations; and
• Abiding respect for and appreciation for people of all races, genders, nationalities, sexual identities and orientations, and religions.

We welcome and embrace the opportunity to positively influence the lives of our students and the communities we serve. Our Pathways to Excellence and Distinction Strategic Plan continues to be our roadmap to the future and key to achieving our vision and realizing our aspirations. Following is a brief summary of progress during the past year in implementing our strategic plan.

NEW LEVELS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE — Establish standards of excellence in academic programs that distinguish Pitt-Bradford as an outstanding provider of higher education.

• New academic programs in forensic science and international affairs are being offered for the first time; and new programs in mechanical and energy engineering technology, physical therapy assistant and occupational therapy assistant will soon be available for our students.
• Our most popular academic programs are biology; business management; computer information systems & technology; criminal justice; and nursing.
• Computer information systems & technology has emerged as the “best of its kind in the region.”
• Dr. Shailendra Gajanan, professor of economics, and Tim Ziaukas, professor of public relations, received the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship and Service. Ziaukas also received the PBA Teaching Excellence Award.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT — Recruit qualified students to meet enrollment targets and promote high standards of performance in scholarship, innovation and service.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS — Create a vibrant academic campus culture that fosters a sense of belonging for all students, engages them in the academic and social life of the campus, supports student success and promotes a life-long affiliation with Pitt-Bradford.
• After several years of enrollment declines, our full-time equivalent enrollment increased in fall 2016 to 1,403.
• We enrolled 402 new freshmen and 116 new transfer students.
• Our six-year graduation rate of 50.7% was the third highest rate all-time.
• We piloted a new Summer Bridge Program for at-risk freshman students, which produced higher retention rates than the average for the general freshman population.
• The new Excelsior Free Tuition Program in New York State is adversely affecting our recruitment and retention of students from New York.

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS — Create a mutually respectful, enterprising and intellectually curious community of students, faculty and staff who value and embrace diversity in all of its forms, manifestations and expressions.

• We enhanced student-life programming and our academic curriculum to adapt to our increasingly diverse student population.
• Open forums enable productive discussion about on-campus and off-campus climate for all students, including students of color, women and members of LGBT community.
• We continue to strive to ensure that applicant pools for faculty/staff vacancies contain adequate proportions of individuals from under-represented groups.
• We are exploring unconventional and creative approaches to diversify the staff workforce, especially in the academic support area.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH — Enhance the quality of life in the region by sharing our expertise, knowledge and experience in service to the educational, economic and cultural development of Northwest and North Central Pennsylvania and Western New York.

• Pitt-Bradford continues to add value to the region through continuing education, conferences, training for business and industry and summer camps.
• The Marilyn Horne Museum and Exhibit Center opened to the public on May 6, 2017, and is attracting tourists to the region.
• The Advisory Board’s Community and Corporate Outreach Councils are leading the way in helping to create a college-town atmosphere and improve town-gown relations.
• An internship coordinator was appointed, and the internship process was revised.
• Our arts programming series — Prism, Spectrum and Kaleidoscope — provide audiences of all ages with high-quality entertainment and cultural enrichment.
• Audiences increase each year.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ENHANCED VISIBILITY — Communicate our mission/vision/values to external as well as to internal constituencies, utilizing our institutional strengths to advance the institution and to support our vibrant campus culture and sense of belonging of all constituencies.

• For the 14th consecutive year, Pitt-Bradford has been recognized as one of the best colleges in the Northeast by The Princeton Review.
• Washington Monthly magazine recognized Pitt-Bradford as a Top 20 college in the nation for earning a bachelor’s
degree (19th) and a “best bang for the buck” university.
• The Council for Aid to Education ranked Pitt-Bradford fourth on a list of colleges that devote the highest percentage of their dollars in financial aid.
• For the third consecutive year, Pitt-Bradford was named a College of Distinction, which also recognized the university’s business management, education and nursing programs.
• National marketing firm Stamats has been engaged to review our marketing and messaging efforts.

