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Remembering David: Campus reflects on student's life, legacy

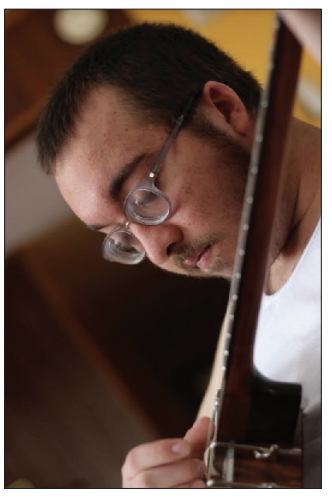
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It was the season of Lent some 20 years ago, and children in Freeport, Pennsylvania, vowed to surrender video games and chocolate.

"Well Dave gave up the alphabet for Lent," Nancy Shipe said. "And by George, that boy would not practice his letters or reading or anything."

David Shipe, '18, the son of Nancy, a physical therapist, and Peter Shipe, a mechanical engineer, grew up in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and began entering science fairs as a child, a reflection of his budding curiosity for the world's wonders.



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David grew to be especially passionate about environmental issues and conservation, Peter recalled, and when David looked into colleges and universities to attend after high school, he looked to Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, to Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and to Allegheny.

Members of the Allegheny College community closest to David knew him as a kind friend, an avid quidditch player, an active sustainability advocate and a man with a remarkable wit. David died on Nov. 9, 2018, at Allegheny Valley Hospital in Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania, after receiving a terminal brain cancer prognosis in May, a few weeks after his May 12 graduation.

"In his own words, Allegheny was the best experience of his life," Nancy said. "So graduation was the culmination of that — celebrating success, celebrating relationships, celebrating friendships."

David's involvement in Allegheny projects included advocating for local food production efforts, working in Allegheny's Carrden, organizing with the Edible Allegheny Campus club and leading operations for the college's aquaponics system in Carr Hall.

This dedication to college sustainability led David to become a Campus Sustainability Champion in 2016, an honor he shared with Allegheny College Sustainability Coordinator Kelly Boulton, '02, for her work reducing college waste and energy consumption.

Being named Campus Sustainability Champion is an annual award presented by the Pennsylvania Environmental Resource Consortium, a statewide collaborative committed to connecting students and faculty from different colleges to facilitate sustainability projects and research.

"I'm honored to have been recognized from among such a rich community of sustainability activism here at Allegheny," David told the college in 2016.

Though Boulton did not know David well, she said she knew him by his reputation as a driven student.

"One of the things I love about Allegheny is that students are challenging faculty and staff to be their best just as much as faculty and staff are challenging students," Boulton said. "David was one of those students that was always stepping up and doing really good, solid work and it made all of us want to step up and do really good, solid work."

A biology and environmental science double major, David had planned to graduate one semester early — in December 2017 — after receiving an initial cancer diagnosis his sophomore year at Allegheny in the fall of 2015. The first round of surgery and radiation treatments, "kicked his butt," Peter said, and David ended up graduating on time in May 2018.

"With a double major, cum laude," Nancy added.

Nancy and Peter first realized David was sick when he had a seizure one night during his sophomore semester.

"He woke up underneath his bed and recognized that this wasn't normal, so he was smart enough to tell us," Nancy said. "How many kids would say, 'Wow, that's weird,' and forget about it?"

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'Historic days'

Allegheny welcomes Link, family



WILLY WALKER/THE CAMPUS

The Allegheny Chamber Choir performs the Alma Mater at the Link family reception Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in Ford Memorial Chapel.

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President-elect Hilary Link and her family were welcomed to the Allegheny community on Jan. 22, with a nearly-full ceremony at Ford Memorial Chapel.

The ceremony was held one week after the Board of Trustees announced the decision to elect Link as the 22nd president of Allegheny College.

Students, faculty, board members, administrators and members of the community attended Link's first public campus address. Link, her husband Jeff and son Jason were also in attendance.

President James Mullen welcomed the audience and was preceded by a standing ovation for his 11 years of service.

Mullen began by calling it a historic day for the college, noting that a president has been selected just 22 times in two centuries.

"I daresay that none of those occasions," Mullen said, "have been filled with greater anticipation or a greater sense of the possible."

On behalf of his family, Mullen welcomed the president-elect to the community.

"Mari, James, Franki and I join the entire community in saying we are proud and tremendously excited to welcome (Link) as our president," Mullen said.

Mullen recalled the start of his own presidency in 2008 and reflected on the warmth he initially felt from the Allegheny and Meadville community.

"As I walked over to Ford (Memorial) Chapel (today)," Mullen said, "I could not help but think back to that moment 11 years ago when this community so warmly and genuinely welcomed the Mullen family to Allegheny and to Meadville. That genuineness of spirit, that warmth, grounded in a deep and shared commitment to our mission to residential liberal arts education that continued for more than a decade. And we will be, forever, grateful."

Mullen wished the same gratitude he has received from the community to the president-elect and her family.

"Hilary, Jeff and Jason: I know that you and Alex and Zach will experience just the same support, encouragement and kindness that our family has enjoyed during our time in Meadville."

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Frigid temperatures close campus

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For the first time since the 1970s, Allegheny College closed its offices due to frigid winter temperatures.

After sending out a campus-wide email at 9:33 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, officially announcing the closing, cheers could be heard across campus in celebration of not having class Wednesday, Jan. 30.

"Update: Allegheny College will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 30, due to extremely cold temperatures and wind chills," the email read. "No classes will be held, and all administrative offices will be closed; residence halls and student dining facilities will remain open. Limited shuttle service will be available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Employees designated as essential personnel are expected to report to campus. Employees who are unsure if they should report to work should contact their supervisors."

A Campus article reports the last time Allegheny closed its offices due to extreme weather was in the 1970s and during World War Two.

Dean of Students April Thompson said the decision was necessary in order to maintain the safety of the campus community.

"I think it was a good decision in light of the extreme weather conditions," Thompson said in an email. "While it may be unusual to close our campus, these are unusual temperatures, and the safety of the community must be our priority. Now, the task ahead of us is making sure the students have food, custodial services, and heat for the next couple of days.

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College committees council fills vacancies, begins work

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All vacancies on Allegheny Student Government's College Committees Council have been filled, leaving ASG optimistic about the current state of shared governance and discussing strategies to retain the representative balance between students and faculty moving forward.

The CCC functions to put the Allegheny student body in direct contact with students and faculty members who work together on campus-wide administrative committees tasked to make decisions about integral aspects of the college's operation. The CCC is headed by ASG's chief of staff and is comprised of six committees: the Academic Standards and Awards Committee, Finance and Facilities Committee, Council on Diversity and Equity, Public Events Committee, Curriculum Committee and Campus Life and Community Standards Committee.

"Having (the CCC) full means that we're getting the most representation that we're allowed under the shared-governance system," said ASG President, Camilla Gomez, '19. "It's kind of like maximizing our ability to make change, and it also means that we're getting the best diversity of perspectives possible ... The more student representatives the more of a complete picture we can have in terms of policy making."

