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Patrick M. Jones Named New President of Bucks

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On Tuesday, March 19, the board of Trustees named Patrick M. Jones as the sixth president of Bucks, with his tenure starting this July.

The decision came on March 19 just two weeks after the last of the three forums were held that allowed students, staff and board members to interact with three finalists the board had picked. Jones was vying for the position against two other candidates; Evon Washington Walters, president of the northwest region of the Community College of Allegheny in Pittsburgh; and John C. Boyd, president of Mayland Community College in western North Carolina.

This concludes a nearly half-year long search spearheaded by the creation of the Presidential Search Committee. The committee hired RH Perry & Associates, who was tasked with finding viable candidates. The firm conducted on-campus visits with faculty and staff

and held the forums for the three finalists. Each candidate attended three separate forums: one for faculty and staff, one for administration and faculty leaders, and one for students.

Dr. Jones is coming to Bucks from Penn State Schuylkill, which he joined in Jan. 2019 as the chancellor and a professor of music. During his tenure there, he has overseen the construction of new laboratories, construction of a new learning center, and upgrades to other classrooms and athletic fields. He also helped the school launch multiple new majors such as nursing, cybersecurity and information technology.

Prior to Penn State, Jones had a long career in music education, having been the director of the Setnor School of Music, chair of the music education department at Boston University, head of the music education division at The University of the Arts, and directing the Air National Guard Bands for 12 years. He has also been a judge for multiple Band



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competitions, including the Music in the Parks competition for Neshaminy High School and Pennsbury High School.

The forum for Mr. Jones was the second of the three forums, taking place on March 4. Compared to the other candidates, he presented a practical and lively personality and was interactive with students. He started his presentation by pointing out his ties to

Bucks County. Jones grew up in nearby Montgomery County, but his mother lives in Feasterville. This was unlike the other candidates, who were new to the area. “As a Boy Scout I camped at Ockanickon Camp. This (Bucks County) is like home to me.”

After the short introduction, students were given the chance to ask questions. Jones was first approached

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Upcoming Events



4/04
Zooming for Scholarships!
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Zoom

4/05
Bucks Blues Explosion!
Featuring GA-20
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Zlock Performing Arts Center Newtown Campus

4/09
Sexual Health and Wellness Conference
 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 Student Commons Epstein Campus

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Poetry Reading at Tyler Hall a Massive Success

Elijah Andino
Centurion Staff

Critically acclaimed poet Jared Harél joined Bucks students at the Wordsmiths event earlier this month with a long-awaited reading of the poems from his book, *Let Our Bodies Change the Subject*.

Wordsmiths is an event hosted every semester by Professor Ethel Rackin of the Language and Literature department. The event aims to bring students and faculty together to discover new authors and stories.

For this semester’s reading, the students of the Language and Literature Department were treated to the presence of Jared Harél. The poet has no shortage of accolades, including the Stanley Memorial and William Mathews Poetry prizes. Literary journals as revered as *The Sun*, *The Southern Review*, and *The Beloit*

Poetry Journal have featured his work.

“Let Our Bodies Tell The Story,” as Harél describes it, serves as a poetic testament to loss, conflict and family. Indeed, many of the poems featured in the reading concern his relationship with his family.

One of his poems, “Beer Run,” was a favorite among the listening students. It tells of an early childhood memory where he was let down by an irresponsible family member and rescued by his father.

Harél chose the poems for the event with a specific idea in mind. He affirmed that, “There are some poems that lend themselves to the page, and some poems that lend themselves to be spoken aloud.”

A lot of Harél’s poems were centered around family. He admits that the themes of the poems he chose were not fully inten-



Photo Courtesy of Elijah Andino

tional, but rather more so inevitable. He mentioned how it would be, “more effort to keep [his children] out,” of the poem’s he has written ever since becoming a parent.

“Let Our Bodies Change The Subject is an ode to the ever-present force of love in day-to-day life. This observation holds especially true for the collection’s

titular poem “Let Our Bodies Change the Subject.” The poem emphasizes the instinctual comfort one looks for in their spouse, or family. It’s a love so innate that we search for it even upon news of a deadly mass shooting that sours the surrounding air.

When asked how the reading went, he took a modest approach, “You can always

tell when the audience is listening. I heard laughing, saw smiling. I just try to read the poems as I hear them in my head. And if I’m able to convey that [...] then I’m happy with it.”

