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Glennon gives lecture on the safety of lettuce

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Ever since the outbreak of E. coli caused by romaine lettuce in 2017, the safety of eating lettuce has been a concern in the United States. This concern is reflected in a new research project being done by University of Arizona Regents Professor and Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy Robert Glennon.

Glennon was awarded an environmental prize from Allegheny in 2018 and came to campus to give a public lecture about his water research.

“He liked Allegheny so well that we decided to invite him back,” Associate Professor of Geology Rachel O’Brien said in her introduction of Glennon. “He’s here to talk about a new research project he’s been working on, the title of his lecture being ‘Eating Lettuce: Is it Safe?’”

Glennon began his presentation by discussing food safety and the first woman to get sick with E. coli from romaine lettuce in 2017. After the E. coli outbreak began, the Food and Drug Administration traced the disease back to lettuce from Yuma, Arizona, according to Glennon.

“More than 90% of the country’s lettuce comes from Yuma,” Glennon said. “During (the winter months), it comes from California.”

Glennon discussed how climate change affects the world’s water supply and how farmers must now use a larger amount of water to produce the same amount of food. Climate change causes many other problems that involve water, including in dams. Glennon used Oroville Dam in California as a specific example.

“This is a dam that almost broke in 2017 because of large unexpected snow melt,” Glennon said.

“What does that mean? It means that in America, there are dams that are meant to store a certain amount of snow melt (and) were sized for a hydrologic regime that no longer exists.”

Glennon connected the problem of snow melt back to Yuma, Arizona, through the Colorado River, saying that in certain large agricultural areas there is no longer any water in parts of the river. To restore water supply to those areas, farmers in Yuma moved away from growing the typical iceberg lettuce to growing “baby lettuce.”

With the growing of this new lettuce comes new ways of producing it, according to Glennon. Glennon connected this to food safety and the different ways producers have tried to keep their lettuce healthy and safe for consumers to eat.

“Here’s the problem with lettuce: It’s grown outdoors,” Glennon said. “Most food (that people eat) has been sterilized or pasteurized, so it will be pure. There is no kill switch for something that you’re going to eat raw.”

Glennon showed the audience a short clip of a lettuce processing plant and described each step that processors had to take to ensure the lettuce was clean and healthy enough for consumption.

The steps included chilling the lettuce to keep the cells alive and prevent wilting, sending the lettuce through a processor to the washer, where it was washed multiple times, and then to a spinner for an additional check to get rid of most of the bad bacteria.

Glennon then moved discussion to how the FDA traced the E.coli infected lettuce back to Yuma. He used a pathway chart to help explain to the audience the multiple steps of the complicated process.

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Above: Hilary Link and her family stand on stage during Dr. Mary Feeley’s speech at Link’s inauguration on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 in Shafer auditorium.

Below: The Allegheny College Choir performs at Link’s inauguration on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 in Shafer auditorium.

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Young returns to discuss business law and ethics

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Partner at Willkie Farr and Gallagher LLP and Allegheny trustee Michael Young, ’78, made his way back to campus to discuss business law and ethics.

The Bruce R. Thompson Center for Business and Economics in partnership with the Law and Policy Program invited Young to its Lunchtime Learning Speaker Series on Thursday, Oct. 17 to present his talk, “What Were They Thinking? How Honest People Go Bad ... A Little at a Time,” at 12:15 p.m. in Quigley Auditorium.



I have watched people who I would view as every bit as honest, decent and honorable as anybody in this room get five to 15 years, while, all the while, they thought they were continuing to be honest, decent, and honorable”

—MICHAEL YOUNG, ’78
Trustee,
Allegheny College

“I am delighted to be back here at Allegheny,” Young said. “I graduated in the class of 1978. I was an English major, so I am uniquely qualified to speak to the issues of ‘What were they thinking ... How is it that good people go bad.’”

Following his graduation from Allegheny, Young attended Duke University School of Law, where he was Research and Managing Editor of the Duke Law Journal.

“(Young) decided to seek his fortune in New York City, where he obtained a summer internship at Willkie Farr and Gallagher,” Carlos Sanchez, ’20, who introduced Young at the series.

Currently, Young serves as a litigation partner at New York’s Willkie

Farr and Gallagher LLP, where he is the chair of the firm’s litigation and security practice. Young was named one of the “top 100 most influential people in accounting,” by “Accounting Today” magazine.

Young’s work focuses on representing companies, audit committees, officers, directors, accounting firms and investment banks in the United States and international securities class actions, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s proceedings and special committee investigations.

In addition, Young has previously served as a member of the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Council, chair of the New

York City Bar Association’s Financial Reporting Committee and as counsel to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Center for Audit Quality.

Young has also authored and edited a number of books focusing on financial reporting, audit committee effectiveness and the role of independent auditors, including “The Financial Reporting Handbook,” “Accounting Irregularities and Financial Fraud” and “Financial Fraud Prevention and Detection: Governance and Effective Practices.”

Young began his presentation by explaining that no one is exempt from getting into trouble with the law.

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“Since (the inauguration of Timothy Alden), the college has been led by individuals of integrity and passion,” said Chair of the Board of Trustees Mary Feeley, ’78. “Now, President Hilary Link embarks on a new chapter of leadership and service to this great college.”

The inauguration of Hilary Link as the 22nd president of Allegheny College took place on Friday, Oct. 18 in Shafer Auditorium. The ceremony began with a procession comprised of international flag bearers, student delegates, the alumni council, torchbearers, delegates from other institutions, faculty and staff and trustees.

