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Two Massive Snowstorms Close Bucks Campuses Just Weeks Apart



Photos courtesy of Zac Crain

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After a blizzard accumulated up to 22 inches of snow across Bucks County students and professors alike are facing icy interruptions to their daily routines.

According to “The Patch”, the most snow was seen in Langhorne and Richboro with an astounding 22 inches. Closer to Bucks’ main campus, however, 8 inches were seen around Newtown.

The college announced Monday’s cancellation early Sunday morning before the rain had turned to snow. This prepared students and professors for a brief snow day away from academia. This was the second closure of the campus in less than a month.

In a short interview with Journalism Professor Tony Rogers, he stated the following: “I’ve been teaching

at Bucks for 28 years and I can’t remember having two closures due to snowfall within just a few weeks of one another.” In this seemingly unprecedented time, the call to close the campuses was well within safety expectations.

Rogers assures that snow days aren’t just enjoyable for some students, but some professors as well.

Though these snow days are a chance for students and professors to catch up on work, there might be a challenge for some students who aren’t able to get to campus. Rogers says that “I’m sure there are some classes that are more flexible, and able to adjust to things like this. Then there are others where it’s more difficult. A lab course might be an example.”

Each course has its own preparations for weather interruptions; STEM courses,

however, could face some schedule push-back without access to the in-person labs.

A few students at Bucks are saying that they really don’t care about the snow day. Others, like Zach Weis, a psychology major, thinks “it’s actually quite wild. It’s awesome, I like the snow. Not everyone feels that way, and I understand. But it’s pretty darn cool, man.” Weis believes that even with interruptions, “the option of having Zoom classes online in these scenarios definitely lessens the blow of missing school.”

Another student at Bucks, Nicole Morrow, a journalism major, says “the first time Bucks closed, I was excited. I felt like a kid excited for a snow day, however, with the second closure I’m just ready for the snow to leave and the spring to come.” Though Morrow understands the safety reasons

for which the campus had to close again.

Morrow is a firm believer in routine, saying “it can be frustrating, the more days we are closed. Things get pushed out of the way and as someone who relies heavily on routine, I get a little messed up when that happens.”

Some students can agree that the interruption to their routines throws off their day-to-day plans, and some would also agree with Weis that the snow day is simply “pretty darn cool, man.”

Overall, this blizzard has proved to be much less icy than the last snow storm Bucks County faced.

Weather updates are telling us to be prepared for even more snow early next week, ranging anywhere from 2-5 inches throughout the county with winds reaching 10 MPH.



Around Bucks

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Unlock Your Power: Why Civic Duties Matter to You



Photo courtesy of Chelsea King

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Centurion Staff

Sometimes, stubbornness and a little bit of “meh” energy are the sneaky reasons why people skip out on their civic duties—like being a citizen superhero but forgetting the cape!

At the end of the day, we all tend to be unproductive.

Civic duties are important because they help keep communities safe and fair. When people do things like vote and follow laws, it makes life better for everyone.

Bucks County Community College had the honor of hosting America 250. This event was held in the Gallagher Room on Thursday, January 29th.

America 250 is the 250th anniversary of the US in 2026. It's a big deal because it celebrates the country's

history and future.

It includes educational programs, historical exhibits, and community projects that highlight important events and people in U.S. history.

It aims to increase awareness about the nation's development and encourage civic engagement for future generations

Shaping tomorrow by empowering today's children.

Former Pennsylvania Governor Mark Schweiker and Pennsylvania House Representative Tim Brennan joined us for an open discussion on this matter.

Also, there to enlighten us on the matter was Patrick M. Jones, president and CEO of Bucks County Community College.

Tim Brennan said, “We are one country and one team where we tackle every-

thing together.”

This highlights that no matter our age, we all have a voice and can make a difference by stepping up.

Whether it's through small acts like volunteering or getting involved in the community.

The options and chances are endless—there's always something new and exciting to try!

Mr. Brennan is a firm believer we are “privileged as citizens to live here” though it may sound dramatic, it's a powerful and honest truth.

Both parties showed us a powerful visual contrast, comparing it to walking the streets of Kaywong.