“Let Our Bodies Change the Subject” is currently in circulation where all books are sold.

News

Human Trafficking Awareness Forum At Bucks

Madison Kifolo
Editor

The Bucks Catholic Student Organization hosted an informative Human Trafficking Awareness event in early March for Women's History Month.

Allegra Cressman, Representative of the nonprofit Worthwhile Wear, arrived at Bucks on March 7 to speak about human trafficking and the work that the nonprofit has been doing.

Worthwhile Wear provides housing and restorative services to victims of human trafficking. The nonprofit includes a thrift store that provides funds for their efforts and employment for survivors. They strive to help others "wear the story of freedom" with their purchases from the store.

Human trafficking, according to Worthwhile Wear, is a "crime that deprives millions of people

of their dignity and freedom, as at-risk populations are exploited for labor or commercial sex."

According to the Department of State, "an estimated 27.6 million people are currently victims of human trafficking worldwide." Cressman shared that human trafficking is a "financial and human dignity issue" that is based on supply and demand. She went on to say that there is always a supply and always a demand. The human trafficking industry makes 5x more each year than Nike, Google, and Starbucks combined.

During the presentation, traffickers were defined as someone who exploits others for the profit gained from forced labor and/or commercial sex. She stated that "human traffickers look like us ... they roam in the same spaces as you and I." There have been many instances of this

in Pennsylvania. It is considered a hotspot for human trafficking due to the easily accessible highways and large population.

Worthwhile Wear strives to provide victims with a safe space, financial help, and therapy. Their program, Worth it, is a community-based outreach and empowerment program that aims to educate people on human trafficking

The nonprofit also has a safe house for up to 6 women who are currently recovering from their experiences involving trafficking and

abuse.

To get involved in raising awareness about human trafficking, Cressman urges students to become educated about trafficking, or even create a student club to further raise community awareness. Students can volunteer at their thrift store, or other organizations like Worthwhile Wear in the area.

For more information, contact Angela Cressman at acressman@worthwhilewear.org, or visit the website www.worthwhilewear.org.



Photo Courtesy of BCCC Website

Doylestown's Easter Egg Hunt is a Beloved Community Event

Jenna Lowenthal
Centurion Staff

It's not often you see a bunny driving around in a black convertible Camaro, but if you were in Doylestown, you might. With spring arriving, the colored eggs are coming out and, in this case, golden eggs.

Kris Bolger, Volunteer President of Discover Doylestown, plans and helps bring events together to bring fun and enjoyment to the community.

Colorful golden eggs hidden within shops, children giggling in excitement, enthusiasm and joy running the town, it's definitely not something you'd want to miss. This wasn't just a normal easter egg hunt, it's a fun amusing scavenger hunt where you get to walk through the beautiful streets and shops of Doylestown.

The easter egg scavenger hunt was free to attend and reoccurred from March 10 to March 30. The events were in the heart of Bucks County, Doylestown, specifically the Borough, East State Street.

Bucks County Community College students were happy to see this event taking place, as it brings students and professors back to nostalgic childhood memories.

"I remember always going over to my grandparents house when we finished at our house, and we'd do this outside which was a lot of fun, also doing it with my cousin kind of made it a competition," says Daulton Parry, a Bucks journalism student.

"I think it's very important for the town to keep their traditions, while it

brings communities together for a heart-warming fun memory," another Bucks student who was avid participant of the scavenger hunt as a child said.

"It reminds me of one of the happiest memories when I was little, it's definitely something that puts a smile on your face, even if you're not a kid anymore, you can still pitch in on the fun," they continued.

"Over 34 businesses are participating in this event in this area," says Kris Bolger. If you live in Bucks, there's a high chance you've shopped from one of these businesses.

You might happen to be walking in a shop with hidden treasures. Stores like Siren Records, The Yellow Door, Moms Cookie Bar, The Doylestown Bookshop, The Paper Unicorn, Urban Sun, Sweetah's Gluten Free Bake Shop, Simply Fresh by McCaffrey's and many more are joining in on the excitement.

"Some stores haven't been visited often, so this easter egg hunt gave a chance for new stores to be seen and visited," Bolger says. "From kid friendly stores like Monkey's Uncle to Busy Bee Toys and Ramers candy, which is a popular hot spot," Bolger adds.