ASG's Chief of Staff, Jason Ferrante, '20, who was appointed in December after John Fazio, '20, resigned from the position, said filling the vacancies was one of his first objectives. Putting up flyers, posting online and directly encouraging students to get involved were tactics that helped ASG achieve this goal.

"We tried to reach out to a broad set of people and say that we want a ton of applications and we reaped the benefits of that," Ferrante said. "We went from having a few applications to upwards of twenty for less than twenty positions, and we were really excited to see that."

ASG holds biweekly meetings to hear reports from students who sit on the committees in the CCC to ensure an active line of communication between student representatives and committee members is sustained. Ferrante said this allows ASG to stay informed about various discussions within the CCCs respective committees while also giving ASG members a chance to relay their knowledge about the student body to students who sit on them.

Student representation on these committees is especially salient this semester, as students on the CCC will aid in a complete review of Allegheny's student handbook, The Compass, which happens once every three years.

"We're looking at everything from how we work the conduct system to Title IX processes at the college to general college policies," Ferrante said. "Each of these committees is going to have a really important role in vetting that and kind of going over it."

To put the type of work students in the CCC will be doing in perspective, Ferrante said that students on the Campus Life and Community Standards committee will be looking at policy related to conduct and students on the Academic Standards and Awards committee will be looking at leaves and withdrawals policies. Ferrante also mentioned that some of the committees, such as the Finance and Facilities Committee, actually require a percentage of student representatives to be present in order to move forward with policy changes.

Now that the vacancies on the CCC are filled, ASG is planning ahead to figure out a strategy to ensure that positions on the committees remain that way.

Gomez said a mistake made in the past was appointing too many upperclassmen because they do not have the time to complete their four semester term, leaving inevitable vacancies. ASG will also be taking more initial precautions to lessen foreseeable vacancies, such as putting the meeting times of committees on the applications and learning about applicant's plans to study abroad in advance.

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> —CAMILA GOMEZ
> ASG President, Class of 2019
> Allegheny College

"Something that I would like to think about is extending the term time," Gomez said. "I'd be really interested in exploring an option where we do a two year term and a one year renewal option. That way if (the student) would want to, we could have that reappointing process."

Spreading awareness about the importance that CCC positions have for Allegheny's administrative functioning is also part of the strategy to keep interest alive in the student body.

"(The CCC) is one of the things that I think a lot of students don't know that ASG does," ASG Vice President, Gillian Greene, '20 said. "I think that getting the word out to them about what they are and what they do can help get students more involved."

Greene and Gomez believe making students aware of the role students on the CCC have in yielding tangible results in Allegheny's administration is a key aspect of maintaining proper shared-governance and better serving the interests of the student body.

"You really have a lot of power when you sit on one the committees," Gomez said. "It was a student representative on the Curriculum Committee that saved Gator Day two years ago, I think it's really on ASG to better publicize how important the CCCs are."

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Mullen proceeded to thank the search committee, praising it as "the truest and best" of what Allegheny represents.

"No college in the nation," Mullen said, "has a more supportive, engaged and committed board of trustees than Allegheny."

Mullen also thanked Mark Campbell, '82, Board of Trustees chair, for his leadership and welcomed him to speak.

Campbell began by thanking the search committee and welcomed Link on behalf of the search committee.

Campbell then fondly remembered his freshman year at Allegheny, nearly 40 years ago.

"I settled into Edward's Hall a bit nervous and apprehensive," Campbell said, "but what I experienced were some of the greatest years of my life."

Campbell emphasized the Allegheny family that he became a part of, and talked about the support that he still receives from it.

"For this Allegheny family, this is a great day," Campbell said, "a day in which we welcome new members to our family."

Campbell thanked the Mullen family and emphasized Mullen's key accomplishments, including the college's Prize for Civility in Public Life and the capital campaign which has raised almost $200 million during his presidency.

"But most importantly," Campbell said, "(Mullen) constantly reminds us in his words and deeds that this is for students. His relationship with each and every student on this campus for the last 12 years has been inspiring to us all."

Campbell welcomed Link to the podium, noting her accolades and her election marking the first woman to ever hold Allegheny's highest office, earning a large applause from the audience members.

"We particularly have appreciated the warm reception because it's not so warm outside," Link joked, noting she and her family are used to the warmer Mediterranean climate of Rome, where she is currently the dean of Temple University Rome.

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> President-elect,
> Allegheny College

Link said that she has been met with an extraordinary welcome from the college. One of the best welcomes, Link said, was a phone call from Mullen himself on the day her election was announced.

Link continued to express that she is honored and excited to become the 22nd president and first woman president of Allegheny College.

"I am thrilled, humbled and honored to have been elected to lead this great institution," Link said, "which is one of the nation's oldest and most innovate liberal arts colleges. I am especially honored to be the first woman to take on the presidency of the institution, and I can't wait to get started."

Link said that, although she does not yet know many students or faculty members, she feels that she already knows everyone in one particular way.

"You chose Allegheny in one way or another," Link said to the audience. "It's truly heartening to come to understand even better the level of love, affection, dedication and commitment that all of you have for this beloved college. It is one of the strengths of this institution and it's one of the things that will continue to position Allegheny to move forward and to lead into the future"

Link spoke about her passions for the liberal arts, noting that it is essential to solving real-world problems.

"I'm a scholar of the Italian renaissance, Italian art and literature, and I believe fervently in the value of a liberal arts education," Link said. "The term 'liberal arts' came because these were the skills that people needed to be free citizens of the world, and these skills are no more important than right now."

Link said that the liberal arts are particularly important in today's global society.

"In such a complex, ambiguous, and ever-more interconnected world," Link said, "the value of the liberal arts, with their interdisciplinary approach to human expression, human knowledge and ultimately human life itself is stronger than ever before."

Link noted the importance of interdisciplinarity, specifically indicating Allegheny's curriculum that bridges majors and minors.

"Interdisciplinarity, as you all know, better than I," Link said. "is fundamental to an Allegheny education."

"Interdisciplinarity is a force for change," Link said. "It gives our students the ability to think critically, to communicate across different boundaries, to work with others who are not from their own backgrounds and ultimately, to solve problems by learning to see things from a variety of different perspectives."

"We stand to make many missteps at a very critical time," Link said, stating that the liberal arts are currently under challenge, but she asserted that Allegheny is poised to overcome these challenges.

Link said that she wishes to reinforce and enhance Allegheny's focus on connections and bring it to a higher national and international status.

"Allegheny's values, as an accessible institution that creates space for connections, is truly unique and truly something to honor as a distinguishing characteristic," Link said. "It's something that I hope to build on as we work to continue to strengthen the profile of the institution nationally and internationally."

Link said that Allegheny's unique story — its distinctive curriculum and vibrant community — is not widely known and needs to be shared on a larger scale.



