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THE SCRIPT

The University of Pittsburgh Athletics family strives to achieve comprehensive excellence by working together tirelessly to build bridges to the community, our supporters and the history of our university. Pitt Athletics has tremendous expectations for our student-athletes, coaches and staff and our shared commitment to excellence fosters an environment of achievement and inspires our teams to perform to The Gold Standard.

OUR BRIDGES



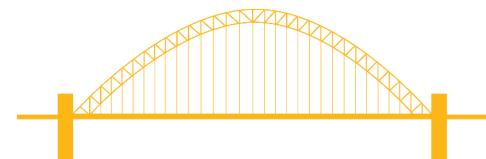
STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE 365

We provide extraordinary experiences for our student-athletes, giving them a foundation for success beyond their college careers.



INTEGRITY ALWAYS

Integrity is the highest governing value in how we lead and shape future leaders.



PERSISTENCE IN PURPOSE

Like the city we call home, we show resolve, passion and toughness in pursuit of The Gold Standard.



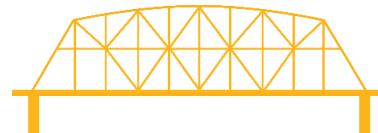
UNITE AND ENGAGE

Pitt Athletics serves as a source of pride connecting the university's past, present and future, while creating meaningful relationships.



INNOVATE AND CREATE

We are forward-thinking in all that we do, creating new ways to achieve, lead and inspire.

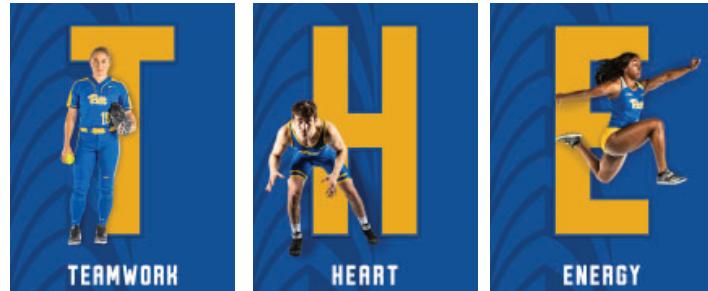


CHAMPIONS LIVE HERE

Pittsburgh is the City of Champions. We prepare to win and expect success.



THE GOLD STANDARD



“Our 475 student-athletes are united in the goal to achieve at the highest level possible in the classroom, in the community and in competition. That is the Gold Standard for Pitt Athletics.”

Director of Athletics
Heather Lyke



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Xavier Johnson
Men's Basketball



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A LETTER FROM HEATHER LYKE



Dear Panthers:

In this year's Annual Report you will find a 12-month chronicle of Pitt Athletics. The 2018-19 year of competition witnessed many milestone moments and achievements by our Panthers.

Our accomplishments were not limited to the athletic arena. We also take great pride in our student-athletes' work in the classroom, community and from a professional development standpoint. Those successes are also documented in this annual report.

Achievement should be celebrated. It should also serve as inspiration to reach even loftier heights in the future. Our own Dan Marino once said, "You can do more. You can always do more." The Hall of Fame quarterback's words serve as our daily reminder of the importance of striving to get better each day.

While we are making progress with the team of coaches and staff we are building, we are cognizant of the fact that much work is still to be done. Our goal for our student-athletes is to make coming to Pitt and participating in athletics one of the most extraordinary experiences in their life. And our goal for the department is for Pitt Athletics to rank among the finest overall athletic programs in the country. Working together, we can achieve these ambitious goals.

Thank you for your tremendous support and investment into Pitt Athletics. You are integral to helping us build a championship future for our student-athletes. You are a valued and invaluable teammate!

Hail to Pitt!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Heather Lyke".

Heather Lyke
Director of Athletics



(L-R) Kenyon Bonner, Kamalani Akeo, Darrin Hall & Heather Lyke
Panthers Choice Awards, April 15, 2019

NCAA APPEARANCES



Volleyball



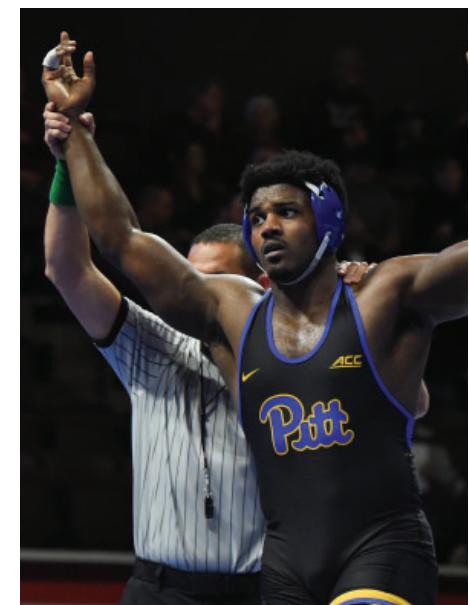
Nino Bonacorsi
Wrestling



Kellen Stout
Wrestling



Samy Helmbacher
Swimming & Diving



Demetrius Thomas
Wrestling



NCAA APPEARANCES



Micky Phillipi
Wrestling



Taleb Rahmani
Wrestling



Amy Reed
Swimming & Diving



Sam Shields
Cross Country



Sydni Townsend
Track & Field



Blaise Vera
Swimming & Diving



Brittany West
Gymnastics

ACC CHAMPIONS

Pitt captured five Atlantic Coast Conference titles in 2018-19 and now has won 23 championships in five seasons as a member of the league.

2018-19 ACC TITLES

- Pitt won a pair of ACC team titles with volleyball capturing the ACC crown for the second consecutive season and football winning the ACC Coastal Division championship.
- Micky Phillipi (133) and Demetrius Thomas (285) captured ACC titles at the 2019 Wrestling Championship.
- Greg Lauray broke his own school record to claim the high jump title at the 2019 ACC Indoor Championship.

PITT ACC INDIVIDUAL TITLES

[Micky Phillipi, Wrestling - 133 \(2019\)](#)

[Demetrius Thomas, Wrestling - 285 \(2019\)](#)

[Greg Lauray, Men's T&F \(I\) - High Jump \(2019\)](#)

[Desiree Garland, Women's T&F \(I\) - 400m \(2018\)](#)

[TeShan Campbell, Wrestling - 165 \(2017\)](#)

[Dom Forys, Wrestling - 133 \(2017\)](#)

[Taleb Rahmani, Wrestling - 157 \(2017\)](#)

[Desmond Palmer, Men's T&F \(O\) - 400m H \(2016\)](#)

[Andrew Wells, Men's T&F \(I\) - Weight Throw \(2016\)](#)

[Desmond Palmer, Men's T&F \(O\) - 400m H \(2015\)](#)

[Mikey Raciato, Wrestling - 149 \(2015\)](#)

[Max Thomusseit, Wrestling - 184 \(2015\)](#)

[Tyler Wilps, Wrestling - 174 \(2015\)](#)

[Carvin Nkanata, Men's T&F \(I\) - 200m \(2014\)](#)

[Carvin Nkanata, Men's T&F \(O\) - 200m \(2014\)](#)

[Brycen Spratling, Men's T&F \(O\) - 400m \(2014\)](#)

[Tyler Wilps, Wrestling - 174 \(2014\)](#)

[Men's T&F \(I\) - 4x400m \(2014\)](#)

[M. Murray, C. Nkanata, D. Palmer, B. Spratling](#)

PITT ACC TEAM TITLES

[Football - Coastal Division \(2018\)](#)

[Volleyball \(2018\)](#)

[Softball - Coastal Division \(2018\)](#)

[Volleyball \(2017\)](#)

[Wrestling - Regular Season \(2014\)](#)



Micky Phillipi
Wrestling



Football - Coastal Division



Greg Lauray
Men's Track & Field



Demetrius Thomas
Wrestling



Back-to-back ACC Champions
Volleyball

ACC HONORS



Layne Van Buskirk
Volleyball



Jimmy Morrissey
Football

ALL-ACC

Flora Ahiarakwe	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Nino Bonaccorsi	Wrestling
Nina Crawford	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Daveon Finley	Outdoor Track & Field (1st)
Sarah Giamber	Swimming & Diving
Olivia Gray	Softball (2nd)
Darrin Hall	Football (3rd)
Samy Helmbacher	Swimming & Diving
Mike Herndon	Football (3rd)
Grant Jones	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Alex Kessman	Football (3rd)
Edward Kizza	Men's Soccer (1st)
Greg Lauray	Indoor Track & Field (1st)
Greg Lauray	Outdoor Track & Field (1st)
Zach Lefever	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Hunter Levesque	Softball (2nd)
Kayla Lund	Volleyball (1st)
Nika Markovic	Volleyball (1st)
Stefano Millin	Football (2nd)
Jimmy Morrissey	Football (3rd)
Qadree Ollison	Football (2nd)
Javi Perez	Men's Soccer (2nd)
Connor Perry	Baseball (3rd)
Micky Phillipi	Wrestling
Niko Popa	Baseball (2nd)
Taleb Rahmani	Wrestling
Alex Scheivert	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Nikki Scherer	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Crockett Schooler	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd, 2x)
Sam Shields	Cross Country
Nate Sloan	Outdoor Track & Field (1st & 2nd)
Kollin Smith	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Demetrius Thomas	Wrestling
Syndi Townsend	Indoor Track & Field (2nd)
Syndi Townsend	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd, 2x)
Layne Van Buskirk	Volleyball (1st)
Blaise Vera	Swimming & Diving (3x)
Noah Walker	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
Derek West	Baseball (2nd)
Stephanie Williams	Volleyball (1st)
Matt Wilson	Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)



