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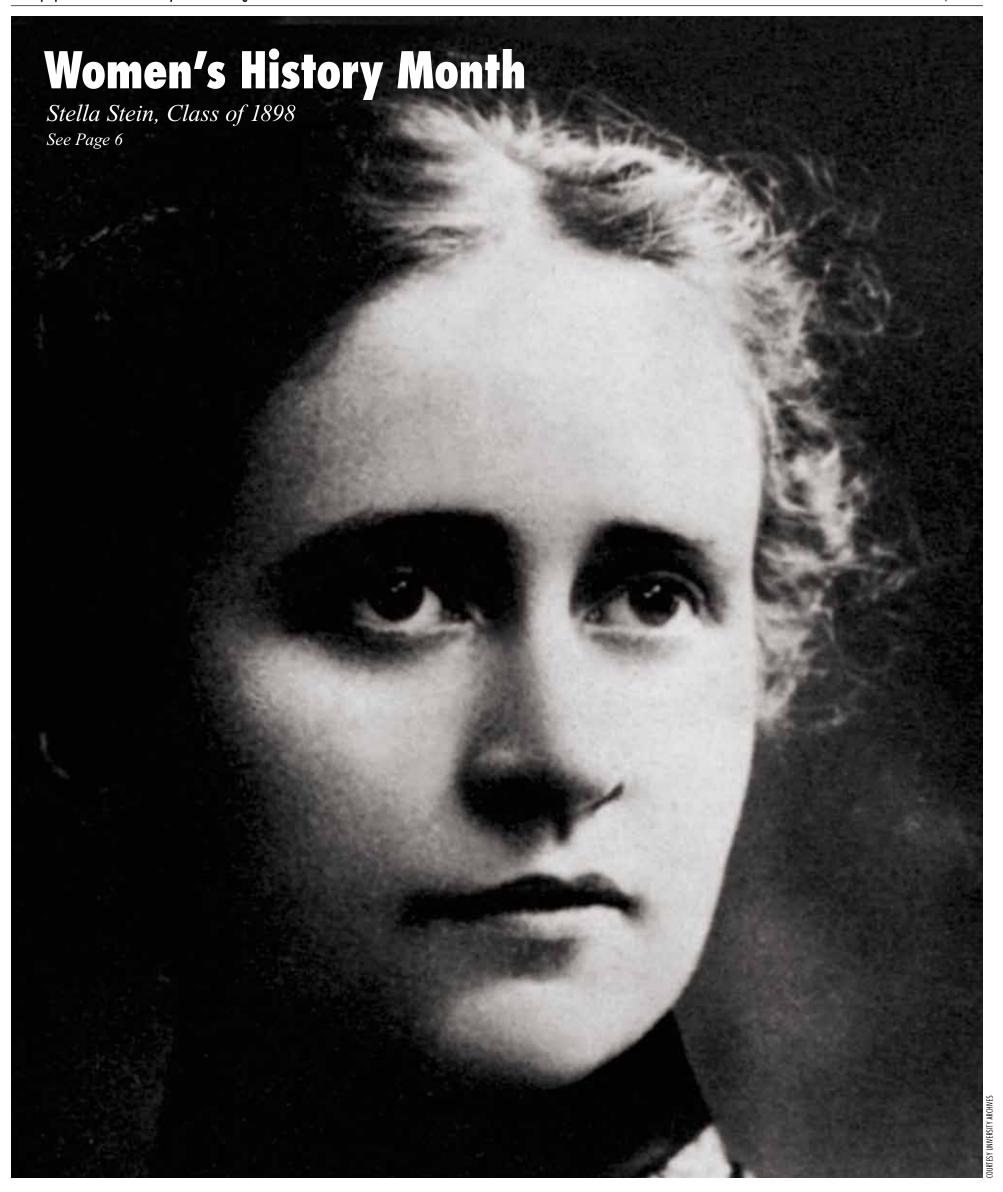
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HONORS CONVOCATION

Building on a History of Success And Courage, University Forges Ahead Despite Challenges

(The is the print version of the keynote address that Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg delivered during the University's 36th Annual Honors Convocation on Feb. 24.)

It is wonderful to be with you today—in this magnificent hall and on such a truly auspicious occasion. Our annual Honors Convocation gives us the special opportunity to recognize excellence in our midst. Today, we honor students, staff, faculty, and alumni whose records of accomplishment and impact stand as a source of pride within our University.

And this particular Convocation is special in another way because it marks the start of our celebration of the 225th anniversary of Pitt's founding. Through the Act of February 28, 1787, the Pennsylvania legislature provided for the creation of the log cabin Pittsburgh Academy that would grow to become the University of Pittsburgh.

Humble Beginnings
Descriptions of the Pittsburgh of that time, an outpost of fewer than 400 inhabitants perched at the edge of the American wilderness, convey some sense of how far we have come in other ways. In his classic history of the city, Stefan Lorant said this: "The buildings were neither elaborate nor were they beautiful ... The streets before them were unpaved, dirty, littered with refuse, with dogs and hogs roaming through the mire. On rainy days one waded through the mud, in dry weather the dust rose in clouds."

A leading citizen described Pittsburgh as a place where "there was no morality or regular order." Outsiders were even less impressed. One visitor concluded simply that the town was an "excellent [place] to do penance in.'

Our Founder's Dream

Far more positive impressions were held by our University's founder, Hugh Henry Brackenridge. Born in Scotland and moved to this country at the age of five, he was educated at Princeton. James Madison was a classmate. Brackenridge and another classmate are credited with writing the first American novel.

As a young man, Mr. Brackenridge taught, earned a graduate degree, studied divinity, served as a chaplain in George Washington's army, and founded and edited a monthly magazine. He also "read the law" under Samuel Chase, who signed the Declaration of Independence and later served as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

When Mr. Brackenridge moved west from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh became a principal beneficiary. In time, he served both in the state legislature and as a justice of the state supreme court. Among many other achievements, he helped establish the region's first newspaper, incorporated a nonsectarian church, served on the committee that drafted the bill creating Allegheny County and making Pittsburgh its county seat, and was an advocate for improved roadways to the western part of the state.
In all that he did, Mr. Brackenridge

was driven by an extraordinary vision for this region. When he viewed the modest settlement that had become his home, he said, "This town must in future time become a place of great manufactory. Indeed, the greatest on the continent or perhaps in the world." He further asserted that "[t]he situation of the town of Pittsburgh is greatly to be chosen for a seat of learning."