Following the procession, College Chaplain Jane Ellen Nickell requested that audience members silence their phones before standing for the invocation.

“As we come from many traditions, I ask you to pause for a moment and consider your own source of goodness and truth before I offer our invocation,” Nickell said. “On this day, when we inaugurate a new era at Allegheny College, we invoke the legacy of all who have shaped this school’s distinguished history and acknowledge that everything we do builds on their good work.”

Nickell asked for support from the Allegheny community, friends and honored guests before welcoming Feeley to the podium.

In addition to welcoming Link, Feeley also welcomed three former presidents of the college — President Emeritus James H. Mullen Jr., President Emeritus Richard J. Cook and President Emeritus Daniel F. Sullivan.

“Congratulations to the entire Allegheny community on this historic day and to President Hilary Link,” Feeley said. “I have no doubt that (Link) will carry on the best traditions of Allegheny and will create new traditions.”

City Manager of Meadville Andrew Walker, ’00, took the podium following Feeley.

“Dr. Link, our hope for you is that you will carry on the tradition of leadership and excellence that continues to define this institution and puts Meadville on the map,” Walker said. “We hope

that Allegheny College, under your guiding hand, will continue to level this hill and empower the students and faculty to see and experience the world through everything Meadville has to offer.”

Walker thanked Link for the opportunity to formally welcome her to Meadville before introducing Director of Gift Planning and 2012 Robert T. Sherman Distinguished Service Award Recipient Melissa Mencotti.

“It is my great honor to stand here today, representing the college’s staff and administrators, to tell you that my 279 colleagues and I are eager to work with (Link) to implement (Link’s) visions and goals for the college,” Mencotti said. “We face the future from a position of strength, with much to be proud of and so we look forward to (her) leadership and guidance as we work together in service to Allegheny.”

President of Allegheny College’s Alumni Council Gregory Ward, ’94, began his speech by asking all alumni in the auditorium to stand.

“We, the alumni of Allegheny, pledge our support to this remarkable college,” Ward said. “President Link, we stand ready to support you as you lead Allegheny in its third century. We will work tirelessly in partnership with you and today’s faculty, staff and students to provide the very best education found anywhere in the world.”

Ward also stated that the alumni will continue to “carry the torch for Allegheny” so that the college may continue to change lives.

President of Allegheny Student Government Jason Ferrante, ’20, was next to congratulate President Link. Ferrante recalled the role women have played in Allegheny’s history of the college during his speech.

In 1870, three women were admitted into the incoming class by the all male board of trustees, according to Ferrante.

“(The admission of women) was the first step that the college took towards equity for all,” Ferrante said. “Since its inception, Allegheny has been an institution led by presidents who until now have all been men, but in July, that all changed. Today, we celebrate Dr. Link and the promise of her leadership.”

Although many were sad-



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Above: Former Allegheny presidents James Mullen, Daniel Sullivan and Richard Cook join President Link at her inauguration on Friday Oct. 18, 2019 in the Tippie Alumni Center.

Below: President Hilary Link talks with students after her inauguration on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 in the Henderson Campus Center Lobby.



dened to hear about the retirement of Mullen in June 2019, Ferrante said it was also an extremely exciting time for the college.

“We had the choice for all to help us decide the future of the college,” Ferrante said. “It was a time for all of us to use our voices to guide the next chapter in Allegheny’s history.”

Ferrante concluded by offering a formal welcome to President Link on behalf of the student body.

“Welcome President Link,” Ferrante said. “(The students) are very excited to begin this journey.”

Professor of Political Science and International Studies Shannan Mattiace joined

Ferrante in welcoming Link. Mattiace then used her few minutes to explore the important role Allegheny and other liberal arts colleges play in democracy.

“Americans tend to exaggerate our exceptionalism as a country,” Mattiace said. “One way we are truly exceptional is the model of the liberal arts college.”

Mattiace spoke of Allegheny’s role in cultivating democratic values.

“From Allegheny’s founding in 1815, we’ve been in the practice of educating our students in civic responsibility — guiding them in the knowledge and ability to make thoughtful and ethical judgements on social issues,”

Mattiace said. “We are proud of our long tradition of cultivating values that support democracy, even as our ideas of democracy have changed over the years since our founding. ... May the values and beliefs that support and sustain our mission and our democracy continue to endure in the years to come.”

Professor of English at West Point Elizabeth Samet, a close friend of Link’s, was the last speaker welcomed to the podium prior to Link’s installation.

“My friendship with President Link dates all the way back to the seventh grade,” Samet said. Samet recalled spending evenings on the phone with Link, puzzled about the Latin syntax of the “Aeneid.”

“It is only right to confess to you now that she was always far less puzzled than I was,” Samet joked. “Had you told me in seventh grade that I would one day be an English professor at a military academy, addressing the Allegheny College community on the occasion of my classmate’s inauguration as its president, I would not have believed you. Even if I had, I could not have known how to read the map from there to here. Neither I suspect could your president, but as anyone can see, she is exactly where she needs to be.”

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University of Arizona Professor Robert Glennon gives his lecture, titled “Eating Lettuce: Is it Safe?” on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Ford Memorial Chapel.



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—ROBERT GLENNON
Regents Professor and Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Policy,
University of Arizona

“It’s just like something from CSI,” Glennon said. “So imagine in all the TV shows you see, you have a police detective that’s trying to figure out a serial killer. They start putting pins on the map, where the killer was, and who the victims were. They’re trying to puzzle out all of this information, trying to figure out exactly what happened. Well, that’s exactly what (the) FDA does.”

