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FOOD THAT'S GREAT FOR THE SOUL:

MEET VICKY GIDDENS

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In the city of McKeesport, Vicky Giddens, called “Vicky’s Soul Grill,” is a new catering business, thanks to Penn State’s Mon Valley Launchbox. The Launchbox is an organization formed by Penn State to help entrepreneurs and small business owners make their dreams a reality.

“I got involved with the Launchbox through a program called ideal boundary. Ideal boundary introduced them to my business,” Giddens said.. She went on to thank Eric Ewell and Aaron Wigham, who both introduced her to the Launchbox kitchen on Ninth Avenue in McKeesport.

There, she learned how to run a restaurant.

Giddens comes from a family of cooks. “As a little girl, I watched my father as a chef. When he cooked at home, he dressed in a chef hat and checkerboard pants, a towel, and an apron and I never understood why until I went to work with my father,” she said,

Giddens explained that when she saw her father perform a four-person job, she knew right then and there that’s what she wanted to do for a living.

Giddens also said that her long-term goal is to open her own restaurant, featuring healthy cuisine. She wants to also be supportive to the community and help bring jobs back. She also would like to have a catering franchise.

When she’s not at the Launchbox, Giddens can be found at Monroeville Mall, where she has a dessert stand at the food court. She features sweet potato pie, peach and apple cobbler, and different types of cakes.

To enjoy Vicky’s cuisine, order food directly by calling Vicky’s Soul Grill at 412-596-5367 and/or visiting her at the Launchbox on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 8pm. Order also through Grubhub and Uber Eats.

EDITORS NOTE: For a longer story about Vicky Giddens and her Launchbox success, see the winter edition of The GA-zette, available March 1.

VICKY'S SOUL GRILL
WE DON'T JUST FEED THE BODY, WE NOURISH THE SOUL!

ENTREES	FISH DINNER
2 Piece Chicken and 2 BBQ Rib Bone with 3 Sides - 17.99	2 Piece Fish Dinner with 2 Side - 15.50
1/2 Slab BBQ Ribs with 3 Sides and 4 Cornbread - 30.99	3 Piece Fish Dinner with 3 Side - 16.99
DESSERTS	FAMILY MEAL DEAL
Peach Cobbler - 3.50	8 Piece Fried Chicken with 3 Large Side - 29.99
Sweet Potato Pie - 3.50	8 Piece Baked Chicken with 3 Large Side - 39.99
CHICKEN DINNER	FAMILY BBQ DINNER
2 Piece Chicken Dinner with 2 Side - 13.98	1 Whole Slab Rib with 4 Side and 6 Cornbread - 38.99
3 Piece Chicken Dinner with 3 Side - 15.50	1 Whole Slab Rib with 4 Side and Dinner Roll - 38.99

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PSUGA THON DANCERS HELP RAISE MILLIONS

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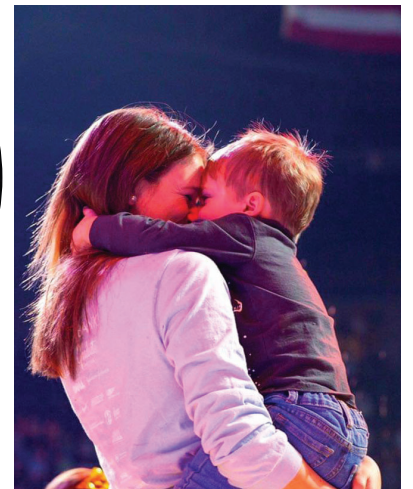


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Congratulations to Sophomore Civil Engineering Major, Tyler Barry, and to Freshman Criminal Justice Major, Sydney Fedor, who were on their feet on the court of The Bryce Jordan Center for 46 hours during the 47th Annual THON weekend, helping to raise more than \$11.7 million.

Thanks to the generosity of campus faculty, students, staff, and the local community, Greater Allegheny THON Captain, Senior Business Major, Megan Trunk, said \$5,000 was raised through a craft show, from selling popcorn and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, working Fright Night at Kennywood Park, managing concession sales at home basketball games, and through THON's traditional direct mail campaign.

Founded in 1971, THON is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. It raises money for childhood cancer research and support.



