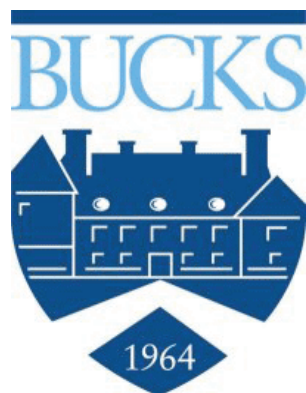


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## Bucks Slowly Returing to Normal

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COVID-19 has been disturbing our usual activities of daily life for the past few years. Which has taken away most of the fun being involved when seeing our friends and family.

This extended period time seems to be fading away as mandates are beginning to be lifted and more people are going to walk around mask free and begin to live the normal life again.

Bucks has also officially lifted the mask mandates for vaccinated students, allowing students to walk the hallways and be in classes without their masks.

Covid-19 wasn't easy for most of the students here at Bucks. Dylan Ziccardi was one of the many affected. Currently an Early Education Major, he splits classes from online and zoom to going in person at the Upper Bucks Campus in Perkasio, "I'm looking forward to going out more, and to go to concerts again." Ziccardi said.

Students on the Newtown Campus are also really looking forward to seeing this pandemic slowly disappear.

Gabby Falconio, now a sophomore at the college, has really missed doing things in the normal world when Covid hit 2 years ago.



She is looking forward to Covid being done and over with.

"Well, there were a lot of things. Like going to amusement parks and vacations in general... Traveling out of the states to visit family and close relatives for special occasions, birthdays, Easter, Christmas, etc.," said Falconio.

Austin Williams, a communications major, is more of a stay at home, and hard-working student, "I don't get out of my house a lot. But I like the idea of being in

class without a mask, maybe even going without a mask indoors including in classrooms and labs. It's just nicer because I feel like a lot of people are done with it at this rate." Williams said.

Tim Youse, a non-major student, who also runs the Poker Club here on campus, is really looking forward to what the future brings to him with the pandemic dying down. "I look forward to seeing more live music shows." Youse said.

"I would probably be more excited if there weren't vaccination mandates that's held up a lot of plans that most people would have to travel places. Where some countries don't even let you in if you are not vaccinated. I have no idea how clouded my perception has been because of that." Youse stated.

"Unfortunately, there is this cloud above us, like we can't do this or that because of the pandemic. Besides that, there was

nothing else to it." Youse said.

Students seem to be feeling freer to go out and do what they want now that the pandemic is being eased from our shoulders. It has been a long time since we have since lived in 2019 before the virus cancelled a lot of our plans and got us concerned of our safety.

"Doing those fun things brings excitement into life, and creating memories is part of living." Falconio explained.

## Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Frank Boston

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Kevin Antoine, J.D., Associate Vice President of Community and Government Relations, and Chief Diversity Officer of Bucks County Community College, welcomed everyone to the online discussion on Feb. 17, "honoring an unsung Bucks County local hero," Dr. Frank Erdman Boston (1890-1960).