WILLY WALKER/THE CAMPUS
Allegheny College President-elect Hilary Link speaks to the campus community at a welcome reception at a celebration Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, in Ford Memorial Chapel

"I've said from the beginning to the search committee, that this college has a great story to tell, and it deserves to be told and recognized more broadly for all of the amazing things it's doing for the students and for creating thinkers who are going to change the world," Link said.

Link says she's inspired by the college's innovative and interdisciplinary approach and the enthusiasm of its community about learning.

"I am really, truly thrilled to be joining this dynamic time for the college," Link said, "and I very much look forward to partnering with all of you on moving the college forward and making everything about it better now and to the world around it."

The ceremony was followed by a performance of "Alma Mater Beatissima" by the Allegheny College Chamber choir and a reception in the Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center, where members of the community were able to meet Link.

Robin Scheimer, the college's director of sports medicine, was among Allegheny faculty at the reception.

"I think it's a really important opportunity to get face time with the new leader of the college campus as well as, it's always a great opportunity to speak with the other people who are involved with the campus community" Scheimer said.

Michelle Raymond, '21, said she is excited for Link's fresh, global perspective.

"(Link is) from Rome, so I think we'll definitely get new ideas and perspectives from her, including an international perspective," Raymond said.

ASG makes preparations for election season

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Allegheny Student Government's general assembly meeting was home to updates about the presidential campaigning process in its second meeting of the spring semester.

Beginning the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the Henderson Campus Center, ASG announced it is officially election season, meaning it is time for students to elect the next president and vice president to represent the student body.

"It is officially now election season," said Monessha Jayabalan, '19, attorney general.

After discussing with cabinet during its Monday, Jan. 29, meeting, Jayabalan said all election paperwork is to be completed and turned in by Wednesday, Feb. 13. More information can be found on the ASG website.

Until then, Jayabalan and ASG Vice President Gillian Greene, '20, are looking for venues to hold the ASG presidential debate.

Co-Directors of Student Affairs Tyanna Harris, '19, and Catrina Steckler, '19, reported the Office of Public Safety is working to install more call boxes across campus and announced that The Compass will be undergoing changes this year.

The Counseling and Personal Development Center officially hired a new counselor, completing the staff with a total of four counselors. According to Steckler, the new hire will begin work Monday, Feb. 4.

The Title IX Office also added three new faces to its office with the hiring of juniors Lizzie Schumacher, Kelsey Evans and Lauren Trimber. Together, they will serve as interns who help inform students about Title IX policies and answer questions about reporting processes.

"We're going to be able to answer any questions regarding the (Title IX) policy mainly — not taking reports or anything like that — but if anyone has questions regarding the policy … we can answer those questions," Evans said.

Director of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs Cat Lord, '20, said she is working the Physical Plant Department to install more refillable water stations around campus and is making progress relabelling campus recycling stations.

The Class of 2019 announced it will be meeting with Gretchen Beck, associate dean of students for wellness education, to help plan and organize senior week.

Daniella Clarke, '20, was approved to serve as a proxy for George Castellon, '20, who is studying abroad this semester, and Class of 2020 President Elyse Cinquino announced she is working to draft a resolution to address the student-led protests from last semester.

An event with the Office of Career Education is in the works as the Class of 2021 is working to finalize a date for the event which is geared towards first-year and sophomore students, and the Class of 2022 announced the date for first-year formal will be on Thursday, Feb. 21, in Schultz Banquet Hall.

ASG President Camila Gomez, '19, announced the Conduct Review Steering Committee is looking for student representatives to assist in making changes to the Allegheny Code of Conduct.

"Everything that's in The Compass is going to get looked at," Gomez said. " … I can't stress how important it is. I mean, your voice has the opportunity to affect what policies are going to go into (The Compass) or not."

The opportunity to sit on the committee is open to students who are not members of ASG.

Gomez concluded her report by saying Assistant Dean of Students Joe Hall is going to speak at the Feb. 5 or Feb. 12 general assembly meeting to talk about the process of changing The Compass. Gomez asked ASG members to think of questions to ask Hall and to offer feedback during his visit for potential changes to consider.

"This is really important," Gomez said. "This is going to be The Compass. It has to get looked at every three years, technically, so for the next three years, whatever feedback you (give) might make a considerable difference to a student's experience at Allegheny."

Finally, Senator Taylor Marzouca, '21, voiced concerns expressed to her by constituents about having class Wednesday, Jan. 30, and Thursday, Jan. 31.

Hours after the ASG meeting, a campus-wide email was sent out announcing that Allegheny would be closed Jan. 30.

Title IX seeks to inform students with new programs

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Allegheny's Title IX Office is taking steps to be more transparent and informative for students — promoting what their employees do and what role they play in Title IX processes.

Every Title IX case is different, and Gilly Ford, Title IX coordinator, explained that the length of the process varies on a case by case basis. The most important thing, Ford said, for students to understand is that the office is there to offer support and guidance

"When I first receive a report, I reach out to the complainant first to meet with them, review our Title IX policy and explain the choices they have," Ford said. "But I always help them to know the resources and support that is available to them on campus."

After an incident gets reported, it is then entered into the Department of Public Safety's Crime and Fire Log. Ford said how soon it gets entered in the crime log depends on the situation and the nature of the incident. Once the report is sent to public safety, it is then entered into the crime log program according to Sergeant William Merchbaker, interim public safety director.

"Once the director sends over cases, we enter it in the crime logs," Merchbaker said. "(All we really do) is type in the information and then it goes into the logs on the public safety website."

Every report and situation varies, so the handling of every case is different.

"The way things get reported to you always depends on the situation," Ford said. "We always report and handle these situations in the necessary ways. (For the crime logs), it may take a few days to report it depending on the amount of information we receive."

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> Title IX Coordinator,
> Allegheny College

Last semester's protests about how Title IX situations and other situations, including racial bias cases, are reported to the campus, have brought some new ideas and processes to be considered by all offices involved, including the Title IX offices.

"We are in the process of doing the regular review of the student conduct policies and processes," said April Thompson, dean of students. "The feedback from the protests along with suggestions from the student group formed following the protests has been sent to the teams reviewing the policies. Any additional feedback is welcome as well."

Thompson added that Ford is the chairman of the committee reviewing Title IX and any feedback can be sent directly to her.

Ford and the Title IX office have scheduled events throughout the semester to help students learn more about Title IX, and to have a place where they might feel more comfortable talking about sexual assault and Title IX to their peers.

"I'm always available to talk about Title IX to interested students and organizations," Ford said. "This semester we have also created some bystander training sessions, for students to be better prepared on what to do in a situation (where they are a bystander). Another new program is the peer educator program, where we seek to update students on Title IX, and students have the opportunity to talk to their peers about Title IX (instead of an adult), and they can be more comfortable. It'll be students answering other students' questions."

The Title IX office has scheduled Brown Bag lunch conversations throughout the semester which are meant to provide "education but also a conversation."

The open Bystander Training begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at a to be determined location, and a second one is scheduled for March 7.