PROVOST, EXECUTIVE CHANCELLOR, MEET STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY



The Greater Allegheny campus played host to Penn State leadership from University Park on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Joining Greater Allegheny Chancellor, Dr. Jacqueline Edmondson, (second from left) during the campus meetings were (left to right): Interim Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Dr. Donald Welch; Edmondson; Executive Vice President and University Provost, Dr. Nicholas Jones; and Vice President for Penn State Commonwealth Campuses and Executive Chancellor, Dr. Madlyn Hanes.

Among the topics discussed during the meetings were: impact of coronavirus on PSU; admissions and retention; fundraising; strategic planning; Penn State 2025; 2FA for students to protect their accounts from hackers; employee paid leave for childbirth and/or aging family members; housing and food security and; the new Penn State GO app.

Veterans at PSUGA... Report for Duty!



The Veterans' Club of Penn State Greater Allegheny invites veteran students, alumni and faculty to get involved on campus and in the community. Meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month in the Frable Building (room TBD) during Common Hour. All military branches are welcome to attend and join a support network of fellow vet students, continue patriotic service in the local community, build camaraderie through team-building activities and events, and learn more about vet education benefits and employment opportunities.

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Ask about the Veterans Club GroupMe app to get regular updates!

NEW CLUB SEEKS TO “SERVE” CAMPUS VETERANS, COMMUNITY

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Penn State Greater Allegheny’s newly-formed Veterans Club held its first meeting of the spring semester during Common Hour on Jan.29. The students in attendance showed their fellow veterans support as they verified military education benefits, shared ideas for team building events, and discussed their new position as an official club on campus.

“We’ve never really been officially recognized as a club until Fall 2019,” explained Dave Davis, admissions counselor and faculty advisor of the Veterans Club. Davis also has 28 years of military experience in the U.S.Army as a combat engineer and engineer officer. “We always had meetings as a loose association of veterans... this past year we had some veterans interested in becoming a formal club. So, we petitioned student government, made a constitution, and we’re recognized as a club.”

“It took a while for us to get our constitution enacted and to become a club, but we’re now fully functioning,” stated Jeff Holden, vice-president and junior majoring in supply chain management. Holden is a retired U.S.Army veteran with 20 years of service in active duty. During that time, he served multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Our goal right now is to build and try to bring together the other veterans together here on campus,” said Marc Bailey, president and senior IST major.

“Our goal is to get them a platform to voice their opinions and build camaraderie among the actual veterans and to grow that program.” Bailey spent seven years active duty in the Army and currently serves in the PA Army National Guard.

Of the many topics discussed during the Veterans Club meeting, organizing community outreach and engagement was a top priority. Some suggested reaching out to local, elderly veterans and assisting them with lawn care or other physically demanding tasks.

“Our plans are to become actively engaged in our local community here in McKeesport and the Greater Allegheny area with different nonprofit organizations that are both veteran affiliated and non-veteran affiliated,” Holden explained. “The idea is that in the near future, we’re going to start community service projects within our group that will be sponsored, and non-veteran students will be able to help out and volunteer.”

However, The Veterans Club meetings are more than just business. The students made plans for a veterans bowling event in White Oak and discussed organizing a white-water rafting trip at Ohiopyle.

“We can come together and talk about our experiences and what we see in our classes,” explained Nicole Covelli a veteran student whoserved five years in the Navy as a master-at-arms. “Vets understand.”

Davis estimates there are about 25 veterans attending Penn State Greater Allegheny as students this semester. All branches of the military are represented, with the U.S.Air Force in the lead for most students. “Don’t be afraid to talk to veterans,” Bailey says to the students of PSUGA. “We’re actually more willing than you think to actually talk about our experiences. The parts we can talk about, obviously, but we’re definitely okay with people asking questions about our service.”

The Veterans Club decided to conduct future club meetings every second Wednesday of the month during Common Hour where members will continue to support each other and organize events to serve campus and the local community. The meetings will be held in The Frable Building, room TBD.

“Less selfish, more selfless,” said Davis, describing PSUGA’s veteran students. “They’ve served selflessly to our nation and they want to continue that service here on campus.”



PSUGA Veteran Students, from left to right: Chris Harrison, IST major, Army Nathaniel Rega, communications, Air Force Marc Bailey, IST major, Army Jeffery Holden, supply chain management, Army David Davis, admissions counselor, Army Nathan Hoskins, security and risk analysis major, Navy Nicole Corelli, accounting major, Navy Montez Elash, Psychology major, Navy.

OPINIONS...FROM WHERE WE SIT

LOVATO AND ME AND A POWERFUL STORY

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Photo of writer and Demi Lovato after Cleveland, Ohio concert, courtesy of Host VIP.

