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The Nominating Committee of the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees on June 20 advanced three individuals as new candidates for membership on the board: Brian Generalovich (Arts and Sciences ’66, Dental Medicine ’68), a dentist in private practice in Hermitage, Pa., and immediate past president (2006–08) of the Pitt Alumni Association; Dawne S. Hickton (Law ’83), vice chair and CEO of RTI International Metals, Inc.; and College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino (Arts and Sciences ’83), in-studio cohost of CBS-TV’s The NFL Today and president of the Dan Marino Foundation.

The full board of trustees will act on the nominations at its June 27 annual meeting.

Biographical information on the new candidates advanced by the Nominating Committee follows.

**Brian Generalovich**, a Pitt Volunteer of the Year in 2000, previously served as treasurer and vice president of the Pitt Alumni Association as well as director emeritus of its board of directors. As part of his volunteer work for the alumni association, he chaired the Alumni Center Committee and was instrumental in the creation of the Alumni Center in Alumni Hall and also in the creation of the Student Alumni Association, launched during his first term as alumni association president.

Generalovich attended Pitt on an athletic scholarship and played basketball from 1961 to 1964 and football in 1964; he was team captain of the men’s basketball team and an Academic All-American for his final two seasons, was a two-time UPI-AP All-American, was voted Most Valuable Player in basketball for three successive seasons, graduated as the fifth all-time leading scorer in Pitt basketball history, and lettered in football. Drafted by the New York Knicks, he played in the Eastern Professional Basketball League. In 1993, Pitt named him a Varsity Letterwinner of Distinction.

Generalovich was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame’s Western Chapter in 1986 and the Mercer County Sports Hall of Fame in 1996 and served for two years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps following his receipt of the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. While in dental school in 1965-66, he played in the Pac-10 Professional Basketball League.

In 2007, the latter organization’s board of directors. He also is a member of the Rocky Mountain Orthodontic Society and the Pittsburgh International Basketball League. In 1993, Pitt named him a Varsity Letterwinner of Distinction.

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Louis Gomez Named Inaugural Holder of Faison Chair, First Director Of Center for Urban Education

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Foundation-sponsored Center for Learning Technologies in Urban Schools (LeTUS), a partnership between the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Michigan, and Northwest-ern University. Gomez has been dedicated to collaborative research to bring state-of-the-art computing and networking technologies and methods to urban schools. Along with several colleagues, he was a founding member of the MacArthur Network on Teaching, Learning, and Technology, which sought to understand and explore the relationship between research and practice in education. His ultimate goal is to transform instruction in urban schools while supporting the formation of communities within schools. He has worked extensively in urban area schools for more than a decade.

Gomez currently is a board member of CAST (Center for Applied Special Technology), which has an interests in the creation or promotion of technology-based educational resources. He just com- pleted two years as a member of the National Research Council’s Center for Education and as chair of the Educational Testing Service’s Visiting Panel of Research. He is a recipient of the Spencer Foundation Mentorship Award.

Prior to joining the Northwestern faculty, Gomez was director of Human-Computing Systems Research at Bellcore in Morristown, N.J. At Bellcore, he pursued research programs to investigate techniques that improve human use of information-retrieval systems and techniques that aid in acquiring complex computer-based skills.


Gomez received the BA degree in psychology from the State University of New York at New Paltz in 1974 and the PhD degree in cognitive psychology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979.

Kimberley Gomez is a learning-sciences researcher whose work focuses on how people learn from text and experience more equitable learning opportunities in underserved middle and high schools. At the core of her research and development efforts is the support of literacy to achieve equity. Current projects include a study of the relationship between community achievement and social achievement with 9th through 11th graders in seven Chicago high schools and a study of technology-rich urban after-school programs, with a particular focus on the development of new media literacies.


Kimberley Gomez received the BS degree from the University of Florida in 1978, the MS degree in 1981, and the PhD degree in language pathology from Florida State University in 1986, and the MS and PhD degrees in educational psychol- ogy from the University of Chicago in 1990 and 1994, respectively.

