

ASG talks AI, finance

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Allegheny Student Government opened its weekly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, with a presentation from guest speakers Chief Information Officer Katrina Yeung and Provost & Dean of the Faculty Jennifer Dearden, who provided a status update on Allegheny’s artificial intelligence taskforce.

Guest Speakers

President Ron Cole, ’87, has directed Yeung, Dearden and others from critical roles across the administration to look at “how AI is being used, could be used and various other facets of artificial intelligence at Allegheny College,” according to Dearden.

The taskforce, which began its review in December, has been preparing a report focused on many aspects of AI usage around campus such as in classrooms and social organizations.

“It’s utilization, ethics, how the data is used within any AI platform, thinking about security and intellectual property,” Yeung said. “We want to make sure we have some transparency and some guardrails.”

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TPUSA holds vigil for Charlie Kirk; students discuss political violence

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Approximately 30 students and Meadville residents gathered at the Murray Hall fire-pit on Monday night to honor Charlie Kirk, the conservative media figure and Turning Point USA founder who was assassinated at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10. The vigil, organized by Allegheny College’s Turning Point USA chapter, was the group’s first public event of the school year.

“I feel like, as a consensus, people on this campus have kind of realized this is getting out of hand, that political violence needs to stop, that everybody should kind of come together,” said TPUSA Vice President Robert Chirco, ’27, in an interview with The Campus at the vigil. “No matter who you support, what side of the aisle you’re on,



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS

A Meadville resident holds a candle in memory of Charlie Kirk at the TPUSA vigil to honor Kirk on Monday, Sept. 15. The woman declined to provide her name, citing the fact that she is a member of Meadville law enforcement.

we should condemn some of these things. So I feel like this has been, no pun intended, but a turning point for not just the campus, but as a nation as a whole.”

The vigil began with a 15-minute prayer and discussion led by TPUSA Secretary Keygan Johnson, ’28, and continued with at-

tendees lighting candles, socializing and discussing memories of meeting or seeing Kirk. “Honestly, it (the turnout) was better than what I was expecting considering all of last year’s events, how we were despised,” Chirco said. “But I’m glad people have kind of warmed up to us now.”

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President Barack Obama speaks at Erie JES event



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Former President Barack Obama speaks during Jefferson Educational Society’s ‘A Conversation with President Barack Obama’ on Tuesday, Sept 16.

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More than 8,000 people flocked to the Erie Insurance Arena on Tuesday to listen to a conversation with former President Barack Obama that touched on a wide variety of topics like the state of democracy, rising

global tensions, the future of artificial intelligence and his advice for younger generations.

The event, titled “A Conversation with President Barack Obama,” was hosted by the Jefferson Educational Society, a nonprofit that JES President Ferki Ferati described as “Erie’s think tank for community progress.”

Obama’s talk kicked off JES’ 17th annual Global Summit, a series that brings internationally renowned speakers to the Erie region.

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Class of 2029 poised to make an impact

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Energetic, smart and funny are the three words First Year Class Dean Aacha Brown-Gregg uses to describe the Class of 2029.

“I really feel like the class is going to be very, very involved,” Brown-Gregg said.

Brown-Gregg has worked closely with the Class of 2029 during Orientation Week, the Weekend of Welcome and the first few weeks of the academic year. The first-years, she said, have largely dived headfirst into their college careers. This is a notable difference from Brown-Gregg’s experience with the Class of 2028, which she said took a little longer to settle in and get involved.

“I think Class of 2028 was really reflective and observing within their first year, and then they saw what they actually wanted to do,” Brown-Gregg said.

Sophia Rader, ’29, and Gabby Palmer, ’29, agree that their class is outgoing, adding that it also feels athletic and individualistic, because everyone is very unique.

The Class of 2029 is made up of 310 first-year students, representing 18 countries and 24 states, plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Just over half of the students are from Pennsylvania, with the next most highly represented states being Ohio, New York, Florida and Texas.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Allegheny’s overall student body has shrunk by almost 40 percent, from 1,820 in the fall of 2019 to 1,109 in the spring of 2025. This shrinkage is due in part to the nationwide “demographic cliff” — a term coined by economist Nathan Grawe to describe the falling birth rate following the 2008 Great Recession. Fewer babies being born has led to a decrease in the number of students applying to higher education institutions — and a strain on those institutions’ revenue streams. The Class of 2029 was the last standard-sized class nationwide; next year, Vice President for Enrollment Management Jenn Winge, ’96, said the country will begin feeling the “pinch” of fewer applicants.

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EMBRACING GUILTY PLEASURES

Contributing Writer Claire Barickman, ’29, shares her opinion on reality TV shows.

A TRIP TO THE CATTAIL CAFE

Contributing Writer Iman Adam, ’29, takes a visit to the recently opened Cattail Cafe, which is owned by a 2025 Allegheny graduate.

ALLEGHENY RECEIVES \$15,500 GRANT

Staff Writer Paige Kageni, ’27, covers the grant given to Allegheny to fund the new Life Design Speaker and Community Dialogue Series.



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The assassination of Kirk comes after other recent acts of political violence, such as an assassination attempt targeted at President Donald Trump, the assassination of Minnesota state House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband and the arson of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro’s mansion with Shapiro and his family inside. Trump never acknowledged the assassination of the Hortmans, but posted several times last week on Truth Social, his social media platform, about Kirk’s assassination.

Chirco acknowledged the trend of political violence across the political spectrum and condemned it.



ANNA WESTBROOK/THE CAMPUS
Allegheny students and Meadville residents crowd around the Murray fire pit and share memories of Charlie Kirk’s impact on their lives.

“I’m not as well-informed as I should be on that (the Hortmans’ assassination), unfortunately,” Chirco told The Campus. “I do agree he (Trump) should have had all flags lowered to half-mast. I do agree that the same honors that all politicians are granted should have happened. I do understand that he did not grant them the same things. I wish he had done that.”

Opinion among Allegheny’s student population regarding Kirk’s assassination was difficult to gauge. Many students appeared to be cautious about speaking publicly about the assassination. The Campus requested to interview over a dozen students across campus; all of them declined to comment.

Anna Hill, ’27, who did not attend the vigil, said she thinks the general temperature among students is “lukewarm.”

“I have not heard any intense outcries for his death,” Hill said. “Also, I haven’t really

heard very many celebrations. I think that there’s a huge minority on both sides of, like, the intense reactions on campus. Majority of the people that I have come in contact with have all just been like, ‘Oh, I can’t believe that happened.’ Or, ‘Oh well, I guess he’s gone now.’ Or, ‘What is this going to do to our government?’ That’s been a huge sentiment. A lot of uncertainty.”

Hill worries about the precedent set by Trump in his response to Kirk’s death.

“I think if you want to mourn him in whatever way you choose, you want to start a fund, to build a memorial to him, something like that, that is your prerogative,” Hill

licly said that “it’s worth to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights.” Among his more inflammatory statements that have been widely resurfaced since his death are Kirk’s comments calling the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 a “mistake,” describing Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. as an “awful” person and calling George Floyd a “scumbag.” Kirk was a proponent of “replacement theory,” a conspiracy theory purporting that white Americans are being intentionally replaced with nonwhite immigrants; the ideology “motivated the gunman who killed 11 worshipers at a Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018,” according to the New York Times.

Citing these examples, some people in the wake of his assassination claimed Kirk was just a casualty of the violence he helped to incite.

“People interpret things in their own ways all the time,” Hutter said in response. “It’s all up for interpretation. I would disagree with the fact that he incited violence. Clearly, some people disagree with that. But like I said before, even if you disagree with somebody or if you think someone’s inciting violence, actually acting on those thoughts and creating violence is the wrong thing to do in all situations.”

Andrew Germann, ’26, who did not attend the vigil, worries that the recent increase in political violence does not bode well for the future of U.S. politics.

“It does worry me, just that it feels like it’s reaching a point where political violence is the only way for change to happen,” Germann said in an interview with The Campus on Tuesday. “I don’t think that’s the case, but it feels like change has not been occurring until change is brought to the conservative party’s doorstep, forcibly. And that’s something that I’ve seen talked about a lot because it was in Utah. It was (committed) in Utah by a white Mormon Republican.”

Tyler Robinson, the 22-year-old Utah man charged with killing Kirk, had no party affiliation, according to widespread news reports. A Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints spokesman confirmed Robinson was a church member, according to USA today, but neighbors told the paper that “he rarely attended services in recent years.” As of

Wednesday at noon, law enforcement still had not provided clear answers for Robinson’s motivations.

Germann thinks the Allegheny student population is split on the issue of Kirk’s death, given Kirk’s controversial political opinions.

Aiden Watt, ’29, attended the vigil and said Kirk’s assassination should not be a partisan issue.

“Everyone should be able to express their opinion,” Watts said, “no matter what you believe in.”

Several members of the Meadville community attended the vigil, including several members of local law enforcement who declined to provide their names because they did not want to mix their professional and personal capacities.

“I wake up every day thinking that this really didn’t happen and then it’s just — you’re faced with reality every single day,” said one of the women, who was wearing a “Charlie Kirk” shirt and MAGA-inspired red hat. “It’s extremely heartbreaking. A very devoted Christian man, who I think debated correctly. People didn’t like him, but that doesn’t mean that he deserved to die. Literally nobody deserves to die just based on political differences.”