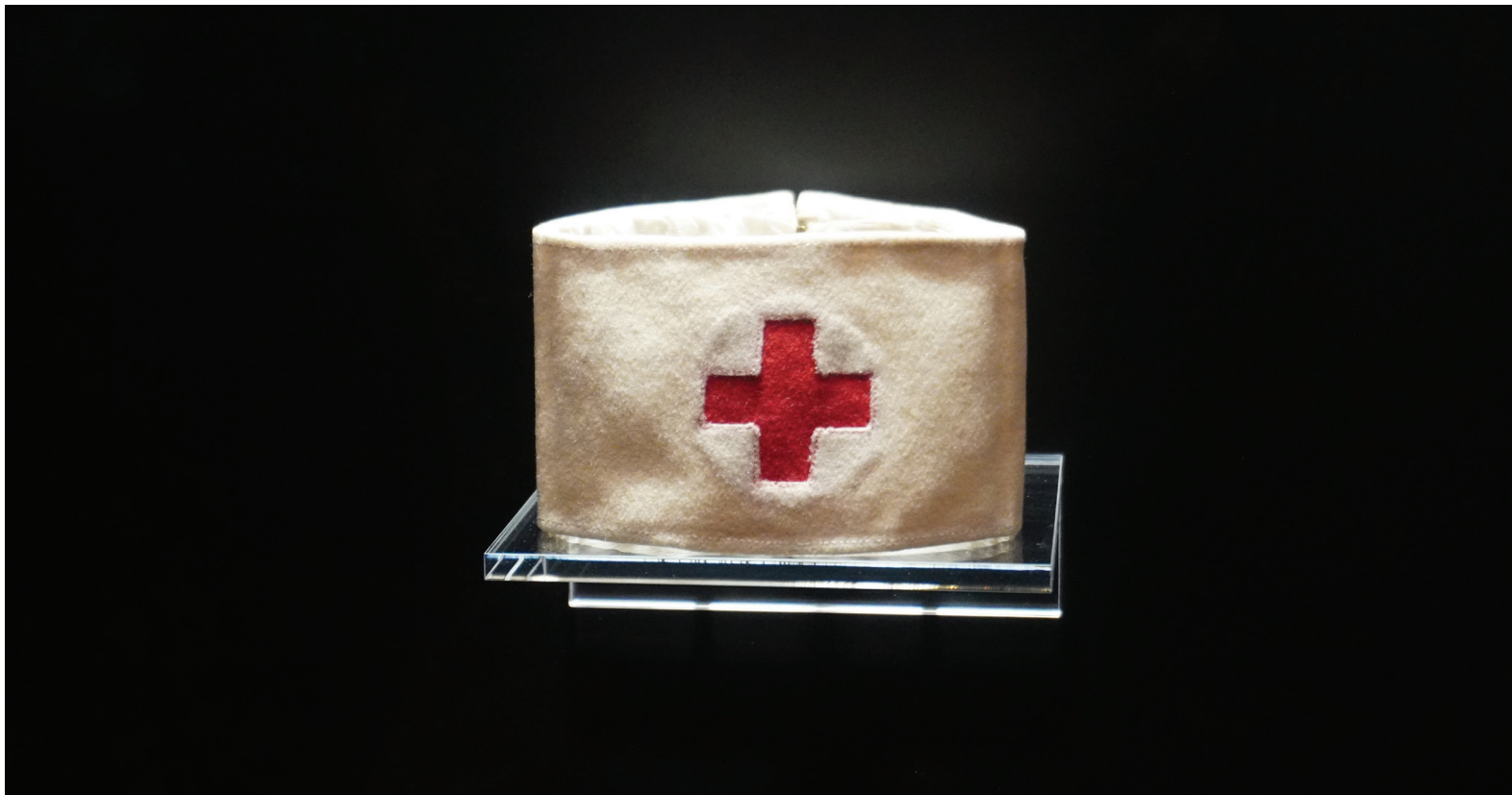
Bucks County Community College, in partnership with the Bucks County Board of Commissioners, highlighted the life and achievements of Dr. Boston, a WWI veteran, who was one of the first African Americans to start both a hospital and an Ambulance Corp. in the 1930s.

"There were hospitals earlier, but not both," said George Whitehair, Executive Director of the Boston Legacy Foundation, and lead researcher.

Both of those are still in operation today, known as Abington Lansdale Hospital and the Volunteer Medical Services Corps (VMSC).

Dr. Boston's achievements in his lifetime were "innovative. And they were the things that you would not expect a man of African American descent to be able to do at that time and age in American society," said Dr. Felicia L. Ganther, President of Bucks County Community College.

"He is a true example of a national hero," said Diane El-



lis-Marseglia, Vice-Chair of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners. "He is a perfect example of an African American, whose contribution to our very area, to the medical profession, and to the efforts of WWI have to be taught. They have to be honored, and they have to be remembered."

Ellis-Marseglia spoke of "how important history is, but for African Americans there are enormous gaps in history," as many Black lives have not been documented.

"It does a disservice to a lot of

kids, and generations to come, when they really can't look back at their history and find a hero," said Ouli Sow, Boston Legacy Foundation board member.

Whitehair reached out to Khoi Pham, an illustrator for DC Comics and Marvel, and Heather Wilson Pham, a social worker, therapist, and writer, to create a "book to help raise awareness" of Dr. Boston.

A husband-and-wife team, Heather told Khoi this was "about connecting with people, and it's

about helping the world be a better place," so immediately knew that "this is something that we need to do."

