2016 Student Honors Convocation

Outstanding Student—Indiana Judy
April is National Poetry Month. In celebration, the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville will host the annual Day of Poetry on Monday, April 18th in Boomer’s on the Pitt-Titusville campus. The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. featuring spoken word poet, Rudy Francisco.

Rudy Francisco is one of the most recognizable names in Spoken Word Poetry. He was born, raised and still resides in San Diego, California. At the age of 21, Rudy completed his B.A in Psychology and decided to continue his education by pursuing a M.A in Organizational Studies. As an artist, Rudy Francisco is an amalgamation of social critique, introspection, honesty and humor. He uses personal narratives to discuss the politics of race, class, gender and religion while simultaneously pinpointing and reinforcing the interconnected nature of human existence.

Rudy Francisco seeks to create work that promotes healthy dialogue, discourse and social change. Furthermore, Rudy has made conscious efforts to cultivate young poets and expose the youth to the genre of Spoken Word Poetry via coaching, workshops and performances at preparatory schools and community centers. Rudy has also received admiration from institutions of higher education. He has conducted guest lectures and performances at countless colleges and universities across the nation.

Rudy Francisco has shared stages with prominent artists such as Gladys Knight, Jordin Sparks, Musiq Soul Child, and Jill Scott. He is also the co-host of the largest poetry venue in San Diego, competes in domestic and international poetry slam competitions and had the honor of being nominated for an NAACP Image Award. Ultimately, Rudy's goal is to continue to assist others in harnessing their creativity while cultivating his own. Rudy Francisco is the 2009 National Underground Poetry Slam Champion, 2010 Individual World Poetry Slam Champion and appeared on TV One’s “Verses and Flow”.

As part of the Day of Poetry, Francisco will read some of his original works, share his writing process, and lead students and community members through a poetry workshop.

Share your creativity and talent with the community. Read your original work or share your favorite poem. All are welcome! If you are interested in participating, please contact Meredith Kenyon at mkenyon@pitt.edu There is no charge for this event and light refreshments will be provided.

This event is made possible through partnerships with the Titusville Council on the Arts, Pitt-Titusville Student Activities Board, John Nesbit and Sarah Henne Reese Charitable Foundation and the University of Pittsburgh’s Year of the Humanities initiative.

Dr. David Fitz presenting successful retention strategies at the Ruffalo Noel Levitz symposium.
The True American is a rich, colorful and profoundly moving exploration of the American dream in its many dimensions.

Twenty copies of The True American will be available for those wishing to participate in the book club, courtesy of Friends of the Library. Signed copies will be raffled at the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville on April 29th.

Book Discussion & Signing

Titusville YWCA (First half of the book discussion)
Book Club: Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m.
Activities Building

Benson Memorial Library (second half of the book discussion)
Book Club: Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m.
Community Room

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville
Meet Rais Bhuiyan:
Friday April 29th at 11 a.m
Boomer's

The True American: Murder and Mercy in Texas is based on Rais Bhuiyan's remarkable story of forgiveness and tolerance. Academy Award winner Kathryn Bigelow has also picked Bhuiyan's inspiring story as her next directorial effort, starring Tom Hardy.
Student Appreciation Week
Learning Center Extravaganza

Tutoring. Activities. Study.

The Learning Center is offering a day of review and study for all Pitt-Titusville students on Saturday, April 23rd from 9 am-3 pm in Haskell Memorial Library.

The Extravaganza is an opportunity for students to come for additional study and review. Faculty & staff will be available to help students review for final exams, papers, and practicals. The Learning Center supplies breakfast, lunch, and snacks for students. There will also be stress-relieving activities, games, and movies for students to enjoy who are in need of a study break.

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Alpha Omega’s Night at the Movies

Pitt-Titusville’s Christian fellowship student organization, Alpha Omega traveled to the Movies at Meadville earlier this month to watch the film, *God’s Not Dead 2*. Each semester Alpha Omega also sponsors a movie night on campus. Come check it out! Alpha Omega meets regularly Thursdays @ 7pm in the Learning Center and also travels to different movies, concerts, and events in the area.
2016 ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION
DEPARTMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Life Science
Freshman         Sophomore
Katherine M. McElhany  Aisha O. Salami

Applied Science
Freshman
Paige J. Pipher

Physical Science
Freshman         Sophomore
Jason B. Clark    Indiana X. Judy

Arts and Letters, History and Philosophy
Freshman         Sophomore
Matthew P. Baker  Emily E. Suruda

Social Science
Sophomore
Rachael B. See

Business
Freshman         Sophomore
Raiona L. Thompson Wahkuna T. Hoff

Nursing
Freshman         Sophomore
Madison A. James  Kara M. Mitchell

Physical Therapist Assistant
Freshman         Sophomore
Valerie L. McNulty Emily M. Wenger

Part-Time Student
Sophomore
Karina M. Nellis

Outstanding Student
Sophomore
Indiana Judy
A few Pitt-Titusville students attended the 12th Annual Student African American Brotherhood National Conference in Dearborn, Michigan along with Parris Carter, Executive Director of Student Affairs.
The Book Center

SPRING SALE

20 % OFF

T-shirts and shorts

Monday, April 18th - Friday, April 22nd

Check out the new markdowns taken on our clearance rack!

