

## Men's Basketball 2016-2017 Schedule

| Date                     | Time    | Race                                 | Location         |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Buzz Ridl Classic</b> |         |                                      |                  |
| 11/22/2016               | 6:00 PM | Geneva College (Pa.)                 | Greensburg, PA   |
| 11/30/2016               | 8:00 PM | Penn State Altoona                   | Altoona, PA      |
| 12/3/2016                | 4:00 PM | Medaille College                     | Greensburg, PA   |
| 12/7/2016                | 8:00 PM | Mount Aloysius College               | Greensburg, PA   |
| 12/10/2016               | 3:00 PM | D'Youville College                   | Buffalo, NY      |
| 12/14/2016               | 7:00 PM | Baldwin Wallace University           | Berea, OH        |
| 12/17/2016               | 1:00 PM | Waynesburg University                | Waynesburg, PA   |
| 12/21/2016               | 8:00 PM | Penn State Behrend                   | Greensburg, PA   |
| <b>Captains Shootout</b> |         |                                      |                  |
| 12/28/2016               | 7:30 PM | Christopher Newport University       | Newport News, VA |
| 12/29/2016               | TBA     | TBA @ Christopher Newport University | Newport News, VA |
| 1/4/2017                 | 8:00 PM | Franciscan University                | Greensburg, PA   |
| 1/7/2017                 | 3:00 PM | Hilbert College                      | Hamburg, NY      |
| 1/11/2017                | 8:00 PM | La Roche College                     | Pittsburgh, PA   |
| 1/14/2017                | 3:00 PM | University of Pittsburgh at Bradford | Greensburg, PA   |
| 1/18/2017                | 8:00 PM | Penn State Altoona                   | Greensburg, PA   |
| 1/21/2017                | 3:00 PM | Medaille College                     | Buffalo, NY      |
| 1/25/2017                | 8:00 PM | Mount Aloysius College               | Cresson, PA      |
| 1/28/2017                | 3:00 PM | D'Youville College                   | Greensburg, PA   |
| 2/4/2017                 | 3:00 PM | Penn State Behrend                   | Erie, PA         |
| 2/8/2017                 | 8:00 PM | Franciscan University                | Steubenville, OH |
| 2/11/2017                | 3:00 PM | Hilbert College                      | Greensburg, PA   |
| 2/15/2017                | 8:00 PM | La Roche College                     | Greensburg, PA   |
| 2/18/2017                | 3:00pm  | University of Pittsburgh at Bradford | Bradford, PA     |
| <b>AMCC Tournament</b>   |         |                                      |                  |
| 2/22/2017                | TBA     | AMCC Tournament - First Round        |                  |
| 2/25/2017                | TBA     | AMCC Tournament - Semi-Finals        |                  |
| 2/26/2017                | TBA     | AMCC Tournament - Championship       |                  |

## Men's Basketball 2016-2017 Roster

| #  | Name           | Pos. | Ht.  | Year | Hometown / High School            |
|----|----------------|------|------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 0  | David Knox     | G    | 6-3  | Fr.  | Fairchance, PA / Albert Gallatin  |
| 1  | Mason Eddinger | W    | 6-2  | Fr.  | Sarver, PA / Freeport             |
| 3  | Cody Spaid     | F    | 6-7  | Fr.  | Bigler, PA / Clearfield           |
| 4  | Brady Kingston | G    | 6-3  | Fr.  | Tionesta, PA / Venango Catholic   |
| 11 | Isaiah Zeise   | G    | 5-9  | Fr.  | Pittsburgh, PA / North Allegheny  |
| 12 | Brandon Miller | W    | 6-0  | Sr.  | Avella, PA / Avella               |
| 13 | Matt Zanella   | F    | 6-5  | So.  | Saxonburg, PA / Knoch             |
| 15 | Jake Kitner    | F    | 6-3  | Fr.  | Johnstown, PA / Conemaugh Valley  |
| 20 | Matt Darby     | G    | 5-11 | Jr.  | Cranberry Twp, PA / Seneca Valley |
| 21 | Blake Shields  | W    | 6-5  | So.  | Indiana, PA / Indiana             |
| 22 | Joe Mancini    | G    | 5-11 | Jr.  | Pittsburgh, PA / North Allegheny  |
| 30 | Jay Grubb      | F    | 6-6  | Fr.  | Schellsburg, PA / Chestnut Ridge  |
| 31 | Zach Maxwell   | F    | 6-6  | So.  | Prosperity, PA / McGuffey         |
| 32 | Kyle Bondi     | W    | 6-2  | So.  | Moon Twp, PA / Moon Area          |
| 55 | Nate Burt      | F    | 7-0  | Fr.  | Franklin, PA / Rocky Grove        |

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Sean Strickland;  
 Assistants Jake Hartman, Marty Ponebshek, William Tyler Johnson, Harry Bowser



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## WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### BLUE & GOLD WEEKEND – A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The annual Blue & Gold Weekend at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg was a resounding success. The alumni in attendance were treated to events, accommodations, and memories that only Pitt-Greensburg can provide. Activities ranging from a golf tournament, handsome cab rides covering the Starboard Light Campus, hospitality tents, a casino night, a viewing of the Pitt/Marshall football game, and the annual Alumni Celebration Dinner highlighted an unforgettable weekend.