Mark Schweiker added “This is what happens when the government stops respecting its people.”

Former Governor Mark Schweiker's passion for

politics began at age 11, sparked by a political dispute.

However, he felt like “a dead kid in a casket” because, like us, he didn't know where to begin.

Schweiker believes that Pennsylvania is the foundation of the United States, and without it, we wouldn't be citizens of the country today.

Schweiker stated, “We are not creatures of the government; we elevate it. We're not subjects.”

By saying this, he expresses his belief that we, as citizens, have the power and freedom to shape and uplift our country according to our own vision.

In short, our civic duties are key to a strong nation, and by taking them seriously, we help create a better future for all.

How Joining a Club Builds Community and Boosts Career Success



Current student leaders of Bucks clubs photo courtesy of Gavin Galante

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Joining a club at Bucks can be an intimidating process, Chris Seifert, director of student engagement and leadership shares how joining a club can lead to more academic and future career success. All students taking at least one credit are welcome to join any number of Bucks' clubs, and they're only a few clicks away from finding their own communities with similar interests to ease the stress of academic life.

It's important for students to find their own communities when they're attending

college. Going through the academic process alone can be and usually is stressful, Seifert wants students to have the opportunity to find people who they can relate to. “Building and having a support network of fellow students and advisors is a much more pleasant way of living than doing it alone!” Seifert states, and Bucks offers more than 50 clubs to aid students personal growth within their academic life.

The student-led clubs and organizations at Bucks provide a break from academia as a place to relax and meet new people. It's also a fun way gain new friends with the same interests, Seif-

ert explains that “going to college and can be a lonely journey if you don't attend activities or join organizations, and we want our students to get the most out of their college experience by getting involved!” Sometimes on campus, clubs host their own events that are primarily student-led and create experiences for non-club members as well. “It's so rewarding,” Seifert says, “to not only see students make friends and build their network through joining clubs but also witness them organizing and running activities that benefit the entire college.”

Overall, the benefit of

getting involved in clubs doesn't just impact current academic life, but also future careers and opportunities.

Seifert explains that “learning how to collaborate and communicate with other students is going to help them immensely in their personal and professional lives.”

Seifert also claims that building relations within clubs will allow students to see that “people think and behave differently than we do, and joining organizations and becoming involved helps us become more adaptable and understanding in a world that

often seems to lack those skills.”

However, most students quickly become inundated with schoolwork each semester and also manage working full or part-time.

Some may wonder if they can still have the opportunity to join clubs despite their busy schedule.

Seifert assures, “all clubs offer virtual options for students who have trouble being there in person” provided the flexibility of club leaders makes sure that students may “still be involved in the club as their schedule allows.”

Students can join anytime in the year, and it's as simple as visiting the Bucks website and navigating to the Bucks+ portal, signing in with their school account, and exploring all the options Bucks has to offer.

From there students can fill out an interest form in the club of choice, and there's no requirements to join unless the chosen club is based in Bucks' honor programs that have a specific GPA expectation.

Around Bucks

Spring Comes Alive at the Zlock with Music, Theatre, and Student Talent



Photo courtesy of Zlock

Nicole Morrow
Centurion Staff

This spring Bucks County Community College is packed with live events. Bucks take pride in their artists and performers; this spring the Zlock is filled with plenty of events, and it just so happens that there is something in there for everyone.

For those old souls who want to go back in time to the seventies, Bucks invites you to join on April 25th for "Rumors." Rumors is a Fleetwood Mac tribute band that will turn back the clock. From the groovy rock and roll music, to the colorful carefree fashion, you will feel like you are living in

the Bohemian Era.

If rock and roll is not the style for you, on April 3rd, Bucks is holding the "Annual Bucks Blues Festival." The event is filled with guests such as Nikki Hill and Mike Guldin. Those who show up will be immersed into a world of soulful R&B music.

For those who are not necessarily interested in music or performance related events, Bucks has something for them as well. If paranormal activity is something of interest, come check out Paracon on February 19th from 12-6pm where you can experience all things paranormal from ghosts, bigfoot, UFO's and

so much more. Guests will be met with about 40 vendors and plenty of speakers. "Some guests even dress up. One of the guys working at a vendor was dressed up as bigfoot" Pete Chiovarou, director of the Zlock and College events at Bucks said.