"It's introducing families to different stores, hunting through the storefronts. Hoping to encourage folks to visit more of our local businesses," Bolger says. Visitors could visit Monkey's Uncle or Evolution Candy to pick up your easter egg hunt booklets. Then you're ready to go to town and find the golden eggs in the participating stores.

The booklets gave a listing of where they needed to go



Photo Courtesy of Unsplash

to find the eggs. Each time they found a booklet, they got their booklet signed by the store owner or the manager by a sticker, or a stamp. Once they've collected all of them, they can win raffle prizes.

"This was the fourth year the scavenger hunt took place but the last 8 or 9 years they have been bringing the easter bunny out," Bolger states. She mentioned during the covid lockdowns, they still brought the bunny down in a convertible that drove through the neighborhoods.

Participants located the golden easter eggs hidden in the town. "Some of them were really hidden and some of them were more of a kid friendly searching," Bolger says.

Bolger mentions last year, "350 booklets were handed out."

Bolger laid out the activities of the day, "Easter bunny in town, photos with family, balloon animals, face paint, food, golden and colorful eggs and tons of fun memorable and exciting activities." Bolger added you might've even witnessed a bunny driving

around in a car.

"Many business owners get involved to help out with these activities," Bolger says.

If you missed these events, there's always more. Bolger states they do fun activities and events like this all-year round. "Down to the Easter bunny, the huge arts festival, community clean up days, the 5k race, Santa, fright fest and many more to come," Bolger states. She mentions they have a 5013c profit plan for their organization.

Bolger states "We are volunteers wanting to give back to our town." They do their best to make Doylestown a beautiful place.

The Easter egg scavenger hunt is an amazing way to bring people together and bring positivity to the community. Lighten up your day with a family friendly fun adventure here at Doylestown, if you're a college student looking to witness some fun and positivity, check out the other events in Doylestown.

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Weather

Thursday 4/4

50% Chance
H: 49
L: 35

Friday 4/5

H: 48
L: 36

Saturday 4/6

H: 50
L: 36

Sunday 4/7

Solar eclipse peaks at 3:15PM
H: 56
L: 38

Monday 4/8

H: 63
L: 43

Tuesday 4/9

H: 65
L: 44

Wednesday 4/10

H: 68
L: 50

8-14 Day Outlook: 4/9-4/15

Temperatures: Above Normal
Precipitation: Near Normal

Forecast for Newtown, PA courtesy of weather.com, valid 4/1/2024 at 9:15 PM EDT.

8-14 Day Outlook courtesy of NOAA National Weather Service, issued 4/1/2024.

News

2024 Primary Election to Feature Multiple Uncontested Races

Christian Grosso
Centurion Staff

On April 23, Pennsylvania will be holding the 2024 primary election that will determine the candidates for what is likely to be a contentious election cycle. But will voters really have much of a choice this year?

Voters will be able to pick who will be the candidate representing their party in various races this Nov. Since this is a primary election, only voters registered as a Democrat or Republican can vote, as Pennsylvania has a closed primary. Other states like New Jersey have an open primary where voters from any party and independents vote in the primary election.

The primary will feature both local and national races, including township/borough representatives, school board members, state representatives, and US house representatives. But what makes this primary different than years past is that most races are uncontested, which means that each party only has one candidate you can choose. Effectively, the 2024 general election has already been set.

Headlining the primary will be the presidential race. For the Democrats, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. is running for reelection. On the ballot, voters will have

the option of selecting Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN), but on March 6, he dropped out of the race. As many news sites put it, Phillip's run was a long shot against Biden, and his chances diminished even more when it was revealed that one of his advisors was behind calls to New Hampshire voters urging them not to vote for Biden, using an AI generated voice of the former.

Initially, the GOP presidential race seemed competitive with former president Donald J. Trump taking on a host of candidates, including South Carolina Gov. Nicki Haley, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC), and more. By the first primary of the year, Scott had dropped out, with DeSantis dropping out just after the Iowa Caucuses. Eventually, it became clear that Trump is the overwhelming favorite amongst voters, with Haley dropping out after Super Tuesday. She was the only candidate to win a state's primary other than Trump or Biden, that being Vermont. Like Phillips, her name will still appear on the ballot.