Hollywood—Sun. Jan. 26,— The Grammys were back for another year. As expected, there were long-awaited many performances, including Lizzo, Ariana Grande, and Usher. One performance I needed to hear was from Demi Lovato. It was announced in early January that Demi was making her performing comeback on the Grammy's stage.

Demi Lovato has always been a huge advocate for combatting mental illness, body image, and substance abuse. In July of 2018, Lovato suffered from a near drug fatal overdose. This was her first performance back since that tragic incident.

Demi Lovato performed her new single titled, "Anyone." In an interview with Apple's streaming service Beats 1, and host Zane Lowe, Lovato revealed that this song was written and recorded four days before the news broke about her overdose. She explained that you can "hear the cry for help in the original recording."

When Lovato took to the stage, she was shown in a beautiful white gown, designed by Christian Siriano, it

can symbolize healing and peace.

During the performance, she became overwhelmed with emotion and had to pause and start over. The audience applauded and encouraged her to go on. The second time she started her song, she belted out all the pain she felt during that dark time in her life.

One thing that I love about music is how healing and therapeutic it can make you feel. Music is a fantastic outlet to channel your feelings, but as Lovato states in her single, sometimes your outlet only helps you so much. Sometimes you need to take responsibility for yourself and get the help that you need.

I have been a "Lovatic" for many years now, following her at concerts in Pittsburgh and around the country. Of course, I connected to her music, however she was very outspoken about issues that I was experiencing while I was in school. She was very outspoken about bullying and she was open about her story. She then went through treatment for body image issues and mental illness. While going through all these difficult experiences at such a young age, she continued to fight and release powerful music.

Just like Lovato says in her song, we always need someone "Is there anyone?" Always reach out to someone... Anyone.

YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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With the presidential election closing in on less than nine months away, it is time for the timeless question, "Does my vote really matter?" And the answer is yes, your vote does matter. It is one of our biggest rights as citizens of the United States of America and we often take it for granted. Being able to vote for those who make decisions that affect you is something we should all be interested in. Whether it is for mayor, governor or president, this vote can end up affecting your life directly. You may think to yourself "My vote is worthless, millions of people vote each election, what is my one vote going change?" This should not be the attitude to have when it comes to elections, in this case, the presidential election.

As a 23-year-old, I have been legally allowed to vote in only one presidential election, in which I did not participate. I was the person who had these thoughts that my vote did not matter and I did not want to waste my time.

But as you get older you start to realize and learn that voting is something that is very important. You, as one person, may not totally change the outcome of the election, but what if five-million other people have the same mindset?

If every single eligible voter placed their vote in all the past elections, I would be willing to bet that at least one presidential outcome would have been different.

I believe as American citizens, our ancestors fought so hard for us to have a voice in political events. With so much controversy happening over the 2016 election, it should make us more willing to go out and cast our vote. At the end of the day, it is unrealistic to force everyone to vote, but we should try our best individually to get involved and have a say in our future.

MALE MENTORSHIP: BRIDGING THE GAP

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Growing up, I lived in a single parent household. My mother raised my siblings and me—it was tough. This is where having caring uncles and mentors helped to fill the void of not having a father figure at home.

Fast-forward to Penn State Greater Allegheny (PSUGA) where I enrolled in an African-American Male Mentoring Program (AAMMP) course during my first semester.

This course, now titled “Jones & Stewart Scholar Leadership Program,” is taught by Professors Anthony Mitchell and Johnathan White. The name change came from the likes of Dr. Terrell Jones and Dr. James B. Stewart, who both championed equity initiatives.

Coming into college I didn’t really know what to expect, being a kid from the inner-city of Pittsburgh and going to high school with students who were predominantly black.

Brother White impacts everyone who comes through that class and they leave with a better perspective, not only about school, but life as well. “I was always driven to be great, so I wanted the same for every student who comes through the program,” White said. “Watching Brother Mitchell was like a father figure but in an Afro-centric way, giving love and watching it come back.”

Brother Mitchell also taught us life lessons and guided us in the right direction, showing he really cared about his students. Both of them teaching collectively was like a Kobe and Shaq-type duo in the classroom, with Professor White being more radical and giving us tough love, like Kobe, while Brother Mitchell had more of a dominant presence and resilience about him.