The second woman, who also declined to provide her name, condemned Kirk’s assassination.

“It’s just very sad that the world can dislike somebody so much that they feel the need to take their life,” she said. “It’s not going to solve any problems. He wasn’t that kind of person either. He would never wish that upon anybody, no matter what their views were, and that just goes to show the kind of man that he was and what he stood for. It’s cruel, the way that this all happened.”

The two women agreed that Kirk’s assassination “started a fire,” a phrase Hutter also used in a Sept. 12 Erie Times-News article gauging Allegheny student reaction to Kirk’s killing.

TPUSA plans to maintain an active presence on campus, according to Hutter. The vigil was just the first event of the year.

“I know there will be people who will mock us for doing this, but I don’t care,” Chirco said. “It’s our beliefs and if you don’t respect it, oh well, good luck to you.”

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Yeung and Dearden expect the full report to be released to the college via email in the near future.

ASG Director of Organizational Development Brayden Devinney, ’26, asked if the taskforce had decided on any “hard rules” around AI usage at Allegheny. Dearden said that coming up with policies is difficult because of the speed AI technology is advancing at.

The administration has been “pretty reluctant to come up with hard policies about what you can and can’t do, simply because it’s going to change so quickly,” Dearden said. “Instead what we’ve been trying to focus on is creating clear communication structures. So, for example, helping faculty create common-sense language they can include in their syllabi so that students can look at their syllabus at the beginning of the semester and know, this is where I can use AI, what kind of AI, when and how it can be used in this class.”

Dearden also made it known that while Google’s AI assistant Gemini is currently within the set of programs accessible to Allegheny students, students should be aware of concerns about its security. Allegheny hopes to address those concerns by “looking for a tool that’s self hosted, so that we can put some more security around it and make it a little bit safer,” according to Dearden.

Allegheny is a part of a program known

as the AI Ready Network, a program of the Council of Independent Colleges, a group of over 200 colleges working to provide materials to educate employees and educators on responsible AI usage in education.

ASG President Chezka Quinola, ’27, when asked for comment on student involvement in the process of developing an AI policy, said, “With the rise in AI right now, there would be student involvement. I think people are interested. I know definitely when I was looking, listening to what they had to say, I was interested.”

ASG Committee Reports

Director of Finance Nick Banez, ’26, reported that almost all club budgets have been reviewed and decided upon and that those that have not submitted the proper paperwork are being contacted.

Director of the Treasury Dominic Juliana, ’26, announced several financial updates alongside club budget releases, including that reimbursements to clubs for gas will be moving from 68 cents to 70 cents per gallon. Juliana reminded organizations that Grounds for Change open tab events have a maximum cap of \$250. Financial requests for open tab events must be given at least two weeks in advance. According to Juliana, no finance requests have been submitted yet.

Director of Communication and Press Jake Slater, ’26, announced that all future ASG meetings will be livestreamed via Ins-

tagram to improve accessibility and communication. Improving General Assembly access was a feature of both campaigns in the ASG presidential election last year. Quinola is hopeful that livestreams will help make GA more accessible.

“Because it’s the first day, we’re just kind of gauging, trying it out, and so obviously we’re looking at if we’re having people actually watching it, and we’re looking at — right now you can’t really hear it, so we are looking into getting (microphones) and the like,” Quinola said. “Even if nobody is watching, the fact we have it up there and people can go back and look at it is what matters.

Co-Directors of Student Affairs Iris Styers, ’26, and Lyra Lindsay, ’27, announced that bathroom supply restocks in the Henderson Campus Center are ongoing and funding is being requested for the Food Recovery Network station on the third floor of the campus center. Surveys from Student Life and Parkhurst should be released soon to all students to share their thoughts on both before the end of the fall semester.

Attorney General Anna Kohler, ’26, announced that the ASG Constitution had been updated to reflect the split of the ASG financial office into two positions and the separate amendment that passed last year to remove the role of parliamentarian. This amendment was moved successfully to be implemented on April 8. Kohler is also aim-

ing to ensure all club constitutions which need updating are handled in the next week or two.

Class Reports

Class of 2026 President Sydney Junker reported the class may host a GFC tab event and table to collect event ideas from seniors.

Class of 2027 President Kirandeep Khroued reported the class will be tabling for ideas and reviewing past events for inspiration.

Class of 2028 President George Asante reported the class hopes to table before fall break and host a GFC open tab event.

Class of 2029 President Niki Hineman reported the class will plan a coffee-focused event around midterms.

Advisor Announcement

Dean for Student Life Trae Yeckley informed ASG that on Saturday, Sept. 20, Brooks Dining Hall will be closed from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. as Parkhurst will be catering for the Blue & Gold Weekend football game. A continuous shuttle service will be provided to the Robertson Athletic Complex and back to campus with pick-up at Lord Gate at the top of Brooks Walk.

The next GA will be held on Tuesday Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in room 301/302 of the campus center.

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However, the Midwest and Northeast regions — Allegheny’s primary markets — already began to see the beginning of the demographic cliff three years ago. Despite this, Allegheny’s classes of 2028 and 2029 have seen a 10% increase in student volume compared to the classes of 2027 and 2026, a degree of growth Winge described as “on track.”

“In some ways, we’ve been bucking that trend (the demographic cliff) with our increase,” Winge said. “That’s a good sign of the recognition and our brand identity and strength within our market.”

The college has prepared for years to endure the demographic cliff and is actively taking several steps to combat its worst effects, like visiting a greater number of high schools and engaging in targeted marketing and outreach to prospective students, Winge said.

During the application cycle for the Class of 2029, Allegheny received a record-breaking number of applications, topping 6,000. Additionally, 60 students committed to Allegheny during the early decision process,

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—SOPHIA RADER
Class of 2029

compared to 29 last year. Winge attributes this significant increase to several strategies the college employed, including early and targeted outreach, guaranteeing a minimum merit scholarship, waiving the parking pass cost for students’ first year on campus and providing the option for first-years to live in singles, an option not typically available to them.

“We also have seen a nice steady increase in the median GPA and the number of graduates coming from the top quarter of their high school class,” Winge said. “I think that’s just also a signal of students being ready for Allegheny, and we’re hoping that that will also equate to them feeling like this is a good fit and a good match and they stay.”

The median GPA for the Class of 2029 is 3.52, with 51% of the first-years coming from the top quarter of their high schools.

During the recruitment process, Winge said many of the college’s international first-years faced challenges due to shifting federal immigration guidelines. Early in the summer, the college anticipated the Class of 2029 would contain 30 international students; by the fall, that number dropped to 16. Winge said the problems were primarily due to long immigration processing times.

“We were frustrated by the barriers with the immigration process,” Winge said. “We would have a larger class if that wasn’t the case. But overall, we’re just really pleased that we do have the diversity and the talent in the class that we have, and we look forward to seeing what they’re going to do.”

Brown-Gregg said that despite the Class of 2029’s general enthusiasm, she has already noticed several students isolating themselves in their rooms, a phenomenon she attributed to the feelings of isolation and social anxiety born from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Class of 2029 was sent home to quarantine while they were in seventh grade.

Rader and Palmer said they see the effects of the pandemic appear in their class’ usage of technology. During the pandemic, Rader said technology usage became “expected” and that now, many students her age feel like their phone is a part of them because quarantine required them to become so dependent on it.

That technology usage has had lasting effects on the class.

“I feel like a lot of people are used to talking to people online,” Palmer said. “Coming to school, it’s a big jump of seeing people from Instagram and actually talking to them.”

“And it makes it harder to talk to people,” Rader said, adding to Palmer’s point. “Technology just isolates people in their own little worlds, and then actually trying to be outgoing, trying to be vulnerable is harder because of the technology.”

“I feel like a big part of us growing up in the times when we should have been out talking to people and doing those things, we were obviously in quarantine,” Palmer concluded. “So I feel like it can be a harder adjustment for some people.”

Brown-Gregg has already witnessed this complex behavior among members of the Class of 2029.

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—JENN WINGE
Vice President for Enrollment Management
Jenn Winge
Class of 1996

“I feel like those trends are very much still there, but then at the same time they’re very energetic and they want to make friends and things like that,” Brown-Gregg said. “I think that just being in a new environment, having new responsibilities and not having your family around is already a lot for a first-year student, but to have COVID on top of that is even more of a lot.”

In the Common Application, students still have the option to describe how the pandemic influenced their academic career and college applications. Anecdotally, Winge said she has also seen a pattern of isolation and social anxiety pop up in the essays.

Brown-Gregg is encouraging all her first-years to leave their rooms and spend time with others outside the classroom.

“Have fun and really explore what your new home is like,” Brown-Gregg advised, “and then after you’re done exploring, figure out how to make it your permanent home.”

Ask Allegheny

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?



Above: Olivia Clark, ’26
Major: Biochemistry
Minor: Psychology

“My place would be Italy. My great grandparents are full blooded Italian and from Italy, so I would want to see where they are from.”



Above: Kirsten Peterson, ’78
Associate director, Pre-Professional Advising

“It would be the Galapagos Islands. It’s been on my bucket list since I was knee high to a grasshopper and someday I will get there.”