MICKY PHILLIPPI - WRESTLING
ACC MOST VALUABLE WRESTLER



ACC HONORS



DAN FISHER - VOLLEYBALL
ACC COACH OF THE YEAR

SYDNI TOWNSEND - TRACK & FIELD
ACC OUTDOOR FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

TEAM REPORTS



BASEBALL

- Captured the program's first victory at national powerhouse Florida State in a 10-0 shutout.
- Secured a series victory over No. 11 North Carolina at Charles L. Cost Field in May.
- Nico Popa (2nd Team), Derek West (2nd Team), Connor Perry (3rd Team) landed on the All-ACC teams
- Nico Popa (1st Team) and Connor Perry (2nd Team) earned ABCA/Rawlings All-Region honors.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Placed two student-athletes, Jasmine Whitney and Cassidy Walsh, on the Academic All-ACC squad.
- Junior Jasmine Whitney posted her third straight 100+ assist season as she became just the third Panther to post three straight seasons of at least 100 assists.
- Scored 91 points in an ACC victory over North Carolina, the most points the Panthers have scored in any ACC game in program history.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Pitt posted four wins over NCAA Tournament qualifiers, including a 75-62 win over then-No. 11 Florida State Jan. 14.
- Jared Wilson-Frame became the third player in program history with back-to-back seasons with 70 or more three-point field goals. He closed his career with a Pitt record 2.69 three-point field goals per game.
- Xavier Johnson became the first Pitt player to earn All-ACC Freshman Team honors. He set Pitt freshman records for scoring, double-figure scoring games, 20-point scoring games and free throws made.



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Placed 10th at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional, the program's best finish in the past 11 years.
- Registered best NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional team finish since 2006, finishing ninth of 15 teams.
- Nick Wolk landed on All-ACC Academic Team for the third straight year.



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Recorded their second straight top 10 team finish at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regionals, placing ninth.
- Sam Shields became the second Panther ever to earn All-ACC Cross Country honors, placing 16th at the ACC Championship.
- Shields also finished 10th at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional to receive All-Region honors.

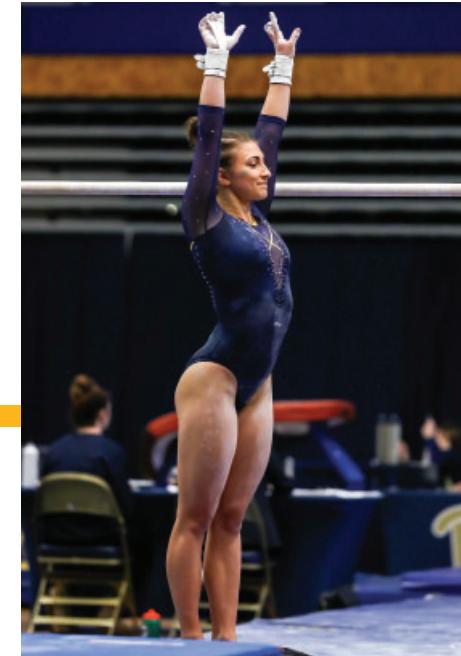


FOOTBALL

- Used a four-game winning streak late in the season to secure the program's first ACC Coastal Division title.
- Defeated Georgia Tech, Syracuse, Duke, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest in ACC play to earn the right to face Clemson in the Dr Pepper ACC Championship Game in Charlotte.
- Finished with a 5-1 record at Heinz Field, including a flawless 4-0 mark against ACC opponents at home.
- Produced six All-ACC players, including second-team running back Qadree Ollison and offensive tackle Stefano Millin.

GYMNASICS

- Brittany West became the first individual Regional qualifier on beam since Lindsay Offutt competed in 2016 (all-around).
- The Panthers garnered 13 EAGL All-Tournament honors, with seven gymnasts represented.
- Six Panthers earned All-EAGL honors, with four landing on the first team and two earning second team recognition.



MEN'S SOCCER

- Recorded two wins over ranked opponents in No. 7 Virginia and No. 12 NC State.
- Midfielder Javi Perez became the second player in program history to be selected in the MLS SuperDraft.
- Edward Kizza finished the season tied for third in single-season program history for goals (15) while ranking fifth all-time in single-season points (30).
- Kizza (first team), Perez (second team) and Chandler Vaughn (freshman) were each named to the All-ACC Team.
- Kizza (second team) and Perez (third team) were also each voted to the United Soccer Coaches All-South Region Team.

TEAM REPORTS



WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Opened the season on a four-match unbeaten streak with three wins and one draw.
- Celebrated Randy Waldrum's first win as the Panther head coach and his 400th career victory as an NCAA women's soccer head coach with a 2-1 win over Ohio in the season opener.

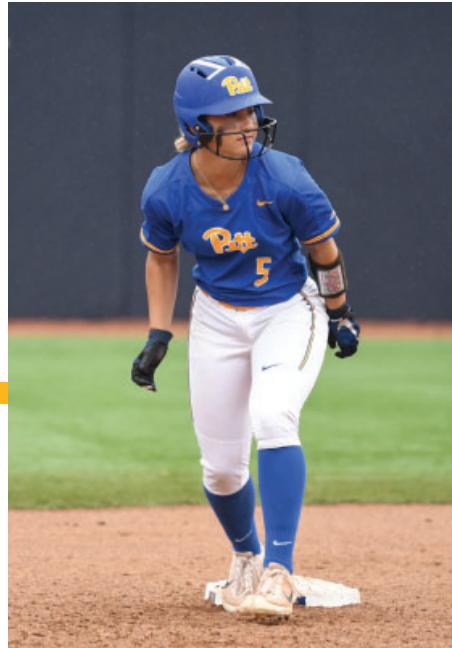


MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

- Set 14 Pitt school records at the ACC Championships.
- Blaise Vera qualified for three ACC championship finals, earning a silver medal in the 100 Free.
- Samy Helmbacher also claimed an ACC medal, bringing home bronze in the 400 IM.
- Vera and Helmbacher qualified for the NCAA Championships in three individual events apiece, giving the Panthers multiple men's swimmers at nationals for the first time since 2002.

SOFTBALL

- Olivia Gray (second team) and Hunter Levesque (second team) were both named to All-ACC Team
- Hunter Levesque was voted to NFCA Mid-Atlantic All-Region Second Team.
- Olivia Gray was named to the All-ACC Academic Team, becoming the first student-athlete in program history to be a four-time honoree.



WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

- Set six Pitt school records, including two relay records along with Krista Jones breaking the platform diving record.
- Diver Amy Read posted a top-10 finish on platform at the ACC Championships and qualified for the NCAA Championships; Read competed on 3-meter springboard and platform at NCAAs, finishing as one of the top freshmen in the nation in both events.





WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Posted a perfect 1,000 APR score for the fifth consecutive year.
- Claudia Bartolome reached the highest singles ranking in program history, checking in at No. 76 in the Oracle/ITA rankings.
- Fell to Notre Dame in the opening round of the ACC Championship in the final match in program history. Pitt announced it would discontinue women's tennis as an intercollegiate athletics program Jan. 10, 2019.



TEAM REPORTS

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

- Sydni Townsend was named Second Team All-American in the 400m hurdles as she finished 14th at the NCAA Championships. Townsend earned a pair of Second Team All-ACC honors at the ACC Outdoor Championships, finishing third in the 4x400m relay and fourth in the 400m hurdles. Townsend also earned Second Team All-ACC honors with a sixth place finish in the 400m at the ACC Indoor Championships.
- The women's 4x400m relay quartet of Nikki Scherer, Flora Ahiarakwe, Nina Crawford and Sydni Townsend took home fourth place at the Indoor ACC Championships with a season-best time of 3:41.60.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

- Greg Lauray cleared a school-record 2.19m to become the fourth individual in Pitt history and first in the high jump to be crowned as an ACC Champion.
- The Panthers posted a program-best finish at the ACC Outdoor Championships as they took home fourth place with 62 points, the most points scored at the ACC Outdoor Championships in school history.
- Pitt had three student-athletes earn First Team All-ACC honors, Nate Sloan (2nd - 1500m), Daveon Finley (2nd - 110m hurdles), Greg Lauray (2nd - high jump).



