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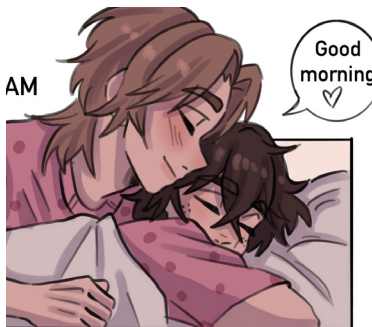
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Men's Basketball Make Their Way to the USCAA



Photo courtesy of Griffin Doyle

Griffin Doyle
Centurion Staff

Bucks County Community College is extremely proud to announce that our Men's Basketball team has made it to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Division II tournament.

This milestone marks a historic achievement for the program, as this is the first time the Bucks Centurions have earned a spot in the prestigious tournament. Not only did they qualify, but they also made an impressive run, capturing the hearts of fans and showcasing their grit on the national stage.

In Buffalo, N.Y., on March 11 at 12:15 p.m., the tenth-seeded Bucks Centurions faced off against the seventh-seeded Penn State DuBois in a thrilling first-round matchup. The game turned into a dramatic battle that would ultimately go into overtime. With everything on the line, the Centurions rose to the occasion and won 92-89, earning their first-ever victory in the USCAA tournament.

This triumph was an ex-

traordinary feat that no one at Bucks had experienced before. Tyshaun Dukes was a standout in the game, coming off the bench to deliver a dominant performance. Dukes not only recorded a double-double with 24 points, but he also displayed a remarkable ability to crash the boards, with five of those rebounds coming on the offensive glass. His performance was a key factor in keeping the game close and ultimately propelling the team to victory.

The most iconic moment of the game came from Octavio Alexander, whose clutch three-pointer with only two seconds remaining in overtime sealed the win for the Centurions. Alexander finished the game with 20 points and three steals, providing a crucial defensive spark in the second half. His performance exemplified the team's resilience as well as their ability to execute under pressure.

Starting guard Jeremy Henry also had a major impact, contributing with five steals, including four in the first half alone. His defensive tenacity helped disrupt Penn State DuBois's

offensive flow and kept the Centurions in the game.

Tyshaun Dukes' offensive explosion in the first half, where he scored 17 points while missing just one shot, played a pivotal role in keeping the team in control for much of the game. The game evolved into a heavy-weight boxing match in the second half, with both teams refusing to back down. Penn State DuBois and the Centurions exchanged blows, each team fighting for every point. But when the pressure was at its peak, the Centurions dug deep, remained tough, and pulled out the win, showing their resilience and mental toughness.

Unfortunately, the Centurions' remarkable run came to an end shortly after this thrilling victory. In their next contest, they faced the second-seeded Cincinnati-Clermont and fell 95-79. Despite their best efforts, the Centurions couldn't overcome the higher-seeded team, who had been dominant throughout the season.

In their final game of the tournament, the Centurions faced Vermont State University Randolph in the consolation round, but they

suffered another tough loss, 75-62.

Despite the losses in the later rounds, Bucks County Community College's Men's Basketball team demonstrated incredible growth, determination and spirit throughout the tournament and the whole season. Their historic appearance in the USCAA Division II tournament and the victory over Penn State DuBois will remain a high point for the program.

The team has shown that they are capable of competing with the best. The Centurions' performance this season marks the hopeful beginning of a bright future for Bucks Basketball.

Introducing the 2024-2025 squad:

- 0-Octavio Alexander
- 1-Tyler Riddle
- 2-Jeremy Henry
- 3-Craig Stargell
- 4-Noah Morris
- 5-George Marion
- 10-Roberto Maldonado
- 11-Al Corsino
- 12-Ethan Flail
- 13-Yaasir Muhammad
- 15-Niko Bianco
- 20-Maayan Elyada
- 23-Tyshaun Dukes
- 24-Jaquis Heath

The Centurion Wins Again At Keystone Media Contest

Emelia Yotko
Centurion Staff

The Centurion, the student run newspaper of Bucks County Community College is at it again with its impressive Division III 2025 Sweepstakes win at the Keystone Media Contest. The sweepstakes award is for the school newspaper that wins the most awards in its division.