"In this case we're not rewriting history," said Pham. "Dr. Frank Boston was real," and he "did all these amazing things."

And so, "Doc Boston Adventures" was born.

In a sentiment echoed by many of the panelists, Bernard Griggs, Jr., Project and Diversity Officer for Bucks County said that "Black history is also American history,

and we should really be celebrating it year-round."

"By looking at the Boston story you don't limit it to February," said Whitehair. "You don't limit it to Black history."

"This is American history," said Antoine.

To find out more about the book go to [www.docbostonadventures.com](http://www.docbostonadventures.com).

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## Fireside Social On Newtown Campus



**TARA BIRNBAUM**  
*Centurion Staff*

You may have noticed students gathered around a fire pit in the quad on your way to your classes recently. A new event introduced this semester, the Fireside Social is held at Newtown campus every week and encourages students to stop by for a quick roasted marshmallow or to just hang out.

As covid restrictions begin to subside and more students are coming to campus, the Fireside Social provides a creative and fun way for students to take a minute to relax between classes and meet new friends.

Along with the nice break, faculty members provide each student with a quick and delicious marshmallow. Once your marsh-

mallow is roasted, you can make a s’more that can even include a Reese’s peanut butter cup in the middle!

If you and your classmates have a lot of down time between classes and nothing to do, there are even games to participate in like a jumbo Connect Four.

“I follow the school’s social media platforms, so I first learned about the fire pit in the quad on Buck’s Instagram page. I was intrigued because I spend a lot of time each week at Newtown campus and was looking for more opportunities to get involved. My friends and I will definitely come make s’mores and hang out in the upcoming weeks.” said Abigail Dyer, 20, an environmental science major.

If you are interested in being featured on the school’s Tik Tok or Instagram accounts, the social media team post students who come to the Fireside Social every week!

Not only does it bring fun to everyone’s school day but there are Bucks+ points to be earned. Just open your suitable app, scan the QR code provided at the event, and receive points for getting involved.

You can also use your Suitable app to know ahead of time when the Fireside Social will take place each week.

Although the days it is held fluctuate, it is usually held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. once or twice a week.

“Fireside social is a unique

idea that gathers the student body throughout the day. It was a nice break in between classes to spend time with my girlfriend, while hanging out with others. I enjoyed getting to know other students and learning about other majors that people can partake in at Bucks.” said Amber Octaviano, 20, a dance major.

Some professors on campus offer extra credit at the end of the course if you earn a certain amount of Bucks+ points in a semester. The campfires on Newtown campus are an opportunity to work toward some easy extra credit points each week.

Not only is it beneficial to your education at Bucks but if you are planning to transfer to Temple University after earning your

associates degree, your points earned on Bucks+ transfer with you.

Stop by the Fireside Social each week for a fun way to make new friends, grab a quick snack, and warm up by the fire, while earning those points!

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## Clubs at Bucks

# Sports and Kinesiology Club At Bucks



**CHASE ZEMITIS**

*Centurion Staff*

As the 2nd semester continues clubs at Bucks have been trying to start up again; the sports and kinesiology club is of those clubs.

Professor Lori Sullivan, a professor of kinesiology and sports study, who advises the club said, "On average 5-15 students are in the club per semester, adding that covid has really affected the club." The club is open to all students, not just those majoring in Sports and Kinesiology.

Sullivan said, "The club has been going on for 5 years". Previously Brandon Kissney, former advisor of Bucks student life, originated the club which before he moved to a different college.

Sullivan said that the club could be used as a learning tool, "The club is a great way for students to interact network with each other and to learn the different programs in the Sports and Kinesiology department.

The club talks about sports management, current topics,

issues in sports with changing technology, and better ways for promotion. Sullivan also told me, "The club goes to the Trenton Thunder stadium to explore the internships and potential job opportunities".

The Thunder offers work during the summer of college students as an internship for sports management. The Newtown Athletic center and the YMCA also offers summer work for college students.