VOLLEYBALL

- Earned the first outright ACC Championship title in program history.
- Achieved the highest single-season winning percentage (.938) and highest ACC single-season winning percentage in program history (.944).
- Posted the most wins (30) in a season since 1990.
- Head Coach Dan Fisher was named AVCA East Coast Region and ACC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.
- Four Panthers - Kayla Lund, Nika Markovic, Layne Van Buskirk, Stephanie Williams - earned AVCA All-America, AVCA All-Region Team and All-ACC First Team honors.



TEAM REPORTS



WRESTLING

- Reached as high as No. 13 in the country in the NWCA Coaches Poll and defeated four ranked opponents.
- Served as the host institution for the 2019 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships at PPG Paints Arena March 21-23. Five Panthers wrestled on the national stage in downtown Pittsburgh.
- Four wrestlers reached the ACC Championship finals with Mickey Phillipi and Demetrius Thomas capturing titles. All four were named to the All-ACC Wrestling Team.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

- Heather Lyke announced on Nov. 1, 2018 that Pitt Athletics will add women's lacrosse as a varsity sport. The program will play its inaugural season against NCAA Division I competition in the 2021-22 academic year.
- Lyke announced the hiring of Emily Boissonneault as the first head coach in Pitt lacrosse history Friday, June 28. Boissonneault has spent the past four seasons at James Madison helping guide the Dukes to three Colonial Athletic Association [CAA] Conference Championships, four NCAA Tournament appearances and the 2018 National Championship.
- Boissonneault served as an assistant coach with the Team Canada U19 National Team, which won a silver medal in August at the 2019 World Championship in Peterborough, Canada.
- Boissonneault was hired as an assistant coach with the JMU lacrosse program in July 2015 and was promoted to associate head coach in July 2018. She was primarily responsible for running JMU's defensive unit and also served as the program's recruiting coordinator.
- JMU reached four consecutive NCAA Championships, which included winning the 2018 National Championship, with Boissonneault on the sidelines. She helped lead the Dukes to a 62-22 (.738), including an impressive 22-2 (.917) mark in CAA play. JMU won each of the past three CAA championships and posted a 5-3 mark in NCAA Tournament play over the past four seasons.





#PRO PANTHERS

2018-19 PROFESSIONAL DRAFT PICKS

Dan Hammer, Baseball	Baltimore (13th Rd)
Qadree Ollison, Football	Atlanta (5th Rd)
Javi Perez, Soccer	LAFC (3rd Rd)
Connor Perry, Baseball	Detroit (28th Rd)
Derek West, Baseball	Houston (14th Rd)



Dan Hammer
Baseball



Javi Perez
Men's Soccer



Connor Perry
Baseball



Derek West
Baseball



Qadree Ollison
Football

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Head Football Coach Pat Narduzzi with his 2019 graduating class.

2018-19 Academic Performance Overview

- 298** • Student-Athletes who earned a 3.0 or greater GPA in the fall term
- 297** • Student-Athletes who earned a 3.0 or greater GPA in the spring term
- 230** • Pitt Student-Athletes were named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll for 2018-19 (Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better)
- 95** • Student-Athletes made the Dean's List during the 2018-19 spring term
- 30** • Pitt Student-Athletes named to All-ACC Academic Teams for their sports
- 30** • Student-Athletes who earned a 4.0 term GPA during the 2018-19 academic year
- 15** • Members of the gymnastics team named to the EAGL All-Scholastic Team
- 13** • Teams with a 3.0 cumulative GPA for the 2018-19 academic year
- 11** • Teams that performed at or above the national APR average
- 7** • Seven athletic programs – baseball, football, men's cross country, women's basketball, women's cross country, women's tennis and women's track & field – set or matched their highest multi-year Academic Progress Report scores
- 6** • Football student-athletes named to the prestigious Hampshire Honor Society by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame
- 3** • Teams (women's basketball, women's cross country, women's tennis) earned APR Public Recognition
- 3** • ACC Postgraduate Scholarship recipients (Kamalani Akeo, Olivia Gray, Brian Lovasik)

2018-19 ACADEMIC ALL-ACC SELECTIONS

Flora Ahiarakwe	Women's Outdoor Track & Field
Rafael Araujo-Lopes	Football
LJ Bentley	Wrestling
Dennis Briggs	Football
Rachel Brown	Women's Swimming & Diving
Kirk Christodoulou	Football
Kene Chukwuka	Men's Basketball
Billy Corcoran	Baseball
Nina Crawford	Women's Outdoor Track & Field
Connor Dintino	Football
Olivia Gray	Softball
Darrin Hall	Football
Samy Helmbacher	Men's Swimming & Diving
Edward Kizza	Men's Soccer
Kayla Lund	Volleyball
Bryce O'Farrell	Baseball
Nika Markovic	Volleyball
Jimmy Morrissey	Football
Javi Perez	Men's Soccer
Micky Phillipi	Wrestling
Breanna Phillips	Women's Indoor Track & Field
Nate Sloan	Men's Outdoor Track & Field
Nikki Scherer	Women's Outdoor Track & Field
Sam Shields	Women's Cross Country
Layne Van Buskirk	Volleyball
Chandler Vaughn	Men's Soccer
Cassidy Walsh	Women's Basketball
Jasmine Whitney	Women's Basketball
Stephanie Williams	Volleyball
Nick Wolk	Men's Cross Country



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Student-athletes earned a 4.0 GPA

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Teams registered a GPA of 3.25 or higher
WXC, GYM, WSW, WT&F - INDOOR, WT&F - OUTDOOR, VB

10

of 19 teams earned GPA's of 3.0 or higher

95

Student-athletes made the Dean's List



Women's team GPA award
GYMNASTICS

Men's team GPA award
MEN'S SOCCER



Women's most improved GPA
OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Men's most improved GPA
BASKETBALL

52%

of our student-athletes earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher (224 of 428)



STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE



The student-athlete experience is at the forefront of every decision made within the Pitt Athletics Department. Here are some of the highlights from the past year of what was accomplished within the scope of Building Champions, Branding Champions and Supporting Champions:

BUILDING CHAMPIONS

- 100% of Pitt student-athletes in the class of 2018 were employed or continuing their education within six months of graduation
- Implemented the Pitt Script for Life Committee model
- Created events to unite the student-athlete population including the Student-Athlete Welcome Back, Panthers Unite Tailgate, and Red, White & Boom among others
- Signed long-term agreements with industry leaders in the areas of Sport Science and Sports Medicine (Catapult, Sparta Science, Diamond Kinetics, UPMC, WPIC)
- Collaborated with WPIC to create a mental health model that embeds two mental health counselors directly into the Athletic Department

BRANDING CHAMPIONS

- One of four universities selected to participate in the Nike Global Identity Group (GIG) to successfully rebrand Pitt Athletics including logos, uniforms, etc.
- Held inaugural Varsity Walk Ceremony to celebrate the 2018-2019 Panther and Blue-Gold Award winners
- Student-athletes across all 19 varsity programs collectively participated in 6,801 hours of community service
- Increased University, ACC, and NCAA award nominations by 56% from 2017-2018, resulting in over \$210,000 post-graduate awards for the class of 2019

- Hosted the NCAA Wrestling Championship at PPG Paints Arena, the NCAA Volleyball Championship First and Second Rounds, and the Backyard Brawl at PNC Park
- Partnered with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (S.A.A.C.) in donating over 1,000 lbs of clothing to Managers on a Mission

SUPPORTING CHAMPIONS

- Significantly upgraded the area of nutrition including a new fueling station at Fitzgerald Field House, increased menu options, as well as increased access to meals through Pitt Fuel/Moocho
- Inducted 167 student-athletes into the Varsity Letter Club
- Officially launched Panthers to Pros, a mentoring program built to create meaningful relationships between current student-athletes, Forever Panthers, alumni and University partners
- Hosted 18 Forever Panther sport reunions under the restructured Varsity Letter Club
- Created a partnership for premium on-campus housing for student-athletes with the Bridge on Forbes
- Selected coaches, student-athletes, and staff to participate in the inaugural ACC Mental Health Summit





Red, White & Boom
July 1, 2019

LIFE SKILLS

CATHY & JOHN PELUSI FAMILY

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Initiated in 1995 as one of the pilot programs of the NCAA's Student-Athlete Affairs Life Skills Program, the Cathy & John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program is committed to providing student-athletes an opportunity to prepare for success academically, athletically and in their personal growth and development. The program has grown since then to focus on six key commitment areas.