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL RESOURCES — Enhance and leverage financial and material resources in order to most effectively serve a population of 1,500 to 1,800 FTE students and an engaged community of faculty and staff.
• Pitt-Bradford raised $1,435,456 in pledges and cash in FY17.
• Faculty and staff giving participation reached 62 percent.
• For the 12th consecutive year, members of Pitt-Bradford’s Advisory Board reached the 100 percent giving level.
• For the 20th consecutive year, members of the PBAA Board of Directors reached the 100 percent giving level.

• Forty-three percent of the Class of 2017 contributed to the Senior Class Gift for a total of $684. The scholarship was endowed thanks to a gift of just over $9,000 from Dr. Richard E. and Ruth McDowell.
• Alumni giving participation reached an all-time high of 8.4%, propelled by the 100K Alumni Challenge issued by George ’82 and Lynda Repchick, resulting in the award of a $100,000 gift to scholarships.
• We hosted cultivation and stewardship events for alumni through regional receptions, personal visits and campaign regional events.
• By the end of 2017-2018, our campus will have completed 19 capital projects at a cost of $33 million, producing a massive economic impact on the local community.

VIII: CAMPUS AMBIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY — Pursue and promote environmentally sustainable operational practices, as well as architecturally consistent design, construction and landscaping, in order to most responsibly steward and further enhance the beauty and functionality of our campus.
• Our campus earned the “Tree Campus USA” designation by Arbor Day Foundation.
• Faculty sponsored Earth Day Recycling and GIS Day student poster competitions.
• Faculty installed solar panels as an instructional exercise and created a plan for installing small-scale wind turbines.
• The Energy Institute partnered with five local energy companies in developing the Energy Engineering Technology curriculum.

Strategic planning at Pitt-Bradford is comprehensive, broadly participatory and aligned directly with campus financial resources. A culture of planning is so deeply entrenched that members of the faculty and staff automatically think of the Planning and Budgeting Committee as a critical first step in securing additional resources to implement priorities in their units. Even as they compete for resources for their respective units, members of the campus community understand that campus priorities take precedence over unit priorities and, therefore, understand when they do not always receive the resources they are requesting. Qualities such as these are what account for our perennial success in advancing the goals of our strategic plan. Accordingly, I am deeply grateful to our faculty, staff, Advisory Board and Alumni Association for the important roles they are playing in helping to advance our campus mission and our vision to become the college of choice for students in our region and beyond.
Autumn is a time of change. We have our annual changes, such as the shifting seasons and the start of a new academic year. This year, however, we have some additional, significant changes as we simultaneously transition leadership of the Advisory Board and prepare for Dr. Livingston Alexander’s retirement next summer.

As we move along in this process, we are navigating the same headwinds and challenges faced by colleges and universities across our country, such as maintaining enrollment and an uncertain future for continued state funding. Successful execution of strategic plans, solid campus and community support and excellent leadership have built a strong and vibrant campus that is an integral part of our community. Now more than ever, we must hold true to this tradition to ensure we find the right person to become Pitt-Bradford’s next great leader.

As chairwoman of the campus Advisory Board, I have the opportunity for the next two years to represent Bradford on the University of Pittsburgh’s Board of Trustees. The first meeting was held in September, when I had the tremendous honor of speaking in support of naming our new residence hall the Livingston Alexander House. The Board of Trustees’ support of this resolution is a testament to Dr. Alexander’s transformative leadership of this campus for the last 15 years. Not only has our campus grown its facilities, but we have seen the development of 16 new majors, increased diversity, national recognition of its achievements and increased fiscal security.

Dr. Alexander leaves a brilliant legacy and, as a member of the committee tasked with finding Pitt-Bradford’s next president, I will help to ensure that his successor has both the skills and the vision to maintain this progress. Input from our students, faculty, staff and Advisory Board will be vital to this search. Craig Hartburg’s excellent leadership of the Advisory Board during the last 12 years has prepared the group for the important task that stands before it now. In the last year, I have had the good fortune to work closely with Craig and Dr. Alexander in preparation for this new role, and I hope to continue this forward-thinking tradition to ensure Pitt-Bradford remains the valuable asset it has become to our region. With Craig’s guidance, Dr. Alexander and our campus leadership have harnessed the talents of each Advisory Board member to position Pitt-Bradford for continued success.