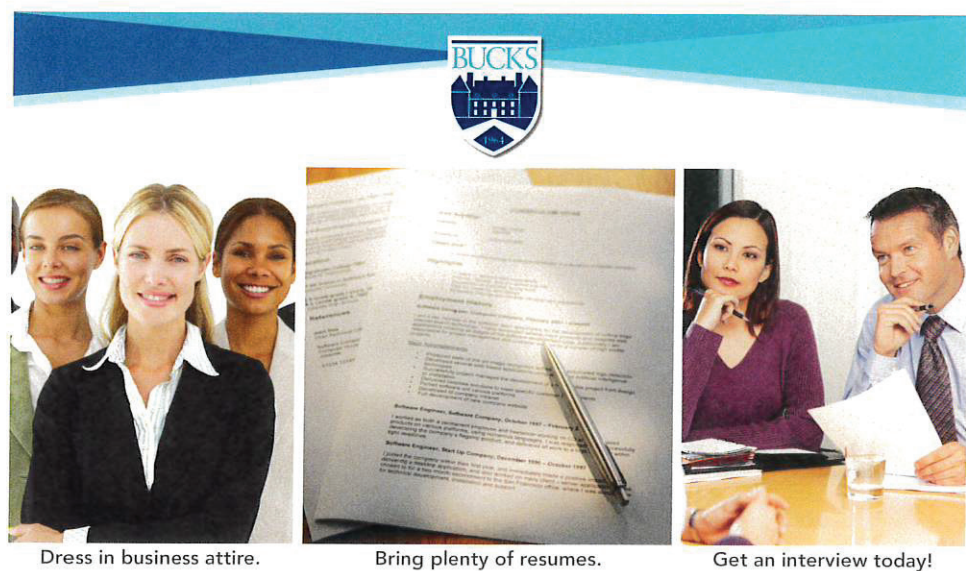
Sullivan said, "There is a lot

of job openings at the YMCA for students to work at which students who are majoring in sports management can do an internship for credits towards the major.

The club does community service and is trying to promote smaller sports in the community rather than the big sports people are used to. Sullivan said, "The work they do in the community is able to help with the local sports associations in tournaments, leagues and for registration and sign up."

There are no college credits for community service unless someone does an internship for sports management. Another important thing to note is the job availability at the YMCA, For any additional information or questions about the club, you can email Sullivan on outlook Lori.sullivan@bucks.edu

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# Majors At Bucks

# Why You Should Major in Nursing



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*Centurion Staff*

Health Sciences is a popular major at Bucks; Dr. Corrigan, the dean of health sciences at Bucks, recommends it for those interested in the medical field.

Dr Corrigan had some insight on why students might choose Nursing as their major, “People who gravitate toward nursing often have had experiences with the healthcare field such as a family member’s illness. After being around that atmosphere, people feel the need to join the

field.”

Corrigan explains why she joined the medical field. “My mom was a nurse, and I grew up listening to her experiences. She worked in a family practice clinic in our town and on weekends she would take me with her to read throat cultures and check on supplies. I don’t think there was ever any question that I would go into nursing.”

Dr. Corrigan said that students will get real world experience. “Students in healthcare career will have an opportunity to explore at

least one clinical agency during their externship or clinical courses. That is also a time for employers to examine our students to ascertain if they would make good employees after graduation. In that way, your clinical experiences are your first job interview. Additionally, the program and the college will help you work on resumes and interview skills around the time of graduation.”

Dr. Corrigan has some advice for those who want to take the course, “Nursing is a very rewarding career. But it is not an

easy program. Being a nursing student is going to require a lot of work whether it is reading the textbooks, preparing for clinical assignments, or working on projects for class. Students who want to excel will devote as much time to their studies. I do not recommend working more than 20 hours a week if taking nursing classes, and if someone wants to take the program full-time, I recommend not working at all.”

Dr. Corrigan added “There is an application process for the nursing program, so anyone interested

must complete that form. The details include providing any transcripts of classes taken and exam like the SAT or ACT or taking the TEAS test.”

Also Dr. Corrigan said, “students must wear a uniform to participate in the clinical setting. The college has chosen a dark blue scrub suit which is like the work uniform of those in the health field. Students are responsible for paying for their uniform.”

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## Sports

# First Two Weeks of MLB Season Cancelled

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According to the MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, the MLB’s opening day is canceled along with the first two weeks of the season. The schedule for the regular season was originally 162 games but is now down to 156 games.

The MLB has been in a “lock-out” for nearly three months. The lockout began when 30 owners all voted in support of the lockout.