The functional areas - Career Development & Graduate School Preparation, Leadership Development, Personal Development, Financial Education, Community Service, and Alumni Engagement - are met by either programming directly put on by Life Skills staff, service learning opportunities with various institutional and community stakeholders, or other opportunities for student-athlete growth and recognition, namely conference-wide or national-level awards or service programs that are in place.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Pitt teams averaged 14.03 hours of community service per student-athlete
- 6,801 collective community service hours across all student-athletes

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION

- 100% of student-athletes in the class of 2018 have been placed within six months of graduation
- 20% of class of 2018 reported being employed as professional athletes
- Career Networking Night featured 150+ Industry Professionals

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

- Week dedicated to Financial Education, featuring nationally renowned financial expert, Eric Smith, of EKS group

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Three-part Professional Etiquette Training Series
- Huddle Up team training sessions to End Gender Violence
- Legacy Night to prepare seniors for life after sport through interactions with Forever Panthers

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Participation from all 19 sports in Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Representation for each team on newly created AD Council
- Hosted 14th annual Panther Leadership Conference

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

- Inducted 167 student-athletes to the Varsity Letter Club
- Panthers to Pros officially launched to create meaningful relationships between student-athletes and Forever Panthers, Alumni and friends of Pitt
- Hosted 18 Forever Panther reunions under restructured Varsity Letter Club
- Held first Varsity Walk Ceremony to celebrate Blue-Gold and Panther Award Winners



Walk In The Wild For Neurofibromatosis

May 24, 2019



Student-Athlete Graduation Reception

April 24, 2019



Winter/Spring Varsity Letter Jacket Ceremony

October 27, 2018



Varsity Walk Ceremony
April 29, 2019

VARSITY LETTER CLUB



The Varsity Letter Club ("VLC") is a network of all University of Pittsburgh varsity letterwinners and provides a great way to stay engaged with the university and the athletic department. Former Pitt student-athletes are invited to stay connected with Pitt Athletics through the VLC.

ONCE A PANTHER, FOREVER A PANTHER

Founded in 1931 under the devoted leadership of Executive Secretary George I. Carson, the VLC has existed to promote excellence in both academics and athletics at the University of Pittsburgh. Contributions to the VLC help to provide Future, Current, and Forever Panthers tremendous opportunities and lasting memories. Past letterwinners have helped lay a strong foundation here at Pitt and together, through the VLC, we can continue to build champions – in athletics, in the classroom, and in life.

EVENTS

The VLC organizes several Forever Panther reunions each year, bringing former teammates together to commemorate anniversaries of team accomplishments and share anecdotes from several Panther generations. The VLC also hosted the 58th Annual Pitt Varsity Letter Club Awards Dinner and honored the following 2019 Awardees of Distinction inductees:

2019 AWARDEES OF DISTINCTION

Roberto Croce	Men's Soccer
Gregory Meisner	Football
William Moorhead	Men's Track & Field
Laura Nerone Reinhart	Women's Swimming
Todd Toerper	Football
Ed Wilamowski	Football
Allison Williams	Women's Track & Field

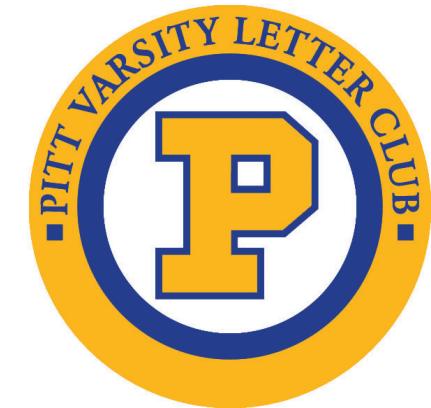


Football Renunion
April 13, 2019

NEW IN 2018-19

Last year marked the first full academic year that the VLC was housed under the Cathy and John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program. This organizational change allowed the VLC to provide new and exciting opportunities for our Forever Panthers to engage with Pitt and stay connected to the University community.

The Varsity Letter Club held its first Varsity Walk Ceremony to celebrate the winners of the prestigious Blue-Gold and Panther Awards. Winners in attendance were Blue-Gold recipients Darrin Hall (football) and Gillian Schriever (track & field, cross country) and Panther Award recipient Kamalani Akeo (volleyball). Javi Perez (men's soccer, Blue-Gold Award) and Qadree Ollison (football, Panther Award) were unable to attend as they are pursuing their professional athletic careers in the MLS and NFL, respectively. In a tradition that dates back to 1950, these recipients will be forever recognized on the Varsity Walk between the Cathedral of Learning and Heinz Chapel.



2019 Awardees of Distinction
March 8, 2019



Varsity Walk Ceremony
April 29, 2019

BE THE BRIDGE

The University of Pittsburgh Athletics family strives to achieve comprehensive excellence by working together to build bridges to the community. Since the inception of the Cathy and John Pelusi Life Skills Program, Pitt student-athletes have been committed to living a life of service and changing the world, one community at a time. The Life Skills department has served as an incubator for our student-athletes and has cultivated an attitude of service. Director of Athletics Heather Lyke began a community service initiative to meet Pitt's Gold Standard core values upon her arrival in Oakland and has received a full commitment from each of the 19 teams to **BE THE BRIDGE**. Each student-athlete and coach participates in a team event, in addition to individual volunteerism. Together, they impact the surrounding communities and build bridges in an extremely positive way.

PITT ATHLETICS COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On June 7, over 100 Pitt athletic staff members collaborated with The Mission Continues, a national veterans organization, and Operation Better Block to transform a vacant lot into a green space for the Homewood community. The veterans led teams of athletic department employees in specific duties including building benches and tables, painting fences, building pull-up bars, painting and laying out a tire course, planting grass and flowers and much more.

BY THE NUMBERS

83	Charitable Organizations Impacted
100%	Student-Athlete Participation
4,115	Total Community Service Hours
\$221,237	Donations Raised



Baseball - Miracle League - South Hills

Oct. 13, 2018

2018-19 SIGNATURE TEAM EVENTS

Team	Event
All-Staff	Homewood CEC
BB	Miracle League - South Hills
FB	Make-A-Wish/Thankful Thursdays
GYM	Autism Speaks
MBB	Hoops for Heroes
MSOC	Sarah Heinz House Clinic
SB	Girl Scouts of Western Pa.
S&D	Knock-Out Breast Cancer
T&F / CC	Salvation Army Project Bundle-Up
WBB	Share the Love / Girls on the Run
WRES	Walk in the Wild for Neurofibromatosis
WSOC	National Salute Day
WTEN	United Way fitUnited
VB	Veterans Hospital / Holiday Baskets

INSTITUTIONAL VISITS

Children's Hospital, Magee Womens Hospital of UPMC, Children's Institute, Pressley Ridge School of Autism, Veteran Affairs of Western PA, Pittsburgh City Schools



NATIONAL INITIATIVES

ALS Foundation, American Cancer Society, Autism Speaks, United Way, Make-A-Wish, Coalition for Christian Athletes Dominican Republic Mission Trip, Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts of America, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Hurricane Florence and Maria Funds

LOCAL INITIATIVES

Urban Impact, Orange Arrow, Dollar Energy Fund, Pitt Make A Difference Day, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Mel Blount Youth Home, Special Olympics of Western PA, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, Department of Veteran Affairs, Sarah Heinz House, Salvation Army/Project Bundle-Up, University of Pittsburgh Governmental Relations, North Side Ministries, Humane Animal Rescue



Men's Soccer - Sarah Heinz House Clinic

July 20, 2018



**All Staff - Transformed Vacant Lot into Green Space
for Homewood Community Engagement Center**
June 7, 2019

INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME



The Department of Athletics inducted the inaugural 16-member class of the Pitt Athletics Hall of Fame in a night of celebration at the Petersen Events Center Friday, Sept. 7, 2018. Nearly 500 Pitt Athletics supporters turned out for the event featuring a VIP reception with the inductees, a four-course dinner and the induction ceremony of the 12 living honorees and four posthumous selections.