For those who love to see a great on stage performance, they are encouraged to check out the Drama Club's spring performance of "The Great Gatsby." Sit back and enjoy as the radiant scenery of the Roaring Twenties in F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel is brought to life on stage. Fans of theatre and literature alike can indulge in the arts

before them as they support the student run production of "The Great Gatsby."

One of the most important parts that makes these events at the Zlock so special is the number of productions that involve or are run by the students. From music, to theatre, dance, and improve, students are able to show off their talents as well as their passions. On May 6th, Bucks is hosting "Bucks Film Fest" in which students from the Cinema Video Production and Multimedia classes are able to share the hard work and dedication of their creation with an audience.

The Zlock also provides a place for those who want

to have some peace. On the first Thursday of every month, Bucks holds a "Cultural Streaming Service" during the day. This service is open to the public as well as free. "It gives a nice space where people can come and eat lunch and enjoy the music." Peter Chiovarou stated.

All students here at Bucks get one free ticket to each event. Just bring your school ID and you will be good to go. Students are encouraged to come and support their peers in these live events. No matter what you are interested in, the Zlock will be holding an event for you.

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Around Bucks

Where Ink and Scripture Meet: The Spirit of Chinese Calligraphy and Judaism



Sonia Bahir showing off her skills at the event - Photo courtesy of Lucy Bright

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Students around the Newtown campus likely noticed the stark red posters that appeared in recent weeks. The event they advertised raised an unexpected question: what connection could Chinese calligraphy and Judaism possibly share?

At first glance, the link seemed unclear. Aside from the modern American Jewish tradition of eating Chinese food on Christmas, the two cultures do not often appear side by side. A closer look, however, reveals deeper parallels. Both Taoist and Hebrew calendars follow ancient luni-solar systems that predate the Gregorian calendar, causing holidays to shift each year. Each culture honors symbolic foods, ancestral traditions, and longstanding ritual practices.

The answer to the cal-

igraphy question proved both simple and profound. Chinese calligraphy and Hebrew scripture each carry thousands of years of history, shaped by diaspora, migration, and resilience. Both traditions include layered scripts that convey meaning beyond literal words, reflecting a belief in the spiritual power of letters themselves. In this way, each practice stands as a living art form, culturally sacred and rooted in tradition.

Rabbi Dr. Cody Bahir and his wife, Sonia Bahir, embody this intersection of cultures. Rabbi Bahir, a non-Orthodox rabbi from Kentucky who was raised Catholic, met Sonia in Taiwan in 2011 while living among Buddhist monks. Sonia, an Indigenous Pawanese woman, later converted to Judaism after several years of study. The couple married in 2014.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Rabbi Bahir credited Sonia as a major influence in his return to Judaism. He received rabbinic ordination in 2021, with the goal of sharing the beauty he sees in the Haredi world with broader communities.

On February 18 from 1–2 p.m., the couple visited Bucks County Community College’s Library 220, home of the Volta Writing Center. Students filled the room, practicing Chinese calligraphy with authentic brushes and ink under Sonia Bahir’s guidance.

“They are all so talented and I learned so much already, I can’t wait for more with these other events coming up we are co-hosting with other similarly talented Rabbis. There’s something about them, about their love for teaching and for their passions that is absolutely mesmerizing. Everyone in the room was entuned to

what they were saying. I am endlessly thankful to our advisor Dr. Samantha Gross for connecting us with them”, says Mark Kogan, President of the Hillel Club as well as an Event Planning and Management Major.

“He was so funny and personable. I was astounded by how knowledgeable both of them were, so quick with detailed answers to any questions anyone could come up with. Such a talented speaker! He brought up multiple things about Purim even I didn’t know about. We can’t wait to work with them again some time soon, hopefully.”, Mark reflects, speaking high-praise of Rabbi Cody and Sonia’s skills.

Kogan also highlighted Rabbi Bahir’s humor and depth of knowledge, especially his discussion of Purim traditions. Shayna Feldsher, vice president of the Hillel Club and a

Psychology major, shared excitement over the strong and diverse turnout, noting that attendance extended beyond the Jewish student community.