Above: Radhika Shelbert, ’27
Major: Biology
Minor: Psychology

“I think I’d go to Karnataka, India, and just kind of explore there and see my family and kind of the hospitals in that area.”

CRIME BLOTTER

Editor’s Note: The weekly Crime Blotter is compiled using the Daily Crime Log available on the Office of Public Safety’s web page. Crimes reported may still be under investigation. Crimes listed below are collected the Wednesday before publication.

September 7, 2025
Theft
Delta Tau Delta House
Closed

September 8, 2025
Criminal Mischief
North Village II
Closed

September 10, 2025
Theft
Allegheny Commons
Pending Investigation

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Here’s a bombshell: There’s no such thing as a “guilty pleasure”

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Many people have a secret guilty pleasure that they shamefully hide from those around them. For some, that’s endlessly scrolling on social media platforms or eating junk food before dinner. But for me, the newest reality dating show, whether it’s “Too Hot To Handle,” “Love Is Blind,” or my personal favorite, “Love Island,” will always be my vice.

Criticisms of dating shows include their depiction of toxic behaviors and unrealistic beauty standards, but I feel that if you want a good representation of relationships, why are you watching a dating show where the whole point is that there is going to be drama? Half of the appeal is the fact that these couples are never 100% safe from drama.

And if reality dating show critics aren’t talking about the show’s social dilemmas, they are instead saying that these shows are “killing your brain cells with how stupid they are.” That’s something I have actually been told when I was talking about watching “Love Island USA.”

Due to the popular opinion that dating shows are dumb, many people feel their need to hide their love for the genre. But despite how “guilty” this pleasure might be to others, I feel no shame in my love for bad TV.

For those of you who haven’t seen “Love Island USA,” let me break it down for you. At the beginning of the show, five single men and women are brought to a private villa in

Fiji with the end goal of finding love, being voted America’s favorite couple and winning \$100,000.

Seems simple enough, right? Wrong! As the days pass on and couples begin to form, new “bombshells,” or hot new singles, are brought in with the sole goal of breaking up an established couple. Any islander left single and vulnerable will be at risk of being dumped from the villa and sent home.

Dating shows like “Love Island USA” act as an escape from reality for me and many others. Life can become mundane after too many days of nothing except work or school, but dating shows are always full of drama and the unknown. Every episode of “Love Island” adds a new twist with unexpected bombshells entering left and right, and your favorite islanders are always at risk of being dumped from the island.

One of the most notable instances from the most recent season of “Love Island USA” was when fans voted to have Jeremiah, who was in an established relationship with Huda, be re-coupled with Iris, one of the new bombshells. This resulted in what many people dubbed “Hurricane Huda,” as Huda had a breakdown over the loss of her man, and, after learning that Iris and Jeremiah went on a beach picnic date, dropped her iconic line, “My dream date. Cute.”

Shows like this can act as an outlet for many people, allowing them to stop worrying about what is going on in their life, even if it’s just for one hour-long episode. During the chaos that was my summer break, “Love Island USA” was a way for me to take a step

back and take a much needed respite. However, this escape is only part of the appeal for myself and many others.

Dating shows like these provide a sense of community. Take “Love Island USA” season seven, for example. Over the six weeks that the show was running, Peacock logged over 8.8 billion minutes of streaming for just that season, making it the most-watched season of “Love Island USA” ever.

With this huge surge of viewership also came a huge increase in fans connecting over social media. After every episode aired, fans would log onto apps like TikTok to discuss what happened that night on the show, one of those talked-about moments being Nic’s “Mammacita” moment. This sense of community drew in so many new viewers and, in doing so, increased the viewership. Fans bonded over their favorite viral moments, the couples they were rooting for and what they thought would happen next.

This sense of community is only made stronger by the fact that new episodes air almost every day for six weeks. Fans are actively watching the show together, which helps strengthen the feeling of unity across the fan base.

Even in my own personal life, I was able to bond with my mom over our love for the show. My mom used to be one of those people who thought that dating shows were stupid, but through my not-so-subtle hints, she began to watch and even love “Love Island USA.” Watching this show gave my mom and I something that we could enjoy and discuss together. Every day at “Love Island

o’clock,” as my mom and I soon dubbed 9 p.m., we would grab our blankets and snacks and dive into the drama that was about to unfold.

Along with my mom, many of my friends were also watching along, so after many of the episodes, my friends and I would text and talk about our favorite moments or vent about an islander we just couldn’t stand. These memories are ones I wouldn’t change for the world, even if they are all tied back to a silly dating show.

Many dating shows like “Love Island” or “The Bachelorette” use a release schedule that keeps viewers hooked and wanting more, which makes fans look to each other to discuss what is happening.

The added element that “Love Island” has going for it is the voting aspect that keeps the fans involved. With each vote, fans get even more passionate, discussing which couples they think are the strongest or who they think should be together. This sense of community is what so many people miss in the day of streaming services, where every show only has eight to ten episodes that are all released at once. Being able to communicate with other people who enjoy the same thing as you is always fun and refreshing, and dating shows provide that for me.

While some might find reality dating shows cheesy or shallow or even straight-up dumb, I will never feel shame about my love for them, because why would I feel guilty about something that has brought me joy and so many fond memories with those I love?

Dressing for the day: Finding balance between comfort and confidence in college

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One of the first big decisions one can make after waking up is choosing what to wear. Should I dress up? Is it cold out? Do I have to go to the lab today? These are all questions I have to answer when my alarm blares after snoozing it for the third time.

I, for one, have always had the mindset of focusing my brainpower on the day rather than to dress up in fancy or formal attire.

I don’t mean any disrespect to my professor by doing so. Rather, I think that I am dressing for the best success of my day. Instead of worrying about little wrinkles here or there, I can fully devote my attention to taking notes, processing equations and planning my day.

Practicality also makes a huge difference in how I dress. College isn’t just going to classes and then going back to your room. It’s walking around campus, dodging the unpredictable weather and maybe spilling food or water on my clothing on the way. If I have a lab that day, I can’t wear shorts

or open-toed shoes. I would be sent back to my room to change. On these days, function beats fashion nearly every time.

There is also the comfort factor. Sometimes the most effective outfit for me is the one that keeps me relaxed, whether that’s sweatpants or a hoodie. Comfort helps me focus on what really matters, but it can also backfire. On the days when I am basically wrapped up in a portable blanket, I find myself struggling to stay awake during class. Dressing comfortably can mean that I am more at ease, but it can also mean that I have just scheduled a nap during a lecture.

Another part of my decision in the morning is accounting for how people see me. College is a fascinating mix of being oneself while at the same time realizing everyone is looking and noticing what you are wearing. Showing up in casual wear can make me blend in with the crowd in case I want to go the day without drawing notice, but some days I want to make a good impression. On the first day of class, I feel pressure to look my best when I meet my new lab partners, professors and peers. Whether people say so or not, clothes significantly affect first im-

pressions.

On important days, like when I have a big presentation, I prefer to dress up a bit. Instead of my usual T-shirt and assortment of pants or shorts, I might wear khakis and a button-down shirt. When I do decide to dress up more, I notice a distinct difference in how I feel. A button-down shirt makes me sit a little straighter, even if I am slouching by the end of class. It makes me feel refined on days when I need more motivation. I might not turn a bad test grade into an excellent one, but I might get another multiple-choice question right. Sometimes the mental shift is worth the extra time in the morning getting ready.

Allegheny has its own sort of unofficial uniform. As far as the eye can see, it is Allegheny sports merchandise or casual wear. It’s hard not to notice its patterns, and sometimes it feels even harder not to feel pressured to blend in. Dressing differently can definitely feel empowering, but also alienating.

On the other hand, overthinking what to wear can waste more time than it’s worth. I have had mornings where I have changed

multiple times, just to go with the same sort of outfit I’ve worn for the past three days. This indecision defeats the purpose. It eats into my routine in the morning and leaves me feeling frustrated, all for an outfit nobody is going to remember the next day.

Dressing for the day is really, in my opinion, about balance. Some days call for comfort, like when it’s raining out or when you have back-to-back classes and want to feel comfortable. Some days call for confidence, like when you have a big presentation or when you have a test you’ve been studying for. There are definite pros and cons to both, but I’ve learned to lean towards the one that fits the day I want to have. I don’t believe that clothing alone will determine whether I succeed or not, but I think it can set the tone. In the busy and chaotic days of college life, sometimes setting the correct tone for yourself can be the best decision you can make.

So, should I dress up? Should I throw on a hoodie? The answer, at least for me, is yes, depending on the day.

Among women authors Miss Ida Tarbell is very rapidly coming to the front rank. She has spent some months in a careful study in the archives in Paris and Washington, and the result of her work is now appearing in a life of Napoleon which is commanding the highest praise, although it so happens that it is being published simultaneously with another life of Napoleon written by the historian Sloane, who has taken high rank as a student of the philosophy of history.