- Henry Clifford "Doc" Carlson (Athlete: Football, Basketball, Baseball; Coach: Basketball)
- Mike Ditka (Football)
- Tony Dorsett (Football)
- Herb Douglas (Track and Field)
- Bill Fralic (Football)
- Marshall Goldberg (Football)
- Hugh Green (Football)
- Trecia-Kaye Smith (Track and Field)
- Roger Kingdom (Track and Field)
- Billy Knight (Basketball)
- Dan Marino (Football)
- Lisa Shirk (Gymnastics)
- Charles Smith (Basketball)
- Kathy Stetler (Swimming)
- John Bain "Jock" Sutherland (Athlete: Football; Coach: Football)
- John Woodruff (Track and Field)

"What an amazing celebration of the tremendous history of our athletic department. Tonight was a special evening of celebration with 16 individuals being inducted into Pitt Athletics Hall of Fame. This inaugural class displays the diversity and longevity of success here at Pitt and is a testament to what can be accomplished at the University of Pittsburgh. I look forward to honoring past Panther greats and watching new ones emerge in the years to come."

-- Heather Lyke





2018 Hall of Fame Class Halftime
Presentation at Heinz Field
Sept. 8, 2018

RESPECT THE PAST **REPRESENT THE FUTURE**



The Department of Athletics introduced its new visual identity publicly Sunday, April 7 as part of Bigelow Bash presented by the Pitt Program Council. The Reveal was the culmination of a two-year collaboration with Nike Global Identity Group to rebrand Pitt Athletics.

A crowd of over 3,000 people was on hand at Bigelow Bash to witness the fashion show style introduction of Pitt's uniforms for the 2019-20 season across its 19 athletic programs and spirit squads as well as select commercial apparel.

Following the fashion show, Pitt officially opened the Nike Store at The Pitt Shop on Forbes Avenue with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Nike Store was renovated and re-opened as a Pitt branded Nike concept shop within The Pitt Shop on Forbes Ave. It features all new Nike product utilizing the new athletics marks and visual identity.



"Our branding pays homage to a proud past but with 21st century ambitions. It evokes our legends while anticipating future greatness. There is power in the Pitt brand and these colors and marks will maximize that strength for Panthers past, present and future."

-- Heather Lyke



The Reveal at Bigelow Bash
April 7, 2019

ROYALTIES & RETAIL



The impact of the new visual identity was substantial with retail sales and royalties for the department. In addition to the opening of the Nike Store at the Pitt Shop, the University of Pittsburgh and Dyehard Fan Supply began a collaboration to merchandise official Pitt athletic products Jan. 1, 2019. Dyehard, an event and retail merchandise marketing and e-commerce company, became the official merchandising partner for Pitt Athletics online and in venue at Heinz Field, Fitzgerald Field House and Petersen Sports Complex (Charles L. Cost Field, Ambrose Urbanic Field and Vartabedian Field). Pitt also renewed its licensing agreement with Collegiate Licensing Company for 12 years in June.

From July 2018 through June 2019, Pitt's retail partners saw over \$6.7 million in sales, resulting in over \$1 million in royalties. Additional highlights from the 2018-19 academic year include:

Royalties

- A third quarter (January-March) increase of 35% over this quarter last year, topping \$180,000 in royalties for the quarter
- A fourth quarter (April - June) increase of 32% increase over the same period last year, topping \$175,000 in royalties for the quarter
- A 34% increase in royalties from January-June over the same period last year

Pitt Shop Sales

- In the three and a half hour window after the opening of the Nike Store at the Pitt Shop on April 7, total sales were 30% higher than the store's best day the previous year
- In the first week after The Reveal, sales were:
 - 83% higher than homecoming week 2018
 - 64% higher than Family Weekend week 2018
- Graduation day sales increased 104% over last year
- Average daily sales in April were up 125%

Athletics Online Store (Dyehard Fan Supply)

- Approximately 170 orders were placed on Sunday, April 7 following the unveiling of Pitt's new visual identity.
- In the first week after launch, sales were 100% higher than the first week after Pitt officially transitioned to Pitt Script in navy.
- Pitt eclipsed its spring football game record sales mark set in 2016. This year's sales were 24% higher than the record for a spring game.





TICKETING REVENUE



Pitt Athletics generated over \$15.8 million in ticket revenue across all sports during the 2018-19 seasons. Highlights from the past year include:

Football

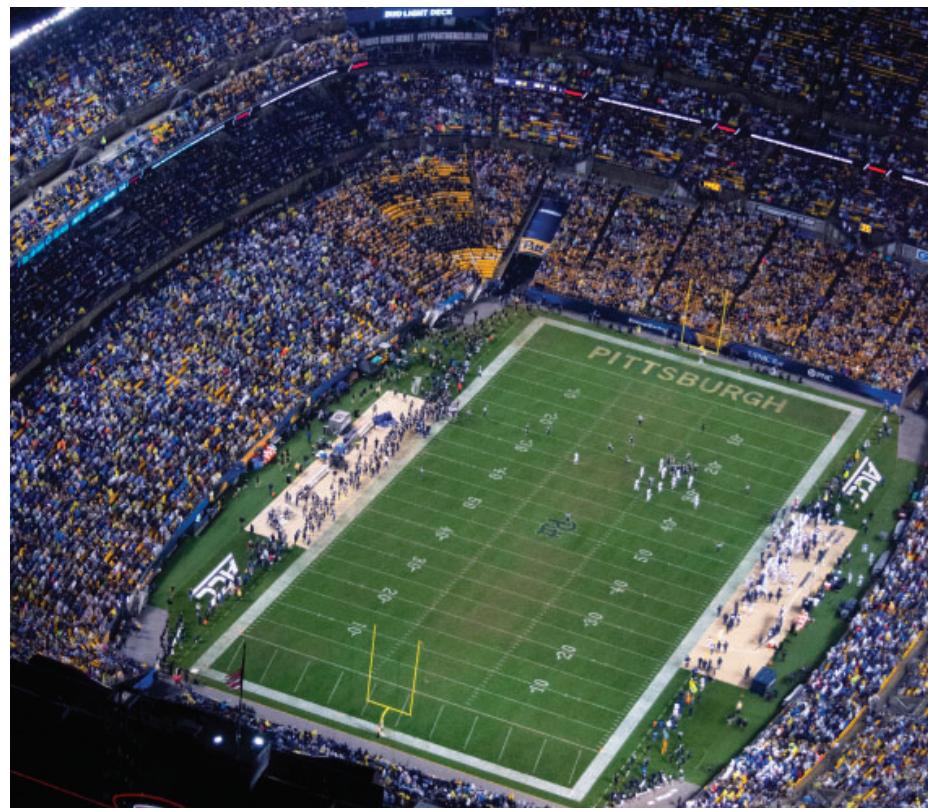
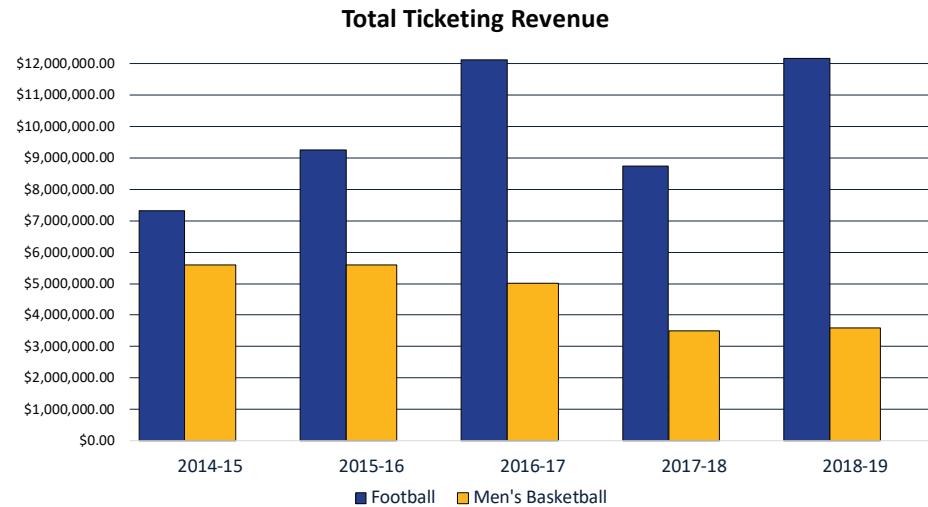
- The 99th edition of the Pitt-Penn State rivalry was played in front of a sellout Heinz Field crowd of 68,400 on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

Men's Basketball

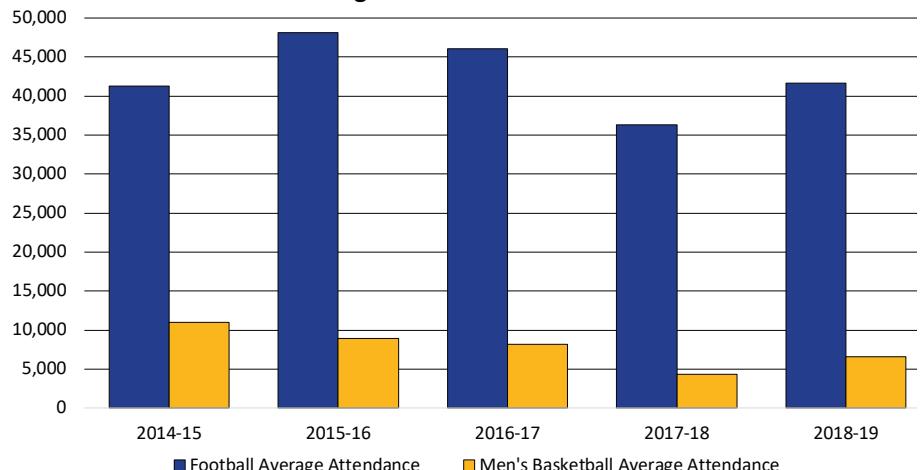
- Recorded three sellouts in ACC play, including an attendance number of 12,881 in a January 22, 2019 game against No. 2 Duke. The attendance figure against the Blue Devils was the seventh-largest in Petersen Events Center history.
- Posted student sellouts in seven of the nine conference games, including a student section record attendance for the Syracuse game on February 2, 2019.