“I was ecstatic to see so many people, especially of a varied demographic. More people other than Jewish folks arrived, which surprised but delighted me.” Said Shayna

The Hillel Club of BCCC shares updates on Instagram at @bccc_hillel and has several upcoming events planned: a Purim Party on March 3 in Library 220 with Rabbi Jeff Schnitzer; a Hamantaschen-making event on March 11 in the Solarium with Rabbi Daniel Schon; and a Spring Cleaning donation drive for Worthwhile Thrift, supporting survivors of human trafficking and exploitation, running March 2–6 with a collection box outside Student Life.

Balancing Security While Keeping Human Rights

Chelsea King
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ICE’s role in immigration enforcement has sparked significant controversy, as their actions often affect vulnerable communities and raise serious human rights concerns. While tasked with upholding the law, ICE’s aggressive methods have led to family separations and widespread walkouts. This article calls for more humane and just immigration practices.

Fear is spreading like wildfire through aggressive raids and detentions. Living with your head on a constant swivel with the thought of your family separating.

The worry of being taken from family feels like losing your safe space... and I know we all take that for granted. However, some folks consider separating families as necessary to uphold the law and keep communities safe from potential “risks.”

Supporters of U.S. Im-

migration and Customs Enforcement say it targets dangerous criminals to keep communities safe. Though critics argue that innocent families are the ones often caught in the raids; they say ICE’s methods can harm families and overlook fairness.

ICE’s reach is extending beyond immigrant communities, affecting families and neighborhoods across generations, disrupting daily life and leaving a lasting impact on communities far beyond those directly targeted. So far as even targeting American citizens, which have led to several encounters where citizens were killed by ICE agents.

School walkouts have become a meaningful way for students to unite and address concerns and opinions on both sides, though it is controversial due to students missing important class time.

This topic of conversation strikes right in the heart of



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our community, including North Penn, Pennsbury and Neshaminy High School. Its impact is felt in classrooms, hallways and homes, shaping the daily experiences and future opportunities of the young people we all care about.

As more students leave classrooms to demand change, administrations and families are feeling the impact firsthand.

North Penn senior Milla Heidt, quoted at a school walkout, “There are so many families that the fear

of going outside because of ICE and the current political climate, I think it’s really important to get outside for the people who can’t.”

Her quote shows her commitment to standing up not just for herself, but for those whose voices are silenced.

In social media posts and videos, some students in the same protests at North Penn High were saying, “I stand behind ICE and what they’re trying to do — they’re following the law.” While stating this, they were waving the American

flag around and expressing support for enforcement actions. This quote was shared anonymously.

Some people believe U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement should be fairer and more open about how it does its job. They say stricter rules and better oversight would help protect people’s rights while still enforcing immigration laws.

In the end, weighing these pros and cons is key to understanding why the agency remains so controversial.

Sports

Chemistry and Leadership Fuel Late-Season Push

Michael Hartline

Centurion Staff

The season is coming to an end for The Centurion Men's Basketball, we look towards the team's past to inform its future. With only a few games left in the season, Centurion Basketball has been experiencing some minor setbacks. The team holding strong defensively, however the teams' communications on offence could improve.

Leading scorer Mike Rocograndi averaging a total of almost 15 points per game, and Jayden Bright with a 39% shooting average from the three-point line. These two are playing a key role in guiding the team better offensively.

On February 10th, opportunity approached to have an interview with some core players post victory. Faced off against the Williamson College of the Trades Mechanics, who came from Media. With an overall score of 99 to 79.

Being able to talk to two players and to see how they felt about this particular win and what it means for the rest of the season. Are they optimistic...feeling worried?

Starting off speaking to



BCCC Men's Basketball Team

19-year-old from Bensalem Noah Morris, the team's starting guard for this game, who's rocking the number 2 jersey on the court. He's on his second year with the Centurions, being able to shed a little bit more insight than others.

When asked how he felt about the win in general, Morris stated "It's a great conference win, Williamson always plays hard, they play together, and it's great to come out with a win."