The Faison Chair was established in 2006 to honor Pitt alumni and emeritus trustee Faison, a nationally respected scholar who earned all her degrees in Pitt’s School of Education—the BS degree in 1946, the MEd degree in 1955, and the PhD degree in 1975.

Faison’s storied career includes serving as Pittsburgh Public Schools’ first female and African American deputy superintendent (1972-1974) and its first African American principal and its first African American superintendent. She has earned a number of accolades from the University, including an honorary doctorate as well as recognition as a Legacy Laureate—a designation that honors Pitt alumni for their outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. She also was named a Distinguished Alumna by both Pitt’s African American Alumni Council and the Pitt School of Education.

“Those of us who are familiar with the two institutions—the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Public Schools— should view the appointment of Dr. Gomez to be of mutual benefit,” said Faison. Distinquished Professor and director of the Pittsburgh Teachers Institute at Chatham University. “Together, the School of Education, in its preparation of teachers and administrators for the schools, and the Pittsburgh Public Schools, in its delivery of educational serv- ices, can expect to achieve the district’s goal of ‘Education For All.’”

“Although the Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) are thrilled that Louis Gomez will be a partner in our work and congratulate the University of Pittsburgh for bringing a nationally respected scholar to our city,” said Mark Roosevelt, PPS superintendent. “What most impresses us about Dr. Gomez is that he makes working with urban students and educators his priority. He is no ‘ivory tower’ professor, and we look forward to working closely with him and Kimberley Gomez as we move forward with the University Partnership School at Wilkinsburg High School,” Roosevelt said.

“Helen Faison is a remarkable figure in the history of the Pittsburgh schools, and we will all benefit from her rich exper- tise and practical knowledge to bear in the interests of better educating our students,” Roosevelt said.

The first fully endowed chair in the 98-year history of the School of Education, the Faison Chair was funded jointly from the Buhl Foundation, the Richard King Mellon Foundation, and the Grable Foundation, with additional support from the Falk Foundation.

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Generalovich, Hickton, and Marino Advanced As Pitt Trustee Candidates By Board’s Nominating Committee

The respect and popularity Marino earned as a player to his appearances in a number of Hollywood feature films. That same popularity also saw his transition into his current career as a broadcast sports commentator acclaimed for his ability to convey highly technical language to a vast television audience, formerly as cohost of HBO’s award-winning program Inside the NFL and now as cohost of CBS’s The NFL Today.

Sensitized to a set of compelling health issues by a challenge within their own family, Dan and Claire Marino created the Dan Marino Foundation in 1992 to meet the need for comprehensive and integrated treatment programs for children with develop-mental disabilities and chronic medical problems. In November 2007, the Marinos received the Public Services Award for Out- standing Contributions to Public Health, one of the International Health and Medical Media Awards presented by Mediclean; and in January 2008, they were recognized by Nova Southeastern University with the President’s Community Award for their outstanding contributions to the university and the South Florida community.

Earlier this year, Florida Governor Charlie Crist named Marino cochair of the Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders, which will deliver, by March 2009, recommenda- tions on ways to address the growing health crisis autism presents. Marino deliv- ered the address and received an honorary doctorate in broadcast journalism at Pitt’s 2008 Commencement on April 27.

Dan Marino earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in communication at Pitt in 1983 and was drafted in the first round by the NFL’s Miami Dolphins. He continued his athletic success as a professional, setting more than 20 individual-season and career passing records during his 17-year NFL career that were culminated in his induction to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005.
most important initiatives and have made it possible for us to achieve our towering ambitions. As we continue to press forward with programs of positive impact, we are deeply grateful to our outstanding donors for their remarkable leadership support.”

This year’s Cathedral of Learning Society induc-tees are Bettye J. Bailey and Ralph E. Bailey; Tina B. Bellet and David F. Bellet; Marshall P. Katz and Wallis F. Katz; John C. and Darlene D. Mascaro; David Alan Tepper; and Dick and Ginny Thornburgh. Information about the honorees follows.