Volleyball

- Saw dramatic percentage increases in season ticket holders (81%), total number of ticket buyers (430.6%), tickets sold (193.58%) and total tickets out (131%).
- Increased ticket revenue by 178% and gross revenue by 133%.
- Hosted six home matches with an attendance over 1,000, including an attendance record of 3,416 vs. Duke on Nov. 11.



Average Announced Attendances





PHILANTHROPY & ENGAGEMENT



The Panther Club is the official fundraising arm for the University of Pittsburgh Athletics Department and a vital component of our student-athlete experience. The primary priority of the Panther Club is to ensure the talented men and women representing Pitt are provided a world-class education and experience. The support of Panther Club members, through participation in our Scholarship Seating Membership program and/or our Championship Giving program, help fund the academic expenses, facility and operational needs of Pitt's 19 NCAA Division I sports programs, as well as the Pitt Band and Spirit Squads.

Annual membership participation begins at \$50 and commitments of \$25,000 may be payable over a period of five years. Tax deductible giving opportunities are available through our Championship Giving programs. For more information, please visit www.HailToPitt.com or contact us at: 412-648-8889.

2018-19 represented a year of growth and foundation building for the Panther Club. Highlights from the 2018-19 campaign include:

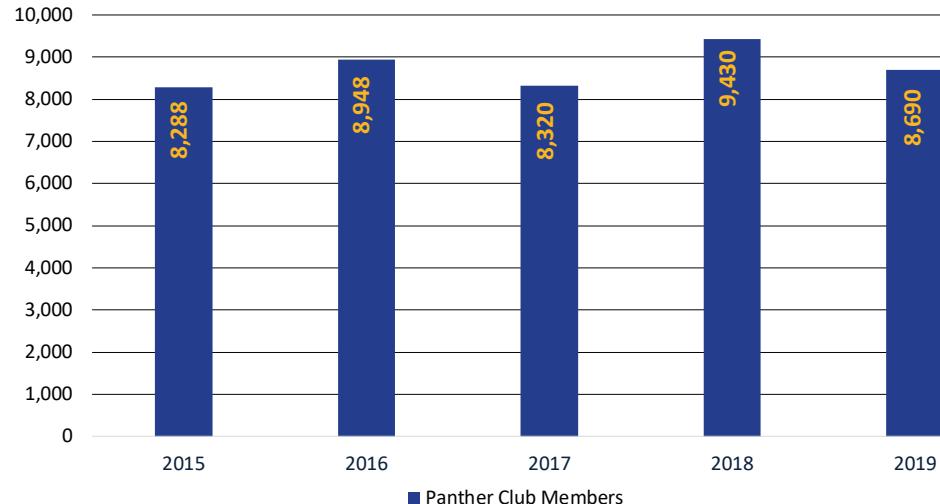


(L-R) Pat Narduzzi with George Aston, John Gismondi and James Connor
Panthers Choice Awards - April 15, 2019



- More than \$500,000 was contributed in annual championship fund gifts (in addition to pledges for existing capital projects) showing overall growth of nearly 50%.
- For the second straight year, Pitt Athletics partnered with Nike to offer a limited edition specialty shoe. 200 pairs were sold at \$150/pair with \$74 from each sale designated to the Pitt Championship Fund of choice. 171 Panther Club accounts participated in the 2018 sale representing 104 existing and 67 new members. The 2018 Nike Shoe Sale generated nearly \$15,000 in Championship Fund support.
- The 2019 Pitt Panther Club Friends & Family sale was held from April 22-29, 2019, following the exciting color reveal earlier in the month. Pitt Athletics worked with new merchandise partner Dyehard Fan Supply to provide Panther Club members with the opportunity to purchase exclusive apparel items embroidered with the Pitt Championship Fund of their choice. More than \$10,000 was raised in support of Pitt Championship Funds during the course of this year's Pitt Panther Club Friends & Family Sale.
- The third annual Pitt Day of Giving was held on February 28, 2019. Nearly 700 Pitt alumni, friends and fans came together to contribute nearly \$500,000 in support of Pitt Athletics for Pitt Day of Giving. The top three Pitt Championship Funds by number of participating donors were: Pitt Band (179), Pitt Cheer, Dance & Mascot (119) and Pitt Football (89).

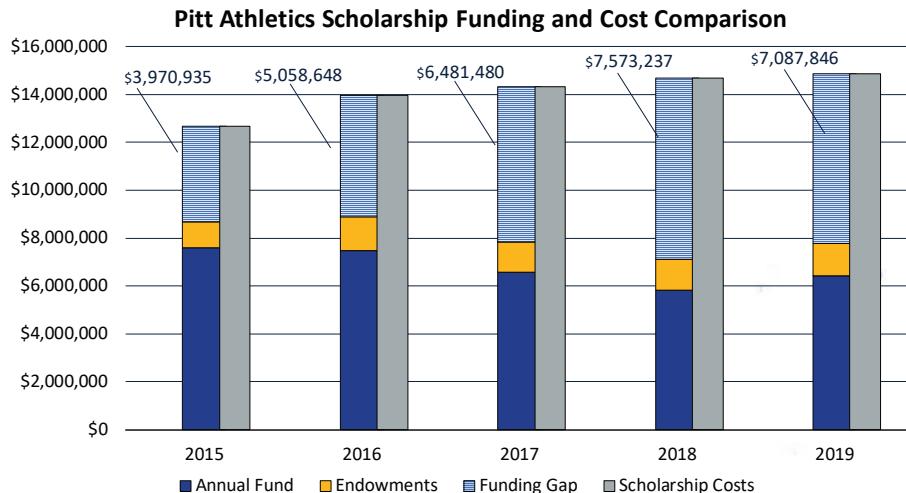
Total Number of Panther Club Members





Party in the Paint Reception
October 19, 2018

PHILANTHROPY & ENGAGEMENT



ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

Panther Club annual giving contributions, which provide athletic scholarship support, are an essential component to providing a first-class student-athlete experience and developing championship-caliber programs. These contributions are essential to the success of our Athletic Department overall as we look to establish our presence in the Atlantic Coast Conference. With Pitt's continued support from Panther Club members and an increase in annual fund dollars, we were able to stop a four-year trend of the widening funding gap between scholarship costs and annual fund plus endowment dollars. We are confident with the continued support of our passionate and loyal Panther Club members, as well as, a renewed commitment to philanthropy and engagement, we can now begin closing the over \$7 million gap and position our student-athletes for unprecedented success at the University of Pittsburgh.