Pennsylvania will be one of multiple states with US senate elections this year. Like the presidential competition, the Senate candidates have already been chosen. Democrats will be represented by Sen. Bob Casey Jr., who is seeking a fourth

term for the seat. Republicans will be represented by David McCormick, who was the Deputy National Security Advisor during George W. Bush's second term. McCormick had previously tried to run for senate in 2022, but Republican voters chose Mehmet Oz, who himself eventually lost. But unlike the presidential race, Casey and McCormick are truly uncontested, and they will be the only candidates to appear on the primary ballot.

In the US Congress, Bucks County and a portion of Montgomery County are part of Pa's 1st congressional district, which is currently represented by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) of Levittown. In a rare move, all 17 congressional representatives from Pa. are running for reelection this year. Fitzpatrick, who is seeking a fifth term, will be running on the GOP ballot against Mark Houck, an anti-abortion activist. The only candidate to file for the Democratic primary was Ashley Ehasz, who had run for this seat in the last election.

On the state level, odd numbered districts will be up for reelection this year in the Pennsylvania state senate. But this means that Bucks County, which is represented by the 6th, 10th and 16th districts, will not be voting for the upper



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chamber this year. But in the PA House of Representatives, all seats are up for grabs this year. There are ten districts exclusively in Bucks County with numerous candidates. In all but one district, the primary includes one candidate per party. The exception is the 31st district in the Newtown area, which has only one candidate running in the whole race, incumbent Rep. Perry Warren (D). All incumbent representatives in Bucks County are running for reelection.

For local elections, voters will also choose candidates for a range of positions, including school board members, township and borough managers, mayors and more. There are no

ballot measures during this primary.

The deadline to vote in this primary election is April 3. To register, voters must be 18 years or older on or by April 23, be a resident of the state, and cannot be imprisoned for a felony. You must be registered as a Democrat or Republican for the primary, and you must vote on your respective party's ballot. In Pa, felons have their right to vote restored once they leave prison.

To register to vote, visit vote.pa.gov to fill out an application online. You can also register by mail, at the county elections office, or by visiting your local Penn-DOT center.

Buck's Music Society Brings Artistic Collaboration to the Forefront

Abby Palmieri
Centurion Staff

Bucks hidden gem is the Bucks Music Society made up of highly skilled and collaborative student musicians.

Vicky Roba, a student at Bucks, has taken on the position of Society President. She's worked to create an environment where both musical inspiration and individuality truly prosper.

Roba recounted the group's initial collective vision: "We wanted to create a fun and collaborative space for students to play more modern songs or songs in different styles. Not just Classical and Jazz like we study in our courses."

Most members of the society are vocal or instrumental music majors. Though their academic courses offer valuable and necessary skills and information, The Music Society has become a strong component of their experience at Bucks, as it offers a unique space for artistic communication and interconnectedness.

In February, The Music Society held their own showcase, which Roba described as "a way to really show everyone what we're

all about... since the music department is very small and not many students outside of it know much about music at Bucks."

Following the showcase, Roba continued, "our horizons extended to include more aspects of creating music, such as songwriting workshops and events with other clubs."

The group is now preparing for Bucks' Spring Fling event that'll take place on April 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Quad. "The Theme is generally spring and summer," Roba said, but student performers are given pretty wide creative reign.

In addition to the Spring Fling, The Music Society will be working alongside the school's Tyler Literature Society in hosting a few events this semester, including a "Bad Poetry" reading with a live band that'll take place April 3 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the dining area. The two groups are also planning songwriting workshops for the semester-dates to be determined.

Group meetings for the Music Society are diverse and dependent on what is musically upcoming at the school. They usually