At the direction of Pitt-Greensburg's President Dr. Sharon Smith and Coordinator of Alumni Relations Sheila Kudrick, the Men's Basketball Alumni Club was featured prominently during the afternoon festivities as well as at the Alumni Celebration Dinner which followed. Members of the Men's Basketball Alumni Club in attendance during Saturday's activities included the Honorable John and Mary Louise Blahovec, Harry and Karon Bowser, Adam Bowser, Carlyle Carter, Fred and Denise Charles, Bernie Cobetto, Alan and Debbie Hudock, Deputy District Attorney Barbara Jollie, Tom Jollie and Sharon Vinsek, Dr. Chris and Barbara Luccy, Clint Mullen, Mike Noppe, Al and Cindy Skrabski, and Doug Wilson.

The annual Alumni Celebration Dinner began with welcoming words from President Smith which were both enlightening and inspirational. The evening festivities included a series of speakers who described the impact that their experience at Pitt-Greensburg had on their personal lives and professional careers. Tom Jollie, a member of the first basketball team at Pitt-Greensburg and the proprietor of a highly successful insurance business in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, described with pride the relationships that he forged at Pitt-Greensburg and which have lasted until the present time. In one of the evening's lighter moments, Tom quipped that his skills as a salesman originated from his selling term papers at Pitt-Greensburg. His tongue-in-cheek comment brought down the house! Doug Wilson, a performer on last season's championship basketball team and a member of the "Elite Eight," described with passion his love for the University, his teammates, coaches, and mentors. He shared how the lessons learned at Pitt-Greensburg will guide him as he embarks on his professional career.



Doug Wilson and Tom Jollie



PGA President James Smith, Harry Bowser, Dr. Sharon Smith

The Alumni Celebration Dinner concluded with the presentation of the awards for Alumnus of Distinction to the Honorable John E. Blahovec, the Young Alumni Leadership Award to Katelyn E. Sadler, and the Volunteer of Excellence Award to Harry P. Bowser. Each award recipient spoke glowingly of his or her time at Pitt-Greensburg, the quality of the education, their affection for professors and mentors, and the relationships and memories that had significantly affected their lives.



## BLUE & GOLD WEEKEND – MEMORIES



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### DR. BERNARD H. COBETTO

The term “Pitt Man” is often used but never more appropriately than in describing Dr. Bernard H. Cobetto. For more than 70 years, Dr. Cobetto has been a proud alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1945 and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School in 1947. He was a member of the first medical school class to be housed at the Cathedral of Learning.



Dr. Bernard H. Cobetto

Dr. Cobetto opened his medical practice in the Greensburg area in 1950. Since the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg’s opening in 1963, Dr. Cobetto has been an ardent supporter and benefactor to the campus. In 1969, he volunteered to serve as the medical consultant and physician for the first basketball teams at Pitt-Greensburg. In 2005, he established the Dr. Bernard Cobetto Lecture Series on Contemporary Ethical Issues, featuring professional speakers from all walks of life who lecture on topics ranging from health care to politics.

Dr. Cobetto and his wife, Ellen Jean Cobetto, have been married for more than 66 years. Their son Bernie was a starter on Pitt-Greensburg’s first basketball teams and their son Greg served as a team assistant equipment manager. On October 11, 2016, the Cobetto children (Bernie, Greg, Eileen, Lissa, Jeanne, and Chris) joined their parents and the entire Cobetto family in celebrating Dr. Cobetto’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Men’s Basketball Alumni Club congratulates Dr. Cobetto and his family on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and salutes his many years of service to the University of Pittsburgh and Pitt-Greensburg.

## BOBCATS BUZZER

For the Pitt-Greensburg Bobcats, the AMCC Men’s Basketball Championship Game wasn’t just a big game—it was the biggest. The Bobcats, one of 10 members of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, had earned entry into the 2015-2016 post season playoffs with a regular season record of 13-5, good for third place. Hilbert College, from the Buffalo, NY, area was the regular season champ. The Hilbert Hawks record of 15-3 included a pair of wins over Pitt-Greensburg. In the tournament, it was no surprise that Hilbert advanced to the title game. Their opponent would be the Bobcats of Pitt-Greensburg, who clawed their way to a first-round win, and an overtime nail-biter win over Penn State Behrend in the semi-finals. The Bobcats would get a third meeting with the Hilbert Hawks. Pitt-Greensburg coach Sean Strickland and his senior dominated team would enter Hilbert’s Hafner Recreation Center and deliver a surprise of their own. In a tense close game, the Bobcats managed to hold a slim lead throughout. The home-standing Hawks were ahead only twice, the second time at 74-73, with just 24 seconds remaining in the game. Call it a fantastic finish. Call it a buzzer beater. Call it a game for the ages. What happened next will not be forgotten. With 19 seconds left, dependable Bobcat senior swingman Mike Connelly took a nifty pass from teammate Jerrell Figueroa and launched a three-point shot that Hilbert won’t forget either. The shot went down, and with it the Hawks. The Bobcats won 76-74. That tourney win earned the Pitt-Greensburg Men’s Basketball Team the school’s first ever trip to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. For all involved, it was not just a big game—it was the Biggest.