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The campus’s newest residence hall, opening in August 2018, will be named in honor of Dr. Livingston Alexander, president, who is retiring in June 2018. The University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees approved the naming in September. Meanwhile, a committee led by Larry Feick, vice provost for special projects at the Pittsburgh campus, has begun searching for a new president for the Bradford and Titusville campuses. Feick and Executive Search Consultant Robert Holyer met with faculty, staff and Advisory Board members this fall and have advertised the position. Candidates will be brought to campus in late winter, with an announcement anticipated before Alexander’s departure.
Dr. Richard E. McDowell, president emeritus, and Margaret Bryner, who served Pitt-Bradford as dean of women from 1970 until 1972, reminisce during the Leadership Donor and Founders’ Society Reception.
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David Y.K. Lee and his daughter, Allison, attend the Leadership Donor and Founders’s Society Reception in 2016. Lee has established the Ann E. Lee Nurse Practitioner Memorial Scholarship in memory of his wife, who died in 2016. Ann Lee ’02 was a part-time member of the nursing faculty.
Architect Albert Filoni, right, talks with Dr. Livingston Alexander, president, during the dedication of the Harriett B. Wick Chapel in 2010. This fall, Pitt-Bradford posthumously awarded Filoni its highest honor, the Presidential Medal of Distinction, for his work developing a comprehensive facilities plan for the university as well as designing virtually all of the campus’s construction projects during the last 20 years.
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Graduating members of the Class of 2017 presented their gift to Dr. Livingston Alexander, president, during the graduate reception in May. Dr. Richard E. and Ruth McDowell provided a supplement to endow the Class of 2017 Scholarship.
Zachary Hadfield '17 checks a breathing tube on the new wireless SimMan nursing simulation mannequin, made possible by a gift from George Repchick '82.
Jeff Guterman, associate professor of broadcast communications, and Collin Maines ’17 look over the program at the Donor Scholarship Luncheon in March.
Carolyn Boser Newhouse ’86 and Ron Bacha head out for the links at the Kessel Klassic Golf Outing in July. The Klassic, sponsored by Ann and Dick Kessel and Kessel Construction, has raised $157,000 for the Jeffrey Brian Kessel Memorial Scholarship since it was started in 2006. Since it was established in 2003, the scholarship has helped 49 students with grants.
Naomi Carlson '06, pictured here with Dr. Livingston Alexander, left a gift of more than $200,000 to Pitt-Bradford in her estate. Carlson had a particular interest in the Marilyn Horne Museum and Exhibit Center, where the grand staircase has been named in her honor.

FOUNDERS’ SOCIETY

Since its founding in 1963, the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford has been fortunate to receive the support of many generous individuals, organizations and community leaders in seeing a vision become a reality. With each successful addition to the campus and its curriculum, there have been supporters who helped initiate and carry forward ideas through planning and philanthropy.

Pitt-Bradford has established the Founders’ Society to recognize alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made a commitment to the college through a planned gift to the Bradford Educational Foundation. In making these gifts, Founders’ Society members are ensuring that Pitt-Bradford will have the financial resources to provide educational opportunities well into the future.

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AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

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Marilyn Horne
Larry and Carol Killian
Judy G. Hopkins ’71-’73
Marilyn Horne
Last year, George Repchick ’82 challenged 700 alumni to make a gift of any size to Pitt-Bradford. When alumni met the challenge in June, Repchick made a $100,000 gift to the university for student scholarships.

**WE DID IT BECAUSE OF YOU**

- **$171,156** raised to support UPB students
- **$100,000** in challenge gifts unlocked

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Donors by Decade:

- 100% Together

**Most donors by Greek organizations**
- **Zeta Alpha Chi**

**Most donors by sport**
- **MEN’S basketball**

- **33 states** represented, + Washington D.C.
- **736 Alumni donors**

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From left, Julie Marasco of Northwest Bank, Ron Orris ’77–79 of the Blaisdell Foundation, and Jill Dunn of the Bradford Educational Foundation. The three organizations have promised a total of $200,000 for the new Dean Evans Legacy Fund if Pitt-Bradford raises $200,000 by June 18, 2018.