These awards reflect the work that was done during the spring and fall semesters

of the 2024 school year.

The Centurion won 16 awards within the categories that ranged from Ongoing News Coverage on the 2024 Elections, a feature story on the Solar Eclipse, and a movie review on DreamWorks "Wild Robot".

The Student Keystone Media Awards are administered by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association. The contest acknowledges high school and college journalism's relevance and virtue in serving their read-

ers. The Centurion competes in Division III for two-year colleges and since 2010 The Centurion staff have won roughly 200 awards

The full list of the 2025 Sweepstakes Award Winners: Division I - University of Pennsylvania, The Daily Pennsylvanian. Division II - Delaware Valley University, TheFull 160. Division III - Bucks County Community College, The Centurion. Division IV Conestoga High School, The Spoke.

The awards will be pre-

sented during a luncheon on Thursday, April 3 in Harrisburg at the WITF's Public Media Center. During this time students will be able to tour the WITF's building, have an Ask Me Anything session with professional journalists and an award ceremony to commend the winners.

WITF is central Pennsylvania's leading public media organization and source for news, education and entertainment.

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Letters should be limited to 500 words. They will be edited for spelling, space and malicious or libelous statements. Letters must be the original work of the writer and must be signed. For identification purposes, letters must include the writer's full name and telephone number.

Bucks Bake Shop Hosts Sale to Support Student Scholarships!

Angel G. Navarro

Contributor

Newtown, PA – March 2025 – Bucks County Community College's Bucks Bake Shop will hold its Spring Semester bake sale on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

The event will take place in Gateway, near the entrance to the library. It offers students, faculty, and staff of the college the chance to enjoy delicious baked goods while supporting a great cause.

Students from the Baking & Pastry Arts and Culinary Arts programs prepare and sell a variety of freshly made desserts and pastries, including muffins, cookies, bar cookies, scones, and croissants.

To accommodate dietary needs, at least one

gluten-free and one vegan option will be available. Beverages will also be sold.

Each dessert or pastry is priced at \$1.50, and beverages are \$1.00. All proceeds support a scholarship fund for students enrolled in the Baking & Pastry Arts and Culinary Arts degree and certificate programs.

The Bucks Bake Shop, operating since Spring 2012, is a pop-up business run by students in the CULN130 Baking and Decorating course. These students gain hands-on experience making and selling baked goods while interacting with customers.

This event allows them to apply their skills in a real-world setting while raising funds for their future education.

The event has been a favorite among the college



Photo Courtesy of Unsplash

community, and organizers hope to attract even more attendees this semester.

Whether stopping by for a quick breakfast or grabbing a mid-morning snack, guests can expect high-quality, handcrafted pastries made from scratch.

Don't miss the opportunity to support the next generation of bakers and pastry chefs while enjoying fresh, homemade treats.

For more information, contact the School of Business, Innovation, and Legal Studies Bucks County Community College.

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The Centurion is a student-led organization comprised of diverse teams of editors, graphic designers, and photographers, all working together to bring these publications to life. Students dedicate their time during and after school hours to bring the newspaper to all Bucks college campuses every two weeks.

With the help of her fellow staff, current editor in chief, Journalism student Kassandra Castillo, dedicates their time to provide the Centurion with an extensive array of stories. Last semester Castillo wrote articles ranging from events happening around campus such as Bucks Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month to articles on devastating breaking news like, Liam Payne Tragically Dead at 31.

Out of the articles she wrote last semester Castillo's favorite piece was a story she did about a group of Tibetan monks who visited our Newtown campus. In her article she says, "This Tibetan Monk event was a way for them to represent their monastery through forms of expression such as art, and prayer. The monks showcased the creation of a beautiful mandala made with sand and even had handmade goods for sale."

Castillo said she "learned a lot about Tibetan culture". And she even was able to do a full photo spread along with the article from the shots she captured over the four-day event. She said, "it was a very involved piece" that she is proud about putting together.