Glennon then described the second outbreak of E.coli that occurred, saying that it was originally thought to have been caused by cow manure getting into the water system where the lettuce was grown. When scientists went and checked, they did not find the E.coli there.

“The FDA tested the soil and they tested the manure, and they didn’t find anything,” Glennon said. “They didn’t find any reason (how) it got there. ... The FDA was not able to say conclusively that it came from the cows or this particular farm. All they could say was that it came from Yuma.”

Glennon described how the big businesses and fast food places like McDonald’s and Panera Bread did not care about where it came from or who was originally to blame for the outbreak. He used an example of if someone tried to sue Ford Motor Company for bad breaks, and Ford tried to push it off onto the company that made the breaks. According to Glennon,

Ford would still get in trouble.

“The rules that are happening when it comes to food safety are coming from those who have the most to lose,” Glennon said. “And the places that have the most to lose are places like McDonald’s, Costco, Walgreens — those are the ones that have the most to lose.”

Glennon ended his lecture by telling the audience that although it is hard to stop the sickness because of many factors, that does not mean people should stop eating lettuce, rather to just decide the best place to buy lettuce.

“I think we have to live with a certain amount of ambiguity and risk,” Glennon said. “And we don’t like that at all. We expect perfection. ... But when you’re eating something that’s been grown outdoors and hasn’t been cooked, perfection is a pipe dream. ... I think you’re more likely to get struck by lightning (then to get sick from lettuce), but there is a small chance, and it is real.”

ASG discusses student conduct, athletics and recreation

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Allegheny Student Government's general assembly meeting lasting for over an hour was not the only unusual occurrence Tuesday night.

ASG held its weekly general assembly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22 in the Henderson Campus Center and welcomed Associate Dean of Students for Community and Belonging, Justin Adkins, as a guest speaker.

"Over the summer things kind of shifted," Adkins said. "Joe Hall got a fabulous job in Cleveland, so he left. And when (Hall) left his job got blown up, and parts of it landed on what is now my new job."

Adkins explained that parts of the student conduct process have now become part of his position. Adkins has been working with Dean of Students April Thompson on what he called "a restorative justice process."

Adkins explained that the new restorative justice process came from matters students and ASG voted on and asked for last year regarding student conduct. Another part of Adkins' job is looking at belonging on Allegheny's campus.

"I'm also looking at belonging, and what that means at Allegheny," Adkins said. "There's a lot of student affairs research that says one of the things (that improves) retention and your academic

performance is if you have a strong sense of belonging in the school that you go to. ... So pretty soon, I'm going to begin working here with students on what can increase (their) sense of belonging at this institution."

Adkins presented the academic standards and non-academic standards from last year, and then went into detail about the new restorative justice policy and how it works. Included was the new framework and the referral process.

"A lot of people will talk about how public safety or their RA 'wrote them up,' but we don't have write ups at Allegheny," Adkins said. "What we really have is referrals. It's a referral for a conversation, based on what was observed."

According to Adkins, referrals are only reported after incidents, and sometimes the reported incidents did not occur exactly how they are stated in the referral.

Adkins used the example of a student urinating on the gator in the Gator Quad.

"I keep telling people that referrals are like the last two minutes of a movie," Adkins said. "I don't have the trailer. I don't have the sparknotes. I have nothing, just the last two minutes of the movie. So that's why the referral is just a referral for a larger conversation."

Using a flow chart to help show how the new student conduct and community standards process works, Adkins explained conversations between the person accused

and the Dean of Students Office, and how disciplinary warnings worked.

"A lot of people struggle to understand the difference between disciplinary warning and probation," Adkins said. "A disciplinary warning is a note in your record that stays for a specific amount of time. It means you are still in good standing at the college. It does not get reported externally, and sometimes, but not often, we may decide to talk to your guardian, your parents or your advisor."

Adkins added that probation means that a student is not in good standing with the college, and the majority of the time the parents and advisors are contacted.

One of the other significant changes to the community standards policy included agreement letters and the ability to reach an agreement between the student and Adkins' office.

"(Usually) you can come in and we can reach some sort of mutual agreement," Adkins said. "But if we don't, it goes to a hearing ... If it looks like it's just going to be a warning or probation, then the hearing will be of a panel of your peers."

After taking a few questions from the room, Adkins ended his presentation with a discussion of the new location of The Compass, and the goals that the office hopes to achieve through the new policy.

Adkins' presentation was followed by regular cabinet reports.

Director of Communications and Press David Roach, '21, discussed the upcoming promotion of the Loop, involving Chompers.

"We're going to be working with College Relations to do a promo for the Loop with Chompers," Roach said. "So Chompers is going to ride the Loop, and or any CATA lines,



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ASG holds a longer than normal general assembly meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, in the Henderson Campus Center.

which is really exciting. So keep an eye out for that, and if you are a person of 5'6" stature or taller, we are looking for someone to be Chompers."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Taylor Marzouca, '20, discussed the latest Council of Diversity and Equity (CoDE) meeting in her report, following Roach's.

"We brought up again the discussion about the United Methodist Church and the college's interactions with that," Marzouca said. "We spoke also about the master planning agenda. A lot of students got to attend focus groups with the architects, and that was really helpful for them."

Marzouca added that CoDE sent out a resolution to the administration about recognizing Indigenous People's Day over Columbus Day, along with the creation of a calendar for cultural events on campus.

A few reports later, Co-Director of Student Affairs Genesis Pena, '22, reported on the arrival of the feminine products dispensers.