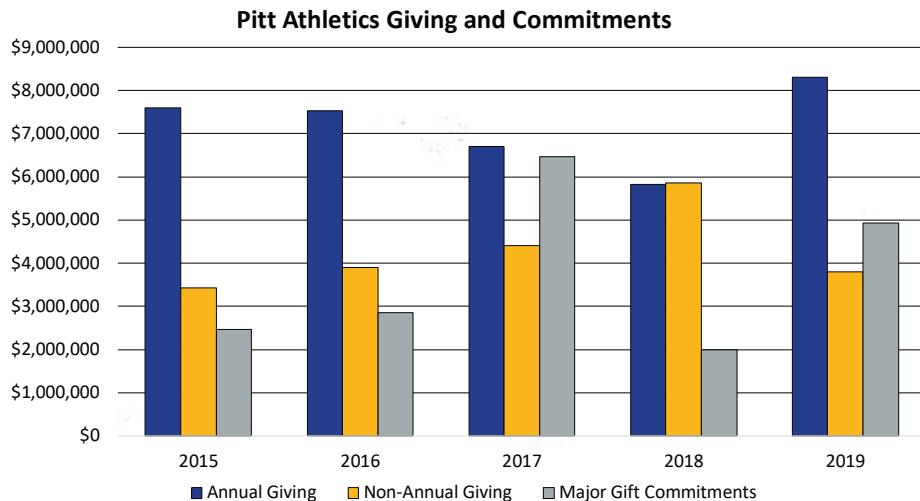




PHILANTHROPY & ENGAGEMENT

FIVE-YEAR SNAPSHOT

- Pitt saw an increase of over \$2 million in annual giving during the 2018-19 academic year.
- While annual giving has remained steady between \$5.7 million and \$8.25 million over the past five years, scholarship costs have grown to over \$14 million per year in that same span.
- Pitt's funding gap between scholarship costs and annual fund plus endowment dollars has grown by nearly \$4 million in the past five years. In 2017-18, the gap rose to over \$7.5 million. A year ago, an increase in annual fund giving helped reduce the gap to just over \$7 million.
- After topping the \$6 million mark in 2016-17, major gift commitments dipped to a four-year low of \$2 million in 2017-18. A year ago, major gift commitments finished just shy of \$5 million.



SIGNATURE EVENTS



2018-19 SIGNATURE EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2018-2019 season, more than 2,500 alumni, donors, fans, student-athletes and staff engaged in celebrations of Pitt Athletics through special events.

- At the Kickoff Luncheon, nearly 500 guests got the first-look into the upcoming football season from Head Coach Pat Narduzzi, heard directly from the senior class about their experience, and enjoyed a rousing speech from former Pitt letterwinner and current ESPN football analyst Louis Riddick.
- As part of the Pitt Playbook Trip, invited guests traveled with Director of Athletics Heather Lyke via a private flight for an exclusive experience around the football game at Notre Dame. On Friday, the group traveled to Chicago to check out the Windy City, learn about the history of Soldier Field, dine at the top of the Hancock Center and enjoy other surprises. A charter to South Bend on Saturday morning brought them to the Alumni Association tailgate and the Panthers' exciting game versus the Fighting Irish before returning to Pittsburgh.
- At Party in the Paint, men's and women's basketball supporters had the opportunity to meet new head coaches Jeff Capel and Lance White along with their teams. Special guest ESPN analyst Jay Bilas entertained guests with his stories, while Coach Capel and Coach White offered their visions for their new programs to the more than 200 guests in attendance.
- For the annual Panthers on the Prowl, Jeff Capel, Pat Narduzzi and Dan Fisher traveled, along with Heather Lyke, to New York City and Washington, D.C., to visit with Pitt alumni. Hosted by Casey Garrow, the events featured a panel with the coaches and director of athletics who provided their insights on their incoming classes and upcoming seasons.



Party in the Paint
October 19, 2018



Football Kickoff Luncheon
August 24, 2018





AARON DONALD FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER



“It was a dream come true to play for the University of Pittsburgh. My experience as a Panther is something that influences my life every day and I want to pay that forward. I believe in what Coach Narduzzi is building at Pitt and this was an opportunity for me to make a difference for our current and future players. Pitt will always be my school and I’m honored to be able to support the Blue and Gold.”

-- Aaron Donald

- The University of Pittsburgh officially unveiled the newly dedicated Aaron Donald Football Performance Center on June 20, 2019, with the two-time reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year in attendance.
- At 27 years of age, Donald is the youngest seven-figure donor in the history of the University of Pittsburgh. It also marks the largest donation ever by a Pitt football letterman to the program.
- As a senior in 2013, Donald led the nation with 28.5 tackles for loss and added 11 sacks, four forced fumbles and a blocked extra point. At season’s end, Donald was named a unanimous first team All-American and the winner of the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Chuck Bednarik Award, Outland Trophy and Rotary Lombardi Award, making him one of the most decorated players in Pitt history.
- Selected by the Rams in the first round (13th overall) of the 2014 NFL Draft, Donald has been named to the Pro Bowl in each of his five professional seasons. He was honored as the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2017 and 2018, joining Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor (1981-82) and J.J. Watt (2014-15) as the only back-to-back winners of the award.
- Donald has been named first team All-Pro four consecutive seasons (2015-18). This past year, he was a unanimous selection, receiving all 50 panelist votes at the defensive tackle position.



 **AARON DONALD**
FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER



CAPITAL PROJECTS



Petersen Sports Complex Third Floor Addition
Conceptual Design / Construction began June 2019



Petersen Sports Complex Team Meeting Room
Conceptual Design / Construction began June 2019



Petersen Sports Complex Players Lounge
Conceptual Design / Construction began June 2019