In this course, we all shared our life stories about growing up--how we got to this point was surprising to hear our stories, with some of my classmates coming from similar inner-city communities and single parent households. This allowed me to let my guard down and helped me realize that I wasn’t alone and that there are people like me.

I would encourage any male student to join this course because it helps create a brotherhood and educate you at once. If you are interested, talk to your academic advisor to enroll you in the course.

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BALLOU INSPIRES STUDENTS TO CARRY ON DR. KING'S LEGACY

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A standing-room-only crowd of Penn State Greater Allegheny faculty and staff, along with students from five western Penn State campuses, welcomed Pittsburgh native and Penn State alumnus, Jeff Ballou, to the campus in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 20.

Ballou delivered the morning's keynote address, "The ABC's of Every Lion Counts," which was his reflection on Dr. King's question to America, "Where do we go from here?" and his legacy of continuing to fight for social and economic justice.

"The year 2020 is a pivotal year in so many ways," Ballou said. "My remarks use Dr. King's remarks as a prism to address how we must take a hard look at how to correct the declining access to an education, hunger, a lack of civility, and to also strengthen our student, alumni and broader community."

Ballou highlighted the problem of income inequality in America. When it comes to the differences between white and black households, "the income gap is wider," he said. "Dr. King would have said something is very wrong with this formula. "Dr. King called for basic economic safety nets, such as a guaranteed minimum income, long before anyone heard of Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren."

Dr. King was not afraid to build coalitions and to take on powerful people and interests in society, and Ballou encouraged the students to be willing to do the same--hard work for society both in college and after graduation.

Ballou is a candidate for the Penn State Board of Trustees, but he wanted the students to know that there is life "outside of Centre County." "The world does not begin and end at University Park, where Penn State is headquartered," he told the students. "Use the sense of community you found inside Penn State." He encouraged them to return to their respective campuses to help strengthen community partnerships.

Ballou, grew up in Homewood, graduated from Taylor Allderdice High School, and started his college experience at Penn State Greater Allegheny (McKeesport) before moving on to University Park, where he completed a bachelor's degree in journalism and African American studies.

In 2017, Ballou served as the 110th and the first African American male president of the National Press Club in 2017. He has received several professional honors from the Radio Television Digital News Association, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the Associated Press.



Jeff Ballou and the crowd in the Ostermeyer Room

Ballou met individually with students, including here, shown with Senior English Major, Shannon Reid.

PSU “LION” ALUM TAKES STAGE IN “CATS”

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Photo Courtesy, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust



Penn State Alumnus, Alex Dorf, has been cast in the “Cats, The Musical National Tour” that is headlining around the country, including a stop at The Benedum Center in Pittsburgh. Dorf received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre in 2017. He chose Penn State because he is from Lancaster PA, so it was “an in-state option.”

Dorf is no stranger to the stage. “I started doing theatre when I was eight years old. There are two major theaters where I grew up in Lancaster County. One is called the Fulton Opera House and one is called The Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, and I basically just grew up doing shows at these theaters throughout my childhood,” he said

In the Pittsburgh performance, Dorf is cast as a swing, a performer who has many roles, such as an understudy to chorus and dancers. He states that this tour is based on the Broadway revival.

“It brings a fresher and renew version.” With the show being revamped, Dorf says that the show has a loose plot, but the message of the show is “forgiveness and accepting people that you would not normally accept.” Dorf also says Tony Award-winning choreographer, Andy Blankenbuehler, choreographer of the very popular Broadway show “Hamilton”, has choreographed this tour.

Penn State Greater Allegheny students can always get discounted tickets to performances like this at https://trustarts.org/pct_home/events/university-student-tickets and click on Penn State.



GREATER CHANGES IN CAFÉ METRO

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Café Metro is where students, faculty and staff can grab a bite to eat while they are on campus. “Now we have items that you can tailor how you want them to be made, such as the Mediterranean Bowl and Quinoa Bowl,” Housing and Food Services Manager, Anthony Orlando, said. “We try to make sure that there is always a dish for vegans and vegetarians, too.” Students can locate these certain dishes that are labeled with the letters (V, M, and P) standing for vegan, meatless and “containing pork.”

“It’s great that we have different options to choose from now, especially me, because I don’t eat pork”, said Sophomore Criminal Justice major, Evan Miller.

Students seem to take notice of the changes on the prices and menu changes such as on the salads, deli wraps and subs. Orlando added, “Some students that commute have problems paying for food because they believe the prices are too high. Having the commuter meal plan can help take down those prices.”

