

RG12 Allegheny Alumni. 1821 - 2018 (Alumni Records)

Summary Information

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Administrative Information

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Administrative/Biographical History

Alumni Profile

The four biggest fields that Allegheny students entered during the early years of the college were law, clergy, teaching, and medicine. A majority of students sought a profession

in law which led them to become attorneys-at-law. Some of those later became involved in the government; becoming governors and judges. With Allegheny being associated with the Methodist Church, students had the option of studying for the clergy, which lead to professions as missionaries and pastors. The largest proportion of alumni went on to become teachers in secondary and higher education. As the years went on enrollment in the education department dropped and eventually, in the 1990s, the department was closed. Students now get their teaching certificate through graduate schools, a few of which have connections with Allegheny. The fourth field, medical, held the smallest number of students compared to the other three fields. However by the 1940s, Allegheny's reputation for education in the sciences increased, as did the number of students seeking to attend medical school. In 1877 Allegheny created a Military school which taught students infantry tactics of the U.S. Army, preparing students to serve in the army after graduation. Some of the students were even prepared for commanding positions as army officers. This program closed in 1897 shortly after it started.

In recent years, students who chose to go to graduate school have attended Columbia University, Cornell University, and Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins, Vanderbilt, Duke, The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and other high ranking schools. Allegheny ranks among the top 5% of all schools in the country for the percentage of graduates who go on to earn a Ph.D.

Career options for graduates are much more varied than those of the early days of the college. Allegheny graduates have entered professions in law, politics, education, clergy, medicine, literature and journalism, military, business, entertainment, engineering, international social issues, and many others. In the past few years students have gone on to careers with the US Department of Homeland Security, AmeriCorps, UPMC, and the Cleveland Clinic. Other students have earned positions in service organizations such as Teach for America and the Peace Corps, which recognizes Allegheny College as No. 8 among small schools in the number of its alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

Notable Alumni

- *Robert Wormsted Alden (youngest son of Timothy Alden, the founder of Allegheny): 1821, one of the four men in the first graduating class
- *Ella Nash: 1873, first female graduate
- *William C. Jason: 1888, first African American graduate, later President of what became Delaware State College.
- *Ethel Mae Gillespie: 1915, first African American woman to graduate. Went on to teach math and science at Kittrell College in NC, Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute in Lynchburg, New Jersey's Bordentown School, and Teachers College, Columbia University
- *Thomas Francis Jr.: 1921, became the first American to isolate the human flu virus. His work moved to polio and in 1955 he announced that the Salk vaccine was "safe, effective, and potent."
- *Paul Siple: 1932, Antarctic explorer and geographer who took part in six Antarctic expeditions, inventor of the wind chill factor
- *Bob Garbark, 1932, Major League Baseball catcher. Played for Cleveland Indians, Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Athletics, and Boston Red Sox. Came back to Allegheny to coach baseball, football, and basketball.
- *Raymond Shafer: 1938, Allegheny graduate who became the governor of Pennsylvania, serving from 1967-1971
- *Barbara Robinson: 1948, author best known for her children's books, particularly The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and The Best School Year Ever.
- *Glenn Beckert: 1962, professional baseball player for the Chicago Cubs, second baseman.
- *Ben Burtt: 1970, sound designer, film editor, director, screenwriter, and voice actor; most famous for creating the iconic sounds in Star Wars including the voice of R2-D2, the

lightsaber hum, and the heavy breathing of Darth Vader. He also voiced Wall-E in Disney's Pixar movie Wall-E.

*Lloyd Sagan: 1980, producer, known for The Boondock Saints (1999), The Dead Zone (2002) and Greek (2007).

*Robert Dowling: 1981, first to perform the surgery that placed a fully implantable artificial heart in a human patient

*Gene Hong: 1999, writer, actor, and producer best known for his writing on the shows Community and Bones.

*Jeremy Scott: 2003, graduated with honors and was four-time All-American. One of three men to represent the United States in the pole vault at the Olympic Games in London, 2012.

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Archival Arrangement

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