Campus Community Unites for 2nd Annual UPT Stand Against Cancer

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered this past Monday night (October 20th) at the McKinney Student Union at 6:00 pm for the 2nd Annual UPT Stand Against Cancer.

Attendees were able to choose balloons that represented the particular color associated with the type of cancer that has most closely affected them or a loved one. The event was presented by Josie Sweitzer, student and president of Alpha Omega, a Christian campus fellowship organization at UPT in collaboration with the Nurse’s Office, and school nurse, Kim Roser.

The program began with sentiments by Ms. Sweitzer, “There are many colors of hope, faith, and strength. We are sending up these balloons with prayers for the fighters, the survivors, and the loved ones we have lost.” Sweitzer then read from the poem, “Imagine” by Michele Rosa, “…You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one, that hopes the world will be cancer-free, so we can live as one.” The poem was followed by a moment of silence, and then the release of the balloons by over 30 attendees.

Closing remarks were then made, “As we leave here today please remember. We wear our ribbons of many colors for the courageous warriors, the valiant survivors, and in honor of those taken too soon, together we will make a difference” said Sweitzer.

Article by Jeff Ledebur; Photo by Mary Nicholson
If you are looking for something fun and different to do this Halloween season, please come to our Haunted Ball Hall! Also, please bring a “toy for a tot”, as we will be collecting for Toys for Tots there, as well! We look forward to "scaring" you there!

Phi Theta Kappa, in honor of surviving midterms and to prepare for Halloween, is hosting a movie night next Wednesday, October 29, at Henne Auditorium. Admission is free. Come relax after your exams, eat some candy, and get spooked!

We will be showing two classic horror films: Rocky Horror Picture Show at 8:00 and A Nightmare on Elm Street at 10:00.
Daffodil Planting by Students and Volunteers
October 18th—Photos by Tammy Knapp
Upcoming Learning Center Events and Activities

November 3
PSD: Mock Interviews (Learning Center/Library Collaboration)

November 5
Faculty Forums: Stephanie Fiely, Service-Learning FYE Class

November 11
Learning Luncheon: “Let’s Do Lunch”

November 19
Faculty Forum: Meredith Kenyon, Service-Learning FYE Class

TBD
Sponsored Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3
Faculty Forum: Nancy Tress & Kristen Reynolds

December 6&7
Learning Center- Finals Extravaganza

Learning Luncheons
Learning Luncheons are a forum where students can gain additional academic assistance and support. Held in the McKinney Commons, 11am-1pm, students with academic questions can come and have lunch with their professors and staff members. Topics discussed during the time included questions about homework, courses, and scheduling. The “Let’s Do Lunch” Learning Luncheon will showcase local/regional professionals that students may talk to. Students must sign up for the: Let’s Do Lunch event. Students may sign up by contacting Mr. Ledebur, ledebur@pitt.edu

Faculty Forums
Faculty Forums provide opportunities for members of the campus community to meet and share their scholarship in the best tradition of the University and its mission. Faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines volunteer to present lectures on current studies, research, professional development, and scholarship of teaching and learning. Faculty Forums are held every other Wednesday throughout the academic year, beginning promptly at 12:20 p.m. in the Haskell Auditorium.

Professional Student Development (PSD)
Many of our students leave after 2 years but have not been allowed the opportunities to test or gain practice for the workplace. PSDs will allow students to experience what a true interview is like and be able to improve and update their resumes, or dine with professionals in their field of study during lunch in the dining hall.

Christmas Tree Lighting
We would like to have the LC host a Christmas Tree Lighting somewhere on the grounds as a campus community event.

Finals Extravaganza
Taking place on Dec. 6th and 7th, the Extravaganza is an opportunity for students to come to the LC for additional study and finals review. We have breakfast and lunch, and snacks. And we do different games, and exercises to relieve stress and prepare students for a successful finals week.
Learning Center Establishes Professional Student Development Programs

This fall, the Learning Center has created opportunities for students to increase their skills in the professional arena.

The Learning Center is introducing new programs aimed at developing students’ professionalism and building skills to increase post-graduate success. Last week on October 15th, the Learning Center, in collaboration with the Library, hosted a Resume Workshop available to all UPT students. Many students created or brought their most recent personal resume to receive advice and instruction as to how they can improve their word choice, formatting, voice, tone, and market themselves to potential employers.

