Christine Wolski to be Commencement Speaker

Christine Wolski, Emmy Award winner and University of Pittsburgh at Titusville and Bradford alumna, will present the commencement address at Pitt-Titusville’s 19th annual commencement ceremony to be held on April 25, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the J. Curtis McKinney Student Union.

“We’re fortunate to have such an accomplished professional return to her alma mater – and her hometown -- to address our graduates, said Dr. Livingston Alexander, president of Pitt-Titusville and Pitt-Bradford. “I’m certain her message will be one our graduates will remember long after our commencement exercises have passed.”

“Wolski, a 1991 graduate of Pitt-Bradford’s broadcast communications program, won an Emmy Award from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

She won for a magazine program that she co-produced with John Begeny for WETA public television in Washington, D.C., "Washington Cherry Blossoms: A Gift of Friendship."

“Christine easily remains as one of the very top students I have ever taught,” said Jeff Guterman, associate professor and director of the broadcast communications program at Pitt-Bradford. “She started in the program during its first official year (1989) and definitely set the early standard.”

Wolski is currently a senior producer, on-air fundraising, at WETA, the leading public broadcasting station in the nation’s capital, serving Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia with educational, cultural, news and public affairs programs and services. Wolski has been with WETA since 1999 and has produced both local programs for the Washington, D.C. area as well as content national PBS projects.

Prior to that, she was executive director of the Genesis Family Center from 1997 to 1999, executive director of the Titusville Area United Way 1994 - 1997 and worked as a reporter for WTIV in Titusville from 1994 to 1999.

Wolski says, "I credit much of my professional success to both the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville and the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and from a great group of individuals who I was fortunate to work with and learn from in Titusville."

Article by Tammy Knapp
Dr. Mary Hall Retiring from UPT

Dr. Mary Hall is retiring after 27 years at Pitt-Titusville. Most students who have taken a writing course or some type of literature course have had Dr. Hall as a professor.

Dr. Hall came to this campus after receiving her Ph.D. in Literature from the University of Pittsburgh. She also taught as a part-time instructor, teaching fellow and teaching assistant at the Oakland Campus for nine years before relocating to Titusville. She has been recognized nine times in the various Who’s Who Publications for American Teachers, Education and Women. She received Two Teaching Awards in Written Professional Communications at Oakland and the Provost’s Innovation in Teaching Award for 2007-2009.

She has made many presentations at both national and international conferences, the Brown Bag Luncheon Series at UPT, the Teaching Excellence Fair and Teaching Workshops at the University of Pittsburgh, the Association for Business Communication, and others. She has been a member of numerous committees at UPT, including Enrollment Management Search Committees, the Learning Center Committee, and recently the Assessment Committee, 50th Anniversary Committee, Senate Academic Committee, and the Academic Integrity Committee. She has also been a consultant and tutor at the Learning Center. And she has had four publications on grammar, communications, and writing.

Says Mary, “Over the years, UPT has been here for many students beginning their academic careers. It’s been a pleasure to be a part of that.” We want to thank Mary for her service at Pitt-Titusville and hope she will take many good memories with her upon her retirement. We wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend a reception honoring Mary on Friday, April 17, from 3-4 pm in Henne Lobby, Broadhurst Science Center.

Article by Audrey Renn
Photo by Tammy Knapp

Student Academic Honors Convocation

The annual Student Academic Honors Convocation will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 3:45 p.m. in Henne Auditorium, Broadhurst Science Center. Awards will be given to students in the following disciplines: Applied Science, Arts and Letters, History and Philosophy, Business, Life Science, Nursing, Physical Science, Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Social Science, the Part-time Student and for the Outstanding Student.

New members will also be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society. Dr. Mary Hall will be the faculty speaker at the event. Students, faculty, staff, and the public are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception following the ceremony in Henne lobby.
Poetry Events at Pitt-Titusville

April 9 at 3:00 p.m. in Haskell Auditorium on the UPT campus guest poet, Norm Milliken, will participate in a poetry reading and offer a poetry writing workshop.