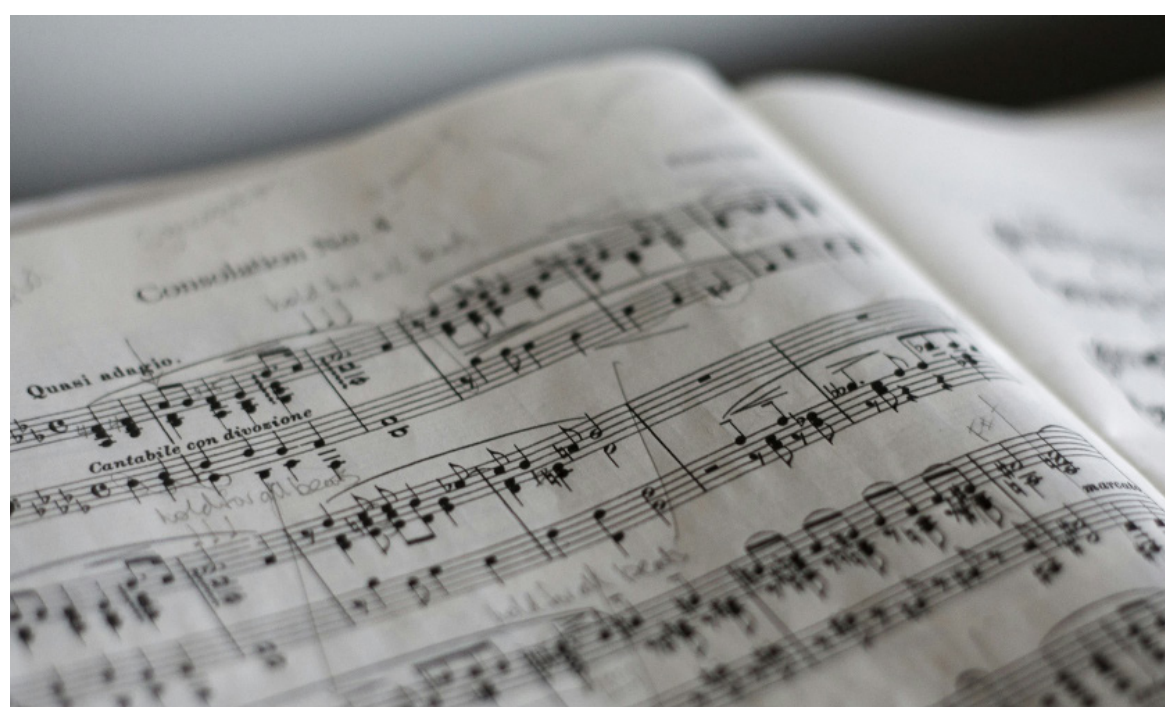


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focus on five or six songs per week. Each group or individual will run through their song(s), and then the others will converse with them- offering suggestions and asking questions.

During the Society's meeting on March 12, an open mic was held where Society members were encouraged to perform and display their particular musical styles, interests, and visions.

The atmosphere of this open mic is casual, and collaboration is a natural element. Students tend to inspire one another musically and experiment with new sounds together. The music and sonic collaboration

which emerges from these open mics is genuinely inspiring and proves the group to be a talented collection of strong artists.

"In music, collaboration is crucial, and it varies in form," Roba asserts. "I believe the Music Society is a wonderful outlet for collaboration between music majors and other musicians. This can look like people writing songs together, several musicians jamming, and collaborating with other clubs to create and participate in cool events."

The Society is not exclusive to just music majors, and the group is aware that all different kinds of people

possess musical talent that should be shared. If you're musically inclined and are interested in working with other students in a creative environment, the Music Society is an excellent social and artistic opportunity at Bucks.

"The Music Society is best fit for musicians looking to collaborate with others for various performances and other music-related events and workshops," says Roba. "Students interested in getting involved can contact me via email at robav@live.bucks.edu for more information on meetings and events."

News

Entertainment: Movies, Television, and Pop Culture Today

Raymundo Varela-Urizar
Entertainment Editor

MUTANT AND PROUD! To those that grew up with Fox Kids and watching cartoons on Saturday mornings, the iconic and classic X-Men are making their way back to our screens March 20th on Disney Plus! From 1992-1997 lasting five seasons it has been 27 years since X-Men: the Animated Series has had their series finale with “Graduation Day” but now a continuation of where the original series left off will be hitting us with a 6th season.

After Charles Xavier dies, so much mutant discrimination and the battle of good vs. evil is still very much alive. The team of mutants have a mission not only to protect the world, but also fulfill Charles Xavier’s wish that humans and mutants can live together in peace and harmony.