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To see your name in the 2017-2018 Honor Roll of Donors send your gift before June 30, 2018.
1960-70s

Terri Smith Leven ’69-’71 was awarded the Pitt-Bradford Alumni Association Distinguished Volunteer Award during Alumni and Family Weekend for her years of work with the organization.

James Little ’68-’70 was promoted to senior programmer analyst at Drug Plastics and Glass Co. in Boyertown, Pa.

David Hunt ’73-’75 retired from Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep Charter School in Sacramento, Calif., where he was principal.

Donna Hermany-Pflum ’76-’78 is director of alumni relations at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

1980s

Martin Douglas ’83 is a materials manager at Mine Safety Appliances Company.

John Martin ’84-’86 is a new technology teacher at Hughesville (Pa.) High School.

Frederick V. Proper ’89 is semi-retired from the Bradford Area School District, where he taught computer-aided design.

1990s

Dr. Michael Rutter ’93 was named associate director of the school of science at Penn State Behrend in Erie, Pa., where he also teaches statistics. His research interest is fish population dynamics. He holds a doctorate in fisheries from Michigan State University.

Patricia Fitzsimmons ’94 was promoted to senior creative leader with Initials Inc., a direct-selling company.

Deborah Dworsky ’95 is an academic advisor with the Penn State University World Campus in State College, Pa.

2000s

Terry Church ’00 earned a doctorate in regulatory science from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Church is the manager for the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program at USC’s Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Angela Meserole ’01 married Dan Meeder in June and is a certified athletic trainer at UPMC Hamot in Erie, Pa.

Shannon Shaffer ’01 is an area coordinator and employment specialist at Rehabilitative Services and Vocational Placement Inc. She lives in Roanoke, Va., where she is active in the Junior League of the Roanoke Valley and the Roanoke Co-op.

Dr. Joseph Conklin ’03 is a business operations manager with Penn State Extension in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Lauren Tuzikow ’05 is a program analyst at the Federal Transit Administration in Washington, D.C.

Amy Ward ’05 retired from her position as web manager at Pitt-Bradford, where she had been working for the last 14 years. She and her husband, Fred, plan to travel the country and spend time with their four daughters and five grandchildren.

Jeffrey Hutton ’06 is area sports medicine coordinator at Select Medical in Harrisburg, Pa., and provides athletic training services at Hershey High School and Middle School.

Frankie Johnson ’06 has opened her own practice as a psychotherapist in Warren, Pa., Frankie Eileen Thomas ’97, center, did not wake up Aug. 24 thinking that she would end up at the White House by evening. Thomas is the national sales director at York (Pa.) Wallcoverings, which received a call that morning from the White House requesting an immediate delivery of an out-of-print wallpaper for the Oval Office. Workers at York hand-mixed the needed pigments, stopped work on other patterns and quickly printed 96 double rolls of the paper, which Thomas and co-workers delivered to Washington, D.C., by nightfall.

Special Delivery
Johnson Counseling.

Mark Walters ’08 is an information systems auditor at Capital BlueCross in Lebanon, Pa.

Megan Mangini Minich ’08 and her husband, Brian, re-opened the historic Scandia General Store in Russell, Pa. In August, she gave birth to a son, Colter, who joins his big sister Melayna. The family lives in Warren, Pa.

2010s

Gerry Vogt ’10 retired in October from the enrollment services office at Pitt-Bradford.

Tarrah Herman ’11 married Andrew Shannon and is mother to a new baby, Kinleigh Jean. She is a regional site manager at Pharmaceutical Product Development.

James Pascarella ’11 was promoted to web manager at Pitt-Bradford. He had previously been web programmer. He lives in Bradford with his wife and pit bulls.