While spring is dragging its feet, National Poetry Month is not. April marks a month of celebrating poets and rich poetic traditions. Pitt Titusville has been preparing to help students and the community celebrate poets from Titusville, Oil City, and the pages of history.

On April 9 at 3:00 p.m. in Haskell Auditorium, UPT hosts their annual Day of Poetry event with local poet Norm Milliken. The Day of Poetry has been hosted at Pitt Titusville for over 30 years and is a chance to bring poets to Titusville to help our community learn about the power of poetry. This year the Day of Poetry had planned to feature Erie County Poet Laureate Cee Williams, but due to a transportation complication, Williams is unable to attend. Milliken, a graduate of Clarion University, was asked to attend and he said that he is happy to be asked and “thinks it will be a fun and engaging afternoon and evening.”

Milliken served in the United States Marine Corp in Vietnam in 1968 and then taught English, speech, and creative writing at Oil City High School for 32 years. He says that he has been writing passionately since leaving the Philadelphia Naval Hospital in 1969. Besides writing, Milliken also pursues activities including martial arts, running, and reading every chance he can get. He’s married and enjoys time with his three grown sons and two grandsons.

As part of the Day of Poetry, Milliken will share his experiences as a veteran, his early days in writing, and read some of his original works. He will also lead students and community members through a poetry workshop. The Day of Poetry events will take place at the Haskell Auditorium from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public. In the evening, the auditorium will host the awards ceremony for the winners of the school’s poetry contest.

Please consider being a part of this year's event or attending some part of it. It was a great success last spring, and students read original works, community members participated, and faculty shared their favorite poems. Please consider sharing your creativity and talents with the UPT community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Meredith Kenyon at mkenyon@pitt.edu.

This event is made possible through partnerships with the Titusville Area School District, Titusville Council on the Arts, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the John Nesbit and Sarah Henne Rees Charitable Foundation, and the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville.

Article by Meredith Kenyon
Faculty and Staff vs. the Students Basketball Game

The Players
Basketball Game Photos Continued

The faculty/staff vs. students basketball game on March 20th ended up as a tie with both teams scoring 70 points.

Congratulations to all the players, who were all winners and who had a lot of fun.

*Photos by Tammy Knapp.*
**We are holding a 5K Race Against Racism to unite people, demonstrate our commitment to eliminating racism, and celebrate our diversity. We invite you to join us!**

**The Winner is Humanity**

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 10:00 AM
Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

Where: Student Union

Cost: All Pitt students receive free race registration! You must sign up in advance to receive this free registration in the Student Activities Office (SU 217)!!!

Non-Student Adults are $12 (includes race & t-shirt).

All registrations must be turned in by March 25th to the Student Activities Office.

Additional T-Shirts will not be available day of the race.

This is a fun event for people to join together and celebrate humanity!

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**KARAOKE NIGHT**

Wednesday, April 8
8 –10 pm
In Boomer’s

It is free… so come sing and enjoy your friends singing as well!

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**ROLLER SKATING PARTY!**

Friday, April 10

For Pitt Titusville students only!

11pm – 1 am
at The Rink Family Fun Skating Center

Transportation available at
11 pm from SU Parking Lot

Pitt does not have access and use of The Rink until 11pm, anyone trying to go earlier will have to pay out of pocket to skate. The Rink does accept debit cards and cash for purchases at the snack bar during skating night.

Students who are not 18 years of age must see Ms. Fiely by noon the day before the event to get a release form to be signed by a parent or guardian prior to going skating. All students attending the event will need to sign a release form at the event.

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**Pop Culture Clash**

Tuesday, April 7
9 pm
Boomer’s
Celebrating our 15th year of this event….what a great annual tradition for Pitt Titusville!!!!

