

Four Students Attend National Constitution Center Ceremony in Philadelphia

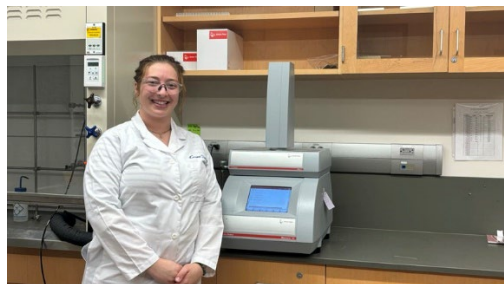
At the invitation of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, four UPJ students attended the ceremony to present its 36th annual Liberty Medal to documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. Anastasia Smith, Annalee Moore, Christian Kanich, and Tanner Wagner are enrolled in the American Democracy Scholar Certificate (ADSC) program. The ADSC encourages students to become more informed, active, and engaged citizens and demonstrate a better understanding of citizens' capacity to participate in the political system and influence its outcomes. The ceremony was held at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia overlooking Independence Mall.

Chemistry Program Receives American Chemical Society Recognition

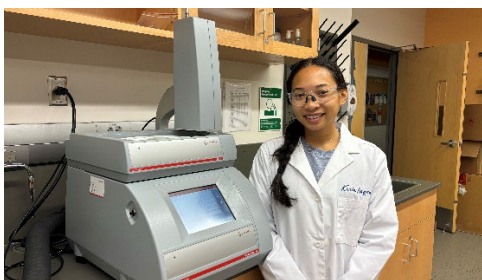
The UPJ Chemistry program has received certification by the American Chemical Society, recognizing that the program provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their future careers. The rigorous ACS review was shepherded by Dr. Ryan Bird and his colleagues in Chemistry. Kudos!

Chemistry Faculty Awarded Pitt Momentum Fund Grant for New Lab Equipment

The Momentum funds were awarded to Dr. Manisha Nigam and Dr. Matt Tracey, and through these funds, the Chemistry research lab has procured a chemical microwave reactor, which will be used in the undergraduate research laboratories to conduct reactions. A chemical microwave uses microwave energy to heat and control chemical reactions efficiently, improving reaction rates and yields.



Korina Pebley



Karin Ilagan

Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to these faculty members who were promoted effective September 1, 2024.

Professor: Tanya Kunberger (Civil Engineering); Charline Rowland (Education); Jeff Webb (Music); Akao Inuzuka (Communication); and Manisha Nigam (Chemistry)

Associate Professor with tenure: Ramesh Singh (Chemical Engineering)

Associate Professor in the Appointment Stream: Mitzy Schaney (Environmental Sustainability); Matt Tracey (Chemistry); Sami Alshurafa (Civil Engineering)

Alumnus Donor Supports Modernization of Mechanical Engineering Lab

Thanks to a generous donation from an alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's Mechanical Engineering Technology program, the Mechanical Engineering Department was able to modernize its lab equipment. This includes a new Instron Universal Testing Machine to replace the non-functional and outdated Satec; a new CNC lathe and mill with modern controls and increased capacity; replacement of fluids lab equipment with digital instrumentation; and a Universal Vibrations Apparatus to expand students' experience from the classroom to the lab.



CNC mill (bottom) and CNC lathe (top right) and Instron Universal Testing Machine (top left)

Communications Students Invited to Broadcast Set of Pittsburgh Pirates

Senior Communication major Autumn Hogan completed her capstone project and internship with the Johnstown Mill Rats Baseball Team. The Mill Rats are co-owned by Pirates broadcaster and former catcher Michael McHenry and his wife Jacklyn. After the internship, the McHenry's invited Autumn and

fellow Communication student Lindy Barefoot to be on the set during a Pirates pre-game and post-game broadcast.



Autumn Hogan (left) and Lindy Barefoot (right) Autumn and Lindy with Pirates broadcasters Rob King, Michael McKenry and Matt Capps

Undergraduate Student Exchange Program Between the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown and Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan Finalized



UPJ and Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan have finalized an agreement that will allow UPJ students to study for a semester in Japan while a Seinan Gakuin student studies at UPJ. The agreement should also lead to joint research projects in fields of mutual interests; sharing of experiences in innovative teaching methods and course design; organization of joint symposia, workshops, and conferences; opportunities for faculty development and exchange; and opportunities for exchange of visiting research scholars. Thank you to Dr. Ako Inuzuka, Professor of Communication for her leadership in developing this program.