“I like that the Café Metro has a commuter meal plan because it makes it slightly cheaper to buy food. The 10 percent isn’t the 65 percent the people in the dorm get, but it’s better than no discount,” said Senior Communications major, Kenny Rouse.

“The plan is to try to develop a made-to-order system, allowing everyone’s experience to become a lot easier with making their food according to their liking,” Orlando said. Students can also suggest ideas to Orlando to inform Penn State’s culinary board and, hopefully, add the request ideas to the new menu, a menu that is updated every two months.

There are job opportunities available, too, besides food, so any student interested in working in the Café Metro can talk to Orlando in the Housing and Food Services Office or contact him by email at ajo@psu.edu



RAVEN SOLOMON—ONE VOICE FOR MULTIPLE GENERATIONS

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“Obstacles add value to our lives and often lead us to deeper understanding of our life’s purpose.”

These are the words of entrepreneur and motivational speaker, Raven Solomon, who made a recent appearance at Penn State Greater Allegheny to deliver one of her messages to students attending a session on career planning. As a keynote and motivational speaker, her job is to set a powerful theme or message that underlines whatever she is speaking on at that time.

Solomon worked in Corporate America, but a combination of stress and an epilepsy diagnosis made her become the person she is today--an entrepreneur and founder of the Center for Next Generation Leadership & Professional Development.

Her corporate skills, coupled with her personal story, now help others to thrive past their obstacles in life. The origins behind her motivation to be a keynote speaker started off with other speakers.

“I guess, in particular, I saw speakers speak to crowds,” stated Solomon, “and as I watched, I wanted to do that. I could be that. I did not need to be rich or popular, as long as I had the powerful message.”

Solomon’s point of view gave her the idea to deliver powerful messages to this current generation of millennial students. Simon T. Bailey, her mentor and friend, gave Solomon the idea to spend time with people to motivate them. Bailey is a speaker, but his words do not stop there. His other work dives into being an author, life coach and entrepreneur. His talent has reached others through his twelve books on success and ways to help shape a life.

Starting in New York, he began igniting a transformation in people to make them change for the better. “If you want to be significant, then join me on this journey,” he said. His work experience and finding that spark encouraged Solomon to follow in his footsteps.

Solomon’s time spent with others is an experience to a person’s opinion of determination. She relates to those struggling from “The Hood,” trying to make a difference in their lives to make goals a reality. In addition, she learned mannerisms to use for her audience.

“One thing I did pick up was the attention to body language that needed to make a powerful message during my time talking,” explained by Solomon. “The biggest thing I learned is the power of the story. The way people can connect to a story you tell on stage, while finding that one compelling story is the recipe to a powerful message.”

Solomon helps people of all generations relate to sharing her stories to connect to the audiences. She can speak to an office of number crunchers and then change her to fit to college students in a matter of seconds. “If you can relate to someone in sneakers, then you’re relating to your audience.” Solomon has completed her goal to relate with Penn State students, for she made a relatable story become a goal--everyone can make a dream come true.

Solomon used her time off stage, while at Greater Allegheny, talking to students, without any difficulty. “First I’m still young and youthful. Second, I’m a person and I love to feel like everyone does,” Solomon explained. “I’m emotional and real, so it helps. I tailor the message to help me speak your language.”

She is not a machine or a program. Solomon is a person who can relate to others. Her visit to Greater Allegheny expressed to students to learn the value of chasing dreams. Her love to this generation of college students...students sharing the same childhood as Solomon...relating to stories when they were children...Generation Z and Millennials have their voice in Raven Solomon.

FINANCIAL AID: DON'T LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE

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Students seeking financial aid and scholarship assistance should take a moment to read these tips and tactics that will help with the application process. Bob Heyl, the campus financial aid coordinator, has made it easier for students to find scholarships by using the Penn State Greater Allegheny (PSUGA) website. Heyl said, if students aren't aware of it "then someone hasn't been checking their email".

To stay on top of applying for financial aid, Heyl suggested three key tips that to assist students in receiving the most money every year. The first tip to applying for financial aid, according to Heyl, is to know when the application process starts. "Every year, around the first or second week of October is the best time for a Penn State student to start applying for financial aid," Heyl said.

"Knowing when the month and day that application starts is the key to a student receiving as much financial aid as expected."