Her Tibetan Monk piece, Tibetan Monks Bring Interfaith World Peace Mandala, won first place in both the Feature Photo and Photo Story categories.

Since becoming the Editor in Chief, Castillo's biggest goal for the paper has been "trying to get students more involved in reading the paper or at least picking it up". The staff have worked towards this goal by making additions to the paper such as more photo spreads, an interactive Valentine's Day note booth, and a Saint Patys Day crossword puzzle.

Castillo says she "would encourage students to join The Centurion because we need to keep news relevant". We not only cover our school's news but our communities as well. "Printed news is important because it offers a community engagement aspect that digital formatting cannot compare to".

Tony Rogers, the college's journalism professor and faculty advisor to the Centurion, said, "I couldn't be more proud of my students. Even after 27 years as a professor here, I'm still amazed by their seemingly boundless energy, creativity and dedication.

The Centurion Newspaper is always seeking students to join its staff of writers, editors, and graphic designers. If you're interested in becoming part of our student-run newspaper, check out the weekly staff meetings held every Thursday at 12:30p.m. in Rollins 127.

The Centurion website is located at www.bucks-news.com and on Instagram @centurion_bucks.

For more information or to join the club contact buckscenurion@gmail.com or bucksjournalism@gmail.com

List of the awards won by The Centurion:

First Place Ongoing News Coverage

Election 2024
Anna Sztenderowicz, Kassandra Castillo, Raeanne Raccagno, Christian Grosso, & Jordan Evans

Second Place Ongoing News Coverage

Bucks Searches For New President
Anna Sztenderowicz & Christian Grosso

First Place Public Service/Enterprise Package

Election 2024
Anna Sztenderowicz, Kassandra Castillo, Raeanne Raccagno & Christian Grosso

Second Place Public Service/Enterprise Package

Special Report: Working Students
Raeanne Raccagno, Daulton Parry, Christian Grosso, Jesse Fischer & Cristopher Ramirez

First Place Feature Story

Solar Eclipse Dazzles the Sky Across America
Christian Grosso

Honorable Mention Feature Story

Welcoming President Jones to Bucks
Anna Sztenderowicz

First Place Personality Profile

Music Teacher Jazzes Up His Classes



Cristopher Ramirez and Kassandra Castillo. Photo courtesy of Tony Rogers

Raeanne Raccagno Second Place Personality Profile

Khush Patel Thrives Under Pressure
Cristopher Ramirez

Honorable Mention Personality Profile

Professor Rackin Keeps Busy with Writing, Readings & Teaching
Jesse Fischer

First Place Review

DreamWorks' 'The Wild Robot' Has the Makings of an Animated Classic
Cristopher Ramirez

First Place Cartoon/Graphic Illustration

Dog Life by Connor Sturza

First Place Photo Story

Tibetan Monks Visit Bucks

Kassandra Castillo First Place Feature Photo

Tibetan Monks Bring Interfaith World Peace Mandala
Kassandra Castillo

First Place Layout and Design

The Centurion Vol 59 issue 6 layout
Raeanne Raccagno & Arianna Keith

First Place Website

<https://www.bucks-news.com/>
Christian Grosso, Madison Kifolo & Raeanne Raccagno

First Place Video Story

Discovering the Hidden Underground History of Tyler Hall
Raeanne Raccagno

News

World War II Vets Relive Battle of the Bulge

Gary Griggs
Centurion Staff

On March 2, 2025, Horsham’s NFW Post 9788 & Auxiliary welcomed, Private First-Class Jacob J. Ruser, 100, and Corporal Benjamin Berry, 101, to the 8th Annual “Get Lunch with a Veteran” event in which they detail their early career in the U.S. army, their experience fighting in World War II, and each of their perspectives from fighting in the Battle of the Bulge.

The Battle of the Bulge was fought in a region between Luxembourg and Belgium, that was packed densely with forests, during the worst winter the area has ever seen as detailed by Corporal Berry.

Corporal Berry painted the picture of just how cold it really was during that winter, as he shared that nobody could dig any new foxtrots, instead they would have to use pre-existing ones or just lay down in the snow and hope that either nobody sees you or you don’t get hit.