Volume XI, issue XIII, 1895



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Volume VI, issue VIII, 1890

One dark, damp, chilly night recently, during our rambles in search of news, it was our luck, call it good or bad, to be carried by some hidden power into a deep ravine on one side of which, like a mushroom, was planted a little old log hut. With beating heart and heavy breath we silently approached the window, that we might further investigate this sudden discovery. In the center of the room a large iron vessel hung suspended from a heavy oak cross-bar, this being supported by a standard at each end. Just such an arrangement as our grandmothers used to make soft soap in. Around the vessel stood several individuals. One tall, straight and manly, with sandy moustache. He held a great ladle in one hand and with the other seemed to be examining the composition of the contents of the vessel. To our minds he was chief cook. Near him sat two others, one short, thin and pale, the other a solid, red cheeked lad. These two appeared

to have it as their duty to replenish the fuel which burned briskly beneath the huge vessel. Others stood round about offering the different elements which made up the compound, to the chief cook. Just then the door opened and the small man hurried out into the night. We took our leave, lest we should be discovered, pondering over what we had seen. The *Kaldron* has begun to simmer.

Volume X, issue IV, 1893

The recent and surprising discoveries in photography are causing a great deal of speculation as to what may yet be discovered. At the rate science is advancing there is little doubt but that soon we will be discovered and that our mental and spiritual systems will no longer be styled “unknown.”

Already the brain has been entered and its convolutions photographed. When this is perfected it will form a revolution in our criminal jurisprudence. Brain experts will no longer be subjected to tedious examinations in order to establish the question of temporary insanity, and the criminal himself will be spared a long trial, for the brain of the accused can be photographed and the result will convict or acquit him.

At this rate how long will it be before the very innermost recesses of our mind will be probed, and our most hidden secrets made known to anyone who will turn on the light?

Volume XII, issue XI, 1896

A sensation was created last week by the swooping down upon the campus of a large flock of birds. On arising Thursday morning the inmates of the hall saw a strange sight. Perched on trees were turkeys, eagles and other birds of prey; waddling about in the mud were ducks, while humming birds, sparrows, robins, and many other species were about in wild profusion. At first it was supposed that they had come as the result of the balmy weather, but an investigation showed that they were escaped from the museum, and a little work soon placed them all back where they belonged.

Volume VIII, issue IX, 1892

Report of ball game Saturday, April 20 :												
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Volume XI, issue XIII, 1890

Stories from the 1890s

The College Battalion has received new accouterments consisting of the latest Springfield rifles with safety notch and improved sight, steel bayonet scabbards and swords for the officers.

Volume VII, issue XI, 1891

Our New Building.

Allegheny College will soon add a fourth to the group of buildings on the Campus. Ground was broken for it shortly before coll ge opened. The foundation is nearly complete, and, if the work goes on without interruption, the building may be ready for occupancy by the opening of the winter term.

The funds for the building were obtained partly by bequest and partly by subscription. The late Robertson Wilcox, formerly of Girard, Pa., left the sum of \$5,000 to the college for this purpose, and in honor of him the building will be known as the Wilcox Hall of Science. It is to be devoted entirely to the departments of physics and chemistry, and is being built on a plan especially chosen for the purpose. It will be 40x61 feet on the ground floor, and two to four stories in height. The basement will contain shops; on the other floors are laboratories, recitation rooms and a lecture room, seated like a medical lecture room, so that every student can look down upon the experiment table. This will seat about one hundred students. In all there are to be twelve rooms above the basement, and the cost will be between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

Externally the building will be a very handsome one, although the lines are plain; the ornamentation being secured largely by means of the windows and tower. The work of construction is in charge of Mr. Coder, a trustee of the college. Owing to difficulty in securing masons, the work has been kept back somewhat, but it is hoped that it will be finished in time for the winter term. It is certainly an improvement that was much needed, and we hope that the good work will not stop until a gymnasium and drill hall is built on the other side of the campus.

Volume IX, issue I, 1892

CLASS spirit, which has been buried for the last two years at Allegheny, was resurrected this fall, much to the amusement of those who were spectators.

The facts in regard to the matter are about as follows. The Sophomore class, having anticipated the appearance of the Freshmen in class caps, announced their belief by circulars, which were scattered over the campus. A flag bearing the figures '94 was placed on the dome of Bently Hall the same evening.

As a matter of course the Freshmen did not appear in caps, but as they came up the hill on the morning of September 26 and sighted the flag floating from old Bently, all the long pent-up fighting spirit instantly burst forth into action. Then the customary *modus operandi* was carried out. The flag was torn down and each Freshman wore a piece of it to chapel. After chapel the yell, “Rac a de cax, co-ax! co-ax! Rac a de cax, co-ax! co-ax! '90 and '5, '90 and 5, Alleghie! Rah!” filled the air, and '94 was intimidated by the large number of men in '95. To precipitate matters, an attempt was made to “bounce” one of the '94 men, when the fun began. Ministerial students, C. E. and scientific men were alike obliged to bite the dust. In the tussle the Sophomores were outnumbered two or three to one, and, although those who fought for their flag showed much pluck, they were somewhat worsted.

We cannot forego the opportunity of remarking that '94 showed poor tact in putting up a flag which she was not prepared to defend. She should first have put on the war paint.

We are glad to see an exhibition of class spirit; it shows that the college is alive, but

there is a question as to how this enthusiasm can best be given vent. It seems to us that the only proper way is to have a cane rush, where each class can have equal representation.

Volume VIII, issue III, 1891

THE CAMPUS, as no doubt our readers have already noticed, is taking its impressions from a new type, a long neglected need. The appearance of its pages are much improved thereby, and our proof reader is enabled to discern more readily the letters of the alphabet, owing to their nearer conformity to the conventional standard. With pleasure we bid adieu to the tailless *x*, stern-wrecked *y*, and exploded *o*.

Volume VII, issue VII, 1891

THE PITTSBURGH, SHENANGO & LAKE ERIE RAILROAD.												
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In effect Monday, Aug. 8, 1892.												
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Volume IX, issue I, 1892

The Sophomores managed to get '97 chalked up on the west side of the chapel and also to paint “'Rah '97” on a harmless cow which was standing in a lot near by. During the night the daring Freshmen succeeding in putting up a flag with '98 painted on it. A guard was set over this standard until early in the morning, when the guard was overpowered by a detachment of Sophs, and the flag hauled down and immediately torn into shreds and distributed to the members of the Sophomore class, who triumphantly wore the pieces in their button holes and marched proudly over to chapel. At chapel everyone seemed anxious to have the exercises as short as possible in order to get out and watch the pending battle. Finally chapel was over and the Freshmen lined up at the foot of the stairs. The crowd of spectators gathered, when the contest began by one Sophomore making an attempt to seize a Freshman's colors. In a moment there were rushes made for the colors of both sides and in another moment the campus and street were filled with struggling members of the contending parties, the members of each class trying to get their opponent's colors and yet striving to save his own from being captured. For fully fifteen minutes the students struggled with might and main in this battle of class honor, and then each defiantly gave its class yell, thus ending one of the fiercest, yet most friendly battles ever fought. If “to the victors belong the spoils” then to the Freshmen belong the glory of the victory, as they held the most colors after the struggle.

Volume XI, issue III, 1894

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Volume VII, issue XI, 1891

Making headlines since 1876: Alumni reflect on their time with The Campus

Were there any stories or projects you worked on during your time with The Campus that you thought were especially fun, important or unique?



STEVEN HEINE, '20
Position: Junior news editor
Major/Minor: Political Science / Journalism in the Public Interest
Career: Immigration Specialist, Texas A&M University
Hometown: Chapel Hill, NC
Current home: College Station, TX

I enjoyed writing event coverage pieces, as they gave me exposure to a wide range of interesting people and topics. They also gave me a great avenue to understand the broader community better and the people in it. One particular example was the piece I contributed to on the Washington D.C. Women’s March in the spring of 2017. It was interesting to engage with the event in the role of a chronicler, and it allowed me to gain insight on the various perspectives which brought Gators to protest at the event.



CHRIS SHIPLEY, '82
Position: News editor & Editorial Board member
Major/Minor: English & Communication Arts / Art
Career: Author, Executive Consultant
Hometown: Redwood City, CA
Current home: United States

In those days, we did layout by hand. Type-set the stories and headlines, wax the copy, and arrange them on the page. Sometimes, bits of type came loose, and in one case the name of a student, “Eaton,” dropped from a headline and slipped into an ad for a donut shop. For the next couple of weeks, we talked about those donuts as “good Eaton” and made a game of hiding “Eaton” somewhere in the pages of The Campus.
More seriously, I do remember our Sunday night Editorial Board meetings. We took our job seriously, debating issues that arose on campus or around the world, and landing on clear, and sometimes brave, perspectives. Whatever the issue, we took a position and defended it with clear eyes and balanced judgment.



JOHN H. NEWMAN, '78
Position: Photographer
Major/Minor: Psychology / Philosophy
Career: Retired from the National Institutes of Health
Hometown: Downingtown, PA
Current home: Rockville, MD

I took three or four roles of rehearsal, backstage, and concert pictures for the Bruce Springsteen concert on campus. After rehearsal, he asked me to send him copies of any good photos. I am sorry to say that I never sent him anything, but maybe the negatives are either someplace in the Campus Center or a box in my storage unit.