Samila Sosic ’11 is the new director of international services and study abroad at Pitt-Bradford.

Yvon Woappi ’11 completed his doctoral degree in Viral Oncology from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He is now a postdoctoral cancer research fellow at Harvard Medical School’s Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Mass., where he lives.

Bob Colts Jr. ’12 was promoted to lead technician at the quality-control lab at American Refining Group in Bradford. As the lead tech, he performs advanced methods and maintains up-to-date knowledge of equipment troubleshooting and repair.

Kyle Gleockler ’12 is director of ticketing and merchandise with the St. Lucie (Fla.) Mets.

It was a big summer for Max Cercone ’13 who works in the Department of Innovation and Performance for the City of Pittsburgh. At a press conference with Mayor Bill Peduto in July, Max gave a presentation on Burgh’s Eye View, a parcel database he helped to develop. In September, he married Kat Boon in Allegany State Park. Later that month, he was promoted to business relationship manager. He is responsible for the IT needs for a cohort of city departments and serves as project manager for numerous software implementations.

Cassidy Corah ’13 was promoted to Chemist I in the quality-control lab at American Refining Group, where she has worked for three years. As a Chemist I, some of his key tasks are performing instru-

Patty Blakesslee ’17 earns writing fellowship

Patty Blakesslee graduated with a double major in writing and elementary education in April, but she hasn’t put her studies behind her.

In September, Blakesslee, who lives in Salamanca, N.Y., with her husband and four children, attended HippoCamp, a three-day writing conference in Lancaster, Pa., sponsored by Hippocampus Magazine, an online publication for writers and readers of creative nonfiction.

Even better, she applied for and received a scholarship from Hippocampus to do so. She was one of only two HippoCamp scholarship recipients and had a chance to meet keynote authors Tobias Wolff (author of “This Boy’s Life”), Beverly Donofrio (author of “Looking for Mary”) and writing coach Dinty W. Moore.

Blakesslee’s own subject matter focuses on her childhood being raised by an aunt and uncle, the small town she grew up in and her experience as a mom.
Snapshots from various Pitt-Bradford Alumni Association events

1. Five gents who attended Pitt-Bradford from 1968 to 1970 before moving on to the Oakland campus met in Bradford this fall and had lunch with their dean of men, Jay Mont. From left, Tom “Casey” Stengel, Gary Riviello, Monti, Gary Rathburn, Bill Hughey and Tom Little.

2. Brandolon Barnett ’07 was the speaker for the annual networking luncheon held during Alumni and Family Weekend.

3. Derrick Redmond ’96, Charles Norman III ’17 and Libby Iskandar ’85 met at the Philadelphia networking event.


5. Kaiyilla and Branden Smith ’95-’97 hang out with Dr. Alexander at the Philadelphia networking event this fall.

6. From left, friends Olivia Fernandes ’13, Carly Kirkpatrick ’13, Nuwagi Dias DeNault ’13, Nate Neff ’15, baby Aedan DeNault, Jenn Anderson ’13 and Adam DeNault ’11 met up this summer for a Pitt-Bradford party in Ocean City, Md.
ment repair and maintenance, verification and calibration; preparation of standards; supporting continuous improvement and product compliance; and processing customer samples. He lives in Lewis Run, Pa.

Anna Fountas '14 and Anello Sorci '13 married in 2016 and welcomed a daughter in September. Anna has also completed her Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Shannon Lynch '14 earned her doctorate in physical therapy from Gannon University in Erie, Pa.

Cameron Markert '14 is a drill site manager for Chevron North America Exploration and Production. Currently, he oversees drilling operations in Chevron’s unconventional development in west Texas and southwest New Mexico.

Kimberly Brown Fawcett '15 was married in 2017 and earned a Master of Science in clinical exercise physiology from East Stroudsburg University.

Victor Robertazza '15 is an intern with the Africa Division of the International Republican Institute in Washington, D.C. He is working on projects related to elections in Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Alysha Toothman '15 was promoted to quality lab training specialist at American Refining Group in Bradford, where she has worked since 2015.