Students also had the opportunity to create and/or edit their cover pages that accompany professional resumes. “The Learning Center wanted to provide educational experiences and allow students opportunities to learn and develop professionally, as well as academically. I want our students to leave us better than when they arrived with skills and abilities that will allow them to succeed and thrive,” said Ledebur.

The joint team of the Learning Center and Library will also be hosting Mock Interviews on Monday, November 3rd, from 11am-3 pm in the Haskell Memorial Library. Students must sign up for this event and come prepared to interview, complete with resume in hand and professional dress. Students will be interviewed by faculty and staff for approximately 10-15 minutes and will experience what interviews entail. To sign up, contact Mr. Ledebur, Learning Center Director, ledebur@pitt.edu.

The Learning Center's focus is to see all Pitt-Titusville students become successful life-long learners. The Learning Center offers academic tutoring, professional student development, and learning engagement opportunities. Contact Ledebur at (814) 827-4479 or email for additional information. Visit the Learning Center website for information on the Learning Center and its programs.

Article by Jeff Ledebur.

Richard Thomas Deceased

Our sympathies go to Stephanie and Chris Fiely upon the death of Stephanie’s father Richard B. Thomas of Shelocta, PA, on October 20, 2014.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shelocta Community Presbyterian Church, PO Box 177, Shelocta, PA 15774; or to VNA/Hospice, 850 Hospital Rd., Suite 3000, Indiana, PA 15701.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Stephanie and Chris Fiely in Titusville.

Photo from UPT Stand Against Cancer on October 20.

Photo contributed by Mary Nicholson
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Academic Calendar for November and December 2014

November

Family Weekend
*Friday, October 31—Sunday, November 2*

Open Enrollment for Spring Term Begins
*Saturday, November 8*

Students Last Day to Resign from the University for the Fall Term
*Tuesday, November 18*

Last Day to Apply for Graduation for Spring Graduation
*Tuesday, November 25*

Residence Halls Close for Recess
*Wednesday, November 26*

Thanksgiving Recess for Students
*Wednesday-Sunday, November 26-30*

Thanksgiving Recess for Faculty and Staff Offices Closed
*Thursday, November 27-Sunday, November 30*

Residence Halls Open
*Sunday, November 30*

December

Last Day of Fall Term Classes

Deadline for continuing students to register for spring term without a penalty

Discover Day for Prospective Students hosted by the Admissions Staff
*Friday, December 5*

Final Exams
*Monday-Thursday, December 8-11*

Fall Term Ends
Residence Halls Close at 10:00 for Winter Recess
*Friday, December 12*

Faculty Activity Reports (FARS) for Full-time Faculty Due On-Line
*Monday, December 15*

Spring Open Registration
*Tuesday, December 16*

University Offices Closed for Winter Recess
Wednesday-Friday, December 24-January 2

Spring Term Happenings

April

Student Academic Awards Convocation
*Wednesday, April 8, 2015*

Graduation Practice
*Friday, April 24, 1:00 pm*

Graduation
*Saturday, April 25, 2:00 pm*
Fall Open House

The Office of Admissions will be hosting its first Fall Open House on Saturday, October 25. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. in Henne Auditorium and ends around 1:00 p.m. If you know of a high school student who may be interested in Pitt-Titusville, please encourage him or her to register online at www.upt.pitt.edu.

Please join us in welcoming our guests to campus!

HASKELL LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-9:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday
Closed
Sunday
2 pm—10 pm

UNITED WAY

The United Way Annual Fund Campaign is ongoing.

Please remember this worthwhile organization in your giving.

See Audrey Renn for forms or to turn in pledges or donations.

Important Dates

Friday, October 24
Last day to withdraw from a Fall Term course. Spring book orders due in Book Center.

Monday, October 27
SPRING TERM enrollment appointments begin.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 31- Nov. 2
Family Weekend

Saturday, November 8
Spring Term open enrollment period begins.

Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 26–30
THANKSGIVING RECESS
(no classes)

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 28-30
Thanksgiving Recess for faculty and staff (University closed).

Monday, December 1
CLASSES RESUME.