The second tip is making sure the application gets done as soon as possible. Heyl couldn't stress how important it is, noting that he sends out weekly emails to all students, letting them know how close they are to the May 1 deadline. "The sooner it's done, the better chance students will have at receiving all the money they were expecting."

Finally don't be afraid to ask for help. Students can even email Heyl at rwh23@psu.edu anytime to schedule a meeting.

Scholarships can also help with tuition costs, but can be a problem to get without the correct assistance and help. Difficulties can occur when scholarships are hard to find, especially ones "that do not align with who you are as a student and your personality," Heyl said. For example, Google just isn't the best source for finding scholarships, unless being stuck with thousands of pages is "your thing." Being stuck with many pages where thousands of others can see it, is like a needle in a haystack.

Heyl suggested, for a student of PSUGA, to use the access to the campus website to search the many scholarships and grants available that will help make finding scholarship money easier.

Heyl created a scholarship game plan to make the search easier. All a student has to do is go to the PSUGA website and click on the tab that says "Tuition and Student Aid." On the left side of the screen, click the tab that says "Scholarships and Awards."

There are three options to choose from when searching. The first option is the PSUGA scholarship, the next option is the university-wide scholarship, and the third is the external scholarship.

A new improvement to the PSUGA website now includes a filter engine. This filter engine allows a student to narrow searches to more specific scholarships based around the student's personality and interests, Heyl said. For example, cat lovers looking for cat scholarships are not hard to find. Also, if students consider themselves "weird," finding a scholarship for being weird is out there.

So, when it comes to applying for financial aid and scholarships, first, be aware. Always make sure to remember when the application starts. Get it done early to avoid worrying about it. Finally, go to the PSUGA website, make a game plan, and track what scholarships and grants to apply for to get the most money possible.



SCHOLARSHIP GAME PLAN

Scholarship Name & Web Address	Application Deadline	Scholarship Criteria	Required Information & Documents	Notes

BLACK STUDENT UNION BRINGS DECADE OF SUPPORT

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President of the Black Student Union, Armani Isaac, holding a mural created by student members of the BSU for Black History Month.

The Black Student Union (BSU) makes its presence known on campus by representing and showing support not only for black students, but all students who feel that their voice isn't being heard on campus. BSU started at Greater Allegheny almost a decade ago.

"We care about making sure students graduate and develop professionally, especially our African American students here on campus," said Sophomore Biobehavioral Health major and BSU President, Armani Isaac.

"The Black Student Union's vision is to encourage students of color to reach graduation and to become successful in whatever they choose to do with their life afterwards," Isaac added. "It is also important to be able to offer all students an additional resource to benefit from. For example, this past December, BSU held a student-led unity talk.

BSU is known to step out-of-the-box by breaking down controversial boundaries, and by not conforming to society norms. BSU is a place where students are allowed to freely express themselves and not be judged by the things they say or how they say it.

Besides Isaac, the BSU is also led by Student Affairs Associate Director, Justin Dandoy, and Residence Life Coordinator, Michael Jones.

The club currently has 35 members and is always looking to expand. Anyone interested in joining can email Isaac at axi49@psu.edu. Club meetings are hosted twice a month, with the next ones scheduled for March 10 and 24, and April 7 and 30, during Common Hour in the Traina Room, located in the Student Community Center.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2020

Dates: March 4 and 25, April 8 and 22

Meeting Location: Student Offices in the lower level of the Student Community Center (SCC) Time: Common Hour

SGA elections will happen in April, Recruitment happening now
Check out SGA's voter registration events throughout campus in the months to follow.

DORM LIVING COUNTS FOR CENSUS 2020

Story by staff and news reports

It's 2020—another new year and a new decade, and, with the latter, comes Census 2020!

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Census statistics help determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and how billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to state and local communities for the next 10 years.

Students who live on college campuses, including those in the dorms at Greater Allegheny, will be required to respond, because as the Census Bureau states, "college students should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020."