Bettye J. Bailey and Ralph E. Bailey
Bettye Bailey enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh as a single parent, Ralph, was becoming a prominent leader in the American energy and financial sectors and her four children were beginning their own college careers. After years of balancing her life as mother, wife, and student, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in social sciences from Pitt’s College of General Studies in 1984.

Before then, Bettye studied at various schools as Ralph pursued a distinguished career that has included posts as chair of Consolidated Coal (now CONSOL Energy), chair and CEO of its parent company, Conco, Inc.; board vice-chair of E.I. DuPont deNemours and Company; founder of XPARONET, Inc., and president of Murphy Energy Corporation; and his current service as board chair of the American Bailey Corporation and executive chair of Fuel-Tech, Inc.

The Baileys’ appreciation for the challenges faced by adult students inspired them to establish in 2005 the Bettye J. and Ralph E. Bailey Scholarship in Pitt’s College of General Studies, a fund for nontraditional adult students who pursue an education while tending to family and work. In 2007, they endowed the deanship of Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences with a gift to be used as a discretionary fund to support the dean and enhancement of programs throughout the school.

Tina B. Bellet and David F. Bellet
Good teachers not only educate, but also provide role models, which Bettye Bailey has been for their students. For these reasons, David and Tina Bellet believe, educators should be rewarded and supported. In accordance with that credo, the Bellets have for a decade supported the Tina and David Bellet Arts and Sciences Excellence Awards, which recognize outstanding and innovative undergraduate teaching in Pitt’s School of Arts and Sciences, the hallmark of their generous donations.

Since 1998, 28 Pitt faculty members have received the Tina and David Bellet Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award, an acknowledgement of their influence as educators, which also bestows a $5,000 prize. In April, the Bellets presented the University with a gift to permanently endow the award, which was previously funded on an annual basis.

Tina Bellet taught at the Fleming School in New York City and has been an active board member at other schools. She sits on the Lesley University Board of Trustees. She also is a trustee emeritus of the Horace Mann School, an independent, coeducational, pre-K–12 school in Riverdale, N.Y., where she continues to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees’ education committee.

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Pitt Researchers Find Weight Gain May Be Healthy for Those With Type 1 Diabetes

By Clare Collins

Gaining body fat may be a good thing, at least for people with type 1 diabetes, say researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. Their study, presented recently at the 68th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association in San Francisco, followed 655 patients with type 1 diabetes for 20 years and found that patients who gained weight over time were less likely to die.

The findings are based on participants in the Pittsburgh Epidemiology of Diabetes Complications Study, a long-term prospective study of childhood onset type 1 diabetes, which began in 1986. Participants in the study—an average age of 28 when entering the study and 44 at its completion—were diagnosed with type 1 diabetes between 1950 and 1960. Researchers measured patients’ body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference and assessed BMI every two years during the study period. Over the course of the study, 147 deaths occurred.

Results showed that patients whose BMI increased the most during the study (2 to 11 points or about 10 to 55 pounds) were one-third less likely to die than those who had smaller increases in BMI, indicating that weight gain may protect people with type 1 diabetes from premature death.

“Although weight gain in adulthood is typically associated with increased mortality, this may not be the case for those with type 1 diabetes,” said Trevor Orchard. Pitt professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health.

“Gaining a reasonable amount of weight may be a sign patients are getting enough insulin and appropriately controlling their disease, which may partly explain why those who gained weight over time had lower mortality rates,” said Orchard, who also is professor of medicine and pediatrics in the University’s School of Medicine.