"The feminine products have come in, finally, and the machines have been ordered, so we're just waiting on that," Pena said.

Following cabinet reports, the class of 2020 reported on a few of their upcoming events, including Operation Christmas Child and a celebration of the December 2019 graduates.

In his president's report, ASG President Jason Ferrante, '20, thanked everyone for helping during President Link's inauguration, and reported on the latest Board of Trustees meeting, which included the fact that Allegheny's retention rate is up over 4% from last year. Ferrante also reminded the room of the upcoming Blue and Gold Weekend and Gator Day.

During new business, Fer-

rante brought up the renovations to the Wise Center, which include getting rid of the racquetball courts and turning the weight room into a two-floor weight room.

"Athletics and Recreation has put a lot of money into the project, and they are now coming to us for a total of about \$10,000 to go towards that new room and equipment for that room," Ferrante said.

Senators motioned for a five-minute moderated discussion to further discuss the renovations. Once the timer buzzed, the senate opposed the motion to extend the moderated discussion. A vote on the request will take place later in the semester.

Following the discussion about the renovations the meeting closed at 8:12 p.m.



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—Justin Adkins
Associate Dean of Students for Community and Belonging,
Allegheny College

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"I have watched people who I would view as every bit as honest, decent and honorable as anybody in this room get five to 15 years (in prison), while all the while, they thought they were continuing to be honest, decent and honorable," Young said.

Young explained that people get in trouble with the law not because of dishonesty, lack of ethics or lack of integrity, but instead the pressure for results.

"The private sector expects results," Young said. "No truer words have ever been spoken."

These pressures can come from many different aspects of a company, including sales goals, loan covers and bonus objectives, according to Young.

"Let me give you a piece of legal advice," Young said. "Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission goes after CEOs, newly hired lower level employees and everyone in between, according to Young, who explained that he has watched people just out of school be investigated.

"The most difficult thing is to recognize if people are talking about doing something wrong," Young said.

Young presented the audience with two words he suggested everyone write down and remember for the rest of their careers.

"The first word is transparency," Young said. "The sec-

ond word is objectivity. If you are ever in a meeting where the company cannot be transparent, or if you are ever in a meeting where the company cannot be objective, you are in the danger zone."

Young defined transparency as telling things like they are, including the good, the bad and the dirty, and objectivity as not letting reports of bad news be influenced by the audience.

"If it is the truth, it needs to be said," Young said. "The alternative is much, much worse."

Young explained that as difficult as it may be, if students find themselves in situations where they are working for a company that cannot be trans-

parent and objective, they will need to voice their concerns.

"It takes courage to (voice concerns) and it might blow up in your face," Young said. "It is a judgment call you will have to make."

Transparency and objectivity are critical for both junior associates and CEOs, according to Young.

"I don't want anyone to leave this discussion with the impression that it is a sea of corruption out there," Young said. "If you keep in mind those two concepts, transparency and objectivity, I have every confidence that I will never find myself alone in a conference room with a sobbing CEO from Allegheny College."

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It's never too late to create a life worth living

The importance of living each day like it's your last, because it very well could be

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There is an old, wise saying that goes, “Live everyday like it is your last because you never know if it will be,” and unfortunately that phrase resonates with everyone — young, old or in-between. Matthew Stafford, the quarterback for the Detroit Lions, and his wife Kelly know the importance of living true to that statement each and every day.

Thursday, Oct. 17, marks six months since Kelly Stafford underwent surgery to remove a non-cancerous brain tumor, a 10-hour surgery in which her husband and three little children patiently sat in the waiting room in hopes to talk to their wife and mom again. Instead of Matthew Stafford being under center, in control of the game, on the grandest stage in front of thousands of screaming football fans, he was in unfamiliar and terrifying territory. There was no chance to audible in this situation, no way to scramble out

of disaster, and a last second Hail Mary couldn't even save the day — this was real life.

Although the diagnosis of the acoustic neuroma was not life threatening if taken care of, the news halted the Stafford's lives instantly. Kelly Stafford, only 29 when she received the diagnosis, couldn't have imagined this being a part of her story, but is it ever possible to prepare for news like this? She is the mother of beautiful girls, and her husband is a quarterback in the NFL. Everything seemed like it was perfect — until it wasn't.

Naturally, even though the tumor was not life threatening, fear crept into the back of Kelly Stafford's mind. She released a statement after the procedure that her biggest fear going into the surgery was not coming out, saying, “What if this thing gets taken out and something goes wrong? What if something happens before that? My biggest fear is not being here, and not being here to raise my girls.”

With a 50% chance that

she could lose her hearing and a potential for partial loss of facial function, Kelly decided that she needed to attack this situation just as her husband attacks football: head on and as positively as possible. That positivity is exactly what allowed her to be where she is today. Just months post-operation, Kelly is an inspiration to many as she posts high intensity workout videos on her social media accounts — defying all odds and doing it with style

In a situation of despair, her foundation was not shaken, and she leaned into Detroit as her support system. Now she lives stronger than ever to tell her story, and inspire others to take advantage of the time they have on Earth, because she knows first-hand what it feels like for the future to be unclear.

We hear these inspirational stories about triumph all of the time, with Pennsylvania-native NFL player James Conner being one of the most well-known. Being diagnosed with cancer during his time as

the star running back for the Pittsburgh Panthers football team, Conner never gave up on his dreams of making it to the NFL.