Nicholas Eakin '16 has been named business banker of Northwest Bank. Working from the Main Street office in Bradford, he is responsible for managing all business lending activity in the McKean County area.

Sarah Hutchinson '16 is an occupational therapy assistant in Jamestown, N.Y.

Clayton Johnson '16 was one of 12 officers sworn in as new members of the U.S. Secret Service’s Uniformed Division this spring. He is assigned to the White House. During his eight-month training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and James J. Rowley Training Center, he earned sharpshooter and excellence in driving awards.

Jennifer Lau '16 and Rosemary Nwabuogu '17 co-wrote a chapter with former biology faculty member, Dr. Om Singh, that appears in the latest book edited by Singh, “Biopigmentation and Biotechnological Implementations,” published in July. The chapter is “Biopigments and Microbial Biosyntheses of Carotenoids.”

John Bedford '17 is the general manager of the Kane (Pa.) Country Club.

Colton Bly '17 is the head coach for the Bradford Area High School girls’ soccer team.

Nick McIntire '17 is teaching first grade at Coudersport (Pa.) Elementary School.

Charles Norman '17 is working at PNC Bank in Philadelphia.

Fred Henke, groundkeeper from 1986 to 2001, died in September. He was known throughout Bradford for his beautiful flowers and plantings. Before coming to Pitt-Bradford, he owned Henke Landscaping. He was the father of accounts payable manager Kathy Moonan.

William E. King '76 died in August. He was one of the first students to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Pitt-Bradford. He was employed at the Kendall Refining Co. and Witco Corp. for 43 years as a chemist.

William G Peters '89 died in September. In addition to being an alumnus, he worked in Pitt-Bradford’s outreach program in St. Marys, Pa.
If you ask Imani Jahaan Boyd how she started her business as a vintage fashion seller, she will tell you it was all time. She began as a resident assistant at Pitt-Bradford. As people came in and out of her house, they began to take notice of her unique clothing pieces and, soon enough, she began to sell them. To pay her bills, she sold office supplies after graduating. Time passed, but she did not forget her passion. When she met a man named Darren Talent, he inspired her to start her business, Imani Jahaan Vintage, and he is her current business partner.

**How did you develop your style?**

My grandmother lived in thrift stores. She was my primary caretaker when I was younger, so that's how my journey with second-hand began. I love items and clothing that tell a story, and I love that you don't know where it came from. I like giving it a second wind and modernizing it -- taking something the normal eye would see and not be interested in, then taking a spin on it.

**Any recommendations for people looking to find their own sense of style?**

I would say the first step is not to care what people think. That's the No. 1 reason people don't try new styles or expand how they dress. They don't want to shake it up too much. Dress how you feel happy, good and confident and build on that. Do some research. If you like a singer or actress, you can look for their stylist online. They post things about other designers and trends and inspirational things.

Is it difficult to keep people’s interest in the vintage style?

I don’t think so because people who are interested in vintage just like it. Vintage isn’t a trend. People are always interested in a unique piece no one else is interested in. We try not to be too trendy. We want stuff a woman in the modern decade will love, her mother would love, her daughter will love. Trends go in and out in a flash but vintage is timeless.

**Do you have a favorite style tip or any other advice?**

Go to a tailor. If it’s too big or you don’t like the length, or you saw a trend you want to try, show it to a tailor and stick with them because they will be your best friend. Any cleaner anywhere should know how to tailor things.

—Maya Bingaman ’19

Boyd is the owner of her own business in Pittsburgh, Imani Jahaan Vintage.
"When I came to Pitt-Bradford I knew I wanted to major in Computer Information Systems and Technology, but I couldn’t have imagined I’d spend two summers as an intern at the Google headquarters.

I hoped I’d have the chance to go abroad, but I didn’t know I’d spend a full year studying in China.

Pitt-Bradford students are willing to go beyond because we know so many people are behind us.

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— Nnedimma Ugochukwu
Computer Information Systems and Technology major

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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS


Kristen Laemmer, a freshman from Bradford, celebrates during Beginnings orientation held on campus in July.