On Nov 29th, the PTA class of 2017 took their annual Cadaver Lab trip to University of Pittsburgh, Main Campus. This trip is very exciting because it affords the students an opportunity to examine real human cadavers at the medical students' lab, and tour the main campus, including experiencing the amazing cathedral of learning. The students were able to further reinforce their learning with first-hand interaction and viewing of the knee, shoulder and hip joints as well as various aspects of human musculature. We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to future trips with incoming PTA classes. Please assist in wishing the PTA class of 2017 well on their next endeavor, which will be their spring clinicals!

Karen Guth
On Monday, December 5th Pitt students gathered to venture out in the snow to visit homes throughout the community and sing songs and carols to Titusville residents. Sponsored by Alpha Omega, UPT’s student-led Christian fellowship organization, twelve students as well as Mr. Ledebur and Mr. Ron Shoup, who accompanied the group on guitar, traveled around Titusville bringing Christmas cheer to families. “I love to sing and it was fun spending time with friends and my sister and making people and kids in the community smile,” said Emily Williams ’18.
This December 5 million shoeboxes will be filled with toys, gift-wrapped, and sent to children all over the world. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a program established by Samaritan’s Purse, a Christian non-profit organization, which sends shoeboxes filled with toys, books, hygiene products, small item clothing, school supplies, and other non-perishable items to children who might not receive presents this Christmas. Many children and families living in poverty and the third-world do not have the means to purchase individual gifts during the holidays.

In November, Alpha Omega hosted a Wrapping Party to support Operation Christmas Child by wrapping and packing shoeboxes for boys and girls around the world. Members of Alpha Omega shopped and received donations of items to send to boys and girls. Students and faculty members filled boxes and wrote letters to the children to place in their shoeboxes.

Also during the event, Katelyn Artman from Erie Young Adults, a Christian fellowship group in Erie, PA spoke about restoration and gift-giving. While wrapping, students enjoyed Christmas music, a Hot Chocolate Bar and cookies. Everyone had a great time! Adrienne Beachy, a member of Alpha Omega added, “It was nice to have the opportunity to think of others, give a gift to children to enjoy, and make a small difference in a child’s life.” Students wrapped 23 shoeboxes that will be delivered this Christmas to children in many countries around the world.

If you are interested in Alpha Omega or any service projects or events, contact: Casey Davis, President, cad145@pitt.edu or Mr. Ledebur ledebur@pitt.edu.
One of Titusville’s most popular winter attractions, the Light-up Night at Burgess Park had some of Santa’s helpers this month. On December 8th, students from Alpha Omega helped usher cars through the park’s Christmas light display. Students accepted donation for the Take Pride in Titusville organization as well as passed out candy canes to parents and children and anyone driving through the winter light display. “One of the campus’ objectives and goals is to encourage the city of Titusville and community to collaborate and partner with college students, and this is just one of the many ways Alpha Omega supports this initiative,” said Jeff Ledebur, advisor for Alpha Omega.
The Residence Halls will re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Room keys may be picked up in the Residence Life Office between 9 am and 9 pm in Spruce Hall.

Happy Holidays!
NEW BOOKS ADDED TO HASKELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
December 2016

Dealing with anxiety. Nydegger.
Essentials of maternity, newborn, and women’s health nursing. Ricci.
Financial literacy for millennials: a practical guide to managing your financial life for teens, college students, and young adults. Smith.
Generation Z goes to college. Seemiller.
GMO myths and truths: a citizen’s guide to the evidence on the safety and efficacy of genetically modified crops and foods. Robinson.
Health assessment made incredibly visual! Willis.
Hunting girls: sexual violence from The Hunger Games to campus rape. Oliver.
Rebecca. DVD.
Understanding depression. Nydegger.

Haskell Memorial Library
Interim Hours

December 19-22:
9 am—5 pm

December 23-January 2:
Closed

January 3:
9 am –5 pm

January 4:
8:30 am –5 pm