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Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg (right) testifies before the state Senate Appropriations Committee in Harrisburg on Feb. 29. With Chancellor Nordenberg is Arthur S. Levine, vice chancellor for the health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at Pitt. Nordenberg appeared with the presidents of Pennsylvania's three other state-related universities: Lincoln, Penn State, and Temple. The full text of the Chancellor's statement to the Senate committee and his Feb. 22 statement to

the state House Appropriations Committee are available at www.progress.pitt.edu. Pitt Alumni Association's Board Passes Resolution on Proposed State Funding Cuts

The Pitt Alumni Association Board of Directors voted unanimously Feb. 25 to pass a resolution asking Pitt alumni to advocate for no more cuts to the University's state appropriation and to keep Pitt a public research university. That resolution is printed below.

RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR** THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH



WHEREAS, the Pitt Alumni Association's mission is to engage and enrich alumni and students and to support and advance the University of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt Alumni Association's values are accountability, diversity, excellence, relationships, and traditions and its vision is to be the gateway for a global network of alumni and students who champion the University of Pittsburgh and each other; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt Alumni Association recognizes that the recently proposed Commonwealth budget would reduce support to the University of Pittsburgh, if adjusted for inflation, to the lowest level since Pitt became a state-related university; and

WHEREAS, more than \$67 million in cuts already have been imposed. When added to recent proposals for further reductions, the total cumulative two-year cuts in state support would rise to more than \$100 million. These cuts would reduce Pitt's appropriation, in absolute dollars, to levels that Pitt has not seen since 1987, a quarter-century ago and when the state's overall budget was only a third of what it is today; now therefore

RESOLVED, that the members of the Pitt Alumni Association Board of Directors do hereby express their sincere support for the University of Pittsburgh as a public institution of higher education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Pitt Alumni Association Board of Directors call for the involvement of alumni to advocate on behalf of the University of Pittsburgh to the leadership of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reinstate funding levels consistent with legislation that was enacted on August 23, 1966, making the University of Pittsburgh a state-related university of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, legislation that enabled the University to significantly reduce tuition for Pennsylvania residents, increase enrollment, and expand programs. This legislation made it possible for the University of Pittsburgh to meet the growing demand from Pennsylvanians for reasonably priced, but high-quality, university experiences; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Pitt Alumni Association Board of Directors approve this resolution at its Board meeting on February 25, 2012, and see this state funding as essential to the future of the University of Pittsburgh and ask for alumni to advocate "No More Cuts: Keep Pitt Public"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a permanent part of the Pitt Alumni Associa-

Jack D. Smith

President Pitt Alumni Association **Executive Director** Pitt Alumni Association

225 Stories to Celebrate

Frances Hesselbein: **Reshaping Leadership**



When Frances Hesselbein won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998, President Clinton praised her "openness to innovation, willingness to share responsibility, and respect for diversity."

Hesselbein began her career in leadership in 1960 as a volunteer troop leader for the Girl Scouts. Sixteen years later, she was tapped to become CEO of the Girls Scouts of the USA. Emphasizing a message of inclusiveness and

empowerment, Pitt alum Hesselbein tripled minority membership and revitalized the Girls Scouts

Management guru Peter Drucker later selected Hesselbein as founding president and CEO of his nonprofit leadership organization, the Leader to Leader Institute. Through the institute and as editor of many leadership books, Hesselbein promotes management based on character and ethics, rather than the bottom line.

In 2009, Pitt created the Hesselbein Global Academy for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at Pitt, dedicated to producing ethical leaders who will advance social and economic initiatives throughout the world.

For more stories about Pitt's legacy of achievement or to share your own stories about the University, visit www.225.pitt.edu.



Building on a History of Success and Courage, University Forges Ahead Despite Challenges

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Mr. Brackenridge also saw the link between education and regional prosperity that would emerge even more clearly over

"I do not know that the legislature could do a more acceptable service to the Commonwealth than by endowing a school

at this place," he said. "It will institute knowledge and ability ... [and] we well know the strength of a state greatly consists in the superior mental powers of the inhabitants.'

Two-hundred-twentyfive years of history have taught us this about our founder: He was right about Pittsburgh becoming a center of manufacturing might. He was right about Pittsburgh becoming a center of higher learning. And he was right about educational excellence as a driver of economic pros-

The Brackenridge goal was "to see Pennsylvania at all times able to produce mathematicians, philosophers, historians, and statesmen equal to any in the confederacy." That same goal sits at the heart of our modern academic mission. In fact, it is our achievement of that goal, through the work of our honorees, that we have gathered to celebrate today.

A Critical Transformation

Just as we honor Hugh Henry Brackenridge for leading the efforts to establish Pitt, so should we recognize K. Leroy Irvis for leading efforts to transform it.

Like Mr. Brackenridge, Mr. Irvis was a man of wide-ranging talents—an orator, author, painter, poet, and wood sculptor. And like Mr. Brackenridge, he was a transplant. He attended high school and college in Upstate New York and began his teaching career in Baltimore. He came here to serve as public relations secretary for the Urban League.

Mr. Irvis graduated from our School of Law in 1954 and was a longtime Pitt Trustee. He launched his political career in 1958 as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, representing this part of the city. Nineteen years later, he was unanimously elected Speaker of the House—not only the first African American Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, but the first Black speaker of any state's House of Representatives since

During more than three decades in the state capitol, Speaker Irvis sponsored some 1,600 pieces of legislation—campaigning to improve access to education, equality of opportunity, and integrity in public life. For us, the Speaker's most critical legislative contribution was his sponsorship of the bill, enacted in 1966, that made Pitt a public, state-related university.

The resulting appropriation helped position us to become one of the country's top research universities. It also made it possible for us to annually provide tens of thousands of students with access to the highest-quality higher education at a reasonable cost.

Advancing the concepts of access and

affordability was extremely important to Speaker Irvis. He regularly argued that higher education opportunities should be tied to "ability and not how fortunate a child happens to have been in the choice of his parents."

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This is a community of

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development of human

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But Mr. Irvis and others also saw

that broader social and economic advantages would flow from providing public support to our University. An editorial in the Pittsburgh Press advanced that view by stating that "the existence here of a big, quality university is necessary to the welfare of the area and our hopes for industrial development, no less than for the educational opportunity it offers to students."