After 12 rounds of chemotherapy, he received the news he was cancer free, and the following season he was back in the football huddle. In 2017, his amazing story continued when he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and was able to play for the city that stood behind him during his whole battle with cancer. If that story doesn't give you goosebumps, I don't know what will.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of stories that don't have a miraculous ending. Some people are served with much more difficult pills to swallow. Sometimes, there is no light at the end of the tunnel to work toward, and that is when the rubber truly hits the road, and you are faced with what could be the toughest situation you will ever make: what do I want to make of my life while I still have the opportunity to?

As somber as it is, too many people and families face this situation on a daily basis. Good people are taken from this Earth too early, with no warning. It is unfair, but it is reality. These people, the people who have the impossible battles, are the ones that have the best outlooks on life.

Stuart Scott, a well-known and beloved ESPN sportscaster and anchor who lost his battle to cancer in 2015, stood on the stage of the 2014 ESPY Awards as he accepted the Jimmy V Award for bravery. He brought each and every person in the audience at home to tears with his heart felt acceptance speech. Knowing that his time on Earth was near the end, he looked to inspire those who may walk in his shoes one day saying, “When you die, it does not mean that you lose to cancer, you beat cancer by how you live, why you live and in the manner in which you live.” He ended his speech in the most “Stuart Scott” like way, inviting his two daughters up on stage for a warm embrace.

When he passed away a year later, millions mourned the loss of this beloved man.

Kelly Stafford, James Conner and Stuart Scott, although we don't know them on a personal level, can all be used as role models for the way life should be lived. Too often do we find ourselves in situations where we could have done something different — we could have made that phone call or we could have tried harder.

The great thing about life is that it is never too late to start living your best life, because at the end of the day, we are all fortunate for each and every day we have on this Earth. When your time has come to an end, you want to be remembered for the impact you have made on people's lives, being your true authentic self. The materialistic things don't matter. Live for the little things, say “I love you” way too much and take advantage of the life you were given — it's a blessing in disguise.



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Foundation of a great nation

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Patriotism is an extremely hard concept to grasp, and an even harder concept to explain, because of the endless amount of interpretations that are tied with both negative and positive connotations. By definition, patriotism means, “love or devotion to one's country,” but in modern-day culture, this terminology seems to lack importance in its entirety.

As a part of the millennial generation, I feel as if we are losing the level of importance of what it means to be a part of something that is much larger than us — that being the community of citizens that makes up the United States.

The history of the U.S. is decorated with rich moments of morality and moments of despair and discrimination. What stands firm to this day, though, is that we as a nation are continuously working toward creating an atmosphere that is demanding better of and for all. As Americans, we have a lot to be proud of and certainly a lot to be thankful for.

Thousands of brave young men and women have put their lives on the line, fighting to protect this country and the lives of those who call the U.S. home. But what does that really mean, and why is that phrase used so frequently?

In the U.S., our laws and regulations are guided by the

Constitution of the United States, a document in which outlines the rights of each and every citizen. This document, although to some may just seem like a piece of paper, gives us freedoms and rights that other places around the world aren't fortunate enough to have.

For instance, the First Amendment of the Constitution — which states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances,” according to Constitution Project — gives Americans the ability to practice whatever religion they desire, protest anything and express their opinions freely, even if it directly opposes the current government in place.

This specific freedom is not available in other places of the world. For instance, in North Korea, citizens are expected to remain extremely loyal to the state and, specifically, its leader Kim Jong-un. The freedom to practice personal religion or express dissenting opinions is prohibited, according to a study done by “Freedom in the World” in 2019.

In Saudi Arabia, there was the “Women to Drive Movement” that Saudi Arabian women carried out because, up until 2018, this was the

only country in the world that prohibited women to drive, according to “The Women to Drive Movement.”

None of this is to say that unfortunate circumstances do not exist in the U.S. We, like any nation, are far from perfect, but it's important to recognize that the freedoms we have should not, and cannot, be taken advantage of because there are people around the world who may wish they had the freedoms and opportunities that are available in the U.S.

Those exact rights are what our brave young men and women in the military fight for. They fight to defend those rights — not the physical rights themselves, but the freedoms that come with them. Fighting for these freedoms is not supposed to be seen as narcissistic, in that we as Americans believe we are superior to the rest of the modern world, but we believe that these rights are meant for all. If we set the precedent, there is hope that others will follow in our footsteps.

For a large percentage of the American population, we are of immigrant descent in one way or another. Personally, I am of European descent, and my great-grandfather came to the U.S. from Italy by himself when he was 16 years old in search of a place with much more opportunity than he had in his homeland. That desire to be better, do better and to make something better

for yourself is how I view the American dream. That is exactly why I am proud to be an American.

I encourage everyone, especially younger generations, to love their country, whether it is the U.S. or elsewhere. In the modern day, it may seem like there are more negatives than positives, and that the polarization within the U.S. and around the globe seems to be unsolvable, but in times like this, it is even more important to unite as one people.

We look around and see constant complaining and bickering, whether about politics, world affairs or even basic individual opinions. I am not a politician, but I do know that the only way to make any type of progress is to work together from a place of love and respect.

As an American, it should not be frowned upon to be proud of your roots — I definitely am. Knowing your roots, being proud of where you come from and exemplifying what it means to be an American should be something we take great pride in.

Think of patriotism as a family. Without love, loyalty and respect, a family would fall apart. In fact, those very characteristics are what builds a strong foundation in which you build a family. The same goes for a country or a nation. I am proud to be an American, and intend to use the freedoms of living in this great nation to prove that.

‘Joker’ – could it incite violence?