Orchard and colleagues also looked at BMI ranges and mortality and found no difference in mortality between those with a BMI in the overweight range (BMI 25 to 30) and the normal range (BMI 20 to 25). Conversely, they found that having a BMI in the underweight range (BMI less than 20) or obese range (BMI 30 and greater) was a strong predictor of mortality. When researchers controlled for waist circumference, a commonly cited reason for general fat mortality, patients with a BMI in the underweight range were at greatest risk for death, while those with a BMI in the overweight or obese ranges had a decreased risk of mortality compared to patients with a normal BMI.

“These results are not a firm recommendation to people with type 1 diabetes to put on weight, but it does raise the possibility that weight recommendations in type 1 diabetes may be somewhat different than those for the general population, and emphasizes the complex relationship between body fat and mortality in diabetes,” added Baqiyah Conway, a doctoral student in Pitt’s Department of Epidemiology and lead author of the abstract.

Previously known as juvenile diabetes, type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. In type 1 diabetes, the pancreas produces little or no insulin to properly control blood sugar levels. It is typically treated with insulin replacement therapy. As many as 3 million Americans have type 1 diabetes.

The study was funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health.
HEALTH ISSUES

SLAVE SHIP SYMPOSIUM

Pitt’s Department of History and School of Arts and Sciences marked the 200th anniversary of the United States’ abolition of the Atlantic slave trade, in 1808, with an April symposium titled The Slave Ship in History and Literature. Participants explored the meaning and legacy of the slave trade in history and literature, past and present. Panelists included (from left) Barry Unsworth, author of the Booker Prize-winning novel Sacred Hunger, on epic of the slave trade; Marcus Rediker, Pitt professor of history and author of the prize-winning book The Slave Ship; and Joseph Adjaye, professor of African history and culture in the University’s Department of African Studies.

ASPIRING DOCS

Students from Pitt’s School of Medicine spoke about their particular specialty with practicing physicians during the Specialty Fair organized by AspiringDocs.org, a pilot program of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) designed to attract physicians from more diverse backgrounds to serve the growing health needs of culturally diverse communities. Pitt is one of four universities participating in the campaign. Pictured from left are: Cheryl Lynch, a research associate in the Pitt School of Medicine’s Division of General Internal Medicine; J. Aurelio Del Rio, chief resident of anesthesiology at UPMC; Peter Harwood, a general internal medicine intern at UPMC; AspiringDocs.org campaign coordinator Amy Adams; Rodney Williams, a medical resident in Pitt’s Department of Psychiatry; Paula Doan, assistant vice chancellor in Pitt’s Office of Health Sciences Diversity; Erik Holt, an emergency medicine physician at UPMC Shadyside; second-year Pitt medical student Khaliah Graham; and Cheinis Pettigrew, assistant dean of student affairs and director of diversity programs in Pitt’s medical school.

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENTS

Jay Sukits (standing), professor of business administration in Pitt’s Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration, and Michael Goodhart (partially obscured), professor of political science in Pitt’s Department of Political Science, were forum panelists at the Feb. 21 William Pitt Debating Union (WPDU) public debate on socially responsible investing. Joining Sukits and Goodhart were WPDU student debaters Paul Masters, a sophomore in the School of Arts and Sciences, and Lissa Geiger, a junior in Arts and Sciences.

FAMILY WELLNESS

Pitt’s Office of Child Development (OCD) was just one of a number of cosponsors of the Fifth Annual Family Support Conference at the Westin Convention Center Hotel, Downtown, June 4, where participants discussed the best ways for families to prepare their children for academic success. Moderators included (from left) Robert Nelkin, president and CEO of the United Way of Allegheny County; Gloria Rodriguez-Ransom, a parent leader/advocate for Wilkinsburg Family Support Center; and L. Twila Davis, a parent leader/advocate for East Liberty Family Support Center.


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U.S. Congressman John Conyers of Michigan (center) spoke to Pitt medical students at a Black History Month banquet March 5, sponsored by Pitt’s chapter of the Student National Medical Association. Earlier this year, Conyers introduced a bill before Congress, the National Health Insurance Act, which would assure all Americans access to high-quality, affordable health care. Pictured with Conyers are Pitt medical students (from left) Latresa A. Bryant, Veronica T. Jarido, Patrice Thorpe-Jamison, Raquel C. Jones, Tara K. Miller, and Adrienne N. Clark.