Corporal Berry also stated how the Germans had a major advantage during the battle because of how they made use of the environment around them. German soldiers would paint all their tanks and vehicles

used during the Battle of the Bulge white, so they could blend in with the snow that covered the battlefield.

Corporal Berry always carried and cleaned his rifle, but he never was given ammo for it until battle. When entering the Battle of the Bulge, Berry stated how he was given ammo from Uncle Sam and was told to “get out there and show some resistance”.

While Corporal Berry was already towards the frontline of the Battle, Private First-Class Ruser and his team would have to find their way towards the frontlines in order to relieve the 98th infantry as they were badly damaged during battle.

It wouldn’t be easy to make it to the frontlines, as Ruser and his team were not only coming off a series of bombardments from A.A. guns and tanks throughout the past few days, but it was also a lengthy journey to make it towards the frontlines, especially given the weather conditions.

Ruser’s team had to traverse through a 75-foot-deep ravine by going into it and climbing back out of it and then had to trek another 1,500 feet towards the battlefield while hoping to not come across any German



Photo courtesy of Gary Griggs

soldiers while making their way to the frontline. Thankfully they were able to make it without any major issues.

Both Private Ruser and Corporal Berry had quite a few similarities early on, as both were born and raised in Pennsylvania, both were drafted into the Army straight out of high school, and both had basic training in Illinois, but where they differ is where they were within the army.

Private Ruser specialized as a medic in the army, and because of that he wasn’t allowed to carry a firearm, and he wasn’t even trained

how to handle a firearm, as a medic carrying a weapon would’ve been in defiance of the Geneva conventions.

On the other hand, Corporal Berry resided in the Combat Arms branch of the army, and although he didn’t specify which, it was heavily implied that he was a member in the infantry.

This event, curated by John Hammerschmidt, was meant to show appreciation to all veterans and their service to this country, and to keep the history of their stories and experiences alive today by sharing it with younger generations.

VFW Post and Auxiliary’s mission is to provide support and programs for Veterans and their family members. The Post and Auxiliary also offer community programs such as the Veterans Lunch, Blood Drives, Car shows, and various fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds to support veterans and the Post.

Check out their facebook page: Horsham VFW Post 9788 & Auxiliary to be kept up to date with local veteran groups and community events.

EVERY DAY IS TRANSFER DAY

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Check Out the Business Career Closet!

Juliana Zuccarello
Centurion Staff

Are you looking for professional attire for an interview or an internship? Well, Bucks CCC's Business Career Closet offers a broad range of business attire for all students!

The Business Career Closet is "Totally free," said Greg Luce who is the Dean of the Business, Innovation, and Legal Studies Department.

You can come to the Business Career Closet and be able to find a formal outfit that suits your need all without having to worry about the cost.

The Business Career Closet can be found on floor 4 in Grupp Hall, room 401 where there is a monthly pop-up shop for students to find business attire for interviews and internships.

"Most students come and get an outfit for an interview," said Greg Luce.

The Career Closet is open to all students at Bucks CCC, and it allows students to "Have at least one professional outfit," Greg Luce described.

The Business Career closet offers a wide range of business attire in all different sizes and genders. Students can be sure they can find at least one outfit for an interview or internship.

The Business Career Closet has been going on for 2 years now and is funded by the Perkins Grant. "There is a constant need,"

Greg Luce described, for business attire. The Career Closet is always looking for donations, as more students find business attire from the Career Closet.

If you have any business attire that you are looking to donate, the Business Career Closet are always taking donations.

"We have received donations from staff and faculty, and Bucks CCC alumni," said Greg Luce.