Joker's Violence Causes Massive Outbreak of fear

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“Joker,” the new movie directed by Todd Phillips, is sparking excitement all across the United States for DC Comics and Joker fans alike. Unfortunately, a significant number of people do not feel the same about the release of the movie and originally wanted to prevent it from hitting theaters. This is because the film sends an ill-suited message: A mentally ill man is glorified for committing acts of violence.

People believe this relates to the U.S., where thousands of citizens are currently affected by mass shootings or some type of gun violence. A mass shooting is defined as a shooting incident that kills or wounds four or more people. There were 372 mass shootings in the U.S. in 2015 that killed 465 people and injured 1,870, according to BBC News. This high number of mass shootings continues to increase each year. Some even believe that the movie might motivate certain individuals to take on the Joker's personality and imitate his violent actions.

The villain's persona has already influenced someone to commit domestic terrorism in the past. In 2012, James Eagan Holmes went to a theater in Aurora, Colorado, that was showing a midnight screening of “The Dark Knight Rises” and opened fire at the audience, killing 12 people and injuring 70 others. According to the police, he told them he was the Joker when he was

taken into custody.

The new “Joker” movie also reminded people of a horrific clown epidemic that occurred in 2016, which sparked concern that the movie might promote copycats in the near future because of certain scenes and events. During the trend, individuals would dress up as clowns and scare people during the day and night. Some occurrences would go no further than spooking people, but others would cross the line when the clowns made threats or, in some cases, actually attacked other people. Some of the scenes in “Joker” show people rioting and committing violent acts while wearing clown masks.

Even though these concerns are legitimate, the movie release was not going to be stopped because it was a popular movie concept. Some reviewers believe that it might win Academy Awards and break October box office records because of the work put into it by the producers Bradley Cooper, Emma Tillinger Koskoff, Todd Phillips (who, for this movie, doubled as the director), cinematographer Lawrence Sher and the actor who played the role of Joker, Joaquin Phoenix.

It is unfortunate that Americans are feeling this fear at all; people are hoping that the film does not motivate acts of violence of any kind. Therefore, if anyone sees anything suspicious of any kind, they should speak up. It could potentially save lives.

••••• New opportunities to study away •••••

New Experiential Learning seminars offered spring break, summer

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While students may be aware that Allegheny College offers myriad ways to travel for class credit, they may not be able to take a semester or more to explore and learn off campus. Long-term study away programs may be feasible for some, but Experiential Learning Seminars are designed for students who want to travel abroad within the confines of a typical class year.

ELs usually count as two or four credit courses, and take place over spring break or shortly following the end of the spring semester. Courses range from about one to three weeks in duration and take students all across the globe. This spring, Allegheny will be hosting six ELs on four continents: Paris, Barcelona, Oslo, Norway; Belize; Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos; Colombia; Ukraine, Moldova; and Yellowstone, Yukon.

"A Melting Pot or an Unwelcoming Host?: Europe in the Era of Globalization & Migration" will take students to Paris, Barcelona and Oslo, Norway, over spring break from March 13 to 22.

Led by Stephen Onyeiwu, professor and chair of the Economics Department, and Lucinda Morgan, director of international education, the trip was inspired by research into the impacts of globalization on immigration, according to Onyeiwu.

"We thought that this was a very good time to experience these changes in Europe, especially immigration," Onyeiwu said. "We felt that an EL

that focuses on immigration would be very valuable for our students to understand the dynamics of this phenomenon."

Along with the study of globalization and immigration in Western Europe, Onyeiwu said that ELs are also an opportunity for students to learn how to travel and experience the world, an essential part of education in a globalizing world.

"I have this joke I normally tell when I'm (preparing) students for an EL," Onyeiwu said. "Learn how to go through security at the airport."

Led by Kirsten Peterson, director of health professions office, and Jim Fitch, director of career education, students will travel to Belize from May 17 to 30 for an international service-learning course titled "Poverty & Health: Social Issues in Belize."

The course will center on service work within a Mayan community, the Qeqchi' people, who "are struggling to preserve their cultural identities and traditional livelihoods in the face of the 21st century factors that range from globalization and climate change, to narcotics trafficking and high unemployment," according to the International Education office.

While Peterson has led four ELs to Nicaragua in the past, it will be her first time taking a class to Belize. The class will partner with 7 Elements, an organization that focuses on mental and social health, as well as physical health, within a community, according to Peterson.

"We'll be doing building projects (and) healthcare ed-

ucation, ... but the point is that we're working with the community not for them," Peterson said. "I think that's an important distinction. The community decides what they need and what their priorities are, and we work with them to help accomplish those things."

"Wars and Waterways," an EL led by Associate Professor of Communication Arts/Theatre Ishita Sinha Roy and Professor of Biology and Neuroscience Lauren French, will take students to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos from May 12 to June 5.

The course will follow the Mekong river and the impacts of climate change on the region. The course will provide students with non-Western perspectives on topics like the Vietnam War, which can take students out of their comfort zone, according to Sinha Roy.

"We want students to understand the river not just as a physical entity or a geographical entity, but in terms of the politics, history, culture, ecology and global health aspects," Sinha Roy said.

According to Sinha Roy, ELs are especially valuable because of the friendships and education that students carry with them for life. Allegheny provides a rigorous itinerary during ELs that could not be found cheaper through a third-party travel service, Sinha Roy said.

If students cannot wait until May to escape the snow in Meadville, Colombia will be approximately 86 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit from March 13 to 22, according to Wilfredo Hernández, associate professor of Spanish.

Led by Hernández and Professor of Political Science Shannan Mattiace, "Culture and Politics in Contemporary Colombia" will be one of the two ELs featured over spring break in 2020.