NELLIE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Allegheny County Chief Executive and Pitt Trustee Dan Onorato (LAW ’89) (far right) poses with members of his family at the reception for the Three Rivers Youth’s Nellie Leadership Awards, held April 30 at the Twentieth Century Club in Oakland. Pictured with Onorato are (from left) his mother Vivian, daughter Emily, wife Shelly (GSPH ’88), and son Danny.

Student dees's family, 2007-2008
Awards & More

Two Computing Services and Systems Development (CSSD) projects—involving implementation of an innovative enterprise storage solution and guest wireless computing access—were recognized as Laureates by the IDG’s Computerworld Honors Program during the 20th Annual Laureates Gala Ceremony and Gala Awards Evening in Washington, D.C.

Since 2003, the Computerworld Honors Program has selected the University of Pittsburgh for more than 15 awards for computing projects. “Computerworld is a widely respected publication in the IT world, and we are honored to be recognized again by its Honors Program,” said Jinx Walton, director of Pitt’s CSSD.

The winning projects were:

“Enterprise Storage Solution Provides Cost Savings and Improved Infrastructure,” an entry in the Business and Related Services category. The IBM Corp. nominated Pitt for this award, and “Providing Guest Wireless Access in a Large University Environment,” an entry in the Education and Academia category. The nominating company for this award was Cisco.

For two decades, the Computerworld Honors Program has acknowledged those individuals and organizations that have used information technology to benefit society. Organizations that have used information technology to benefit society.

Doris M. Rubio, associate professor of medicine, biostatistics, and nursing and director and codirector, respectively, of the School of Medicine’s Center for Research on Health Care Data Center and Institute for Clinical Research Education, has been selected by the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women, a core program of the Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine, as one of the 2008-09 ELAM fellows. This is the only national program dedicated to preparing senior women faculty for leadership in academic health centers.

Jennifer Lingler, an assistant professor in Pitt’s School of Nursing, was recently awarded the Brookdale Leadership in Aging Fellowship from the Brookdale Foundation. This competitive national award was created to encourage emerging leaders in the field of aging. The fellowship provides two years of support to junior academics to focus on a project that will help establish them in an area of aging research.

Annette DeVito Dabbs, assistant professor in the Department of Aged and Tertiary Care in the School of Nursing, was honored as the 2008 Distinguished Professor by the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM). The objective of the Distinguished Professor program is to raise the visibility of aging-related research and education among SGIM members through a series of sponsored educational and mentorship activities during the annual meeting. The ultimate goal is to improve the care of older persons.

Rolf Loebner, Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and professor of psychology and epistemology in the School of Medicine, recently received two distinguished honors. He was elected a member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences, a select group of scientists who promote the quality of scientific and scholarly work. Loebner’s election was based on his work in criminology and developmental psychopathology. In addition, he was elected as an honorary member of the Royal Irish Academy for his work in Irish history, architecture, and literature.

Samuel Stebbins, director of the Graduate School of Public Health’s Center for Public Health Preparedness, has been accepted as a scholar of the National Public Health Leadership Institute (PHLI), a one-year leadership development program for high-potential leaders with a commitment to leading their own organizations and communities. The goal of PHLI is to create new public health leaders who will help lead change in the public health system.

Jennifer Grandis, professor of otolaryngology and pharmacology in Pitt’s School of Medicine and program leader of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute’s head and neck cancer program, was recently awarded a clinical professorship from the American Cancer Society. Grandis, one of only three recipients of a clinical professorship this year, will receive $400,000 over five years.

Doris M. Rubio

Jinx Walton

Rolf Loebner

Samuel Stebbins

Doris M. Rubio, Steven D. Manners Faculty Development Award Winner.