Expect to see your favorite mutants such as the genius Professor X, Cyclops the leader of the X-Men, the fighting Wolverine, the

complicated Morph, the sweet and sugar Rogue, the brilliant Beast, the savage Gambit, Jubilee, Bishop and of course the evil Magneto and the dangerous mutant sentinels! X-Men 97 will also bring back original voice actors George Buza (Original voice actor for Beast) Cal Dodd (Original voice actor for Wolverine), Lenore Zann (Original voice actress for Rogue), and Catherine Disher (Original voice actress for Jean Grey) along with much more nostalgia!

“My X-Men.. We have to stay vigilant, the professor entrusted us with his dream,” says Scott Summers.

Series Directors: Jake Castorena (Director of the TV Series Batman Unlimited and The Death of Superman) and Chase Conley (Director of the TV Series Kipo and the Age of Wondersbeasts and Major Lazer) **Writers:** Beau DeMayo (Writer of Marvel’s Moon Knight and Paramount’s Star Trek: Strange New Worlds) **Series Producers:** Brad

Winderbaum (Producer of



Marvel’s Ant-Man and Marvel’s Black Widow), and Beau DeMayo

Series Music By: The Newton Brothers

Cast: Catherine Disher, Chris Potter, George Buza, Cal Dodd, Lenore Zann, Adrian Hough, Alison Sealy-Smith

Genre: Cartoon, Superheroes, Action

Rated: TV-Y7

Release Date: March 20th

PREPARE TO SEE KNUCKLES! The rebellious but lovable Knuckles

is getting his own mini spin off series that will be leading up to Sonic 3 that is already in pre-production and will be a short, fun series for the fans!

Directors: Carol Banker, Brandon Trost, Ged Wright, Jeff Fowler, Jorma Taccone **Series Writers:** John Whittington, Brian Schacter, James Madejski **Producers:** Neal H. Moritz, Samantha Waite, Jeffrey Pinto-Lobo, Victoria Burkhart

Series Music By: Tom Howe

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Cast: Idris Elba (Thor: Love and Thunder, Sonic the Hedgehog 2), Adam Pally (Dirty Grandpa, Sonic the Hedgehog) Jaimi Barbakoff (Pride, Netflix’s Black Mirror), Colleen O’Shaughnessey (Murder and Cocktails, Sonic the Hedgehog)

Genre: Action, Adventure, Family

Rated: TV-PG

Release Date: April 26, 2024

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by Ethan, a Bucks science major, who asked him if he had recognized any areas of improvement the school needs. "We have some financial challenges that we need to address, and certainly we have enrollment challenges all across the country," Jones said. "There have been some physical plant issues; there's been some deferred maintenance."

"The first thing I need to do is get my arms around the community. People need to know that I'm here and that I care." He mentioned an old friend in Maine who once told him when it came to working with students was "They don't care what you know until they know that you care. "Together, we will solve the problems; I won't solve them myself"

But then, he turned the purpose of the forum on its side by asking the students questions, first asking what Bucks is like. Of the few students present, he got responses about the school being affordable, being a good experience, a nice campus, etc... And he asked that, if he were a student, how would you convince him to go to Bucks? One lady told him that "I used to

go to another known school. Everyone was minding their own business there. This school though, is definitely involved."

Throughout the questions he asked to students, Jones explained that he used a qualitative approach to student's answers, reiterating what they said to him to make sure he heard them correctly. "I want to make sure what I am saying is accurate," he said.

He asked students what needs to be fixed at Bucks. One student said that the amount of investment into the Bristol and Perkasio campuses was much less than what is put into Newtown. "I've talked to the president of the Epstein Campus before, who said I don't have enough resources at this campus. I feel that everything is centered around the Newtown campus."

On Zoom, someone asked Jones how he would get the school to cater to the diverse economy of the county. They gave an example of the Career and Technical Center recently completed at the Epstein Campus to cater to students wanting a vocational degree, not a college degree.

Jones answered that it is a complex question because "I'm not here yet." "The greatest success is when we do something that is tied directly with the community, industry, partners, and so. One of the things I've learned over the year is that it's a lot harder to just stand something up and do it on your own than it is in partnership with others."

Jones then laid out his approach, saying the school should sit down with various businesses and organizations in Bucks County, and plug into "wherever those niches are", as he explained it. He would also use Bucks 2040, which is the county's ten-year strategic plan, as well as Gov. Josh Shapiro's 'Blueprint for Pennsylvania' that identified some key industries in our area, which Jones said includes Biotech, Pharmaceuticals and Life Science. He explained we need to "take a look at what other opportunities around us that we are not tapping, or we can grow more robust in there (the industries)."