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Make sure to show your appreciation to the staff who are here through all the extreme conditions to care for students."

Prior to the announcement students reached out to administrators, requesting that classes be canceled. ASG Senator Taylor Marzouca, '21, expressed concerns during Tuesday's ASG meeting.

"I think it was a good thing that classes got canceled," Nicole Foulkrod, '22, said. "Some students have multiple classes that are far apart on campus and would have to be out in the cold several times throughout the day. It might mess up schedules a bit, but no student's or faculty (member's) safety is worth sacrificing for one day of classes."

In traditional Allegheny fashion, some students planned to use this day off to catch up on their homework.

"I like that they canceled classes because I think it shows the school is listening to students and prioritizing our well-being," Sophia Ramsey, '21, said. "And also now, I can start that paper that's due Thursday."

Both McKinley's Food Court and Brooks Dining Halls closed early Wednesday at 7 p.m. and 350 pizzas were delivered to residence halls for students to enjoy.

At 5:43 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, another email was sent to students, announcing that no classes would be held Thursday due to "extreme cold" — making Allegheny history.

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The difference between collegiate and professional athletes

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The National Collegiate Athletic Association cleared $1 billion in revenue in 2017, and the student athletes who risk their bodies for injury every day never see a penny of it, causing one of the biggest controversies in college athletics today — should college athletes be paid?

Major universities across the nation generate hundreds of millions of dollars off their athletics per year through ticket sales, fundraisers and donations, yet their athletes never see a penny of the revenue. There have been uproars from collegiate players arguing their position on why they should see a portion of the profits, because they themselves are generating the earnings for the universities. Still to this day, no collegiate athlete has had any type of payment for their efforts in the sports realm.

College athletes put together a concrete case, arguing that collegiate athletics is equivalent to a full-time job, and that they should be compensated for their time and efforts. As a student-athlete, you do miss many classes due to away-trips, games, or practices, and your time is stretched thin trying to balance athletics and academics, so athletes around the nation are asking for a salary to help make up for the burdens placed upon them during season and in the off-season. As a college athlete, you represent your university not only as a source of revenue if successful, but as a marketing skill to draw students into the school. Athletes argue that if they are being used to generate cash flow, they should be compensated as well.

Putting the athlete's arguments aside, there still needs be a separation between college and professional athletics, and right now the only difference is a salary. Yes, these athletes generate huge amounts of revenue for their universities, but they aren't entitled to that money directly. When recruited out of high school, top athletes have the opportunity to earn athletic scholarships, which will assist these young adults financially by partially or completely covering the cost of attendance to the college or university, if not cover the cost of attendance completely. In this sense, college athletes are being paid to attend the school of their choice, and any amount of money that goes beyond that threshold would be in nullify athletic eligibility, according to NCAA standards.

According to the NCAA sports contract concerning amateurism, an athlete is considered a professional if they are paid in any form or accept the promise of pay for using their athletic abilities in any type of sports contest. Therefore, if athletes are compensated for their performance in the sports realm, they should immediately lose their eligibility to compete at the collegiate level because they are considered a professional. College athletes are amateurs and professional athletes are professionals, and there needs to be a black and white rule to keep them separated.

Along with separating the professional and collegiate leagues, paying student-athletes would tremendously lower the importance of goal setting and hard work. Growing up, children often say that they want to play professional sports when they get older. Most times, that dream does not come true. If being a professional athlete was an easy goal to reach, everyone would do it. Boys and girls attend universities with the goal in mind that they will make it to the big leagues, the league where you get paid to play the sport you love to play.

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> Class of 2020,
> Allegheny College



Through high level and consistent performances at the collegiate level, one could get lucky and live out their dream in the professional ranks. Once you make it, compensation is the reward. Until then, attend class, get good grades and accept the fact that amateur athletes do not get paid.

College is where young adults prepare themselves for their future careers. Students pick a major that best suits the career path they want to be on, and after graduation they have gone through the necessary steps to enhance their knowledge to be successful in the professional world. These students are not paid to attend class. Compensating student-athletes should be viewed the same exact way. College is a journey, and the professional ranks, whether in athletics or corporate America, is the destination.

Allowing student-athletes to be paid prioritizes them above all other students on campus. Other major groups on campus will start to question their worth, and begin to demand compensation for the revenue they help bring into the school as well. Greek life, for example, is an attraction that brings thousands of young adults to campuses around the nation. One could argue that the largest fraternities or sororities should get compensated for drawing students to a particular school. When one group in compensated there leaves too much room for other groups to demand the same payment, therein lies a serious problem for universities to wrestle with.

Lastly, on the most basic level, the NCAA could not possibly afford to compensate athletes. The millions of dollars of revenue are dispersed to hundreds of colleges country-wide, which then has to be circulated to each team within the colleges or universities. That money is used to maintain or build facilities, pay coaches, distribute scholarships to prospective athletes and fund the growth of the athletic programs. Forbes Magazine published an article on one of the largest college football programs in the United States, Ohio State, saying that the university needs 22 million dollars to balance their budget alone. Now imagine a smaller university with even smaller endowments and royalty fees. There is not enough money to go around.

Paying student-athletes would lower the quality of collegiate programs nationally by draining the funds to other portions of the athletic departments. To maintain high quality athletic departments, there has to be access to money, and paying athletes would make that impossible.

In all reality, paying college athletes would ruin the atmosphere that college sports create. Every year, people all around the country anxiously fill out NCAA Tournament brackets for college basketball, with the hopes that their favorite team will make it to the national championship. Students look forward to college football game days where they can watch their classmates battle it out on the field. College sports create a sense of community and family that ties thousands of people together from all over the country. Compensating student-athletes would take away the excitement of watching another average joe, just like yourself, perform at a very high level and doing it all out of the love of the game, with the hopes of making it to the big leagues someday.

Financial penalties disproportionately hurt working class

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Not too long ago, I went to Cleveland for an event, and upon arriving back at my car at the end of the night, I discovered something no one wants to find: a parking ticket tucked under my windshield wiper.

An immediate combination of anger, frustration and confusion flooded over me. I parked by a meter, but I arrived after 6 p.m. and was therefore not required to pay for parking, according to nearby signs. Instead, I was charged for parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. Fair enough. It was an honest mistake. Nonetheless, I owed the City of Cleveland $50 for my oversight.

This unexpected cost was imposed days before winter break and was supposed to help pay for gas to get home and Christmas gifts for my siblings, and it certainly ate into the limited amount I saved to tide me over for the month I would not be working. For the entire duration of the drive back from Cleveland, I was burdened by anger and stress — but perhaps most notably, I fumed over the fact that the value of $50 differs from person to person, and I felt I was receiving the short end of the stick. If I was wealthier or wasn't trying to put myself through school, this would simply be the cost to park there. But because of my circumstances, I felt extorted and vulnerable.