Awards are given in memory of Man-

LaRue’s project, titled “The Validity and Utility of a Tool for Evaluating Web Pages Presenting Health Content,” was awarded the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association’s 2008 Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award, which recognizes excellence in teaching, mentoring, and leadership of educators in the American Dietetics Association-accredited dietetics education programs.

Leslie Davis, president of Mage-Womens Hospital of UPMC, will be the Executive in Residence for the 2008-09 academic year in the Department of Health Policy and Management in Pitt’s Graduate School of Public Health. The Executive in Residence program fosters better relationships between the Health Administration Program and the world of practice for the advantage of both the students and faculty of the program.

Pitt’s University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) announced the recipients of the 8th Annual Steven D. Manners Faculty Development Award. Winners are assistant professor Peter J. Gunnaros and professor J. Richard Jennings, both in the School of Medicine’s Department of Psychiatry; Elizabeth LaRue, an instructor in the School of Nursing’s Department of Health and Community Systems; and Keith H. Morgenlander, an assistant professor in Pitt’s Department of Medicine. Gunnaros and Jennings received an award for their project, titled “A Teaching and Student Research Laboratory for Integrative Biological and Psychosocial Assessments,” to equip and design a research laboratory that will provide faculty and students with the opportunity to develop, acquire, and disseminate new research skills in relating biological measures to concepts in the social, behavioral, and policy sciences. LaRue’s project, titled “The Validity and Utility of a Tool for Evaluating Web Pages Presenting Health Content,” will be used to establish the validity of SPAT, a mnemonic tool used by people to help them pre-evaluate Web page health information for accuracy. Morgenlander’s project, titled “Assessing Health-Seeking Behaviors, Fatalism and Cancer Knowledge by Reticent, Difficult-to-Reach Populations in McKeesport, Pa.,” will develop a pilot survey research program that assesses care-utilization behaviors in remote populations. The Steven D. Manners, Awards are given in memory of Manners, who was UCSUR’s assistant director when he died in September 2000.

Academy President

Jeffrey Schwartz (left) was installed as president of the World Academy of Arts and Science (WAAS) during an anniversary conference on global warming held at the university’s annual conference in 2008. Schwartz, who coordinated the conference, will serve as WAAS president for four years. He is a professor in Pitt’s Departments of Anthropology and History and Philosophy of Science and a fellow in the University’s Center for Philosophy of Science. Standing with Schwartz is Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg.
Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses

Singing Du, School of Information Science and Technology, “Neural Language Processing for Automated Conceptual Data Modeling,” 9 a.m. June 25, Room 302 ISB

Parasuk Chakravart, School of Information Sciences, “Creditability-Based Binary Feedback Model for Gold Resource Planning,” 10:30 a.m. June 25, Room 1A04 ISB

Somabdi Bhattacharjee, Graduate School of Public Health, “Variance Component Score Statistics for QTL Mapping,” 10 a.m. July 8, Room 109 Parran Hall

Mabon Z. Daniels, School of Arts and Sciences, “Travels With Faith for Today Celebrity Speaker Series, Featuring Dr. Mitchell J. Ackerman, Pittsburgh Community College,” 12:30 p.m. June 23, 2008 • University of Pittsburgh • www.proartstickets.org


John G. Studley, School of Information Sciences, “On the Use of Natural Language Processing in the Analysis of Local Legislation,” 10 a.m. June 25, Room 1A04 ISB

Vicki L. Wilson, School of Information Sciences, “Comparative Studies of the Effect of Ventricular and Systemic Hemodynamics in Type 1 Diabetes: Outcomes of Children Treated with the Pediatric Type 1 Diabetes Management Program,” 9 a.m. June 26, 1A04 ISB


Best, by Lauren Woodman, through June 29, 1300 Bingham St., South Side, Pittsburgh City Theatre, 412-431-2489, www.citytheatrecompany.org.

City of God, by Fernando Meirelles, through July 6, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3105.