Institutional **Advancement** and Impact

In the 45 years that have passed since the bill sponsored by Speaker Irvis became law, Pitt has far exceeded any reasonable expectations that might have existed in the mid-1960s.

In education, our University has awarded nearly 290.000 degrees and has maintained tuition levels that are a fraction of those charged by comparable private

universities. Pitt students regularly compete for top national awards with the very best students from the country's top universities. And Pitt alumni continue to receive the highest honors for their achievements. Particularly at an honors convocation, it seems appropriate to note that just since the dawn of the new century, Pitt graduates have received such awards as the Nobel Peace Prize, the Nobel Prize in Medicine, the National Medal of Science, the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, the National Book Award for Poetry, the Fritz Medal in Engineering, and the Albany and Shaw Prizes in

Over that same period, Pitt also has become an internationally respected center of pioneering research. We rank among the top American universities both in funding from the National Institutes of Health and in overall federal science and engineering research and development support. Our faculty continue to claim the highest honors across a broad range of disciplines. And since we became a state-related university, we have imported more than \$10.5 billion of research support into the local economy, an amount that is almost unimaginable.

We sit at the heart of the education and health services "supersector," which now accounts for one-fifth of the region's employment and has been the most steady and significant source of regional job growth for the past 15 years. In that role, we have helped shield this region from the harshest results of both the Great Recession and the jobless recovert.

Meeting Challenges and Maintaining Hope

With the record that Pitt has built, from distant years to present days, it is hard to imagine that we again find ourselves facing budget cuts—totaling well in excess of \$100 million and affecting everything from general support to educational support to research support to capital projects support. Such cuts have the potential for particular damage to the greater good as we move deeper into the highly competitive, innovation-based global economy of the 21st century by slashing investments in the very institutions that are a primary source of our most modern innovation. In fact, a report released by the National Science Foundation just last month noted that universities now perform more than half of the nation's

Earlier generations of our faculty and alumni made contributions that were both life-changing and lifesaving. Here are just a few examples of Pitt's impact:
• the launch of the first heavier-than-air

- the first transmission of voice by radio
- the invention of the cathode-ray television systems essential to the launch of that industry;
- the development of the vaccine that won this country's long war against polio, hailed by some as one of the greatest achievements of the 20th century;

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- the development of CPR and the founding of the discipline of critical care medicine;
- the discovery of
- the synthesis of insulin;
- the development of the science of magnetic resonance imaging;
- the determination that breast cancer is a systemic, not a local, disease—one of the most significant advances in the history of women's
- the development of the science of recombinant DNA, the foundation for countless medical advances and for much of this country's biotechnol-
- ogy industry; and
 the development of most of the surgical techniques and drug therapies that have made organ transplantation a widely available treatment option.

And, as is a major point of this convoca-

tion, we are not done. Instead, current this Founder's Day Honors Convocation faculty members, as well as current alumni and alumni-to-be, are advancing their own exciting work and are poised to make future contributions to our shared progress.

The state budget address delivered last week included the following inspirational admonition: "We cannot allow the debts of today to crowd out the dreams of tomorrow." But building the best possible future depends directly on two of our principal products—education and innovation. An approach to budget balancing built on deep and disproportionate cuts to public support for public research universities, then, does

inevitably sacrifice the dreams of tomorrow.

And, as a matter of history, such an approach can fairly be viewed as undermining much of what Brackenridge and Irvis and all who embraced their visions built.

Particularly in such challenging times, we are fortunate to be a part of an institution with such a noble mission. Everyone connected to this University is contributing to the development of human potential, to the enhancement of human knowledge, to the deepening of human understanding, and, in a broad range of ways, to the advancement of the greater good.

We also are fortunate that we have each other. This is a community of exceptional people, whether measured by the power of their brains, the strength of their character, or the size of their hearts.

And we can take comfort from the inspiring successes crafted by our predecessors, even as they met their own challenges over the past 225 years. Those challenges included the Civil War and two World Wars, devastating floods and fires, a number of recessions, and the Great Depression.

In fact, it was during the Great Depression that the Cathedral of Learning—our signature structure and the symbol of our aspirations—was built. Who possibly could have foreseen, back in the Brackenridge days, that our Cathedral would spring from the Pittsburgh muck and mire about which his contemporaries complained—or that it would emerge in the midst of the world's greatest economic calamity?

Harry W. Scheuch, who attended
Pitt following
World War II,
painted scenes of the Cathedral of Learning during its construction. In writing about those paintings, the Smithsonian American Art Museum noted: "Like the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge, the Cathedral of Learning demonstrated that the Great Depression could not stop Americans from accomplishing great things."

Being grouped with the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge puts our Cathedral in very good company.

In that sense, it is much like the company in this hall today. We have come together for

not only to gratefully acknowledge what our predecessors left us, but to salute the great things currently being accomplished by those in our midst. We enthusiastically applaud today's honorees. By converting vour own dreams into something good and real, you have given the highest form of thanks to those who preceded you; you have brought honor to yourselves; and you have helped advance the noble and neverending cause of a University that has been building better lives for 225 years.

Congratulations, Happy 225th Birthday, and Hail to Pitt!

Alumni Association Honors 284 Pitt Scholar-Athletes

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES WITH 4.0 GRADE-POINT AVERAGES



Pitt's 4.0 scholar-athletes include, sitting, from left, Korinne Piper (track and field), Kellyn Black (dance team), Abbigail Baldys (soccer), Susan Martinez (track and field), and Sarah Zetlmeisl (swimming and diving). Standing, from left, are Pitt Athletic Director Steve Pederson, Pitt Alumni Association President Jack Smith, Kimmy Borza (tennis), Lisa Taylor (gymnastics), Abby Dowd (basketball), Keli Gaynor (softball), Lauren Mills (swimming and diving), Jennifer Larimore (tennis), and Ben Rubino (cheer team).

The Pitt Alumni Association honored 284 student-athletes during the annual University of Pittsburgh Scholar-Athlete Awards Breakfast, held Feb. 7 in Alumni Hall's Connolly Ballroom. Pitt Alumni

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—Steve Pederson

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Association President Jack Smith delivered opening remarks, while Austin Ransom, coordinator of Pitt's Cathy and John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program, served as the master of ceremonies.

"We are extremely proud of our student-athletes and their exceptional performance in the classroom," Pitt Athletic Director Steve Pederson said. "It takes an incredible amount of commitment, discipline, and sacrifice to achieve scholar-athlete honors at the University of Pittsburgh. These young men and women truly embody the very best of Pitt and Pitt Athletics."