New Turf at Ambrose Urbanic Field
Completed July 2019



New Turf at Ambrose Urbanic Field
Completed July 2019

CAPITAL PROJECTS



Women's Basketball Lounge

Conceptual Design / To be completed November 2019



Basketball Locker Room Entrance

Conceptual Design / To be completed November 2019



Men's Basketball Team Lounge

Conceptual Design / To be completed November 2019



Basketball Film Room at the Petersen Events Center

Conceptual Design / Construction began June 2019



Petersen Events Center Court Redesign
Completed August 2019

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS



<u>Lawrence H. Ake Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Future Award</u>	<u>Al Ferrara Memorial Track Scholarship</u>	<u>Kenneth Brosier (MT&F)</u>
<u>Athletic Bicentennial Scholarship</u>	<u>Camila Moreno (WTEN)</u>	<u>Peter Frobouck Memorial Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Future Award</u>
<u>William R. Baierl Endowed Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Rashad Wheeler (FB)</u>	<u>John P. Gismondi Family Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Khameron Davis (MBB)</u>
<u>William R. Baierl Endowed Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Connor Dintino (FB)</u>	<u>Marshall Goldberg Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Darrin Hall (FB)</u>
<u>William R. Baierl Endowed Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Sidy N'Dir (MBB)</u>	<u>Coach Ben Grady Memorial Swimming Scholarship</u>	<u>Samy Helmbacher (MS&D)</u>
<u>William R. Baierl Endowed Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Terrell Brown (MBB)</u>	<u>Harry Guidotti Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Kamalani Akeo (VB)</u>
<u>Carole A. Baierl Endowed Womens Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Cara Judkins (WBB)</u>	<u>Joseph and Kathleen Guyaux Endowed Athletic Men's Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Malik Ellison (MBB)</u>
<u>Thomas S. Baily II Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>LJ Bentley (WRES)</u>	<u>Harvey J. & Wilhelmina E. Harman Scholarship Fund for Scholar-Athlete Football Players</u>	<u>Grant Carrigan (FB)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Kirk Christodoulou (FB)</u>	<u>Thomas A. Hayden and Joan O. Hayden Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Jaylen Twyman (FB)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Alex Kessman (FB)</u>	<u>William Randolph Hearst Endowed</u>	<u>Claudia Bartolome (WTEN)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Shane Roy (FB)</u>	<u>James and Beate Heslop Endowed Mens Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Peace Illegomah (MBB)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Trey McGowens (MBB)</u>	<u>Elisabeth Heslop Endowed Women's Swimming and Diving Scholarship</u>	<u>Shahar Menahem (WS&D)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Patrick Jones (FB)</u>	<u>Hofmann Family Foundation Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Michael Herndon (FB)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Elijah Zeise (FB)</u>	<u>Ignaczak Family Endowed Scholarship for Student-Athletes</u>	<u>Zach Bruce (WRES)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Quintin Virginis (FB)</u>	<u>Andrew J. and Beverly T. Jarabak Endowed Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Qadree Ollison (FB)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Marcony Pimentel (MSOC)</u>	<u>John Jenchura Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Endowed Scholarship</u>	<u>Danielle Leaks (WT&F)</u>
<u>George J. Barco Athletic Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Luisa Varon (WTEN)</u>	<u>Carl J. and Margot A. Johnson Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Shocky Jacques-Louis (FB)</u>
<u>Bellefield Educational Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Marissa DeMatteo (SB)</u>	<u>Clara and Dr. Stuart N. Kline and Family</u>	<u>Owen Drexel (FB)</u>
<u>Hope Mervosh Bielich Endowed Scholarship Fund for Women's Volleyball</u>	<u>Nika Markovic (VB)</u>	<u>George M. & Helen S. Kohut Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Kenny Pickett (FB)</u>
<u>Thomas G. Bigley Scholarships for Baseball</u>	<u>David Yanni (BB)</u>	<u>Julian Krug Endowed Swimming Scholarship</u>	<u>Krista Jones (WS&D)</u>
<u>The Joan Bigley Endowed Baseball Scholarship</u>	<u>Daniel Hammer (BB)</u>	<u>Joyce and Andrew J. Kuzneski, Jr. Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Keyshon Camp (FB)</u>
<u>Jim and Helen Bodamer Endowed Baseball Scholarship</u>	<u>Chris Gomez (BB)</u>	<u>Morton S. and Bernice L. Lerner Scholarship for Athletes</u>	<u>Shamiel Stevenson (MBB)</u>
<u>Thomas Marshall Booth and Edwina Lee Booth Endowed Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Kene Chukwuka (MBB)</u>	<u>Bobby Lewis Endowed Baseball Scholarship in Athletics</u>	<u>Chris Cappas (BB)</u>
<u>Patrick C. and Meghan K. Booth Women's Basketball Endowed Scholarship</u>	<u>Jaala Henry (WBB)</u>	<u>Lignelli Family Endowed Scholarship</u>	<u>Sidy N'Dir (MBB)</u>
<u>Captain David E. Bowser U.S.M.C. Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Stephanie Williams (VB)</u>	<u>Ronald Gene Linaburg, D.M.D., and</u>	<u>Breanna Phillips (WT&F)</u>
<u>Dean L. Carey Endowed Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Ricky Town (FB)</u>	<u>Ronald B. and Joann Livingston Family Athletic Academic Excellence</u>	<u>Lucas Maldonado (BB)</u>
<u>Patrick T. Cavanaugh Endowed Men's Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Samson George (MBB)</u>	<u>Robert and Maryjean Lovett Endowed Basketball Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Jared Wilson-Frame (MBB)</u>
<u>Roy Chipman Endowed Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Xavier Johnson (MBB)</u>	<u>Robert and Maryjean Lovett Women's Basketball</u>	<u>Cassidy Walsh (WBB)</u>
<u>Edwin V. Clarke, Jr. Scholarship</u>	<u>Haley Brechwald (GYM)</u>	<u>Alan and Kathy J Malus Women's Basketball Endowed Fund</u>	<u>Danielle Garven (WBB)</u>
<u>Cleveland Family Endowed Mens Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Jared Wilson-Frame (MBB)</u>	<u>The Malus Endowed Women's Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Aysia Bugg (WBB)</u>
<u>James Conner Scholarship</u>	<u>George Aston (FB)</u>	<u>Malus Endowed Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Taylor Middleton (WT&F)</u>
<u>John and Jagi Conomikes Athletic Endowed Scholarship</u>	<u>Damar Hamlin (FB)</u>	<u>Biagio V. and Helen Marmo Manganiello Scholarship for Student Athletes</u>	<u>Brittany Knight (SB)</u>
<u>Carroll "Beano" Cook Football Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Stefano Millin (FB)</u>	<u>Joseph A. Massaro Family Endowed Scholarship for Baseball</u>	<u>Alexander Amos (BB)</u>
<u>Charles L. Cost Athletic Endowment Fund</u>	<u>Kalista Walters (WBB)</u>	<u>G. Herbert McCracken Scholarship - Football</u>	<u>Jake Kradel (FB)</u>
<u>Charles L. Cost Athletic Endowment Fund</u>	<u>Layne Van Buskirk (VB)</u>	<u>McKamish Family Endowed Scholarship</u>	<u>Lysah Rice (WT&F)</u>
<u>Charles L. Cost Athletic Endowment Fund</u>	<u>Saleem Brightwell (FB)</u>	<u>McKamish Family Endowed Scholarship</u>	<u>Madelyn Shaffer (WS&D)</u>
<u>Charles L. Cost Athletic Endowment Fund</u>	<u>Terrell Brown (MBB)</u>	<u>Dr. Alexander and Frances Minno Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Josh Gaspari (MSOC)</u>
<u>David Family Endowed Scholarship for Postgraduates</u>	<u>Brittany West (GYM)</u>	<u>Coach Ralph Sarge Mitterling Baseball Scholarship</u>	<u>Ron Washington (BB)</u>
<u>The DeFiore/Pettyjohn Family Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Damarri Mathis (FB)</u>	<u>Donald A. and Steven T. Mosites Sports Fund</u>	<u>Nathan Sloan (MT&F)</u>
<u>Deist Family Scholar-Athlete Scholarship</u>	<u>Tyler Sear (FB)</u>	<u>Donald A. and Steven T. Mosites Sports Fund</u>	<u>Gillian Schriever (WT&F)</u>
<u>Vincent C. Deluzio Family Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Samson George (MBB)</u>	<u>Donald A. and Steven T. Mosites Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Mikaela Vlasic (WT&F)</u>
<u>DeSimone Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Kene Chukwuka (MBB)</u>	<u>Donald A. and Steven T. Mosites Athletic Scholarship</u>	<u>Gillian Schriever (WT&F)</u>
<u>Mike Ditka Endowed Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Connor McGaffic (SB)</u>	<u>Martha Hartle Munsch Endowed Women's Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Jasmine Whitney (WBB)</u>
<u>Herbert P. Douglas, Jr. Scholarship</u>	<u>Ade Jones-Roundtree (MT&F)</u>	<u>Robert W. Murphy, Jr. Soccer Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Edward Kizza (MSOC)</u>
<u>Edwin H. Eiseman Memorial Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Gregory Lauray (MT&F)</u>		
<u>The Robert B. and Randall E. L. Falck Family Endowed</u>	<u>Armin Remenyi (MS&D)</u>		
<u>Andrew E. Farkas Endowed Football Scholarship</u>	<u>Michael Herndon (FB)</u>		
<u>Michael Allen Fay Endowed Men's Basketball Scholarship</u>	<u>Trey McGowens (MBB)</u>		
<u>Serafino Foge Fazio Football Scholarship</u>	<u>James Morrissey (FB)</u>		



ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Douglas and Eleanor Naylor Athletic Scholarship	Valerie Daigneault (WS&D)
Clark R. Nicklas Endowed Athletic Scholarship	Taleb Rahmani (WRES)
Joseph F. Novogratz Endowed Football Scholarship	Therran Coleman (FB)
John H. Pelusi, Jr. Family Football Scholarship	Rashad Weaver (FB)
John H. Pelusi, Jr. Endowed Student/Athlete Scholarship	Tre Tipton (FB)
Cathy J. Pelusi Endowed Women	Ashley Moreira (WSOC)
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Reinecke Family Scholarship in Football	Jason Pinnock (FB)
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Salvitti Family Endowed Athletic Scholarship	Kauai Bradley (WBB)
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Coach Rande Stottlemyer Endowed Scholarship	Nino Bonaccorsi (WRES)
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University of Pittsburgh Varsity Letter Club Endowed Scholarship	Gabriela Rezende (WTEN)
The Vartabedian Family Olympic Sport Scholarship	Gregg Harvey (WRES)
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James E. and Margaret E. Wilkes Football Scholarship	Seun Idowu (FB)
Wilkes Family Football Scholarship	Dennis Briggs (FB)
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The University of Pittsburgh Athletic Department signed a long-term multimedia rights deal with JMI Sports on March 14, 2019. The new agreement began July 1, 2019, with JMI Sports becoming Pitt's official corporate partnership and multimedia rights partner.

Through this partnership, Pitt Athletics and JMI Sports seek to maximize the value of Pitt's varied multimedia assets, while developing valuable relationships with sponsors, fans, alumni and students through the delivery of corporate sponsorships and advertising; radio and television broadcasts; coaches shows and endorsements; website and social media; game programs and publications; in-game production and hospitality; venue signage and naming rights; special events and innovative activations.

About JMI Sports

JMI Sports is a full-service collegiate marketing firm providing the highest quality management of athletics multimedia rights. Breaking new ground in the creation of the Total Campus Marketing program, JMI Sports works hand-in-hand with each university in the pursuit of their success, maximizing their economic potential. JMI Sports adds the University of Pittsburgh to an impressive list of signature partnerships, including Clemson University, the University of Kentucky, the Ivy League, the University of Pennsylvania, and joint-venture properties of the University of Georgia and Columbia University (with IMG College), as well as the University of Notre Dame (with Legends). Founded in 2006 by Erik Judson and technology entrepreneur John Moores, former owner of the San Diego Padres, JMI Sports is also a highly regarded project manager for the development of collegiate and professional sports facilities.

Inside the Partnership

- The Pitt/JMI Sports partnerships is a 16-year deal with a total value of over \$106 million
- Yearly minimum guarantees ranging from \$4.5 million to nearly \$7.5 million
- Standard annual trade value of \$350,000

The JMI Sports Impact

- Increased revenue by more than \$13 million annually in just four years at the University of Kentucky
- Boosted revenues by more than 20% in 21 months at Clemson
- Increased revenue at the University of Georgia by 27% in the past two years
- JMI Sports has secured over \$200 million in long-term contracts for its key partners



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