But Jones also pointed out that we can get people to the campuses through other ways. "When I took a look at the community programing,

it's through the roof here; it's amazing what's being offered!" He explained that Bucks needs to get people's attention, because, as he said, "Never in history have more people been vying for your attention."

Just before the meeting ended, Jones was questioned about transparency. Specifically, he was asked how he would've handled the closure of Grupp Hall in the Fall of 2023. The question comes after the resignation of Jones's predecessor, Dr. Felicia Ganther, who was president for a mere two years before she resigned at the end of 2023.

Although Ganther stated that she resigned due to the recent deaths of three close colleagues and cancer diagnoses of two siblings, many suspect she resigned due to a vote of no confidence from the college's faculty union. There was also skepticism over her administration's handling of the Grupp Hall closure, with faculty having described the hall as "a sick building, filled with rattling rafters, a few dead bugs, cold and drafty ..." in a Centurion report dating back to April 2019.

Jones said "I don't know

what the reasons were so I'm not going to criticize the current administration. But I can promise you as president I would be as transparent as possible."

Although the forum was open to all students, not all were able to attend. The Centurion asked some students who weren't at the forums what they would want to see in a new president. Camryn Pring, an early education major, would want to see "someone that has organization skills and that prioritizes the school and can also put the students before everyone else."

And Ryan Press, a radiography major, says "I'd look for someone that's humble, not scared to make decisions that are important, and just a person that's approachable."

When asked what advice to give to a new president, Pring said "To respect the students' boundaries and wishes as well as listen to suggestions by the students and staff." Press also said for them to listen to student input. "It's really important to see what the students feel should change."



From Pantry to Plenty Spring Food Drive

Benefitting the BUCKS COUNTY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

As the flowers bloom and the warmth of spring fills the air, let's extend that warmth to those in need by contributing to our food drive from **March 25 to April 5**. No donation is too small; every contribution can significantly impact those facing food insecurity in our community. Together, let's strive for an 80% participation rate across our campus – students, faculty, and staff!

— BUILDING DROP LOCATIONS —

- Barn
- CAT
- Cottage 3
- Fire School Bristol
- Fire School Doylestown
- Founders
- Getaway
- Grupp Hall
- Hilda
- Linkaz
- Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks
- Pamberton
- Rollins
- Science Center
- Tyler Hall
- Upper Bucks Campus



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News

Jason Kelce and Fletcher Cox Announce Retirement, Forever Legends

Raymundo Varela-Urizar
Entertainment Editor

From college football walk on, to Philadelphia Eagles sixth round pick in the 2011 Draft, to Superbowl champion, to Football Hall of Fame, Center and University of Cincinnati alumni Jason Kelce has announced that after 13 seasons he will be hanging them up. The six-time Pro Bowl select made his choice public on March 4 to the press and eventually took fans by surprise with both bittersweetness and joy.

From his famous Superbowl speech of “No One likes us and we don’t care” to creating his own podcast with his rival and brother, Travis Kelce, taking his shirt off at the 2024 Super Bowl, supporting charities, and teaching us the importance of being our true authentic selves, Jason Kelce has rocked not only the city of Philadelphia but also the world.

The phenomenon to international fans around the globe, with his famous costume of “Fat Batman”. Despite going back and forth on retirement, the reason was due to wanting to be and spend time with his wife Kylie and his three daughters. Jason shared his thoughts on fatherhood with “I think one of the best things a person can be in this world is a father.

A father who is present, loving (and) devoted just might be the greatest gift a child can ask for in our society, and I have a

(expletive) good one,” he says. Immediately after his retirement announcement, the countdown begins for Kelce’s first-ballot nomination into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Kelce will be missed not only by fans, but also by many that he reached through to with his contagious personality.

On March 10, Fletcher Cox, longtime Eagles Defensive Tackle, announced his retirement from professional football after 12 seasons.

The Mississippi State alumni posted on his X account “I want to thank Jeffrey Lurie, Howie Roseman, Doug Pederson, Nick Sirianni, Don Smolenski, and the entire support staff of the Philadelphia Eagles. There are too many people to name, but you have all made a tremendous impact on my life and my career. I’ve learned so much from each and every one of you. You have no idea how much I appreciate the many ways you helped me grow not just as a player, but as a young man into the man I am today.” he writes.