Members of Pitt's Academic Support Services for student-athletes handed out blue and gold awards to students who earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the 2011 calendar year. There were 163 student-athletes who accumulated a GPA of 3.0-3.49

(blue) and 121 who posted a 3.5-4.0 (gold)—including 18 student-athletes who achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA.

The list of 4.0 student-athletes included Adela Aprodu (tennis),

Abbigail Baldys (women's soccer), Justin Boehm (men's soccer), Kimmy Borza (tennis), Abby Dowd (women's basketball), Keli Gaynor (softball), Philip Konieczny (baseball), Jennifer Larimore (tennis), Susan Martinez (women's track), Courtney

McIntyre (women's swimming and diving), Kristen McMullan (women's swimming and diving), Pierre-Antoine Meunier (men's swimming and diving), Lauren Mills (women's swimming and diving), Korinne Piper (women's track), Lisa Taylor (gymnastics), Ryan Tomei (wrestling), Leah Ulizio (women's track) and Sarah Zetlmeisl (women's swimming and diving). Also recognized at the breakfast were Kellyn Black, a member of Pitt's Dance Team, and Ben Rubino, Pitt's "Roc" mascot, both of whom held 4.0 GPAs during 2011

Pederson also announced the Academic Team Awards.

The Most Improved Team was gymnastics, which earned a cumulative 3.10 GPA.

Earning the Top Men's Academic Award for the third-consecutive year was the men's soccer team.

The women's tennis team was named both

the Top Women's Team and the Overall Team awardee for the second-consecutive year, boasting a collective 3.33 GPA. Seven members of the squad earned a 3.5 GPA or better, including two with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

The tennis team improved its overall GPA from the 3.32 GPA it held during 2010, the first time it won Top Women's Team and the Overall Team.

"On behalf of the women's tennis team, I would like to thank Athletic Director Steve Pederson, the Provost's office, and Academic Support Services for the academic award we earned today," Pitt women's tennis head coach George Dieffenbach said. "I want to congratulate all of the student-athletes honored today and personally thank them for their discipline and hard work. We also owe thanks to our student-athletes' parents, who did an outstanding job of instilling in their children pride in the achievement of academic excellence."

BLUE AWARDS (3.0-3.49 GPA)

BASEBALL

Jonathan Danielczyk, Richard Devereaux, Michael Douglas, Joseph Harvey, Matt Iannazzo, Kevin Johnson, Joseph Leonardi, and Steven Shelinsky Ir

Graduates: Kevin Dooley, Lucas Ellex, Kevan Smith, and Cole Taylor

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Malcolm Gilbert, Durand Johnson, John Johnson, Aron Nwankwo, Nick Rivers, and Cameron Wright

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ashlee Anderson, Leeza Burdgess, and Brittaney Thomas

CHEER AND DANCE TEAM

Brandy Ardolino, Laura Brouse, Katie Casella, Shannon Dugan, Justin Gilbert, Bethany Gottshall, TJ Gresko, Katie Hall, Olivia Heidenfelder, Samantha Herman, John Kornaga, Karli Minick, Morgan Mohney, Madisyn Pina, Kajsa Siewczak, Doug Stouch, Katie Sullivan, Kristin Weir, and Zara Wroblewski

FOOTBALL

Kevin Barthelemy, Joshua Brinson, Desmond Brown, Keegan Buck, Malcom Crockett, Zenel Demhasaj, Carl Fleming, Hubie Graham, Drake Greer, Kevin Harper, Chris Jacobson, Jack Lippert, Khaynin Mosley-Smith, Bryan Murphy, Marco Pecora, Tristan Roberts, Matt Rotheram, Artie Rowell, Ryan Schlieper, Michael Shanahan, Andrew Taglianetti, Joe Trebitz, Ryan Turnley, Ray Vinopal, Kris Wildman, and Steve Williams

Graduates: Pat Bostick, Daniel Hutchins, and Henry Hynoski

GYMNASTICS

Kelsey Ainsworth, Brittney Harris, Maya Ketner, Brittany Marcsisin, Katie O'Rourke, Laura Rigney, and Amy Varela

MEN'S SOCCER

Alex Fischetti, Shane Flowers, Robert Iledare, Lee Johnston, Hami Kara, Alex Lowman, Daniel Mark, Dan Prete, and Matt Walbert

Graduates: Alex Betancourt, Chris Cline, and Andy Kalas

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Danielle Benner, Ashley Cuba, Kari Cunard, Caroline Keefer, Hayley Neal, and Lauren Yobbi

Graduates: Liz Carroll, Alex Jaffe, and Kat Weiler

SOFTBALL

Niki Cognigni, Ciera Damon, Courtney Derus, Amanda Heitmeier, Kelly Hmiel, Alicia Keough, Savannah King, Alexa Larkin, Maggie Sevilla, and Holly Stevens

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Austin Caldwell, Collin Forner, Dawid

Goszczycki, Rousseau Kluever, and Aaron Snyder

Graduates: Alex Kubicek and Alex McLaren

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Joanna Budzis, Renee Deschenes, Kelsey DiGilio, Brittany DiSanti, Kate Dunseith, Julie Harrison, Tamara Lelli, and Alec Shaeffer

Graduates: Mallory Mullady and Morgan Speece

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Molly Wickman

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

Richard Addison, Kurt Barnhart, Alec Bleacher, Antony Hobwana, Kevin Hulbert, Jermaine Lowery, Jerome Lowery, Brett Millar, Josh Mindlin, Bryce Rupp, and Aaron Turner

Graduates: Edward Miller and Maka Mudekunye

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS

Kalene Anderson, Shannon Casey, Julia Christensen, Kelsey Coates, Ashley Corum, Arielle Fonrose, Robin Gilmore, Jordan Hoyt, Caroline Kirkby, Julia Koloski, Jonnique Lawrence, Casey Meier, Stephanie Powers, Jessica Rocco, Natalie Ryan, Veronica Schacht, Chelsea Scott, Brooke Shasteen, Haley Springman, Kristen Stain, Valerie Wilson, and Ashley Woodford

Graduates: Wunmi Fapohunda, Ashley Moore, Shanae Thomas, and Alexis Wilder

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Margy Acton, Kiesha Leggs, Monica Wignot, and Lindsey Zitzke Graduates: Melanie Feldman, Tara Rohall, and Amy Town