Acknowledging my own privilege, this fine could have burdened another person much more than myself, such as a single mother feeding her family. But despite my attempts to put matters into perspective, my thoughts always circled back to inequity and the fact that these sorts of fines are hardly inconveniences in the same regard for wealthier people.

Fines are fairly ubiquitous in many facets of society and almost always point to inequitable consequences. On a much larger scale than mere parking tickets, massive corporations find it to be more cost-effective to disregard inconvenient regulations and simply pay fines as a cost to do business.

BP, the oil company responsible for the devastating oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, paid over $18 billion in legal settlements and for cleanup because it was more profitable than not engaging in the practices that led to the spill in the first place.

Another corporation, Purdue Pharma, developed OxyContin and underplayed the risk of addiction associated with the drug and its effectiveness, essentially kickstarting America's opioid epidemic. The company similarly paid out hundreds of millions of dollars after the damage was done because it was more profitable than being honest with OxyContin's limitations or not selling the drug.

These corporations that have set aside massive sums of money for legal fees when they need to wipe their slate clean have seen few other consequences. In this respect, fines do what they were intended to do. The corporations swallowed their multi-billion dollar pride and paid out, just as I had to do with my measly $50. But this does not make it a fair practice. It is worth considering an alternative to distributing fines.

What if instead of constant figures, fines were based on income percentages? Wealth allows individuals bigger houses, more vacation time, influence and the ability to buy power, but as it stands today, wealth also allows a lawlessness of sorts.

Wealthy people and corporations have the power to decide if a law is worth following with a simple cost-benefit analysis that cannot be afforded to others. That being said, it makes sense that money should not allow someone to escape the relative consequences of the law and should pay a flat percentage based on their income or net worth in relation to the severity of the infraction.

What if BP were required to pay half of its net worth — or more due to the severity of the incident — instead of cleanup, legal fees and a half-hearted apology? Would we still have experienced the ecological terror that we did? Or maybe Purdue could have been fined based on the millions of people it affected, or some other quantifiable terms in relation to the opioid epidemic rather than lump sums of millions of dollars to cities that sued for it. Or what if, at some point, we as a collective society said, "we don't want your money," and put those responsible for these disasters in jail or simply revoked the rights to the corporations?

What if someone with 20 times the wealth as myself paid $500 for the same parking ticket I received? I certainly do not condone capitalizing from honest mistakes with financial punishment, but while it is being done, shouldn't everyone experience the same inconvenience? As of right now, fines are threats that are used to control the ever-increasing working class and simultaneously equate to slaps on the wrists for wealthier people. It's expensive not to have money.

Happy nostalgia in unexpected places, memories

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My family members were never particularly religious, but they were certainly proud of their heritage — especially my grandparents, who kept their menorah in a cabinet high above the counter where it awaited the eight days of Hanukkah.

Not long after, my family also celebrated Christmas. We did not go to church or temple regularly and only recognized the holidays because we liked anything that brought us together. Even weekly fast food dinner outings, followed by a movie rental, felt similar. Although I was young and often had little interest in the movie we were watching, something still resonated with me as I sat on the living room floor with my head supported by the couch cushion between my parents. It was as if I unconsciously knew my grandfather would die while my grandmother's memory faded, my mother would have to take a second job after divorcing my father and the living room would dissolve into lifelessness.

I have countless memories of my family, but not too long ago, I was flooded with a wave of nostalgia after a good friend of mine called me a schmuck. I was caught in a strange emotional feedback loop comprised of longing, hilarity and fondness. I had not heard that word since living with my family.

My grandparents frequently sprinkled Yiddish into their vocabulary, and though I was not exposed to a large amount of the language and was never bar mitzvahed, I appreciated that every word seemed to be common sense in that they mean exactly how they sound. "Schmuck," for instance, is usually used light-heartedly and means "fool."

Other great Yiddish words include klutz (clumsy person), chutzpah (arrogant nerve), schlep (physically or figuratively drag something), schmaltzy (excessively sentimental), schtick (routine or act), and my personal favorite, schmutz, as in, "wipe that schmutz off your face!"

All these words have a sentimental connotation to me since they were some of the first informal words I learned and heard regularly. I never integrated Yiddish into my everyday vocabulary, so it's always a pleasant surprise when I hear them from someone else. It reminds me how intimately language can bring us together and has the power to be more than cut-and-dry communication.

Ever since I schlepped myself across the country to be a student, I have been searching for a sense of what I had before I left, but much of that was simply childhood, something everyone has and runs out of. But every so often, I'm run into the schmaltzy things in life that transcend time and hit home in all the right ways.



Photos contributed by Julia Drozdowsky

Above and Below: Julia Drozdowsky, '19, and Britney Imel, '19, interned at the West Hawaii Health Center in Hawaii during the summer of 2018.

ADVENTURE & OPPORTUNITY

Two Allegheny seniors reflect on Hawaii internship

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Brought together by one shared bond, Allegheny alumni serve as a resource for opportunities and connections. This vast alumni network is what brought Brittany Imel, '19, and Julia Drozdowsky, '19, to Hawaii during the 2018 summer.

Together, Imel and Drozdowsky interned at a community health center in western Hawaii.

Alumnus Richard Taaffe, '72, the CEO of the West Hawaii Health Center offered the internship to Allegheny students for the first time last year.

The West Hawaii Health Center has five locations — all are dedicated to making health services accessible to all and promoting community wellness. The health center practices malama pono, which means caring for others in the right way.

Taaffe visited campus during the 2017 fall semester in order to find students who would be a good fit to intern at the West Hawaii Health Center.

"When I initially interviewed, I just wanted to talk to (Taaffe), and it turned into so much more than I could've ever imagined," Drozdowsky said.

Drozdowsky said she was interested in meeting Taffe because she wanted to learn about his journey and how he reached his position at the West Hawaii Health Center.

"I thought it would be a really good connection," Drozdowsky said. "(Taaffe) knows the background of the Allegheny education, and I thought it would be really cool to apply what I had learned in the global health studies department and take it to an internship that was run by an Allegheny alumni."

Taaffe held a luncheon on campus with interviews following. All students interested in global health studies and biology were encouraged to submit a resume and personal statement to the Allegheny Gateway staff. According to Drozdowsky, about 20 students who took advantage of the opportunity were invited to the luncheon.

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Taaffe then narrowed the number down to six students. These students were contacted and completed a second interview over Skype with Taaffe and another employee of the health center.

Drozdowsky received an email inviting her to engage in a Skype interview while she was studying abroad in Lancaster, England, during the 2018 spring semester.

"I did a Skype interview with them while I was over there and then a couple weeks later, found out that I got (the internship)," Drozdowsky said.

Both Imel and Drozdowsky's internships focused on community outreach and health education.

"We tried to tailor the work to the interests of Julia and Brittany, as well as give them a variety of experiences," Taaffe said.

"We shadowed some doctors and we went to a lot of community meetings, organizing health directives (West Hawaii Health Center) were planning so that we could get a bigger picture of their long term plans," said Drozdowsky, "but we mostly worked with the Marshallese community in Hawaii."