Bucks County Resident and Eagles fan Nick Polymenakos states “I was surprised that the two are both departing. They are both really good players and held down a good part of the team. Hopefully we can get good players to fill their part. I think eventually someone similar to him (Kelce) will come along. The Eagles I think will still be good this coming season,



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just not as they were before”.

Matthew T. Joseph, a current Bucks Student says “It’s gonna be tough without him (Kelce) I would say it would be a rebuilding year” says Matthew. “It sucks we lost him (Cox) but I think he was ready to retire.”

Cox, the six-time Pro Bowler and one-time All-Pro, will be ending his career with a Super Bowl ring, two NFC titles, and having played a total of 188 games tallying 519 total tackles, 70 sacks, 16 forced fumbles, 14 fumble recoveries, 17 defended passes and two

touchdowns.

“It’s very sad but they are getting older and we want younger players to play and give back to the Philly area”. He’s (Graham) getting up there at age to. He should have retired”. Says Eagles fan Mark Rothenburger of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

As of March 10, Lane Johnson and Brandon Graham are the only two Eagles remaining from the 2017 Super Bowl roster. With 73 sacks in a record of 195 games in his career, University of Michigan Wolverine and Eagles Defensive End

Brandon Graham is returning for a 15th season. With a one-year contract, he has said that after this season he will be ending his football career as well.

“I’m happy that they are still with us (Graham and Johnson) and surprised that they are the only ones left. Graham’s my favorite player. My favorite memory is probably Lane protecting Foles well in the Super Bowl,” said Timothy Thomas of Doylestown.

Bucks County Woman Overcomes Hardship and Maintains Successful Cafe

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The smell of coffee hits instantly as you enter through the double doors. The sounds of laughter, conversation, and the insistent whirring of the coffee grinder fill your ear drums as you walk towards the counter. Smiling faces greet you as they take your order. You watch as the barista, no, the artist, craft your beverage exactly to your liking. When you finally receive your order, it is worth the wait.

The taste of locally sourced coffee beans hits your taste buds as you sip from your drink. The warm buzzing from the overhead lights and upbeat jazz music add to the scenery as you sit and enjoy the atmosphere of this quaint little coffee shop.

Andrea Newton, 33, and general manager at The Bridge, Coffee and Community has been in the food business for the past 22 years and has been a part of many restaurant openings. When the Bridge opened in Nov. of 2023, Mrs. Newton

didn’t know exactly what she was getting herself into, she said “I wanted to offer some help in some way.” Initially she didn’t want to work at The Bridge but decided she wanted to lend a hand any way she could.

Fortunately, that meant taking over the position on General Manager for the budding Coffee business owned by Restoration Church in Levittown.

Starting off as a dishwasher at 14, Andrea worked her way up in the restaurant business and gained a passion for the kitchen. Before working at The Bridge, Andrea was at a Starr Restaurants in Philadelphia for eight years before being laid off during the pandemic. She was then the General Manager at Panera Bread for two years, up until she learned about The Bridge in August 2023.

“Being able to show my son that you can have a family and work hard is super important.” Family is everything to Andrea, so being able to be a role model for her son Aiden is very

important, especially when it comes to her work.

“Restoration and The Bridge’s mission is there to compliment my lifestyle.” ‘Come as you are’ is a big message at both Restoration Church and The Bridge, and this ideal is not uncommon in Andrea’s life. Having struggled with sobriety in the past and continuing to be sober for the past two years, Andrea takes this issue very seriously. She prides The Bridge on being a ‘safe space’ for anyone in any walk of life. They hold a 12-step meeting on Wed. for people struggling with addiction as well.

Andrea isn’t new to Bucks County. Having grown up in Yardley, she’s lived in the area her whole life, attending Pennsbury High School. She’s grown a love for her community in the time that she’s been here and hopes that The Bridge can continue to be a beacon of hope and safety for its community.

Her own philosophy on The Bridge is to “fill people up for the day” whether

that’s with coffee or with the smile on a friendly face.

For more information about The Bridge please visit www.thebridge.coffee and follow them on Instagram @bridgecoffee, or stop by the actual shop located

at 6800 Bristol-Emilie Rd, Levittown, PA 19057.



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