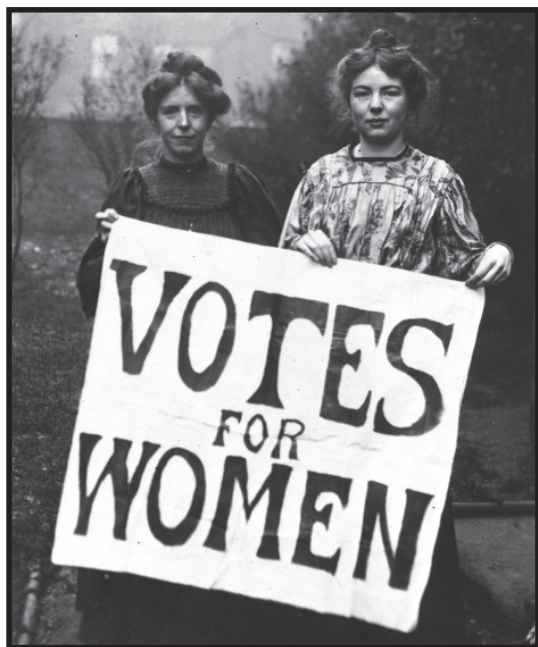
For the first time, most people can respond online, in addition to phone or mail, as was customary for decades. For most students, that means in their college town, not back home with their parents. Parents or guardians should only include children in college who live with them full time during the school year. They should not list college students studying or living abroad on April 1.

The census will ask a few questions about each resident, such as age on Census Day (April 1, 2020), sex and date of birth.

For more information about the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT—WOMEN’S RIGHT TO VOTE CAMPUS CALENDAR OF EVENT

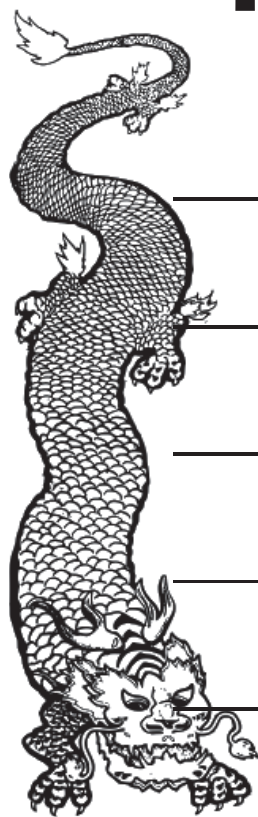


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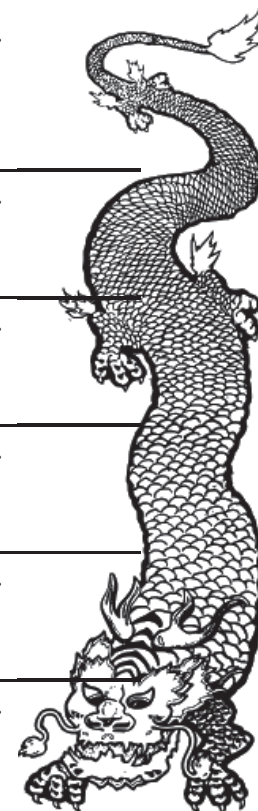
- 3/2/2020, 12:15pm – Café Metro:
Craft session for Suffragette banners and sashes
- 3/3/2020, 12:15pm – Throughout Campus:
Wearing Colors of Suffragette Movement and Process in a Campus-wide march
- 3/17/2020, 12:15pm & 5:00pm – Café Metro:
Film Screening of the movie, “Suffragette”
- 3/26/2020, 12:15pm & 5:00pm – Café Metro:
Film Screening of the Ken Burns’ documentary, “Not for Ourselves Alone”
- 4/2/2020, 12:15pm – Ostermeyer. Room:
PA Rep. Summer Lee presents: “Democracy in Action”

Throughout the month, there will be additional events, including poetry readings and voter registration. Keep checking PSU e-mail for updates!

TEACHING INTERNATIONAL: Spring 2020



Thursday, March 5, 2020	Wayne Yeung- Writing at the Time of the Protests: Contemporary Hong Kong Literature and Social Movements	12:15P.M.-1:15P.M. Ostermeyer Room, SCC
Monday, March 23, 2020	Mary Collins- Chinese Gesture Painting Art Work- shop	12:15P.M.-1:15P.M. Frable 310
Thursday, April 2, 2020	Rep. Summer Lee- Democracy in Action	12:15P.M.-1:15P.M. Ostermeyer Room, SCC
Thursday, April 9, 2020	Mimi Jong- An Erhu Performance	12:15P.M.-1:15P.M. Ostermeyer Room, SCC
Monday, April 13, 2020	Mary Collins- Art Workshop and seed Bomb Work- shop	12:15P.M.-1:15P.M. Frable 310
Monday, April 20, 2020	Darrell Moore- Tai Chi Workshop	12:15P.M.-1:15P.M. Ostermeyer Room, SCC



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