WRESTLING

Nicholas Bonaccorsi, Karl DeCiantis, Zach Grove, Shelton Mack, Jordan Moss, Tyler Nauman, Josh Pascazi, Pat Tasser, Zachary Thomusseit, Andrew Vaughan, and Matt Wilps

GOLD AWARDS (3.5-4.0 GPA)

BASEBALL

Luke Curtis, Anthony DeFabio, Eric Hess, and Luke Novosel Graduates: David Kaye, John Schultz, and Travis Whitmore

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Loliya Briggs and Marquel Davis

CHEER AND DANCE TEAM

Derek Bradley, Hannah Brady, Juliana Bursic, Samantha Bursic, Teassa Eddy, Dorinda Fella, Marlee Hartenstein, Cat Hoel, Emma Holmes, Mallory Karavolis, Jessica Litten, Danielle Narlesky, Hilary Nickels, Michael Nuzzo, Jill Palski, Brittany Post, Natalie Runco, Ali Sanders, Danielle Scalise, Adam Slabicki, Jeralyn Smith, Alyssa Standlick, and Anna Sweeney

FOOTBALI

Myles Caragein, Devin Cook, Greg Gaskins, Jarred Holley, Adam Laz-

enga, Michael Theys, Chris Yankoski, Matt Yoklic, and Brett Zuck

Graduates: Jabaal Sheard and Tyler
Tkach

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Alyssa Adrian, Bri Hogan, Kori Macdonald, Alexa Riech, and Alicia Talucci

Graduate: Jennifer Liberato

MEN'S SOCCER

Terry Akpua, Andy Clifford, Julian Dickenson, and Keegan Gunderson Graduate: Joe Prince-Wright

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Madison Gritsch, Katelyn Lippert, Alyssa Meier, Taylor Parisse, Lyndsay Pierson, Kristina Rioux, Katelyn Ruhe, and Morgan Sharick

Graduates: Laura Berbert and Morie Kephart

SOFTBALL

Graduates: Alyssa O''Connell and Reba Tutt

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Adam Maczewski, Tyler Matheny, Hussein Mohamed, Otto Pagel, John Pidgeon, and Jacob Van Roekel Graduates: Andrzej Dubiel and Charles Hauser

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Emily Bolek, Tori Brungo, Kimberlee Cadell, Kimberly Ciotti, Kelsey Herbst, Veronica Lee, Lauren Matevish, Jessica Nederlanden, Alison Swafford, Yolandi Van Der Merwe, Yolandi Van Rooyen, and Leigh Waltz

Graduates: Sarah Looney and Caitlyn Trant

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Melissa Bostwick, Minh Evans, Jocelyn Lu, and Karma Parbhu Graduate: Elizabeth Adams

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

Andrew Cerrito, Luke Gallaher, Kevin Hull, Folarin Ijelu, Benjamin Kisley, Daniel O'Toole, Bradley Rocco, and Luke Swomley

Graduate: Joshua Christopher

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

Anyssa Barbour, Emily Barno, Jessica Catalano, Megan Hebda, Elizabeth Kline, Amanda Kuhl, and Michelle Magyar

Graduates: Sarah Anderson, Brianna Broyles, Kaitlyn Flynn, Anita James, Carrie Mavrikis, Victoria Toso, and Kelsey Voltz

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Alexa Campbell, Lauren Hartman, and Maria Nicholas

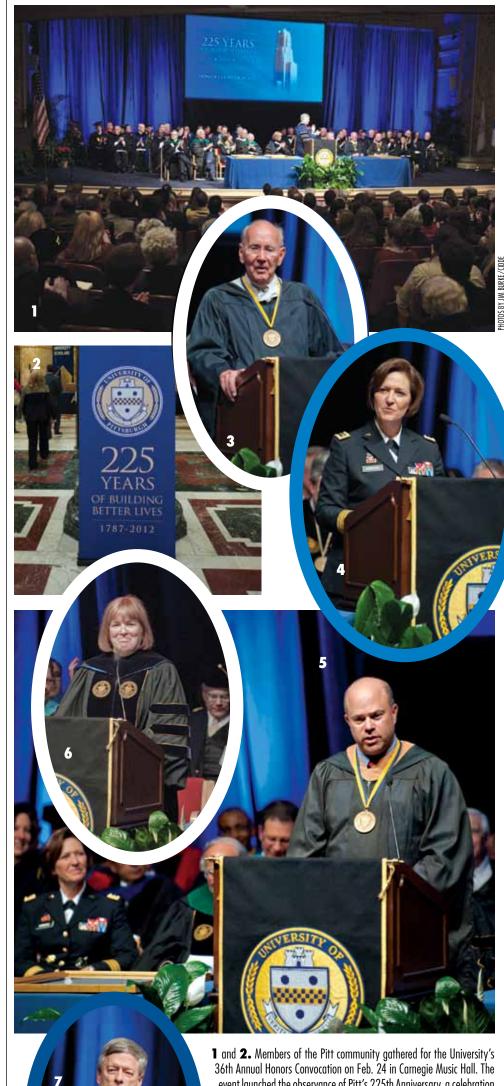
Graduates: Imani Harper, Allyson Hodnik, and Rachel Kalberer

WRESTLING

Victor Konno, Donald Tasser, and Tyler Wilps

Graduate: Christian Fagan

2012 Honors Convocation



1 and 2. Members of the Pitt community gathered for the University's 36th Annual Honors Convocation on Feb. 24 in Carnegie Music Hall. The event launched the observance of Pitt's 225th Anniversary, a celebration that will continue through Homecoming Weekend in October. 3, 4, and 5. Pitt's Alumni Association named three Distinguished Alumni Fellows, all of whom were honored during the convocation: John M. Petersen (BUS '51), retired president and CEO of Erie Insurance Group; Patricia D. Horoho (NURS '926), U.S. Army lieutenant general and U.S. Army Surgeon General and commanding general; and David A. Tepper (A&S '78), president and founder of Appaloosa Management. 6 and 7. Pitt Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Patricia E. Beeson addressed the audience, and Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg delivered the keynote address. The

print version of his address is on page 2.

Women's History Month

Selected Highlights of Women's History at the University of Pittsburgh



Margaret Stein

Stella Stein

1895 Sisters Margaret and Stella Stein are the first women to enter the Western University of Pennsylvania (now the University of Pittsburgh) as full-time sophomores. The sisters graduate in 1898, tied for first place in their class, and return to Pitt in 1901 to begin their master's degrees.