The Marshall Islands is a group of five islands spread throughout the North Pacific Ocean. The islands are approximately 2,000 miles from the coast of Australia and have a population of roughly 60,000.

According to a 2010 census, only 22,434 people of Marshallese descent live within the United States, mainly in Hawaii and Arkansas.



"The Marshallese women were very accepting of us," Imel said. "They aren't really normally big fans of people from the mainland, but they accepted Julia and me right away."

Traveling to Hawaii, allowed the women to learn more about the community members' struggles and needs.

"We learned a lot about the Hawaiian community and what barriers they face and how we can address them," said Drozdowsky. "We organized community needs assessments and things like that."

Imel and Drozdowsky both focused on becoming involved with the community and implemented a variety of different community health initiatives, such as Zumba classes and a competition resembling "The Biggest Loser."

"We got immersed with the community. We were in it, living in it, working in the community and you can see how a lot of the resorts there are these little inlets of seclusion and a lot of people who are tourist there don't actually get to know the community," Drozdowsky said.

Both Drozdowsky and Imel think this experience was worthwhile and suggest other students take advantage of this opportunity in the future.

"If this experience was made possible again, I would definitely recommend it to other students or ones like it, if Allegheny can make connections to other alumnae," Drozdowsky said.

The Hawaii experience is sure to help both women in their careers after graduation from Allegheny, Imel said.

"I think the biggest thing, especially for my career in the future, is to listen to people and not assume," Imel said. "Especially going from a better neighborhood to one that maybe doesn't have a lot, to not go in there to try to fix it, but to go in there and listen and ask what community members want, what they need from us, and not going in with the answers, not just what we want them to have."

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Remembering David

Action, dedication and one tiny house

Within a week of the seizure, David was told he had a slow-growing, benign, pediatric brain tumor, about the size of a quarter. After undergoing surgery to remove the mass, a small part of the tumor remained and existed as a "tweener," until sometime in the spring of 2018 — not exactly benign, but not exactly malignant either.

He took some time off from his on-site classes at the college, but "graduated on time through all his adversity," Nancy said.

David and his family planned to travel to Scotland and Ireland after his Allegheny graduation, and they made a two-week trip together. Upon returning home, within three days, David experienced some weakness in his left side, and during a stay at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, David was told he would likely have between days and two weeks to live after another surgery attempted to address the then-aggressive cancer. The tumor had grown to the size of a softball.

"David was a guy, always in his life, that if you told him he couldn't do something, he had to prove you otherwise," Nancy said. "Now that's his ornery streak, and in this instance I think it helped him … he lived another five months, and he made the absolute most of those five months in spite of his physical limitations."

During those five months, David was approached by two of his uncles, first by Tom Kulikowski then by Eric Kulikowski, about establishing an Allegheny scholarship in his honor.

"It took (David) a couple days to come around to the idea that it wasn't done as pity but as honoring what he had accomplished," Peter said.

The plan, Nancy said, is for the David R. Shipe Scholarship Fund to be endowed and for David's family to grow the scholarship for future students. Tom and Eric have agreed to match any donations, she said.

"The goal of David and our family is to raise $100,000, so that it's hopefully a meaningful assistance to budding scientists and environmental scientists," Nancy said.

The inaugural David R. Shipe Scholarship was awarded to Bobby Bower, '20, at a ceremony in October, at which David was present, along with his family. Environmental science and sustainability faculty and students gathered in Carr Hall to celebrate Bower's award as well as dedicate the aquaponics system in David's honor.

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> —NANCY SHIPE

"David was so happy that day," Nancy said. "At that point he was really struggling to walk even, but he walked into that place, he walked all around and he stood."

As a student manager for the aquaponics system — a controlled system that combines growing plants in water and raising fish, David was trained by his best friend, Jennifer Torrance, '16, who started working in the aquaponics lab as a first-year.

"Those were some of my fondest memories at Allegheny," Torrance said. "Just hanging out in the aquaponics lab in the afternoons when it was cold outside, but it was warm in there."

Torrance was responsible for training David, but because he learned so quickly, she said he became her co-leader and began teaching alongside Torrance, training students, including Bower during Bower's sophomore year.

While Torrance and David worked together, the aquaponics system grew basil.

"Dave hated basil, but he would always stay and help me pick it anyway, and then he would jokingly complain that basil had no right to be in food," Torrance said with a laugh.

The system is located in Carr Hall and features a fish tank base, currently populated with native bluegill, and produce sprouting at the surface of the tank.

Grow lights allow the plants of the indoor system to photosynthesize and filter out fish excrements from the water below, which are broken down and used as nutrients for the growing plants with the filtered water set up to re-enter the system.

David and Torrance, learned about aquaponics systems from TJ Eatmon, former assistant professor of environmental science at Allegheny. The aquaponics system began as a research project for Eatmon, according to Casey Bradshaw Wilson, assistant professor of environmental science and sustainability.

The system has since generated tilapia, lettuce, dill and basil, products that have been sold to Parkhurst Dining Services for use in Allegheny College dining halls.

During the transition from research project, through different iterations and to the current system, Bradshaw Wilson said, David was instrumental in the process, offering suggestions and attending meetings with Parkhurst representatives.

Bradshaw Wilson said David was also instrumental in training other students to maintain the aquaponics system, including Bower, after Eatmon left the college around 2015.

Through Bower's training and new work, Bower said he began to regard David as a friend — a friend who taught him the mechanics of the aquaponics system and a friend with a profound work ethic. Bower recalled David as someone "who truly was passionate about the environment."

Bower said he was "shocked and honored" to have received David's scholarship and be notified by Melissa Mencotti, director of gift planning for the college. Neither David's family, nor college faculty were involved in the selection process, Nancy said.

"It was fortuitous that it happened to be Bobby," she said.

Like David, Bower is an environmental science and biology double major, who first thinks of David's work ethic when he remembers his friend and teacher.

Allegheny professors shared in Bower's appreciation for David's work ethic, as well as for his classroom contributions.

"He had such a deep understanding of conservation for wildlife before he even came to my class, so I gave him a lot of new tools, but he had a lot to work with too," said Bradshaw Wilson, who taught David in a conservation biology course. "Any book I suggested, he borrowed it and read it, and gave it back in a couple weeks. He really ate all of that information up."

Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability Rich Bowden was David's adviser since David's first semester at Allegheny. At the time, Bowden's first-year seminar was a conservation natural resources course that was often taught outside. Bowden also taught David in another class, forest ecology, where students spent much of their time outside.

"(David) was intrepid," Bowden said. "The course was in (the) winter semester, which means we're outside in the winter and the snow and the cold … Dave was the first to jump on board and get involved in things, in field work, in lab work. He just thrived in that kind of a setting. He loved being outdoors. In the class … he was an excellent contributor. He asked really thoughtful and insightful questions."

Describing himself not only as David's teacher, but his friend, Professor and Chair of Environmental Science and Sustainability Eric Pallant echoed Bowden's thoughts on David's passions.