According to Hernández, he and Mattiace have both visited Colombia multiple times over the past few years and had incredible experiences.

"Not many people know about Colombia," Hernández said. "What people know about Colombia tends to be what (the TV show) 'Narcos' depicts. I saw that the country had reinvented itself."

The EL is broken into two contrasting parts as students will visit the modern, fashionable city of Medellín for three days followed by three days in Cartagena, a well-preserved colonial town, according to Hernández.

Focusing on the 1980s to the present, Hernández will cover aspects of Colombian culture while Mattiace will incorporate Colombian politics. Much like the disparity in weather from Meadville in March to Colombia, the EL course emphasizes contrast.

The deadline to apply for the Colombia EL has been extended to Monday, Oct. 28, according to MyAllegheny. Interested students should contact professors Mattiace or Hernández.

Kenneth Pinnow, professor of history, will lead an EL to Ukraine and Moldova. He has led ELs to Ukraine five times, and to both countries twice. The trip runs from May 12 to June 2 and focuses on "the challenges facing newly independent nations since the col-

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Associate Professor of Communication Arts/Theatre
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lapse of the USSR," according to the international education office.

The course is tailored to students of all departments and examines the role of history in the shaping of national identity, Pinnow said. The course will examine popular memory and monuments across the two countries.

"We get into the complicated messiness of history," Pinnow said. "It's a really good way to see history alive and how history matters in a fundamental way to what goes on in our lives."

The deadline to apply to the trip has been extended to Oct. 28, according to MyAllegheny. The EL is specifically tailored to the interests of students on the trip and interested students should visit Pinnow during his office hours.

"Spine of the Continent: The Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative," an EL led by Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability Casey Bradshaw-Wilson and Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability Kelly Pearce, will allow students to traverse a

portion of the Yellowstone to Yukon habitat corridor..

The trip will take place from May 11 through 25, and students will visit Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, and Banff National Parks. According to Bradshaw-Wilson, this is the largest area of connected land ever attempted for conservation, and the primary effort is to protect large mammals like the Grizzly Bear.

"Yellowstone and Banff are both the first national parks in their countries (U.S. and Canada respectively), ... hitting both of those is really important in terms of thinking about protected land and what that means for people," Bradshaw-Wilson said.

The application deadline for this course has been extended to Oct. 28, according to MyAllegheny. Interested students should contact the professors to apply.

Some students may not be able to incorporate a semester abroad into their collegiate experience, but ELs offer students an opportunity to see the world, learn about new cultures and make connections that can last a lifetime.

Campus Asks

If you could travel anywhere in the world for a study-away experience, where would you go and why?

"I would go to China to try to further my understanding of the Chinese language and try to expose myself to having to use it more fluently and proficiently in day-to-day conversation rather than just in class."

Sarah Mayer, Class of 2022

"If I could go anywhere for a study away experience, I think we should take students to Asia and the Middle East, also to Vietnam because there aren't a lot of programs we offer that go. We offer a lot to go to big universities like in Spain, France, Paris and big cities like that, but we do not offer a lot that go to smaller areas."

Emily Kauchak, Class of 2021

"If I could go anywhere in the world, I would want to choose one of the smaller island nations that aren't really represented because I think it would be cool to just be a part of their culture and learn about a life on those islands."

Molly Nelson, Class of 2021

"I would probably say South Africa. It's a country whose history is interesting and illuminating and it would be great to learn more about South African history and their politics and where they're moving forward in the future. I feel like a study away for a semester would really solidify that."

Nicholas Ripper, Class of 2021

"Probably South Korea because I like the food, and it would be cool to learn more about the culture and practice the language in a real life setting."

Maya Ginter-Frankovitch, Class of 2022

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Associate Professor of Music James Niblock, '97, led the inauguration choir in Non é tempo by Marco Cara before Feeley welcomed Link to the podium.

"Hilary, the board of trustees unanimously selected you, twenty-second president of Allegheny College," Feeley said. "We know that you will not let our faith or confidence waver. As for virtue, we know you will ensure that Alleghenians continue to stand up for what is right."

Link's spouse, Jeffrey, and two of their three sons, Alexander and Zachary, joined her on stage to help her change her hood during her invocation. Link's oldest son Jason could not join them for the inauguration. However, during her remarks, Link mentioned that Jason was "hopefully watching (the livestream) in Rome." Although it took a few tries to get correct, Jeffrey helped Link change the hood on her academic dress.

"I'll tell you (the hoods) are hard, especially along with the hat," Feeley said.

Once Link's hood was officially changed, she took the podium for her first remarks as an inaugurated president.

"I can't tell you how emotional it is for me to be here with you all, in large part because so many people have gathered to celebrate this historic moment for the college," Link said. "This wonderful special moment is Allegheny's and it is mine, but it also belongs to all of you."

Link began by thanking the members of the inauguration committee, her husband and sons, extended family and dear friends who traveled from across the state, country



EMILY RICE/THE CAMPUS

Dr. Mary Feeley delivers her speech during Hilary Link's inauguration on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019, in Shafer Auditorium.

and world to join her.

"There are people here from every chapter of my life," Link said. "You have all been part of this journey, and if I am here today, it is in some large part because of you."

Among those who could not physically attend the inauguration was Link's mother who could not travel due to illness.

"(My mother) is hopefully able to rejoice in the thrill of her daughter being named the first female president of this great institution," Link said. "(My mother) and my father, who is here, deserve so much credit for raising me to believe I could achieve whatever I wanted, even as an undergraduate double major in art history and Italian."