CHRISTINA BRYSON, '16
Position: Editor-in-chief
Major/Minor: English / Journalism in the Public Interest & Political Science
Career: Owner of Christina Bryson Editorial LLC
Hometown: Murrieta, CA
Current home: Pittsburgh, PA

The most fun story I worked on was the coverage for the major concert my senior year. Hoodie Allen was our big name artist and myself and Angela Mauroni, the News Editor at the time, got to interview him on his tour bus.
But the most impactful stories were concerning my news beats. I covered Title IX and sexual assault stories, and those interviews really stand out for me. This was before the widespread #MeToo movement, so these conversations weren’t as mainstream as they are today, so I’m glad I was able to shine a light on some of them at that time. I also wrote an article on the state of active shooters and gun violence in 2015 that I’m especially proud of and that’s unfortunately still a relevant story today.



ADAM VANHO, '98
Position: Perspectives editor
Major/Minor: History / Writing
Career: Attorney at Law and President of VanHo Law
Hometown: Euclid, OH
Current home: Munroe Falls, OH

I remember when the City of Meadville started doing alternate day parking around the College, which was the only area of the city where it was present and was designed as a cheap way to make money for the city. I wrote an article saying how I would pay the tickets with unwrapped pennies if I ever got one. Sure enough, I found the ticket on my car soon thereafter, which I believe was \$3 or \$5. I went down to the bank, got the money in pennies, and dropped them unwrapped in an envelope at the City Hall dropbox. Apparently I was not the only student to pay in unwrapped coins and the alternate day parking signs were quickly removed.



CARLY COLATCH HILL, '06
Position: Editor-in-chief
Major/Minor: English / History & Religious Studies
Career: Digital Consultant
Hometown: Meadville, PA
Current home: Leeds, England

As editor-in-chief, I managed the redesign of the newspaper’s masthead and layout. This was 2006, so the website was simple and rarely updated, and social media was still in its infancy — the physical paper itself was everything. This was in the early days of digital design, so we wanted to modernize the paper’s overall look and feel, and highlight our new feature-style pieces. We launched the redesign to coincide with the 130th anniversary of The Campus. The redesign was a really big deal for us — we hosted a celebration dinner in the then-new Tippiie Alumni Center.

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Visiting the Cattail Cafe

A personal narrative through the eyes of Iman Adam

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This story is an editorial by Contributing Writer Iman Adam and does not necessarily reflect the views of The Campus.

The best way to write stories is from experience. When I decided to write about the new Cattail Cafe, opened by an Allegheny College alumnus, I knew I had to go to downtown Meadville and create a thorough analysis of the establishment.

On a Friday afternoon, I took off with my schoolbag to walk down to Hatch Hollow, where the cafe is located. As I entered the store, I found myself in a fashionable art shop which I had to walk through in order to get to the cafe, as the two stores were connected. When I finally entered the cafe, I was astonished. The exquisite interior of the space, such as the zig zagged and wavy pillow designs on the benches, perfectly complimented the style of the art shop. Being an artist in my free time, this made the cafe an ideal place to work on my sketches while cooling off with the menu that the Cattail Cafe had to offer.

Moving to the front of the restaurant, I ordered the ‘Loxed In’ sandwich. The meal consisted of a fillet of savory salmon alongside briny onions with smooth and rich cream cheese and guacamole, all enclosed in a crisp and toasted poppy seed bagel. As I waited patiently to interview the owner, who was occupied with cooking some meals and serving a couple of guests, I had a brief conversation with Rebecca, one of the cafe’s patrons.

Working as a freelance medical writer, Rebecca said that she appreciates using Hatch Hollow’s coworking space for her career, communicating with other customers and dining at the cafe. She added that there is a second floor at the coworking space, which has rooms where patrons can engage in business and return to the base floor to eat and network.

After I had my conversation with Rebecca, the owner of the Cattail Cafe finished serving one more meal before the interview. He sat across from me at the table and introduced himself as Dietrich Williams, ’25. Raised in nearby Greenville, Williams opened the Cattail Cafe in late May 2025,

just two weeks after his graduation from Allegheny. Williams works as the restaurant’s host, cook and server all at the same time.

Williams entered Allegheny College with a major in global health, intending to help others in the healthcare industry. As he started to learn more about nutrition, Williams realized that there were a lot of steps you could take in your daily life to prevent common illnesses. This is what got him into cooking.

When taking a community and justice studies class during his time in college, Williams worked at the Meadville Market House as a cook. Around that time, he met one of his regulars, Heather Fish, ’15, who would arrive with her friends and order food from Williams well before the two eventually became colleagues.

When Fish made the decision to move her store, Hatch Hollow, to its current location at 945 Market St. earlier this year, she informed Williams about a kitchen next door where he could create a restaurant. Williams was a bit hesitant to open a restaurant at first. He had never created a culinary business before and despite his experience cooking at the Meadville Market House, he felt that he needed more familiarity with the food industry. Despite his doubts, Williams accepted Fish’s request and opened the cafe in early June.

Opening up the Cattail Cafe was not always easy. Williams notes that he had to set up the restaurant in a limited amount of time. He also needed to work on some renovations for the kitchen to ensure that it was not out of place. However, Williams stated that he was able to overcome these struggles with the assistance of Fish and the Meadville community.

Williams’ advice for Allegheny students is to explore what Meadville has to offer. Check out local stores and shops, interact with townspeople and do not be afraid to volunteer in the community. Learning is not just limited to what you learn through textbooks, but seeking out what the world has to offer.

Come visit the Cattail Cafe at Hatch Hollow today. It is opens from Wednesday to Saturday from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. If you enjoy both healthy and delicious food, a dynamic environment and amazing service, then the Cattail Cafe is the place for you.



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Cattail Cafe, opened in June by Dietrich Williams, ’25, is located at 945 Market Street inside Hatch Hollow.



NOELL FRITZ/THE CAMPUS

The seating area for the cafe is located within the Hatch Hollow art gallery.



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The Cattail Cafe counter is located in the back of the store.

Art gallery opening:

Allegheny Alumni Art Exhibit



MILO WATSON/THE CAMPUS

Sarah Csonka, ’26, admires a piece of art by Katie Brash, ’17, titled “Show Your Teeth.” In the foreground is a red vase titled “Penny and Me” by Savannah Wilis, ’23. All of the art at the gallery was made by Allegheny alumni.



MILO WATSON/THE CAMPUS

Two students admire the artwork at the Allegheny Alumni Art Exhibit on Sept. 9. The piece on the left is acrylic on canvas by Janos Cseh, ’15, and the work on the right, titled “Alterations of real time,” is made of acrylic yarn and monks cloth by Josie Freeman, ’20.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 – THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

Allegheny Sports Schedule
Home Games

09/19 FRIDAY	Volleyball: Allegheny vs. Hiram DAVID V. WISE CENTER, 7 P.M.
09/20 SATURDAY	Men’s Tennis: Blue & Gold Invite TENNIS COURTS AT ROBERTSON
09/20 SATURDAY	Men’s Cross Country: Allegheny Cross Country Classic ROBERTSON ATHLETIC COMPLEX, 9:45 A.M.
09/20 SATURDAY	Women’s Cross Country: Allegheny Cross Country Classic ROBERTSON ATHLETIC COMPLEX, 10:30 A.M.
09/20 SATURDAY	Women’s Soccer: Allegheny vs. Carlow ROBERTSON BLUE TURF, 1 P.M.
09/20 SATURDAY	Men’s Soccer: Allegheny vs. Marietta ROBERTSON ATHLETIC COMPLEX, 4 P.M.
09/20 SATURDAY	Football: Allegheny vs. Thiel FRANK B. FUHRER FIELD, 7 P.M.
09/21 SUNDAY	Women’s Golf: Guy and Jeanne Kuhn Invitational THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MEADVILLE
09/21 SUNDAY	Men’s Golf: Guy and Jeanne Kuhn Invitational THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MEADVILLE
09/21 SUNDAY	Field Hockey: Allegheny vs. John Carroll ROBERTSON BLUE TURF, 1 P.M.
09/22 MONDAY	Women’s Golf: Guy and Jeanne Kuhn Invitational THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MEADVILLE
09/22 MONDAY	Men’s Golf: Guy and Jeanne Kuhn Invitational THE COUNTRY CLUB OF MEADVILLE
09/24 WEDNESDAY	Men’s Soccer: Allegheny vs. Chatham ROBERTSON ATHLETIC COMPLEX, 4 P.M.
09/24 WEDNESDAY	Women’s Tennis: Allegheny vs. Waynesburg TENNIS COURTS AT ROBERTSON, 4:30 P.M.
09/24 WEDNESDAY	Volleyball: Allegheny vs. Grove City DAVID V. WISE CENTER, 6 P.M.
09/24 WEDNESDAY	Women’s Soccer: Allegheny vs. Chatham ROBERTSON BLUE TURF, 7 P.M.

Allegheny sports recap

Sept. 8 - Sept. 14

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- Football: 0-1, 35-24 Loss vs Denison
- Men’s Soccer: 0-2-2, 4-1 Loss vs SUNY Geneseo, 2-1 Win vs Nazareth, 5-0 Loss vs Case Western Reserve
- Women’s Soccer: 0-2, 2-0 Loss vs Penn State Behrend, 1-0 Loss vs Fredonia
- Field Hockey: 0-3; 1-0 Loss vs W&J, 1-0 Loss vs Nazareth, 4-2 Loss vs Lycoming
- Volleyball: 4-0, 3-0 Win vs Geneva, 3-0 Win vs Mt. Union, 3-1 Win vs Penn State Behrend, 3-0 Win vs Fredonia
- Women’s Tennis: 1-0; 7-0 Win vs Westminster

Life Design Office receives \$15,500 grant from Stackpole-Hall Foundation

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A \$15,500 grant for Allegheny’s Life Design Office will fund the creation of a Life Design Speaker and Community Dialogue Series. The grant comes from the Stackpole-Hall Foundation, a Pennsylvania-based non-profit that funds a wide variety of initiatives focused on education, health, community development and more.