April 17

Spring Spectacular

4:00 - 8:00 pm in Boomer’s
Photo Flip Flops
Caricaturist

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.

Chef Competition

Do you want to show off your creativity and cooking skills?

What: We are offering a Chef Competition for students. Participants must be teams of four (4) students who will work together to create dishes for the judges to try. The ingredients will be supplied and announced at the event, no advance preparation based on ingredients will be available.

When: Wednesday, April 15 at 7 pm

Where: Boomer’s

Note: Advance team sign up is required in order to plan for the program. Sign up your team by April 6th so we know if we have enough students to have the competition and so we can purchase supplies.
Here are some nifty modifiers to type in a Google search box to refine searches and get the best results.

“ ”  Exact Phrase
What it does:  searches for an exact phrase
What to type:  “one small step for man”
What you’ll get:  results that include the exact phrase “one small step for man”

Excluded Words
What it does:  excludes search results with a particular word or phrase
What to type:  bass-fishing
What you’ll get:  results about bass that are not related to fishing

~  Similar Words
What it does:  searches for a word and all its synonyms
What to type:  ~mobile phone
What you’ll get:  results with the word “phone,” as well as “cell,” “cellular,” “wireless,” etc.

OR  Multiple words
What it does:  searches for webpages that include either word
What to type:  vacation London OR Paris
What you’ll get:  results with the word “vacation: and either “London” or “Paris”

...  Numerical Ranges
What it does:  searches for a range of numbers
What to type:  Willie Mays 1950…1960
What you’ll get:  results about Willie Mays during this time period

define:  Find Meanings
What it does:  defines a word or phrase
What to type:  define:plethora
What you’ll get:  links to definitions of the word “plethora”

site:  Site Specific
What it does:  searches only particular websites
What to type:  global warming site:edu
What you’ll get:  references to global warming found on .edu websites

link:  Linked Pages
What it does:  searches for webpages that link to a particular website
What to type:  link:www.umich.edu
What you’ll get:  websites that link to the University of Michigan website

1+1  Math Answers
What it does:  basic calculator functions
What to type:  4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sqrt(4), etc.
What you’ll get:  the answer

cm in foot  Conversions
What it does:  converts units of measure
What to type:  cm in foot, 28C in F, $ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed of light
What you’ll get:  the converted answer
Haskell Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9am – 9pm

Friday
9am – 5pm

Saturday
Closed

Sunday
2pm – 10pm

Finals Week Library Hours:

April 19th
2pm – 10pm

April 20th – 22nd
9am – 10pm

April 23rd – 24th
9am – 5pm

April 25th – 26th
Closed

Textbook Buyback

IS COMING…

WHEN: APRIL 21st- 23rd, 2015
9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
WHERE: THE BOOK CENTER

Wondering what to do with your textbooks at the end of the semester? Bring them to the Book Center during Textbook Buyback and get cash back for your books! It doesn’t matter whether you bought them at the Book Center or not, and books with handwritten notes and highlighting will be accepted, as long as the text is still legible.

The Book Center will pay 50% of the purchase price for books that they need to replenish their stock. After the Book Center stock is replenished, a used book company representative will still pay for books that are in current edition and that they need for their stock, but this will be at a lesser price, so be sure to bring your books in sooner rather than later. Don’t miss the chance to get cash for your books!
Sexual Assault Research Climate Study

The University of Pittsburgh will soon participate in a national sexual assault research climate survey that will help us gain a better understanding of the climate at the University of Pittsburgh, and help inform our practices regarding sexual assault moving forward.

Every University of Pittsburgh student will receive an email starting tomorrow from Westat, a well-known research organization, that is conducting the survey. We ask that you take the 20-30 minutes to complete the survey. All responses submitted on the survey will be kept anonymous. Additional information and resources can be found online on the University’s Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Education (“SHARE”) website at http://www.share.pitt.edu.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Osborn, the Titusville Campus Title IX Liaison at osborn@pitt.edu.