1908 Pi Theta Nu, the first sorority, forms in 1908. Women's organizations are rare until after 1910.



Pi Theta Nu, 1909

1909 Shortly after the University moves to Oakland, Pitt opens the School of Education. Women flock to the new program, with the number of women students at Pitt jumping from about 40 to more than 300 in the first year.

1910 Jean Hamilton Walls receives the bachelor's degree at Pitt, the first Black woman to do so at the University. In 1938, she becomes the first Black woman to receive the PhD degree at Pitt.

1914 Women constitute 25 percent of Pitt's student body, with 600 female students attending.

1914-15 Women's basketball organizes, the first competitive sport for women at Pitt.

1918 Pitt hires its first woman faculty member, Blossom Henry.

1919 Virginia Proctor **Powell Florence is the first African American woman** in the United States to complete a professional education program in librarian**ship.** She graduates in 1923 from the Carnegie Library School, which later became part of Pitt's School of Information Sciences. (In 2004, a plaque honoring Florence is installed in the Information Sciences Building lobby.)

The Women's Athletic **Association** forms to manage intramural sports.

for freshman women, begins.

Pitt's first Dean of Women, Thyrsa Wealhtheow **Amos**, arrives from the psychology department at the University of Kansas.

1920 Lantern Night, a candlelight ceremony

Blossom Henry

Jean Hamilton Walls

Virginia Proctor Powell Florence

1924 Women's Varsity Basketball team sweeps its home game opponents and loses only one

1942 Eighty-two percent of the students in the professional nursing program enlist in a unit of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps organized by the University. Because of a wartime shortage of nurses, the federal government mandates that nursing schools receiving federal money accept Black students. In 1943, Adena Johnson Davis becomes the first African American admitted to the School of Nursing. She graduates in 1947.

1949 Flora Diemert begins her term as the first female president of Pitt's Student **Congress** (now Student Government Board) The 1950 edition of *The Owl* credited the 1949-50 Congress, led by Diemert, for fostering a more inclusive Congress by establishing a Foreign Students Committee

and a High School Relations Committee.

1957 Lucille B. Crozier (EDUC '34, A&S '46G) becomes the first female Pitt Alumni Association president. She was also an Alumni Trustee from 1971 to 1974 and Emeritus Trustee from 1977 to 1997.

1969 Chancellor Wesley Posvar creates the Advisory Committee on Women's Opportunities to address the agenda of the newly formed University Committee for Women's Rights.

1972 The Pitt Women's Studies Program is founded.

1973 Pitt establishes the Women's

Center to serve as an advising center to campus and community women.

> 1983 The Provost's Advisory Committee for Women's Concerns is created.

1996 Pitt establishes a **Faculty Medical and Family**

Leave Policy, which, among other benefits, allows pregnant women and new mothers time off.

2000 Katherine Detre,

Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology in Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health, begins leading a national study—involving 2,368 patients at 40 sites across the United States—to determine the best way to treat people with both Type 2 diabetes and early coronary artery disease. The study attracts funding for the largest combined grant in Pitt history, \$65 million.

2001 Jeannette South-Paul (MED '79) is the first female chair of a Pitt medical department and the first Black female chair in the nation of a medical department at a nonhistorically Black college or university. South-Paul is the Andrew W. Mathieson Professor and chair in

Pitt's Department of Family Medicine.

More recently...

2003 Suzanne Broadhurst is elected vice chair of Pitt's Board of Trustees and continues to serve in that position. She has made countless other contributions to Pitt, including her service as a member of several board committees as well as the boards of visitors of the School of Nursing and the School of Education. Broadhurst is director of corporate giving for Eat'n Park Hospitality Group.

2004 Wangari Muta Maathai, who earned the Master of Science degree in biology at Pitt in 1965, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her 30-year effort to reforest her native Kenya and improve the economic status of women **there**, while fighting for democracy and against corruption and tribalism. Pitt conferred on Maathai an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during an Oct. 26, 2006, ceremony in Alumni Hall. Maathai died Sept. 25, 2011, at age 71.

Under the leadership of Irene Frieze, professor of psychology and then**president of the University Senate**, the Senate sponsored a plenary session on the roles of women at Pitt that led to three Senate ad hoc committees addressing women's concerns: the Committee for the Support and Advancement of Women at Pitt (2004-06); the Committee for the Promotion of Gender Equity (2007-08), and the Committee for the Promotion of Gender Equity II (2009-10).

Susan G. Amara, chair of the Department of Neurobiology in Pitt's School of Medicine, is elected to the National Academy of Sciences. In 2006, she is named the Dr. Thomas Detre Endowed Professor in Pitt's School of Medicine.

2005 The director of Pitt's European Union Center, Alberta Sbragia, is named Jean Monnet Chair ad personam by the European Commission, which also designates Pitt's center a European Union Center of Excellence. Sbragia, a Pitt professor of political science, is one of only two academics to be named Jean Monnet Chair ad personam in 2005. In 2006, Sbragia is named the inaugural holder of the Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg University Chair and, in 2010, a vice provost for graduate studies.

2006 Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg tells the University's Board of Trustees that Pitt will honor Helen S. Faison—Pitt alumna, emerita trustee, and trailblazing educator—by creating the Dr. Helen S. Faison Chair in Urban Education, the first fully endowed chair in the 96-year history of Pitt's School of Education, where Faison earned her BS, MEd, and PhD degrees in 1946, 1955, and 1975, respectively.

2007 Anna Quider, a Pitt Honors College student majoring in physics and astronomy, the history and philosophy of science, and religious studies, is named a Marshall Scholar for 2007. Quider is the ninth Pitt student to win a Marshall Scholarship, one of the most competitive and prestigious merit scholarships available to graduating American seniors.

Eva Tansky Blum (A&S '70, LAW '73) and her brother, Burton Marvin Tansky (A&S '61), are named cochairs of the University's \$2 billion "Building Our Future Together" fundraising campaign. Blum is the senior vice president and director of community affairs for PNC Bank and president of The PNC Foundation.

The Pitt women's basketball team earns its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance during the 2006-07 season. The Panthers post a school-record 24 wins that season. The Pitt team later advances to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in both 2008 and 2009.