Alpha Art

Students lined up to create photos depicting the letters of their names.
Sell Your Books for Cash!

Do you have textbooks you’re no longer using? Bring them to the Book Center’s **Textbook Buy Back** during Final Exam Week and you could get **CASH BACK**!

**When:** Monday April 25th - Thursday April 28th
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Book Center

**What:** *Any book* in current edition

Highlighting and margin notes are ok, as long as the text is still legible 😊

Please stop in, or call the Book Center at 827-4518, or 827-4418 if you have any questions.

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**RETURN YOUR RENTED BOOKS!**

If you rented your books through the Book Center, bring them back to the store before you leave at the end of the semester. A staff person will issue you a written receipt confirming you returned all your books. **Rented books are due back by Friday, April 29th.** Please remember that failure to return your rental book on the due date will result in your credit card being charged for the purchase price of the book.

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**Textbooks for Summer Classes**

The Book Center stocks textbooks and supplies for summer classes.

After Friday April 29th, when the store will close for the summer, textbooks can be purchased, or rented, through the Office of Student Accounts, located in Bennett Davis Hall. This office accepts cash or checks for book purchases. Credit cards can be accepted for textbook rentals.
**Things to Do...**

**Ride the Bus to Erie!**

*Sign up now to ride the bus to spend time in Erie*

**Sunday, April 17**

Trips begin leaving campus at 11:30 am and the last trip returns from Erie at 5 pm.

Sign up in the Student Affairs Office (SU 2048) by noon Thursday before departure.

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**Spring Spectacular**

- April 22
- 4:00 - 8:00 pm in Boomer's Street Signs
- 4:00 - 8:00 pm in Student Union Lobby Cartoonists
- 4:30 - 6:30 pm in McKinney Commons Picnic Dinner

*The meal is the only activity that has a fee associated with it. You can use your meal plan or pay the door price if you are not on the meal plan for the picnic dinner.*

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**Earth Week**

Metz Culinary Management will be celebrating Earth Week the week of April 18th - 22nd.

Featured items include: Chicken with Green Harissa, Mediterranean CousCous, Pesto Pasta, Brined Chicken with Chimichurri, and more!

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**T.A.S.T.E. Initiative**

"Taking Action for a Sustainable Tomorrow Everywhere"

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**Wednesday, April 20**

**8-10 pm**

**Boomer's**

- Snacks Tuesday, April 27
  - 2 pm
  - SU Today

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**Study Breaks**

Breakfast
- Monday, April 25
  - 9:00 am - 10:30 am
  - McKinney Commons

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Residence Hall End of the Year Reminders

Don't forget to do the following before you leave for the end of the semester:

- Close and lock all windows
- Close curtains and/or shut blinds
- Bunk beds (TH residents only)
- Clean room/common areas
- Take-out garbage
- Have hall staff inspect your room
- Sign your Room Condition Report (RCR) form
- Turn off lights
- Lock door
- Turn in your keys

Residents must check out of their residence hall room within 24 hours of their last final exam or by 10 a.m. Friday, April 29th, whichever is first. A RA will be available from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. during finals week in the Residence Life Office in Spruce Hall to check you out of your room. If your RA is not there, please wait as they may be assisting another student at that time.

Storage is not available on campus for the weeks between spring and summer term housing or for the summer for the fall term. All belongings must be removed from the residence halls when you depart campus.

Residence halls close at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 29th. All residents must be checked out of their room by this time, unless prior approval was arranged with Ms. Stephanie Fiely.

REHEARSAL TIME CHANGE

The graduation rehearsal time has been changed from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the J. Curtis McKinney Student Union Gymnasium. Please plan on attending the rehearsal for important ceremony instructions. Any questions you may have will be answered at this time. Specific information will be provided in relation to:

- Arrival instructions
- Assembly instructions
- Information for guests
- Transportation and parking arrangements

REHEARSAL is on Friday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m. in Gymnasium.

COMMENCEMENT is on Saturday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. in Gymnasium.

On the day of commencement, please report to the Broadhurst Science Center (G-4) no later than 1:00 p.m. for robing. Group photos will begin promptly at 1:15 p.m.