The next questioned asked was about how a win like this and a record as it is, how does the moral stay

strong and what keeps the team motivated? Noah then said to me, "Our teammates, the culture we have, we love playing with each other, and we love bringing energy to practice. Coach Farrad does a great job at practice, keeping us energized. And this is a testament to all the hard work we put in, and we want it to pay off, and we just keep pushing every game."

This sentiment was shared with the game's other starting guard, Niko Bianco, the 23-year-old from North Wales. As stated to Noah the same question was prompt-

ed on how he felt about the game.

He said, "It's a good bounce back for the year to end strong, we got two more games coming up, both winnable games...I think we'll end the year pretty strong."

Following that he was then asked about the culture surrounding the team, as well as how a win and a record like this felt, and what keeps them going. Niko had this to say, "Yeah, we're all friends here, we all get along, everybody talking at practice, good group of people, and a lot of cool guys."

When asked about the

game plan for the upcoming games, he quoted, "Probably going to be the same thing, hustle, rebounds, transitions, and smart plays."

The teammates and coaches' chemistry is what's holding the team together, they are like a family that continues to improve on there loses as a team and build on them.

Looking ahead, the Men's Centurion Basketball Team has the ability to come out of this season with there heads up, winning or losing they'll do it as a team, yet another reason to be proud of our college.



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Sports

Men's Soccer Team Wraps Up Successful Season



BCCC Men's Soccer Team

Brianna Glassey
Centurion Staff

The season wrap-up for Bucks' men's soccer team

proved their adaptability and resolve with several stand-out players and a steady 8-7-1 record: Head Coach Justin Burroughs is aiming

to reach the Conference Championship and become one of the top five teams in the league.

The season started with a challenge of injuries for

the players, "the first five games, we played five different goalkeepers," Burroughs reflected. However, many of the student-athletes arose and stepped up in no time.

One of the players, David Samuel, took the lead in play time while covering the holes left from rotating goalkeepers.

There were several key players throughout the season, one of which was Nick Raysky, who kept the energy up on the field while also "making an impact" alongside MVP Kane McDermott. It wasn't just those two keeping the resolve up for Bucks, but also a few of their teammates.

The entire season, "Kaden Wexler, Brayden Otto, and Giovanni Pascale were there contributing," Burroughs said.

At the end of the season, Bucks gained a set piece specialist, Owen Williams, who will be a potentially returning and exciting player to watch in the upcoming season. It's not just him to watch out for, starting forwards Kaden Wexler and Giovanni Pascale, midfielders Aleksander Peyter, Co-Captain Daniel Fernandez and starting defender Gavin Eckenrode will all be inspiring potential returning players as well.

Burroughs was delighted to note that Billy Dayton, Bucks' goalkeeper, is back in healthy shape after this season's injuries and may return for the next season as well. Despite having to step out, Burroughs claimed "he showed so much promise."

Head Coach Burroughs hopes to "have commitments for a goalkeeper, defender, midfielder and forward who will challenge for starting positions." Giving opportunities to Bucks' returning athletes and promis-

ing new recruits to join the team.

The student-athletes on the soccer team are also subject to Burroughs goals. "I'm trying to add depth in every position and working hard to do it," Burroughs said. The coach also "wants to average a team GPA of 3.0 and have more players transfer out to 4-year schools to continue their playing or academic careers."

As for what's coming next for Bucks' men's soccer team, the head coach hopes for double-digit wins. After reaching the conference games, two more wins to add to the team's record seems not so far out of reach.

Due to Bucks being a 2-year institution, it's difficult to retain players and reach the end goals before their time at Bucks is up. However, it's very important for the student-athletes to continue their academic journeys at 4-year institutions while still maintaining their interest in soccer.

As the new season approaches, make sure to look out for Bucks' rival games against Manor College and Central Penn College, not just the big conference games. These teams always produce exciting games for the crowd, players and coaches alike.

For more information about Bucks sports, please visit the Bucks sports webpage, <https://athletics.bucks.edu/landing/index> or visit the official Bucks athletic contact page at <https://www.bucks.edu/catalog/info/athletics/>.

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