By definition, a lockout is when the team owners are not allowing the players to come to work meaning the players are not allowed to sign to teams and organizations are not allowed to trade.

This is the first MLB stoppage in almost 30 years. The last time this happened was in 1994 when the players went on strike and ended the 1994 season early, which also delayed the 1995 season.

Some fans are not optimistic that a compromise will be found soon, Dillon Heck, a warehouse associate from Hulmeville, answered, “Not for another two months due to the fact that the owners don’t want to have to pay their players any more than they already do.”

The players and the owners have yet to agree to a new CBA. A CBA is a “collective bargaining agreement” and without that agreement there will be no baseball.

The players’ union waited nearly six weeks for the league to produce a proposal. After said proposal was produced, the players unfortunately rejected it.

The main goal for the players

association is getting more money for the younger players and increasing the minimum salary. The players have decreased the amount that they originally asked for from revenue sharing.

Revenue sharing, in Major League Baseball, is when larger or more popular teams who make more money share a portion of that money with small market teams. The players are looking for more of this to prevent teams from purposely tanking or playing badly on purpose.

When asked who is to blame for this lockout, local baseball fan and Penn State Engineering student, Noah Brodecki says, “Team owners are greedy and don’t care about minor leaguers, or their teams outside of the star players.”

The two sides met on Monday Feb. 28 where the owners informed the players that they are willing to miss a month’s worth of games, according to Evan Drellich of the Athletic. This is a major stance by the owners as they could lose some serious money due to this thought process.

Blaze Binkowski, an AMC Theater employee from Hulmeville, said, “From a fan’s perspective this is annoying and it has me worried about the future of the game. That being said, I am definitely on the side of the players because contracts and the threats that come with them have been going on for a while. The players have a good point on their end.”

With ongoing negotiations still causing further delays and players sitting unpaid for the missed games, it is anyone’s guess who will make what sacrifices to salvage the season.



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# Men’s Basketball Regular Season Wrap Up



**TRISTAN FOERSTER**  
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For the Bucks Centurions Men’s Basketball Team, their regular season came to a close on Feb. 12th as the team finished with a 7-5 record overall. Through many game cancellations and postponed matches that were never seen through, our mighty Centurions scored four wins in a row during the second half of the season, enabling the team to have a positive record to finish with.

The young team fought hard all year and are hopeful of being selected for the USCAA National Tournament in early March. The team had a rough start to the year with two lead-off losses right

from the get-go but through consistency and hard work, the team rallied hard throughout the year and were able to finish strong.

Brand new head Coach Ryan Charity lead the team this year after taking the reins from former Coach Dominic Farello. Charity is familiar with the team from his experience as a volunteer assistant with them in years past so while his new role is certainly demanding, he has taken it in full stride.

Charity said, “I am very proud of all our student-athletes and the season that they have been having. Especially with this being a young new group they all handled adversity well this season.” The team played well this season av-

eraging 78.4 points per game and hitting 38.7% of 3-point shots.

The team had its strengths throughout the season, but they also displayed some workable weaknesses. Charity, said, “We’ve had success in the paint and around the 3-point line, but our defense and rebounding could be more consistent. Something we are focusing on going into next year.”

The team has some factors to work on for next year, but Coach Charity is confident that with some time and effort, the Centurions will be stronger than ever for next season.

While the Centurion’s regular season has ended, their playoff

hopes remain strong. When asking Charity said about a potential playoff berth, “As of now, the USCAA website has us at 12 of 77 total teams. The national tournament is in March and the best 36 teams are invited. We hope to be selected for that.”

Charity had praise for the leaders of the team as well, “Our 3 captains Kyle Saglimben, Sean Haus, and Joey Brusha have held us down this season. Colin Martin has done a great job controlling the game from the point guard position. Kyle’s athleticism and presence on defense help us a lot with the shooting strengths of Sean and Joe has gotten us that top 12 spot on the USCAA site.”

It was a total team effort this year for the Centurions and everyone played their part in bringing the team success.

While the 2021 season has ended, Coach Charity and his players look forward to the 2022 season. Through experience and hard work, the team looks to play even harder next season. Everyone is excited to see just how far this team will go next year, but until then, Go Centurions!

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