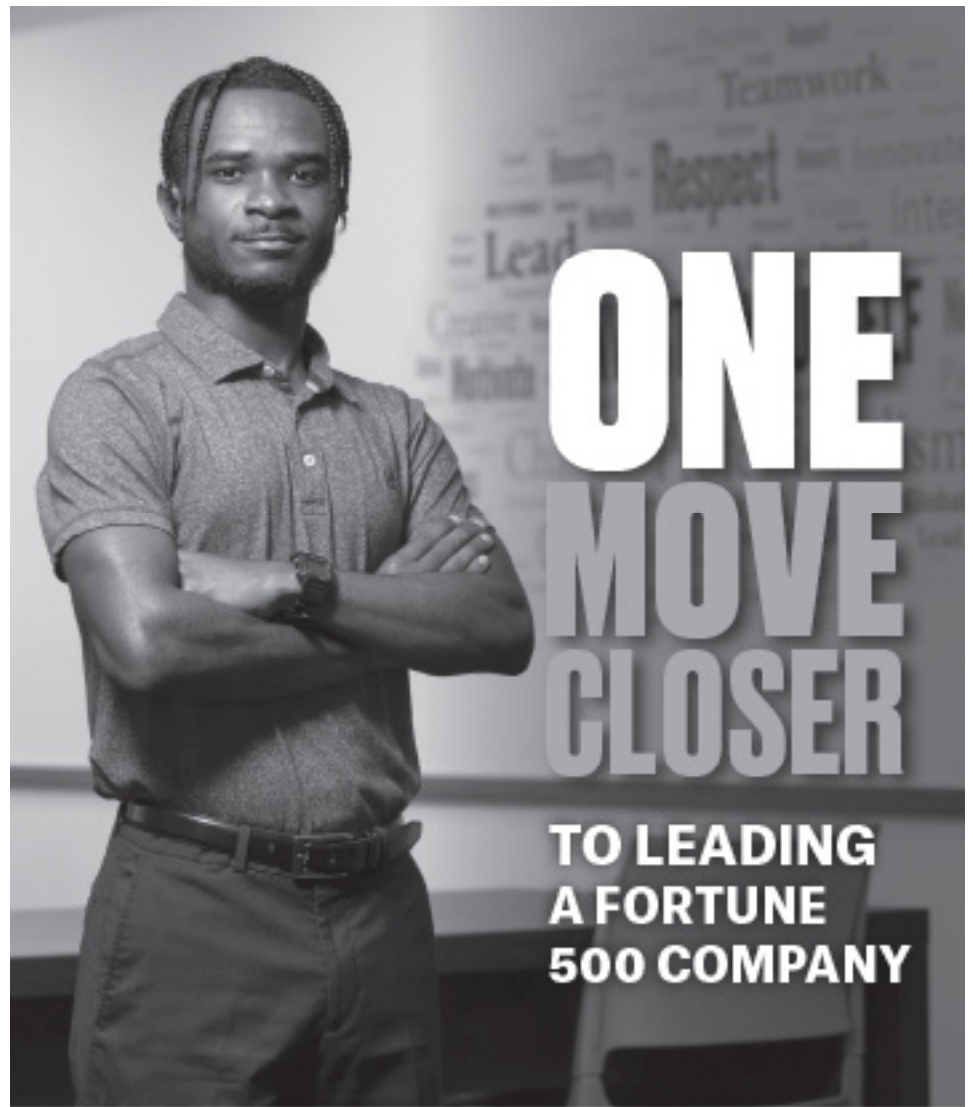
If you are wondering what kind of styles they are looking for, they are looking for business attire that is classic, professional clothing. As long as it is not damaged or stained, it will be accepted.

To donate attire, you can drop off professional clothing at the office in the Business, Innovation, and Legal Studies Department or contact business@bucks.edu.

In addition to the Career Closet here at Bucks, there is also a Spring Fling pop-up thrift store that the Business, Innovation, and Legal Studies Department holds.

It is for students to shop for some nice clothing pieces. Some of the clothes that are sold at the Spring Fling is the attire the Career Closet received that didn't meet the requirements they were looking for. Students are welcome to shop and see if there is anything they might like to purchase. The date is TBD.

For more information on the Career Closet, contact business@bucks.edu.



On-campus Transfer Fridays (11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.):

April 11 & April 25

Learn about the transfer admission process, programs of study, credit evaluation, financial aid, campus housing, dining, student life, and more. Includes a campus tour.

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