Dear Students,

Motivational speaker Will Keim once said that to be happy and successful in your professional life you need to find something that you like to do and do it well enough that someone will pay you to do it. I agree 100% with this statement and believe I have found my happiness here at Chatham University. I love my job! This is an outstanding University and I am so thankful to all of you who continue to work hard to make Chatham a great and vibrant community.

This is the time of year to be thankful and I would like to use this opportunity to raise a big THANK YOU to all of the staff in Student Affairs who go above and beyond the normal call of duty to serve you – our students. We all know that without you, we would not be here, and for that we THANK YOU for choosing Chatham and for helping to make this University what it is. Students have added to the success of this institution in so many ways. It is impossible to list all of them, but here are a few to illustrate why we are so thankful that along with faculty and staff, you are leading and sharing your creativity, talents and skills with Chatham: your hard work in coordinating the New and Transfer Students Orientation, your contribution that ensured one of the most successful Move-Ins, your motivating speeches during Opening Convocation, your daily contribution in providing press releases regarding how the athletes are doing after each competition, your display of teamwork as you produce the Communique every month, your impressive interaction with Chatham’s Board of Trustees, your display of sports wo-manship at every athletic competition, the excellent questions you posed to all the mayoral candidates and the list goes on and on.

Study hard and remember to have some fun along the way.

Best wishes to all of the undergraduate classes as they participate in Battle of the Classes. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

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Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

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**November Calendar of Events**

**November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** All Faith Worship, 9pm, Chapel
**November 3:** TNE: PB&J, 9 pm, Carriage House
**November 3:** TNE: 10, 17: Badminton, 9pm, AFC Gymnasium
**November 4:** Jason LeVasseur, 8 pm, Classroom by the Art Gallery
**November 4, 11, 18: 4 vs. 4 Indoor Ultimate Frisbee, 9pm, AFC Gymnasium
**November 4:** Sefi Atta, Award Winning Nigerian Female Writer, 11:30am PCW Room, 7:30 Welker Room;
**November 4:** Black Light Party, 9pm, Rea Coffeehouse
**November 5:** Chatham Health Fair, 11am, AFC
**November 5, 12, 19:** 5 vs. 5 Basketball, 9pm AFC Gymnasium
**November 6, 7, 8:** Fall Play, 7:30pm on 11/6-7, 2pm on 11/8, Eddy Theater
**November 7:** Horseback Riding, 8am, Victory Stables
**November 8-15:** Battle of the Classes, Various times, Various locations
**November 10:** TNE: Recycled Beauty Cosmetics, 9pm, Carriage House

**November 10:** Pauper Tree “Spirituality and Development out of Africa,” 11:30am, Sanger Lecture Hall
**November 11:** Tracey Ashley, 8 pm, Classroom by the Art Gallery
**November 14:** Cougar-FANATIC Mayhem, 7pm, AFC Gymnasium
**November 14:** Nighttime Nachos, 10pm, McCrady Café, AFC
**November 14:** Relay for Life, 24 hours, TBA
**November 17:** Wine Tasting 101, 6pm, Mellon Living Room, Dining Room, and Board Room
**November 17:** TNE: Fleece Scarves, 9pm, Carriage House
**November 18:** Chatham University’s Thanksgiving Dinner, 5pm, AFC
**November 18:** Project Vampires-The Twilight Saga New Moon, 11:00 p.m., Sq. Hill Theatre
**November 19:** Dance Series: Belly Dancing, 9 pm, AFC Dance Studio
**November 20, 22:** Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, 8pm, 2pm, Eddy Theatre
**November 24:** TNE: Thanksgiving Pie, 9pm, Gate House
**November 27:** Radio City Christmas Rockettes, 6 pm, Benedum Theatre

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Happy Thanksgiving Chatham!

While you’re enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving feast this fall, you can share these fun facts with your family and friends:

- Americans feast on 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.
- Turkeys are known to spend the night in trees (maybe to escape the Thanksgiving table?).
- Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.
- Cranberries of high quality will always bounce. Please wash before eating!

- There was no milk, cheese, butter, or pumpkin pie at the original Thanksgiving Day feast.
- The average person consumes 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving Day.
- President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of establishing a national Thanksgiving Day.
- Congress did not declare Thanksgiving a national holiday until 1941.
On October the 17th, Student Health Services, PEACHes, Residence Life and the Class of 2011 sent representatives/volunteers to the American Heart Walk at Heinz Field. The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization working to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. In this pursuit, the association supports research, education and advocacy, and helps heart disease and stroke patients.

Although the weather was not very cooperative (38 degrees and rainy), the 147 walkers had a good time interacting, getting pictures taken and walking fast to keep warm. We are extremely grateful to the walkers who helped raise funds for this worthwhile health cause.

The Chatham Cross Country Team has been selling t-shirts with the self designed logo, “I run because I can”, to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The team wanted to remind athletes and non-athletes alike that many of us are privileged to have the ability to do something as simple as running and we often take it for granted. While we take pride in our sport we also want to help children and their families that are not as fortunate as we are.

On Tuesday, October 20th, the Chatham Volleyball Team hosted their very first “Dig Pink” match to raise money for Breast Cancer research. After battling for three games against the visiting team, Washington & Jefferson College, the Chatham Cougars rounded up around $1,000 to be donated to the Side Out Foundation. A special thanks should be given to all the companies and families that donated to the team’s cause and to all those who participated in the event. The team hopes to continue this event as an annual tradition for the volleyball program here at Chatham.

Chatham University was thrilled to host all three mayoral candidates for the City of Pittsburgh in late October. Offering students, faculty, staff, and members of the community the opportunity for an intimate Q&A session with each candidate, the discussions covered topics ranging from their economic plans, to the happenings of the G20, to bike lane construction. Elections were held on November 3rd and hosted three of the youngest candidates in Pittsburgh history.

On Thursday, October 8th, the basketball team spent the evening at the Pittsburgh Women’s Center and Shelter. Members of the team helped with various projects ranging from doing inventory of donation items, to cleaning of storage space, and helping to organize and prepare the children’s play area. Before and after the activities, the team heard from directors of the shelter about the various effects of abuse and benefits that the center provides.

“The experience of giving back to our community not only helped us to appreciate some of the things we take for granted each day, but also to bring our team closer together,” said Cougars basketball coach Mark Katarski.

On October 20th, the Chatham University’s Community Service Day 2009 was a great success! There were 147 volunteers from the entire Chatham community as well as family and friends, who all gathered to be a part of this event. Groups were sent to help at several locations around the Pittsburgh area, including Pressley Street High Rise, serving breakfast to low-income seniors with disabilities; sprucing up local gardens with the Western PA Conservancy Gardens; Formation House, helping to create affordable housing; planting a protective layer of seeds in G-Tec gardens to prepare for winter; finishing construction at Living Ministries; and coordinating parade activities for the African American heritage parade in downtown Pittsburgh!

The event sparked such interest that a large-scale community service day will be planned through the Office of Student Activities every semester! For more information about future or ongoing service projects at Chatham, please contact Ruben Henao at 412-365-1527 or RHenao@chatham.edu, and as always, look for more opportunities to serve on Happenings at my.Chatham!