Angela Gronenborn, the UPMC Rosalind Franklin Professor and Chair in the Pitt School of Medicine's Department of Structural Biology, is elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences. She is a leading structural biologist and expert in nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

2008 The lab of **Yuan Chang,** a professor of pathology in Pitt's School of Medicine, and Patrick Moore, a Pitt professor of microbiology and molecular genetics, discovers that the Merkel cell polyomavirus causes an aggressive skin cancer. In 2003, she and Moore discovered a herpes virus as the cause of Kaposi's sarcoma, the leading AIDS malignancy.

2009 Eleanor Ott, a Pitt Honors College graduate, is named a Rhodes Scholarship winner. A former Pitt Chancellor's Scholar, Ott was a 2008 Truman Scholarship winner. During her time at Pitt, Ott tutored refugees who had come to the United States seeking better lives—and spent her summers working at a refugee camp in Zambia.

2010 Patricia E. Beeson is elected the first female provost and senior vice chancellor of Pitt by the University's Board of Trustees. Beeson, with her successful 27-year career as a Pitt faculty member and administrator, was recommended by Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg.

2011 Roberta Luxbacher is the first woman to be named a Swanson School of Engineering Distinguished Alumnus, an award presented annually since 1964. Luxbacher, who also serves on the Swanson School's Board of Visitors, received her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1978 and is currently the general manager of corporate planning for

Katherine Wisner, Pitt professor of psychiatry and director of Women's Behavioral HealthCARE at the Western Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, receives the 2011 Women in Science Award from the American Medical Women's Association. Since 1993, the annual award honors a woman physician who has made exceptional contributions to medical science, especially in women's health.

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, (NURS '92G), the first nurse and first woman appointed to the position, becomes the Army's 43rd Surgeon General in a ceremony at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. She was nominated to the position by President Barack Obama May 10 and was later approved by the

2012 Elodie Ghedin, assistant professor in the Pitt School of Medicine's Department of Computational and Systems Biology, is named a 2011 MacArthur Fellow. Ghedin, a parasitologist and virologist, said she will use the unrestricted award of \$500,000 to expand her parasitology research and explore new avenues in the evolution of RNS viruses, such as HIV and influenza.

Toi Derricotte, an English professor in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, is elected to the Academy of American Poets Board of Chancellors, the academy's advisory board of distinguished poets. A renowned poet, Derricotte is the cofounder of the Cave Canem Foundation, which has been offering workshops and retreats for African American poets since 1996.



Suzanne Broadhurst



Wangari Muta Maathai



Susan G. Amara



Alberta Sbragia



Helen S. Faison



Yuan Chang



Patricia E. Beeson



Elodie Ghedin

Happenings



Blue Lustre Vessel, by Beatrice Wood

Carnegie Museum of Art, Hand Made: Contemporary Craft in Ceramic, Glass, and Wood, ongoing

Concerts

Haydn, Previn, and Mendelssohn's "Italian," André Previn conducting Haydn's Symphony No. 102, Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, and the premiere of Previn's own Triple Concerto, featuring soloists George Vosburgh, trumpet; William Caballero, horn; and Craig Knox, tuba; March 9-11, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, BNY Mellon Grand Classic, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, 412-392-4900, www.pittsburghsymphony.org, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www.pittarts.pitt. edu.

Dervish, world/roots music, with opening act Callan, 7:30 p.m. **March 10,** Carnegie Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, Calliope Concerts, Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society, www.calliopehouse.org/legends.htm.

A St. Patrick's Pops With Natalie MacMaster, internationally renowned fiddler, with conductor Lawrence Loh, March 15-19, Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Ave., Downtown, PNC Pittsburgh Symphony Pops, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, 412-392-4900, www.pittsburghsymphony.org, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www.pittarts.pitt.edu.

Puro Queso Jazz Quartet, Paul Eiss, saxophone; Jose Lavo Puentes, bass; Dylan Aragon, drums; and Victor Ruiz, guitar; noon March 16, free, Cup & Chaucer Café, ground floor, Hillman Library, Emerging Legends Series, Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society, www.calliopehouse.org/legends.htm.

Exhibitions

Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Warhol's Cats and Dogs Series, ends June 30; M is for Museum, through Aug. 30, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3131, cmnhweb@carnegiemnh.org.

Carnegie Museum of Art, Teenie Harris, Photographer: An American Story, through April 7; Maya Lin, imaginative recreations of natural forms transformed into objects of contemplation, through May 13; Hand Made: Contemporary Craft in Ceramic, Glass, and Wood, ongoing, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, 412-622-3131, www.cmoa.org.



Freud's Last Session, O'Reilly Theater, through April 1

Westmoreland Museum of American Art, The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design, includes The Jacobsen American Chair Collection, a comprehensive private collection of iconic and

American Chair Collection, a comprehensive private collection of iconic and historic chairs from the mid-1800s to pieces from today's studio movement, **through April 8,** 221 N. Main St., Greensburg, 724-837-1500, www.wmuseumaa.org.

The Warhol, About Face, a series of three-dimensional large-format portraits by photographer Anne Svenson; Warhol and Cars: American Icons, examining Warhol's enduring fascination with automobiles as products of American consumer society, both through May 13; I Just Want to Watch: Warhol's Film, Video, and Television, ongoing, 117 Sandusky St., North Side, 412-237-8300, www.warhol.org.

Hillman Library Ground Floor, Pitt—225 Years of Building Better Lives—1787-2012, exhibition of vintage photographs, maps, and copies of pages of Pitt's two original state charters, on loan from Pennsylvania's state archives, through May 18; also on display in the glass Audubon case are the actual front pages of Pitt's original state charters, University's 225th anniversary commemoration, through May 18, 412-953-3298, 412-648-8199

The Frick Art & Historical Center,

Draw Me a Story: A Century of Children's Book Illustration, survey of drawing styles and techniques spanning more than 100 years, including watercolors, pen drawings, and experimental combinations from artists like Randolph Caldecott, Chris van Allsburg, Ernest Shepard, and Maurice Sendak, **through May 20**, 7227 Reynolds St., Point Breeze, 412-371-0600, www.thefrickpittsburgh.org.

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Native Pennsylvania, A Wildflower Walk, collaborative exhibition between Hunt Institute and Carnegie Museum of Natural History, through June 29, 5th floor, Hunt Library, Carnegie Mellon University, 4909 Frew St., Oakland, 412-268-2434, http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu.