As you can see, the activities this week are diverse and offer something for everyone. Whether you are interested in music, art, or speaking events, there is something for you.
Gleim Named Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations at Pitt

He succeeds Leland Patouillet, who has led alumni relations for 17 years
By Patricia Leonard White

Jeff Gleim, associate executive director of the Pitt Alumni Association (PAA), has been named interim associate vice chancellor for alumni relations at Pitt, effective Aug. 1, vice chancellor for institutional advancement Albert J. Novak Jr. announced today. Gleim will succeed Leland D. Patouillet, associate vice chancellor for alumni relations and executive director of the PAA, who will become executive director and associate vice president of alumni relations at the University of Florida.

“Patouillet has headed alumni relations at Pitt since 1991. “When Lee came to the University, he inherited an underdeveloped alumni relations program and transformed it into a national leader,” said Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg. “Because of Lee’s work here, Pitt will always be at the forefront of alumni relations. He has represented the University with distinction, transformed our program from a locally focused affinity group to an international program of real scope and vision, and strengthened the professionalism and organization of his division.””

“It has been my pleasure to work with Lee for the past 11 years,” said Novak. “During Lee’s tenure, the Pitt Alumni Association has grown in strength, impact, and reputation, and we always will be grateful for his very significant contributions to that progress. We also look forward with confidence to the leadership Jeff Gleim will provide, with his proven track record and professionalism in the field of alumni relations.”

As associate executive director, Gleim oversees the communications, marketing, membership, student involvement, and outreach areas within the PAA.

Prior to joining the University on Feb. 5, 2007, Gleim was director of The Ohio State University Alumni Associations Advocates Program. He served for more than a decade in a number of key management positions within Ohio State Alumni Association. While at Ohio State, Gleim was responsible for more than 200 alumni clubs and organizations worldwide. He directed a successful alumni advocacy program and was instrumental in developing its new strategic plan and generating new sources of revenue. He is well respected nationally in the field of alumni relations and is a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District V Conference Planning Committee.

Before beginning his academic career, Gleim served in the Speaker’s Office of the Ohio State legislature for nine years. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in political science at Ohio State.

Prior to coming to Pitt, Patouillet was executive director of the University of South Florida Alumni Association. He received a BA degree with honors in American studies from the University of South Florida in 1975, an MS in educational psychology from the University of Tennessee in 1976, and a PhD in administrative and policy studies from the University of Pittsburgh in 2000. His work has been recognized with numerous professional honors, including nine awards for excellence in alumni relations from CASE, CASE’s Quarter Century Service Award to the field of advancement, and numerous other institutional service awards. He is a charter member of the editorial board of The International Journal of Educational Advancement and has been a featured speaker at a number of professional conferences.

“Lee Patouillet is a true Pitt alumnus and always will be at the forefront of alumni relations. He was an integral part of the Pitt Alumni Association and its alumni for 17 years, noting with great satisfaction the Pitt alumni program’s progress, which is the direct result of a shared vision among supportive university leadership, dedicated staff, and committed, loyal alumni,” said Patouillet. “The University of Florida position will allow me to return to my Florida roots and be closer to family while helping lead the alumni association of another of the nation’s finest academic institutions. I look forward to visits from Pitt colleagues and friends, especially during the winter months! As a proud Pitt alumnus, I will continue to monitor the progress of the University as a whole and stand ready to assist the institution as needed.”

Established in 1866, the PAA is a member service organization dedicated to serving the needs of more than 260,000 addressable alumni worldwide. The Division of Alumni Relations within the Office of Institutional Advancement provides the administrative support for the association. The organization is staffed by 21 alumni relations colleagues who are responsible for a variety of programs and alumni services, including strategic planning, awards, career networking, student relations, learning and travel programs, communications, homecoming, reunions and special events, international network of alumni clubs, councils and affinity groups, governmental advocacy, marketing, membership, student recruitment, and scholarship programs. The Alumni Relations staff works with alumni professionals from Pitt’s 16 schools and colleges and four regional campuses.

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