Link mentioned that she wished she had had the foresight to respond to everyone who asked her what in the world she was going to do with her degree.

"What can you do with a degree in the humanities or liberal arts in general from a great school, like Stanford in my case or Allegheny?" Link questioned. "Pretty much anything you want."

Allegheny matters more than ever in great part because it provides students with the interdisciplinary education they will need to solve complex global problems according to Link.

"In 2013, my family and I left New York on a life changing adventure," Link said. "We did not have a fixed sense of term limits for the move. We vaguely said we would know when it was the right moment to return. I think we figured that one out."

However, Link argued that one does not need to get in an airplane, car or bus to gain an understanding of who we really are or our place with respect to others. Instead, people must be humble and open

enough to see things from another viewpoint.

"Academic institutions like (Allegheny) have an obligation to not be a walled world where we are all the same and feel safe," Link said. "We owe it to our students to give them the tools and the strength of self to interact with, confront and be the other, and hopefully to find some way to connect with or even just coexist with those who might even oppose who they are and what they believe."

Link cites her reading, studies and immersion in the Italian culture have been her "bridge to elsewhere" and changed her.

"A liberal education is about gaining the power and wisdom, generosity and freedom to connect," Link said.

Before the recession and conclusion of the inauguration, the inauguration choir and ceremonial brass led the audience in the alma mater.

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Gator football confident after first season victory

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Celebratory touchdown dances were on display on Saturday, Oct. 19, when the Allegheny football team had a 49-0 blowout win against Kenyon College.

This win will be Head Coach Richard Nagy's first of the 2019 football season. Allegheny welcomed Nagy as the 35th program head coach earlier this year when Head Coach B.J. Hammer resigned. Nagy brings promise to the Allegheny football program, having 32 years of previous coaching experience. Nagy also exhibits coaching levels at both Division I and Division III levels.

The Allegheny Gators started the game strong with a tackle for a minimum gain by senior defensive lineman Austin Hoyt, '20, and Cameron Schadl, '21. The Gators were able to put a stop to Kenyon's offensive line early and continue to hold steady throughout the game. Meanwhile, Allegheny's offensive line scored touchdown after touchdown on Kenyon.

"I feel great about the win," said wide receiver Dwaine Barber, '20. "As a team, we executed everything in the game plan on the offense and defensive side of the ball."

Looking to the future, receiver Alex Victor, '20, is anticipating their next games. "I anticipate us taking (the remainder of the season) one game at a time and trying to

go 1-0 every week for the rest of the season," Victor said. "Winning 49-0 was super fun, but I wish we could have put up 70. It's fun being out there with your brothers playing that game that you all love."

Kenyon was not able to keep up with Allegheny's defense or offensive pressure throughout the game. The Gators scored 14 points in the first quarter, 21 in the second, and rounded out the scoring with an additional 14 points in the third.

"It finally felt good displaying how good a team we actually are, having our offense, defense and special teams clicking together as a game plan," Victor said. "(It) was a great feeling."

The Gators will look to build upon this win to create

a streak and gain confidence as the season progresses.

The Gators had a rocky start to their season facing position changes, playbook changes and a new coaching staff with the hiring of Nagy. The Gators are looking to be as prepared for their upcoming games as they were against Kenyon.

The blowout win has seniors confident they can finish the season off strong, especially Barber, who anticipates more wins for the Gators in coming weeks. "We plan on finishing the season off strong and try to accumulate four more wins," Barber said.

In their remaining games of the season, the Gators will face off against DePauw University, Hiram College (homecoming game), Wooster Col-

lege (senior night game) and Oberlin College. Last season, Allegheny faced DePauw and won with a close score of 20-19.

The DePauw game takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 in Greencastle, Indiana. The following week, on Saturday, Nov. 2, Allegheny will host its Homecoming game against Wooster at Frank B. Fuhrer Field. Hoyt said the win against Kenyon will help motivate and give confidence to the team in the games to come.

"Because we all believe we are well prepared, this game (against Kenyon) gave us a great amount of confidence going into our next game, but as a whole, we like to play with confidence," Hoyt said.

Hoyt described the win as



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—ALEX VICTOR
Class of 2020,
Allegheny College

a "confidence booster."

"(The win) really showed what we are capable of when we come together as a team and as a unit," Hoyt said. "Right now, we are just trying to win out so the seniors can leave with a good taste in their mouths and leave the younger guys with some confidence going into the next season."

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GATOR CHECK IN FINAL SCORES

Football

Saturday, Oct. 19 against Kenyon College
Final Score: 49-0

Men's Golf

Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20 at Denison Virtues Shootout
Final Score: 1st of 8

Women's Cross Country

Saturday, Oct. 19 at Gettysburg Invitational
Final Score: 1st of 26

Men's Cross Country

Saturday, Oct. 19 at Gettysburg Invitational
Final Score: 2nd of 28

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, Oct. 19 against Ohio Wesleyan University
Final Score: 0-3

Women's Soccer

Saturday, Oct. 19 against Ohio Wesleyan University
Final Score: 2-1

Men's Soccer

Saturday, Oct. 19 against Ohio Wesleyan University
Final Score: 0-5

Men's Soccer

Tuesday, Oct. 22 against Hiram College
Final Score: 2-0

Field Hockey

Wednesday, Oct. 23 against Oberlin College
Final Score: 3-0

Women's Volleyball

Wednesday, Oct. 23 against Hiram College
Final Score: 0-3

Women's Soccer

Wednesday, Oct. 23 against Hiram College
Final Score: 1-0