"(David was) wicked smart, had a wicked sense of humor," Pallant said.

Prior to David's brain surgery in the summer of 2018, he had been hired to work aboard an "old-time sailing vessel," according to Pallant.

Working aboard the A.J. Meerwald, a restored oyster schooner sailing near New Jersey and Delaware, David would have served as a science educator following graduation. "Due to their kindness," Nancy said, the crew allowed David and his family to sail the Meerwald, though he was unable to take the science educator position.

"Within days of having brain surgery, I don't know how he did it … he spent a day sailing and singing sea shanties and pulling ropes," Pallant said. "Anybody with any kind of surgery shouldn't be (doing that) three or four days later, but he was out there. He had a great day."

Torrance also spent the day sailing with David and his family, and she expressed gratitude for David's willingness to share in her adventures.

"I'm a very adventurous person, I always want to try something new, but I always want somebody to go with me," Torrance said. "Dave was always the person that said 'yes.'"

David's active spirit was apparent in his involvement in Allegheny's Dumbledore's Army, which is a chapter of the global nonprofit, The Harry Potter Alliance.





Photos contributed by Nancy Shipe

Top and Above: David Shipe, '18, relaxes in Peru with family when he traveled with his mother, Nancy Shipe, who spent some time teaching there. **Below:** David and his best friend Jennifer Torrance, '16, lounge on the porch of Dave's Place.



Sarah Veney, '19, president of Dumbledore's Army, described her favorite memory of David: David's first year at Allegheny, he noticed students gathered in the Gator Quad and joined their game, not knowing he was playing quidditch.

"He'd never read or seen Harry Potter prior to this, and he loved quidditch so much that he went and read all seven Harry Potter books in the span of a month," Veney said.

Dumbledore's Army plans to host a quidditch-related event this semester in David's memory.

Beyond Allegheny, David was dedicated to daily environmental sustainability and had been interested in living in a tiny house, Nancy said.

Although tiny houses have existed since Henry David Thoreau's novel "Walden" was published in 1854, the trend became popular in the United States during the mid-2000s, according to a timeline written by journalist Emily Nonko. The average size of a tiny house is between 100 and 400 square feet, as opposed to the 2,600 square feet of a standard American home, according to "The Tiny Life," a tiny house website.

When David received news that his cancer was terminal, a doctor asked what would make him want to live, Nancy said.

"David said, 'Well, everyone needs their own place, and I've always dreamed about living in a tiny house," Nancy said. "So I looked at my husband and said, 'Well, I guess you're building a tiny house.'"

During the summer of 2018, once David had returned home from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a friend who worked as a residential carpenter collaborated with Peter and David to begin designing his tiny house. Less than a week after the designing began, about 50 community and family members arrived at the Shipe house to begin constructing David's new home in their backyard, according to Nancy.

"Through the next seven weeks it took to build, we had people here every day," Nancy said. "(Peter's) family was relentless in their support and sharing their abilities to design and build this house. There were no plans … (the house) just evolved."

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The support the Shipe family received came not only from relatives, but from high school friends and community members who heard about the construction.

"We had people show up who we didn't know," Peter said. "They were friends of a friend who heard this was going on. Kids (David) had gone to high school with showed up. We had people at our church bring food by. Everybody showed up. It seemed like any time we needed something, there was somebody there who showed up to take care of things."

As the tiny house was being built, Nancy said her mission was to make sure everyone was well-fed — meals became David's favorite part of the summer.

"We had people for dinner at our dinner table," Nancy said. "The fewest was probably eight, but we had 14 to 20 people, and that was Dave's time to hold court. That was time for him to tell snarky jokes and to just have some banter with the folks that were here."

The tiny house was built on an 18-foot trailer and is about 7 feet wide with a back porch, Peter said. To celebrate the place so many people helped David design and build, the community gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony and a tiny open house for "Dave's Place."

"I was going to paint a pair of hedge shears gold, for big scissors," Peter said. "But that wasn't appropriate (for a tiny house), so (David) used a pair of scissors from a Swiss Army knife to cut the ribbon."

The color scheme of David's tiny house was selected by David himself, who chose a kelly green stain for the interior wood, Peter said.

"Everybody looked at the stain samples and said, 'We're going to put that inside?'" Peter said. "The walls were green, it had a white ceiling in it and a laminate wood floor, a walnut colored floor, so it looks pretty homey."

David was able to stay in his little house for several months, and it now serves as a place for his siblings and guests to stay when they visit, Nancy said.

"It was his place," Nancy said. "It built a sense of community, it helped the rest of us feel like we were able to do something, and I truly believe that contributed to him living — not just surviving, but living — for five months after his prognosis was so poor."

While David was at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in June, David told his mom he wanted to have a contra dance as part of his funeral.

Contra, a community-oriented folk dance, has been offered as an Allegheny course as well as a community event in Meadville, typically hosted by Rachel O'Brien, contra step caller and Allegheny professor of geology, and TOPPISH, a local Irish and Scottish folk band.

The Shipe family organized a contra dance for David over the summer and planned a second dance for Nov. 18, 2018.

"As it turns out, David died on Nov. 9, and we knew we would have to have his funeral on a Saturday because of the number of people who were coming from out of town, so that put his funeral on Nov. 17," Nancy said. "And that contra dance had been scheduled two months earlier for the very next day."

David took a contra dance course his first year at Allegheny and was required to write a contra dance as part of an assignment, Peter said. David's dance was performed to the music of TOPPISH as the final steps of the Nov. 18 dance.

Nancy recalled, "We had the contra dance, and it wasn't until then that I actually thought what a compassionate man he was, to give us permission, while we're grieving, to dance and to laugh."

When they think of David, Nancy and Peter said, they think of his smile. A smile they saw as he sailed the A.J. Meerwald, as he became a teacher and friend to Alleghenians, as his community gathered to build one tiny house and as he rocked in his rocking chair, wearing his favorite hat, on the porch of Dave's Place.

"He was always looking out for somebody else, all the time," Torrance said. "He was the embodiment of all the reasons you want to be a good person."

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Left: Family and community members gather as construction begins for Dave's Place. **Right:** David Shipe, '18, shakes hands with Bobby Bower, '20, the recipient of the inaugural David R. Shipe Scholarship.

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Track and field student-athletes strive for success

Gator runners, jumpers and throwers begin 2019 indoor season

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With goals ranging from earning a conference title to keeping a high team GPA, the Allegheny College Track and Field team set out to become the best at both academics and athletics this season.

With a large first-year class, one shared goal by the seniors and coaching staff is the development of the young group so they will be successful for years to come.

"My junior year we had quite a few more sprinters and a lot more distance runners, so we lost a lot of talent between my junior year and this year," Kurtis Williams, '19, said. "But the people that were sophomores my junior year are now juniors, and they have developed really well, so ultimately we didn't lose a whole lot because of how they developed."