The new programming will feature two keynote speakers from across disciplines that contribute to furthering the Life Design Office’s core tenets, according to the Sept. 11 press release.

“Grounded in the principles of Life Design, an interdisciplinary framework that empowers individuals and communities to navigate challenges with purpose and imagination, the series reflects Allegheny’s deep commitment to fostering dialogue, inclusivity, and mutual respect,” the press release said.

The speaker series is intended to cultivate an open dialogue with a focus on inclusivity on campus. A fall and spring keynote are both planned to be paired with book selections to supplement the discussions. The book pairing allows for the discussions to go beyond the keynotes and involve students in deeper, sustained dialogue.

Joe-Joe McManus, the fall keynote speaker, will give a lecture on his expertise in race and equity. His work is centered around developing and implementing antiracist leadership and organizations actively engaged in inclusive excellence. Leading up to his

lecture, students will also read his book, “A Brother’s Insight,” published in January. The book focuses on “living an actively antiracist life in solidarity against all forms of oppression,” according to McManus’ website.

The Life Design Speaker and Community Dialogue Series is designed to carve out a space where learning, personal and professional growth and respect can be incubated, according to Associate Dean of Student and Community Development Dom Turner and Life Design Director Natalie Brown-Gregg.

“It really is a return to public lectures and opportunities for the campus to engage with external speakers,” Turner said. “The college has a long history of doing that, so this kind of stands that we’ve done a lot of this before, but not as much in the last two or three years.”

The dialogue series is catered toward students, but faculty and staff are invited to attend the keynotes as well.

“When you listen to someone’s story, you may get inspired,” Brown-Gregg said. “Being inspired gives a spark in you to start doing things for yourself and creating your own journey, so I would definitely say to be inspired.”

Brown-Gregg is optimistic about the impact of the series on attendees, especially because attendees will hear personal stories from the speakers about their lives. The significant takeaways attendees can have from these conversations can be particularly motivating when they consider how to move forward.

“That’s ultimately one of the things we want to help students do,” Turner said. “Just

think about their life and their decisions, where they go and to be empowered to make good decisions about designing their life.”

This programming expands on the pre-existing partnership with the Sustained Dialogue Institute, an organization helping workplaces and campuses to grow an environment for constructive dialogue. The partnership was re-established by a presidential directive from President Ron Cole, ’87, in summer 2024.

“SDI is a global organization dedicated to transforming communities through deep listening and relationship-building,” the press release continued. “By partnering with SDI and embedding Life Design into campus culture, Allegheny is strengthening its long-standing commitment to inclusivity, dialogue, and lifelong learning.”

It is the hope of the Life Design Office that students take full advantage of the insightful keynotes to come in the fall and the spring. Utilizing the skills of accomplished academics like McManus to facilitate conversation will impart lessons that push students to think about their plans post-graduation. Designing the life one wants to live is a lofty goal, but with the right tools, Brown-Gregg thinks students will be more equipped to do so.

“When we were in high school, our parents, our teachers, different people kind of guided us,” Brown-Gregg said. “Now, in college, we kind of have to get in the driver’s seat, and you have to drive. So, we’re just trying to encourage students to be in the driver’s seat of your life. That way, you can take your life wherever you want it to go.”

Alex’s Corner: The Pittsburgh Pirates

An endless cycle of disappointment

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Let’s address the elephant in the room. The Pittsburgh Pirates are not a good baseball team. They’re bad on paper, they’re bad in theory and they’re bad in person. In my nearly 20 years of being alive as a diehard Pirates fan, they have had four winning seasons and have made the playoffs a mere three times. Of those three appearances, they have won one singular wild-card game and have not won a playoff series.

Why do the Pirates continue to play bad baseball year after year? Well, the answer is quite simple: Bob Nutting, the owner of the team, does not spend money to put a winning team on the field. Now, anyone who knows about the economics of major league baseball knows that the Pirates are in a relatively small market when it comes to revenue and player salaries. They will never be able to spend like the New York Yankees or Los Angeles Dodgers. Those teams are in huge cities and have pockets deep enough to buy their way to championships.

Nutting makes the excuse that he can’t outspend those teams, and that’s why the Pirates struggle. That would be a valid excuse, but small-market teams have dominated baseball in 2025. The Milwaukee Brewers are in a smaller market than the Pirates, and they have the best record in baseball less than 20 games away from the end of the regular season. They don’t spend a lot of money, but Milwaukee’s payroll completely

blows that of Pittsburgh out of the water. The Seattle Mariners and Detroit Tigers are both leading their divisions as small-market teams with low payrolls, but once again, their payrolls are much larger than Pittsburgh’s. The Tampa Bay Rays have managed to spend little money and be a successful organization for north of a decade, and even in such a small market, they still outspend and outplay the Pirates.

It’s not as if Pittsburgh has no talent on its roster either. They have the best pitcher on the planet with 23-year-old ace Paul Skenes, as well as a dominant stable of arms behind him in Mitch Keller, Mike Burrows, Braxton Ashcraft and Baseball America’s number one pitching prospect, flamethrower Bubba Chandler. The problem lies in Nutting’s inability to build around his young talent. The Pirates have put up a historically catastrophic season offensively. Bryan Reynolds and Oneil Cruz are the only players from both the 2024 and 2025 Pirates to be even close to average with the bat. Trade acquisition Spencer Horwitz and third-year second baseman Nick Gonzales have been average hitters when they’ve been healthy, but they both missed more than a third of the season due to injury. Free agent signing Tommy Pham has been a revelation in the second half of the season with the bat, but he was one of the worst players in baseball before the All-Star break. Beyond those few names, the Pirates have been a carousel of journey-men players on league minimum contracts, putting up putrid offensive numbers and

wasting the prime of a generational talent in Skenes.

How do we fix it? Nutting is making a profit on the Pirates every year. He spends as little money as possible to put a team on the field, and just enough fans come to the ballpark with hopes that the Pirates will miraculously turn their fortunes around to turn him a profit. Why would he change his formula if he’s making money off of it? Nutting is a businessman who knows very little about baseball and cares even less. There’s no way to force owners like Nutting to spend more money, and there’s no salary cap in Major League Baseball to keep the Yankees, Dodgers, Mets and Phillies from using their massive budgets to outbid small market teams for the best players. Somehow, every team in the Pirates’ situation except the Pirates have had some semblance of success despite the lack of budget. The only way to fix the Bob Nutting problem in Pittsburgh is for someone to buy the Pirates from him. With the current state of the organization, nobody wants to invest in a team that someone else has run into the ground.

In a disappointing conclusion, the cycle has no plausible end in sight, and Pittsburgh Pirates fans are doomed to watch the team they love repeat the same bland strategy of being subpar at best until something is done about Nutting’s incompetence as an owner of a professional baseball team.

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OBAMA

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Ferati summed up the goal of the series as “think globally, learn locally.”

After cracking a few jokes and praising northwestern Pennsylvania for its natural beauty, Obama settled into his gray leather armchair and began considering some of the recent events that have captured national attention.

Moderator Steve Scully, a senior executive producer for C-SPAN, started the conversation by bringing up the recent assassination of Charlie Kirk.

Obama said the U.S. is “certainly” at an inflection point and said that while he did not personally know Charlie Kirk and did not agree with many of his viewpoints, his assassination was an “evil act.”

“Political violence is not new,” Obama said. “It has happened at certain periods in our history, but it is something that is anathema to what it means to be a democratic country.”

“Regardless of where you are on the political spectrum,” he continued, “what happened to Charlie Kirk was horrific and a tragedy.”

However, Obama cautioned that while political violence should be condemned, being the victim of political violence does not automatically give merit to one’s ideas. He cited examples like Kirk’s belief that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a “mistake” and that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an “awful” person.

Obama proceeded to condemn some of the extreme rhetoric and actions coming out of the Trump administration, including breaking down judicial rulings, deploying the National Guard in Los Angeles and destroying the trust a government needs to run.

“When we have the weight of the United States government behind extremist views,” Obama said, “we have a problem.”

“Democracy is not self-executing,” he continued. “It depends on us as citizens, regardless of our political affiliations, to stand up for our core values. Otherwise, we may not have them anymore.”

Obama praised Republicans like former President George W. Bush and senators John McCain and Mitt Romney for their commitment to integrity in their political work.

Scully then asked Obama for his perspective on how social media is influencing the political moment. Recalling the post-World War II era, Obama reflected on the drastic social changes that came in the wake of a “succession of world-altering crises.”

Obama warned about the dangers of

thinking in terms of the “blood and soil nationalism” that the Nazi regime fought for during WWII

Obama partially attributed current political tensions to the past few decades of globalization, increasing inequality, changing demographics — including the growing diversity of people in Congress — and a rapidly evolving technology and media landscape.

“Bipartisanship worked well in Washington when everyone looked the same,” he said.