Lectures/Seminars/Readings

"Skeletal Tissue Engineering and Regeneration: Adult Stem Cells, Nanofibrous Scaffold, and Biological Regulation," Rocky S. Tuan, Arthur J. Rooney Sr. Chair in Sports Medicine, Pitt's School of Medicine, 4 p.m. March 8, Lecture Room 6, Scaife Hall, Pitt Provost's Inaugural Lecture Series, www.provost.pitt.edu.

"The Power to Define: Who Is an African/Black American?" Jack L. Daniel, Distinguished Service Professor of Communication, Pitt's Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 4 p.m. March 13, 2500 Posvar Hall, Pitt Provost's Inaugural Lecture Series, www.provost.pitt.edu.

"Exploring Racial Residential Segregation With a Telescope and a Microscope" Maria Krysan, professor of sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago, noon March 13, Pitt Center on Race and Social Problems (CRSP), 20th floor, Cathedral of Learning, CRSP Speaker Series. 412-624-7382.

"Poetic Unity in Aristotle," Wolfgang Bernard, professor, Heinrich Schliemann-Institut, University of Rostock, Germany, 4 p.m. March 16, 244B Cathedral of Learning, Pitt Department of Classics, www.classics.pitt.edu.

Miscellaneous

SWAN Day Pittsburgh 2012, showcase of female artists with world-premiere works by Pittsburgh-based dancers, musicians, poets, theater artists, visual artists, performance artists, and fashion designers, 8 p.m. **March 15-16,** New Hazlett Theater, 6 Allegheny Square East, North Side, No Name Players, 412-207-7111, www.nonameplayers.org.

Opera/Theater/ Dance

The Official Blues Brothers Revue, official tribute revue filled with blues, soul, and rock 'n' roll classics, 8 p.m. **March 8,** Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., Downtown, Cohen & Grigsby Trust Pres-



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ents Series, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-456-6666, www.trustarts.org, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www. pittarts.pitt.edu.

A Streetcar Named Desire, John Neumeier's adaptation of Tennessee Williams classic, March 9-11, Benedum Center, 237 7th St., Downtown, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, 412-281-0360, www.pbt.org, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www.pittarts.pitt.edu.

La Cage Aux Folles, Tony Award-winning musical comedy following the story of Georges, owner of a glitzy Saint-Tropez nightclub, and his partner Albin, who moonlights as the glamorous chanteuse Zaza, March 13-18, Benedum Center, 237 7th St., Downtown, PNC Broadway Across America, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-456-6666, www.trustarts.org, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www. pittarts.pitt.edu.

Spirit of Uganda, indigenous Eastern African music and dance with choreography set to music featuring layered rhythms and call-and-response vocals, 4 p.m. March 18, Byham Theater, 101 Sixth St., Downtown, Cohen & Grigsby Trust Presents Series, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 412-456-6666, www.trustarts.org, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www. pittarts.pitt.edu.

Freud's Last Session, an evening of conversation between C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud about God, love, sex, and the meaning of life, through April 1, O'Reilly Theater, 621 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh Public Theater, 412-316-1600, www.ppt.org, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www.pittarts. pitt.edu.

Ruthless! The Musical, featuring crazy antics of a homicidal eight-year-old aspiring actress, **through May 6,** CLO Cabaret, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, Pittsburgh CLO Cabaret, www.pittsburghclo.org, 412-325-6766, PITT ARTS Cheap Seats, 412-624-4498, www.pittarts.pitt.edu.

Pitt PhD Dissertation Defenses

Man Yan Wong, School of Medicine's Molecular Pharmacology Graduate Program, "Delivery and Exocytosis of Neuropeptide Vesicles at the Nerve Terminal," 9 a.m. March 8, 1395 Starzl Biomedical Science Tower.

Yll Agimi, Graduate School of Public Health's Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, "Role of State Licensing and Physician Reporting Requirements on Older Driver Safety," 1:30 p.m. March 9, 2nd-Floor Conference Room, Graduate School of Public Health.

Khalid Awdah A. Alahmari, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, "Vestibular Rehabilitation Using Virtual Reality and Psychometric Properties of the Balance Rehabilitation Unit Assessment Balance Device," 9 a.m. March 14, 4014 Forbes Tower.

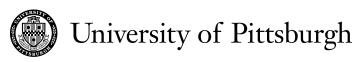
Feng-Ling Tsai, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 'Department of Biological Sciences, "The Mcm2-7 Replicative Helicase Is Essential to Coordinate DNA Replication, S-phase Checkpoint and Sister Chromatid Cohesion," 2 p.m. March 15, A219B Langley Hall. **Emily Wender,** Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences' Department of English, "Situating Academic Readers: Emotion and Narrative in the Classroom," 10 a.m. **March 16,** 501 Cathedral of Learning.

Ming Ren, School of Information Sciences' Graduate Program in Information Science and Technology, "Advanced Map Matching Technologies and Techniques for Pedestrian/Wheelchair Navigation Systems," 2 p.m. March 16, 502 Information Sciences Building.

Mary Lou Vercellotti, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences' Department of Linguistics, "Complexity, Accuracy, and Fluency as Properties of Language Performance: The Development of the Multiple Subsystems Over Time and in Relation to Each Other," 2 p.m. March 16, 335 Cathedral of Learning.



Haydn, Previn, and Mendelssohn's "Italian," Heinz Hall, March 9-11



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Honors College Marks 25th Anniversary

Preparing "students to become learners and thinkers for the rest of their lives."—Honors College Dean Edward M. Stricker



1. The University Honors College (UHC) celebrated its 25th anniversary on Feb. 25 during a daylong forum that included several presentations and musical interludes.

The dinner, held in Alumni Hall's Connolly Ballroom, and the forum, held in Bellefield Hall, coincided with the weekend launch of Pitt's 225th anniversary celebration, which began with the Feb. 24 Honors Convocation and continues through the 2012 Homecoming festivities in October. Among the day's speakers were: 2. Mary Ellen Callahan (A&S, UHC '90), Pitt trustee and chief privacy officer and chief Freedom of Information Act officer in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. 3. Colin Stewart, managing director of the Bank of America in New York and son of the late G. Alec Stewart, founding dean of the UHC 4. Dick Thornburgh (LAW '57), Pitt emeritus trustee, former governor of Pennsylvania, former U.S. attorney general, and former U.N. undersecretary general, and now of counsel to K&L Gates in its Washington, D.C., office 5. Edward M. Stricker, UHC dean and a Distinguished University Professor of Neuroscience.

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