Williams pointed out how the first year of being on the team is an adjustment period, due to the increased intensity of college athletics compared to high school sports.

Assistant Track and Field/Cross Country Coach Kimberly Gallavan discussed how the academic success of the team is their most important goal.

"Our main goal is for them to be successful students first," Gallavan said. "What comes after that is just a cherry on top."

She discussed the intensity of the change from a high school mindset to a college one. The coaches try to make sure their athletes are utilizing their time well, which allows them to be successful with academics and athletics.

"We try to keep in close contact with our first-years so that way we know that their classes are going well and that they're handling the extra workload of being on a sports team in college," Gallavan said.

Kara Travers, '21, emphasized the importance of having a high team GPA. She said the women's team is striving to have a team GPA of 3.5 again.

Travers also believes the young team will help the team grow.

"I think that we're very underclassmen heavy and that'll help us in the long run because as we get older we will all progress as a team," Travers said.

Williams agreed that the team bonding is driven by their newer peers.

"I think it's coming together well because we're so young," Williams said. "Guidance from the upperclassmen into the first-years is really bringing us together."

Head Coach Justin Linzy told the team that team interaction at this past Saturday's Wooster Fighting Scot Invitational was the best he has ever seen. Linzy told team members they were the most family-oriented they have ever been, according to Travers.

Gallavan discussed how the group has been developing a better culture this year.

"They're doing a better job of becoming a fan of the sport in its entirety rather than just what they specifically do, which is going to be huge for our success at the conference level," Gallavan said.

Good team interaction is not the only goal the team set for themselves. Sarah Hevener, '19, hopes that the team remains healthy, and in doing so she believes they will place high at conferences.

"If we could stay fresh and healthy while loving what we do, then it's looking good goal-wise," Hevener said.

For the men's team, with technical work and training, the team could get runner-up at the conference meet, according to Williams.

Williams hopes to build the members up so that the team is feared amongst their competitors.

"I want to be that team that has the powerhouse athletes that when we walk into a stadium, people are afraid to race or throw against us," Williams said.



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Kurtis Williams, '19, throws in competition during the 2018 season. Williams was the 2018 NCAC Indoor Champion in the weight throw.

Travers's main goal is to make it to the indoor conferences again, hopefully placing within the top eight this time.

Although its season has just begun, the team is on track for great success.

"It's a little early to tell, but it has been promising," Hevener said. "We're not where we want to be yet, but that's to be expected at this point."

Gallavan believes that by reaching their goals of becoming successful students, the team can also become successful athletes.

"I think that so far this season has gone about as well as we could hope," Gallavan said. "We're really excited to see where we end up heading out into the rest of the season."



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Tori Valachovic, '20, sprints during the 2018 indoor season. Valachovic was a 2018 All-NCAC indoor athlete who competed in two events.

Men's basketball seizes on old lessons, new talent

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Allegheny men's basketball is looking to capitalize on the talent of the first-year class and upperclassmen experience to improve its 7-11 record in the 2018-19 season.

Head Men's Basketball Coach Bob Simmons attributed some early season struggles, including a particularly close 71-77 loss to Ohio Wesleyan College, to adjusting to the rigor of the college athletics environment.

"We knew that as we recruited them that it was a very talented group of guys coming in and it was just going to take a little bit of time to get acclimated to the college game," Simmons said. "I think our upperclassmen have a big hand in their success."

The lessons taught to the younger players by the upperclassmen have paid off in recent games, according to Simmons. The Gators won three games in January, starting off the new year with a 66-57 win against Kenyon College.

"Our first conference win at Kenyon on a Saturday afternoon in January was a long day for us," Simmons said. "Handling that and being ready to go mentally as well as physically, winning that (game) to get us off on the right foot was really great."

After a Jan. 9 loss to Hiram College, the Gators brought home victory again with a 98-95 victory over Dennison at home.

"Our guys were really on that day offensively," Simmons said. "They saw the rewards from that."

The "little win streak" continued with a win on the road against Oberlin College. The Gators took home their first double-digit conference win in an 83-66 game.

"They were active and aggressive which led to some easy offense for us," Simmons said. "We really controlled the game from start to finish. At one point in the second half, we held them to seven points in seven minutes, which was a great defensive effort."

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The Oberlin game also saw success for Forward Jordan Rawls, '20, who scored his 1000th career point. Rawls attributed the team's shared successes to becoming a more cohesive unit.

"I think the team is finally starting to mesh," Rawls said. "We're understanding how everybody plays. We're understanding how to work together and what everybody's strengths are."

Importantly, Rawls added, establishing this team dynamic meant bringing the youngest team members into the fold.

"We're playing a lot of freshmen, and I think the freshmen recruiting class has helped us a lot," Rawls said. "They're getting experience, and we're kind of throwing them to the wolves the same way (Simmons) did with my junior class, so that's kind of nice to help them and watch them develop."

Caden Hinckley, '22, said his first basketball practice at Allegheny was like being hit by a wall because so much information was thrown at him.



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Billy Urso, '19, watches the ball after shooting in a game against Ohio Wesleyan as Tristan Tillman, '20, leaps to block him. Urso has been called a "second head coach" by his teammates.

"Throughout the season, it's becoming easier and easier and I think that's part of why we're on this little win streak is because the freshmen (have) finally got a hang of how we have to play and how we have to practice day in and day out," Hinckley said.

Hinckley and Rawls highlighted the success of several teammates, including freshman point guard Brian Roberts Jr., who has scored 276 points thus far in his first season at Allegheny.

Billy Urso, '19, is one of the upperclassmen helping to make Roberts' and other first-years' success possible, according to Hinckley.

"He is kind of like a second head coach," Hinckley said. "If we make a mistake during practice or in a game, (Urso)'s always the first one correcting us or telling us what we need to do to fix that so it doesn't happen again."

Hinckley said the playoffs are particularly close to Urso's heart.

"(With) every win we creep closer to getting our own home playoff game," Hinckley said.

Having enough success to get a home playoff game is an important goal for the Gators, who want to improve upon previous seasons.

"We haven't been in the playoff run in the last couple of years," Rawls said. "That's basically the primary goal. Win games, get to the playoffs, make a run in the NCAC Championship."

Allegheny's 2-16 conference record places them in eighth place within the eight-team NCAC conference. Simmons is focused on his team's improvement and successes.

"Their mindset was a little different this year," Simmons said. "They weren't happy with the way last year went, the upperclassmen. They wanted to fix that. They knew the only way to fix that was to work and be prepared."

Simmons said three days of lifting in the off-season and six days a week total has paid off for each and every one of his players. Most importantly, according to Simmons, the team culture has been ready-made to cultivate success for upperclassmen and first-years alike.

"Our upperclassmen welcomed them, have taken them under their wing not just off the court, but on the court, and I really give a lot of credit to our upperclassmen bringing them along and showing them how we do things as a member of the Allegheny men's basketball family on and off the court," Simmons said. "Our freshmen are extremely talented, which is great, and they're going to keep getting better."