Despite the growing tensions and fierce political battles that occurred from the 1980s to 2000s, Obama said what sets that era apart from the present moment is that both political parties were committed to certain foundational principles of democracy.

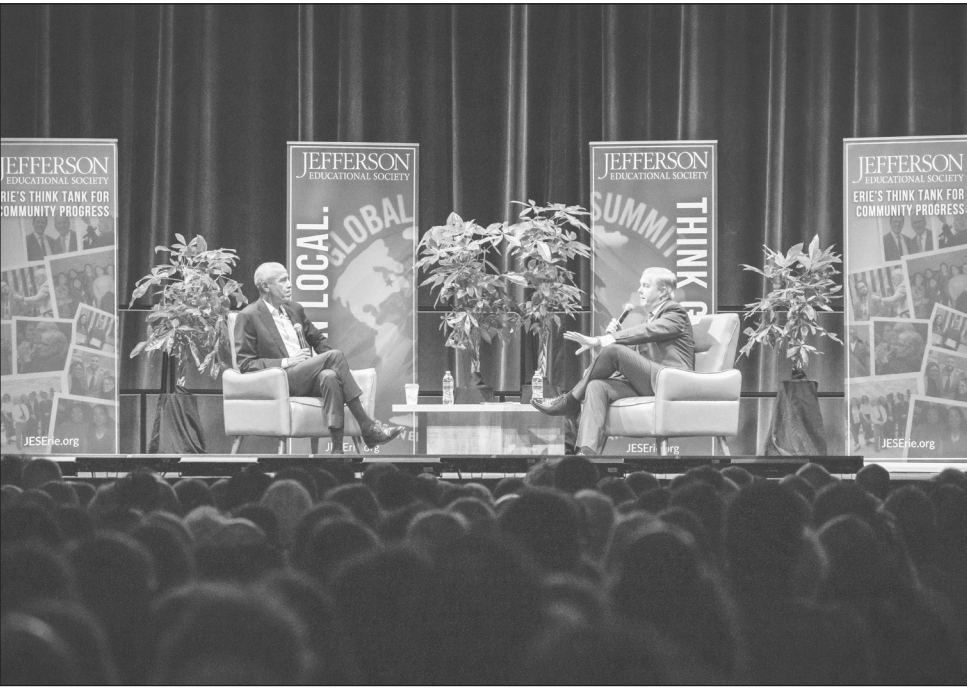


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Moderator Steve Scully asks President Barack Obama a question at the Jefferson Educational Society’s “A Conversation with President Barack Obama” on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

“The rules of the game held,” Obama explained. “I think what distinguishes us at this moment is a decision that’s been building for a while — in this White House and the party that controls both the White House and Congress — that we’re ok with breaking the rules, breaking the system in certain ways.”

“What you’re seeing, I think, is the sense that through executive powers, many of the guardrails and norms that I had to abide by as president of the United States, that George Bush thought he had to abide by as president of the United States — they no longer apply,” Obama continued. “That’s

what makes this a dangerous moment.”

In an interview after the speech, Emily Bowers, a Gannon student who attended the event, appreciated the tact Obama employed.

“I was really impressed. He was really well spoken and he did a good job addressing current issues and events,” Bowers said. “I really liked how he emphasized the person over the politics; I thought that was a really powerful message.”

Elias Ortiz, a New Jersey resident who was in the audience, mentioned Obama’s points about freedom of speech and political polarization as important takeaways.

“In our day and age, (free speech) has tried to be silenced in some ways,” Ortiz said. “I feel like our freedom of speech is not what it was when it was first introduced in our Constitution.”

“AI, based on what I’ve seen and heard, is going to be more disruptive than social media or the internet, and it’s going to happen faster,” Obama said.

In a recent conversation with an executive of a leading artificial intelligence company, Obama said the executive told him that the technological revolution artificial intelligence is bringing about can only be compared to one other technology: electricity. The crowd of 8,000 in the arena broke out into murmurs as Obama relayed the anecdote.

Acknowledging the plethora of uncertainties, Obama focused on the potential benefits of AI, including its potential to discover a cure for cancer and develop zero-emission carbon solutions. However, he also acknowledged the “non-zero” chance that AI may end with humanity “bowing to our robot masters.”

“I don’t think it’s likely,” Obama reassured the crowd. “But people who develop it, I think we should make sure we know how to turn off the switch.”

The more likely risk, Obama explained, is the weaponization of the technology by rogue states or terrorists. Additionally, he said it is almost certain that artificial intelligence will be economically disruptive, pointing out that recent college graduates are already facing greater difficulty finding entry-level jobs. Obama also said that with artificial intelligence, existing social media challenges will be “turbocharged.”

“If you think it’s hard right now to figure out what’s true and what’s false, it’s going to get harder,” he warned, before calling on elected officials to democratically guide the technology’s development and not let the five biggest AI companies make all the major decisions.

To close out the conversation, Scully asked Obama what advice he has for the next generation.

Obama encouraged young people to be nice to their parents, challenged them to learn about what they believe in and care deeply about and to develop a code of ethics that will act as a North Star in their lives.

“This next generation, they are smart,” Obama said. “They feel and care deeply about people. Their instincts are to steward our environment. Their instincts are to reach out to people who aren’t necessarily exactly like them. They’re sophisticated.”

“Part of our job,” he continued, “is to give them some lessons from our experience, to give them a hand up as they’re coming up, and then get out of the way.”

Alumnus presents his research on Brazilian racial reclassification and political identity

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David De Micheli, ’11, spoke to a room full of faculty and students about his research on Brazilian racial identities in the Tillotson Room at the Tippie Alumni Center on Monday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

De Micheli studied international studies and French during his time at Allegheny. Afterwards, he went to Cornell University, where he got his Ph.D in government. He was then a postdoctoral Fellow at Tulane University. Today, De Micheli is an assistant professor of political science and ethnic studies at the University of Utah.

De Micheli’s return to campus was exciting news for Allegheny’s students and faculty. He remarked that it wasn’t his first time being back; he previously came for a reunion in 2016 and also stopped by when passing through Meadville one other time. However, this time, coming back as a speaker, has been “really exciting and surreal,” De Micheli said.

De Micheli’s book, “Back to Black: Racial Classification and Political Identity and Brazil,” was released by the Cambridge Press in 2024 and focuses on the phenomenon of racial reclassification in Brazil. De Micheli’s research interests have a regional focus on Latin America, though De Micheli said he

chose Brazil to write about because of the country’s “fluid racial boundaries.” These fluid boundaries can be explained by the lack of a clear criteria for racial identification in the country.

“In Brazil, (racial classification) is not really based on your descent, it doesn’t depend on how your parents identify or how they look like — it just depends on what you look like. That gives people a lot more latitude to make choices in how they classify themselves,” De Micheli said. “Sometimes it is helpful to think in contrast with the United States, where we have such rigid rules on who belongs in which racial category. They are mostly based on descent, if your parents are black or white, that kind determines in which racial category you’re fallen.”

In order to dig deep into his research, De Micheli lived in Brazil for a period of time. He stayed eight months in São Paulo and six in Recife. During his stay, he learned how to speak Portuguese, which he said was critical for his studies.

“Many Brazilians don’t speak English, so if I wanted to really hear people’s stories and have them explain to me how it is that many of these racial transformations took place, I had to learn Portuguese,” De Micheli said.

De Micheli’s research further explored how these racial reclassifications hold electoral implications.

“There is a conventional wisdom in Bra-

zil that race is irrelevant in politics,” De Micheli said. “But what we are seeing alongside these patterns of racial reclassification is that highly educated voters, who identify as Black, are very loyal leftists constituents. They are much more likely to subscribe to left-wing ideology in Brazil.”

As his research notes, Brazil rarely saw parties organized around race. Now, De Micheli says that black voters could be considered “some of the most loyal consistent voters of the worker’s party.”

Kayla Mendez, ’26, attended the talk because it was required for two of her classes, but she also found herself curious about learning a little about Brazil.

“I think it was a really interesting topic overall because over here (in the United States), when we talk about Latin America, we don’t really talk much about Brazil; it is mostly Mexico and Guatemala,” Mendez said. “It was interesting to see, because Brazil does say that they are like a racial democracy, so seeing that broken down on that kind of scale was cool.”

Another student present at the talk, Reagan Grace Wheat, ’26, a fellow for the Center of Political Participation, commented how the topic interested her, especially because she had never heard about it beforehand.

“I would say probably that 95% (of the topic) was new,” Wheat said. “I feel like in America we are not taught about Latin



DE MICHELI
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America very often, specifically Brazil. So all of the racial reclassification stuff was, like, such a foreign topic to me, but it was super interesting.”

De Micheli shared his relief after publishing his book, noting how stressful and long the writing process can be. It took him nine years, from 2015, when he started his research, until 2024, when he finished the book.

“You spend so much time with the project, so it’s a little bittersweet,” De Micheli said. “You are sad to say goodbye to this project that you have worked on for so long, but it’s also a huge relief to finally be done, kind of like the senior comp.”

