The University of Pittsburgh at Titusville celebrated the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year with a new twist in the orientation process and the opening convocation on Saturday, August 23, 2014.

Faculty, staff and students at Pitt-Titusville turned the campus into a giant game board for a newly created event for this year’s new-student orientation entitled “Pass or Fail.”

Campus Dean, Dr. David Fitz, asked faculty members at Pitt-Titusville to come up with an idea that would teach the incoming students the habits that lead to academic success. Faculty members Dr. Nancy Tress, Mary Ann Caton, and Jeff Ledebur agreed that putting students in a room and lecturing them about study habits was a boring process and the students didn’t listen. The group came up with the idea of turning the campus into a giant game board. The idea was for it to be a fun way to communicate the habits of academic success in a more interactive way.

Immediately following the game, administration, faculty, staff and students celebrated the opening convocation in Henne Auditorium. Opening convocation is a long-standing academic tradition in American higher education. It is an occasion that brings together all the members of the campus community, not only to mark the beginning of a new academic year, but also to rededicate themselves to the common goals of education and service.

Following the processional, led by Dr. Richard Mulcahy, grand marshal, Pitt-Titusville President Dr. Livingston Alexander formally welcomed new students to the Titusville campus. Emil Spadafore represented the Pitt-Titusville Advisory Board and welcomed new students on their behalf. Campus Dean, Dr. David Fitz spoke to the new students about the Pitt-Promise. The Pitt-Promise is a commitment to civility. It encourages the Pitt-Titusville students to
The next "Panther Print" will be published on Friday, September 19. Articles, information, photos, etc. are due to Audrey Renn by noon on Wednesday, September 17.

**New Document Scanner at Haskell Memorial Library**

Come check out the library’s new document scanner! It scans documents in many formats: PDF, jpg, Word, and a number of others.

The scanner allows you to edit the documents as you scan! Scan directly to your smartphone or tablet, to a USB thumb drive, your Google account, and your email. Scan in full color or black and white.

The scanner scans documents up to 11 x 17, so it should scan almost everything you can throw at it. Best of all, it is FREE! Save money and paper when you want to make copies.

**The Learning Center**

The Learning Center is currently open and operating Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4pm. The schedule is available online on the UPT website: [http://www.upt.pitt.edu/site/academics/aa_learning_center.html](http://www.upt.pitt.edu/site/academics/aa_learning_center.html)

Students are encouraged to schedule appointments to meet with tutors and may do so by contacting Mr. Ledebur, Learning Center Director, at ledebur@pitt.edu or (814) 827-4479. While appointments are appreciated, students may also ‘walk-in’ and receive tutoring as well. All students are welcome to utilize the Learning Center tutors and resources throughout the school year free of charge.

The Learning Center offers direct individual and group tutoring as well as academic programming and workshops throughout the year. Some of our programs for the 2014-2015 school year include: Learning Luncheons, Academic Crawls, Faculty Forums, Professional Student Development Series, Resume Workshops, Mock Interviews, Dine ’N Shine, Let’s Do Lunch, Social Speaker Series, Finals Extravaganza – Preparation…and many more!!
live by values that include mutual respect and civility, self-restraint, concern for others and academic integrity.

Mary Ann Caton and Tammy Knapp welcomed the students on behalf of the faculty and staff (respectively). At the end of their presentations, all the freshman students received a gift from each group consisting of a Pitt-Titusville wristband and a Pitt-Titusville lanyard. Josie Sweitzer, a Pitt-Titusville student, closed the ceremony with a welcome and helpful hints from a student perspective.
Join the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville in

**REMEMBERING 9/11**

**Thursday, September 11th**
8:30 pm
Campus Courtyard

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**Food and Housing Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 16**
7 pm
in Boomer’s

Join us to tell us your thoughts about food service and housing! All students are welcome to attend!
You can earn a Discover Passport stamp by attending!!

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**US Constitution Game Show**

**Wednesday, September 17**
8 pm
Boomer’s

Winning individual or team receives a gift certificate!

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**Ball In the House**

**Wednesday, September 10th**
Henne Auditorium - 7 pm

Ball in the House isn’t what you think. Taking a cappella to a new level, Ball in the House is so much more than just another singing group. They’re the redefinition of the a cappella genre with everything you’d expect from a world-class soul, pop, R&B group—except the instruments.

Free for Pitt Titusville students!!!

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**Ball in the House**

Five guys, five voices...
that’s it!

Whatever you do, don’t miss BALL IN THE HOUSE; see for yourself what the buzz is about!
Evan Ditty Interns at Student Affairs This Fall

Evan Ditty is interning this fall with Stephanie Fiely in Student Activities and Residence Life. Evan is a graduate student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in the College Counseling program. A resident of Titusville, Evan graduated from Titusville High School in 2008 and from Thiel College in 2012 with a Bachelor’s degree in History with a minor in Music. At Edinboro, Evan is the graduate assistant for campus life where he advises the 13 social fraternities and sororities, their two governing boards, honor society, and the National Society of Leadership and Success.

In his spare time, Evan enjoys reading anything he can get his hands on, singing, and acting. He has performed in many of the Titusville Summer Theater productions, including this summer’s production of “Oliver!” in which he played the role of Bill Sykes. Also this summer, Evan completed a practicum internship in the Admissions office with Bobby Wyant. Evan is also a volunteer for Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, having volunteered as a member of the National Nominations Committee for two years and is currently serving as his chapter’s Acting President of the Alumni Board.

Evan is excited to be here at UPT, and is looking forward to meeting and working with many students during his internship!

Ready to Graduate?

If you have completed 60 or more credits I encourage you to talk to your advisor about graduating with one of UPT’s associate degrees.

Even if you are not sure you have met all degree requirements, it is recommended that you complete the Application for Graduation and return it to the Office of Student Services in Davis Hall.

Once your application is received, an audit of your academic history will be conducted. You will be informed before the end of the ADD/DROP period (September 5) if schedule changes are needed in order to meet the graduation requirements.

Please keep in mind that the deadline for graduation applications is Thursday, September 4, 2014.

Thank you,
Nicole Y. Neely, Registrar
Director of Student Services, UPT
Move In Day Photos by Tammy Knapp
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Need a Room Change?

Now that everyone is in the swing of things with the start of the new academic year, conflicts may be arising between you and your roommate. Before considering a room change, talk with your RA about the possibility of doing a mediation or revisiting your roommate agreement.

If a room change is recommended, please note: **Room Changes are offered only once per semester and will be taking place September 8-22nd.** It is your responsibility to communicate with your RA and GRD if you are considering changing rooms.

**Room Changes come in two forms:**
1. One-for-one swap: students who know of another student who would be interested in swapping rooms. In this situation, both residents must speak with the GRD and all four parties must be okay with the swap.
2. Vacancy Pull-in: if a vacancy exists within a room or a townhouse, you may request to move into this space. At this time, the only singles allowed on campus are medical singles.

*Note: If you are currently living in a single room, you are not guaranteed this single for the foreseeable future. Once room changes are over, you will be contacted to inquire whether you would like to pay a single room deposit ($300) or receive a roommate.*

As the resident seeking a room change, you are responsible for deciding what this looks like. If you have questions about what vacancies are available to you, please talk with your RA. Once you’ve decided you want to move, you must email GRD Kathleen Jensen at kjensen@pitt.edu for permission. **You cannot move rooms until you are given permission.**
As a result of the thunderstorm on Thursday, August 23, this tree came down and blocked the back entrance to McKinney Hall. The tree removal service cut down and removed the tree on Friday.

Josie Sweitzer, SGA President, speaking at Opening Convocation on August 23rd.