Blue & Gold Weekend Schedule

Friday, Sept. 19	
Allegheny Art Galleries Open 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. // Doane Hall Stop by to see some of the Allegheny Alumni Art Exhibition!	Reception hosted by Center for Business and Economics for Campus Community 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. // Quigley Hall Patio and Lobby All are welcome.
Board of Visitors 12:15 p.m. - 2 p.m. // Tillotson Dining Room, First Floor, Patricia Bush Tippie Alumni Center at Cochran Hall Networking lunch, hosted by Center for Business and Economics fellows	Shabbat Dinner 5 p.m. // Jewish Community Center, 379 Park Avenue Students, Alumni, and Employees are invited to join Hillel students for a Shabbat dinner.
Alumni Connection Panels and Lunches for Students 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. // Panel locations can be found on GatorHub	Allegheny College Alumni Art Exhibition 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. // Hatch Hollow 945 Market Street Meadville, PA
Coffee with Council 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. // Grounds for Change Allegheny’s Alumni Council will host an open tab for coffee hour at Grounds for Change — all are welcome. Stop by and meet some Council members!	Playshop Theatre: The Time is Now 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. // Gladys Mullenix Black Theatre, First Floor, Vukovich Center for Communication Arts Come to the Gladys Mullenix Black Theatre for comic & dramatic short plays, which are part of the global festival Climate Change Theatre Action 2025. Following the plays, special guest Doug Lodge ’75 will perform “Bottle Dance.” There will be an opportunity to talk with faculty and students about the plays after each performance.
Computer and Information Science Department Social 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. // Lobby of Alden Hall CIS Students, Faculty, Technical Advisory Board Members, panelists, and regional computer and information science alumni gather for a meet and greet.	Allegheny Gators Women’s Volleyball Game vs Hiram Terriers 7 p.m. // James H. Mullen, Jr. Performance Arena, David V. Wise Sport and Fitness Center
Archives Open House 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. // Room 304, Wayne and Sally Merrick Historic Archival Center, Lawrence Lee Pelletier Library	
Computer and Information Science Department Social 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. // Lobby of Alden Hall CIS Students, Faculty, Technical Advisory Board Members, panelists, and regional computer and information science alumni gather for a meet and greet.	Beer and Wine Garden (and non-alcoholic beverages too!) 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. // Gator Quad (Rain Location: Henderson Campus Center Lobby) Join fellow Gator family members under the tent in Gator Quad for a relaxed evening with music by Justin Gray, light snacks, and great company. Guests 21 and older will receive one drink ticket to use toward beer or wine – first one’s on us! Additional beverages will be available for purchase (credit/debit only, no cash), and non-alcoholic drinks are always free.
Alumni Career Panel: Diverse Paths in Technology 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. // Alden Hall, 01 Discover the many paths a tech career can take! Hear from CIS alumni working in both traditional and non-traditional roles as they share their personal journeys, offer practical advice for landing that first job, and provide insider perspectives on the current and evolving tech industry. Learn how to navigate a fast-moving field, develop skills that stand the test of time, and chart your own unique career path.	Competition of the Muses (formerly Greek sing) 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. // Shafer Auditorium, Henderson Campus Center Enjoy choreographed songs, singing, lip-syncing, and short acts performed by members of Allegheny’s fraternities and sororities. This is family-friendly — and, whether you’re Greek or not, a fun Allegheny tradition.
Board of Visitors Roundtable: From Classroom to Boardroom — Embracing AI’s Impact 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. // Henderson Auditorium, First Floor, Quigley Hall	GAP Presents: “Canvas on the Quad” 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. // Gator Quad (Rain Location: Henderson Campus Center Lobby) Enjoy music, painting (supplies will be provided), light snacks and beverages in a casual and fun atmosphere for students, families, and alumni.
Alumni Panel: Black Studies, Community & Justice Studies, Education Studies, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. // Henderson Campus Center, 301/302 Interested students must register in advance. More information can be found on GatorHub.	

Saturday, Sept. 20	
Walking Tour of Downtown Meadville: Diamond Park to The Market House 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. // Tour begins at Diamond Park and ends at the historic Meadville Market House. Join Andy Walker ’00, Executive Director of the Meadville Community Revitalization Corporation (MCRC), for a walking tour of downtown Meadville, from Diamond Park to the Market House. Andy, the former Meadville City Manager, will share historical information about Meadville and Diamond Park and discuss MCRC’s vision for community revitalization.	Allegheny Gators Men’s Tennis vs Franklin & Marshall Diplomats 1:30 p.m. // Tennis Courts at Robertson, Robertson Athletic Complex
Allegheny Gators Cross Country Invitational – Ben Mourer ’07 Memorial Classic 9:30 a.m. // Robertson Athletic Complex The Men’s 8k race starts at 9:45 am and the Women’s 6k race begins at 10:45 am. Awards to follow at noon.	Playshop Theatre: The Time is Now 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. // Gladys Mullenix Black Theatre, First Floor, Vukovich Center for Communication Arts Come to the Gladys Mullenix Black Theatre for comic & dramatic short plays, which are part of the global festival Climate Change Theatre Action 2025. Following the plays, special guest Doug Lodge ’75 will perform “Bottle Dance.” There will be an opportunity to talk with faculty and students about the plays after each performance.
	Faculty & Alumni Vocal Recital 3:15 p.m. // First Floor, Ford Memorial Chapel This Music Department program features sopranos Carol Bowler Niblock ’02 and Vicki Jamison, with tenor Kurt Hoffmann Hatcher ’07, accompanied by Wendy Plyler and Ward Jamison. The first half showcases solo works by Beach, Bizet, Offenbach, Tressler, Weill, and Zimmerman. The second half spotlights The Impresario, a 25-minute comic opera by Mozart in which 2 sopranos, one an experienced star and one an aspiring successor, vie for the role of prima donna. Solo numbers include “Da schlägt die Abschiedsstunde” and “Bester Jüngling” with group numbers “I am the greatest singer here” and “Every artist loves attention.”
Conversation with the President 10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. // Gladys Mullenix Black Theatre, First Floor, Vukovich Center for Communication Arts Please join Dr. Ron Cole ’87, President of Allegheny College, for a college update followed by an informal question and answer session.	Allegheny Gators Men’s Soccer vs Marietta Pioneers 4 p.m. // Robertson Blue Turf, Robertson Athletic Complex
Volleyball Alumni Game 10 a.m. // James H. Mullen, Jr. Performance Arena, David V. Wise Sport and Fitness Center	Continuous Shuttle from Campus to Robertson Athletic Complex 4:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. // Pick-up at Lord Gate at the top of Brooks Walk for the shuttle to Robertson Athletic Complex A continuous shuttle will be provided to the Robertson Athletic Complex and back to campus.
Parent & Family Reception featuring an Academic Open House and Resource Fair 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. // Gator Quad, Outside of Henderson Campus Center (Rain Location: Campus Center) Join us for a special reception where you can connect with fellow Allegheny parents and family members, meet representatives from the Parent & Family Council, and enjoy refreshments and conversation. While you’re there, explore the Academic Open House and Resource Fair—an opportunity to chat with Allegheny faculty about academic programs and interdisciplinary work, and meet staff from offices such as the Maytum Center for Student Success to learn more about academic advising and support services. Don’t forget to pick up your Allegheny giveaway!	TailGator Dinner and Spirit Zone 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. // Robertson Athletic Complex A Gator celebration for the entire Allegheny community! Food, Gator swag, music, and fun! Dinner and admission to the game are free. Meet members of Allegheny’s Alumni Council who will be on hand to welcome attendees. A continuous shuttle is provided from campus to the Robertson Athletic Complex from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm. Parking is available in the grass tailgating lot.
The Campus Newsroom Open House 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. // Room 314, Third Floor, Henderson Campus Center The Campus Newspaper is celebrating 150 years in 2026! Stop by and take a tour of the newsroom with current Campus staff.	Allegheny Gators Football vs Thiel Tomcats 7 p.m. // Frank B. Fuhrer Field, Robertson Athletic Complex Parking is available in the grass tailgating lot.
Ben Mourer ’07 Memorial Social Gathering 12:30 p.m. // Robertson Complex Picnic Shelter Current athletes, parents, alumni and community members are welcome.	Homecoming Hangout in the CC 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. // Henderson Campus Center Students, family, and alumni are welcome to hangout in the Henderson Campus Center to enjoy a relaxing night filled with crafts and snacks in the lobby. Head up to Grounds for Change for the open tab, or try your luck in the Mario Kart Tournament hosted by the Game Room. McKinley’s will offer some late night snack options at the grill, including wings and mac and cheese bites!
Allegheny Gators Women’s Soccer vs Carlow Celtics 1 p.m. // Robertson Blue Turf, Robertson Athletic Complex	
Allegheny Gators Softball Alumni Game & Tailgate 1 p.m. // Robertson Softball Field, Robertson Athletic Complex	

Sunday, Sept. 21	
Tri Deltas All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. // Schultz Banquet Hall (formerly South Hall) Tri Delta’s annual fundraising event for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is back! For \$5 you can get all-you-can-eat chocolate chip, plain, gluten-free, or berry pancakes along with water and lemonade!	Ford Chapel Mass 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. // First Floor, Ford Chapel Mass will be held by the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry
Men’s and Women’s Golf Annual Guy and Jeanne Kuhn Invitational 11 a.m. // The Country Club of Meadville	For the full B&G Weekend Schedule, visit the Allegheny website:

