As the University of Pittsburgh’s 18th chancellor, Patrick Gallagher directs one of the nation’s premier public institutions for higher education and research. In this role, Gallagher oversees a community of more than 34,000 students at 16 undergraduate and graduate schools across five distinct campuses. He also supports the work of more than 13,000 faculty and staff members who are committed to advancing the University’s legacy of academic excellence, community service and research innovation.

Prior to his installation at Pitt, Gallagher spent more than two decades in public service. In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed him to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology. While in this role, Gallagher also served as acting deputy secretary of commerce before leaving for Pitt in the summer of 2014.

Today, Gallagher is active on a number of community boards, including United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Internet2, and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. He has previously completed terms on a wide range of community boards and committees, including serving on President Obama’s 12-person Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity in 2016.

Gallagher holds a PhD in physics from the University of Pittsburgh and a bachelor’s degree in physics and philosophy from Benedictine College in Kansas. He and his wife, Karen, are the proud parents of three sons.
Senior faculty members have been elected to such prestigious groups as the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Society for Clinical Investigation; National Academy of Education; American Academy of Nursing; and National Academy of Sciences. And they have claimed some of the country’s most prestigious awards, including the National Medal of Science, Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation “genius award,” and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award for exemplary contributions to humanistic studies.

In the 2016–17 academic year, faculty members were awarded the Passano Foundation Laureate Award, the Friendship Award (the highest recognition bestowed by the People’s Republic of China to foreign experts), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) New Innovator Award, a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship, the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize, the Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize, and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Faculty members also were named fellows of the National Academy of Inventors and the American Council of Polish Culture.

Since the beginning of this century, Pitt alumni have received the Nobel Peace Prize, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, Pulitzer Prize for fiction, National Medal of Science, National Book Award, John Fritz Medal in engineering, Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine, Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research, and many other high honors.

In the most recent QS World University Rankings (2016–17), a ranking of the world’s top 916 universities, the University of Pittsburgh was ranked 38th best in the United States and 145th in the world. The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017 also gave the top spot in the world to Pitt’s philosophy department.

In 2012, Pitt surpassed its goal to raise $2 billion during its historic capital campaign. Thanks to generous gifts received from more than 189,000 donors, the University was able to create more than 1,600 new endowments, including more than 600 student scholarships and fellowships and more than 150 new faculty chairs and professorships.

Pitt’s intercollegiate athletics history dates back to 1869, when the university began to field a baseball team. Today, Pitt sponsors 19 varsity sports with more than 450 student-athletes vying for conference, regional and national honors.

Pitt boasts a rich Olympic history that includes gold-medal winning performances in track, and silver and bronze medals in diving and basketball.

The Panthers rank fourth among all schools with eight inductees in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Pitt’s gridiron legacy also includes 24 College Hall of Famers, 92 first-team All-America citations and nine national championships.

Pitt was the only school to have wins over two teams that finished in the top 5 of the final 2016 College Football Playoff rankings. The Panthers gave No. 2 Clemson—the eventual national champion—its only loss (43-42) and effectively kept No. 5 Penn State out of the playoff field by defeating the Nittany Lions, 42-39.

Tailback James Conner heroically overcame both a knee injury and Hodgkin lymphoma to return to the field in 2016. Conner was nothing short of spectacular in his final collegiate season, earning first team All-ACC after rushing for 1,092 yards and scoring 20 touchdowns. The ACC’s Brian Piccolo Award recipient, he set conference records for career rushing touchdowns (52) and total touchdowns (56). Conner was selected by the hometown Pittsburgh Steelers in this year’s NFL Draft.

Dominic Giordano earned All-America honors in three different diving events, making him the first Pitt diver to complete the NCAA trifecta on the one-meter and three-meter boards, as well as the platform. In 2016, Giordano became the first Pitt swimmer or diver to earn a national title as he placed first on the three-meter board.

The Pitt men’s basketball team owns a .850 home winning percentage at the Petersen Events Center, ranking 10th nationally in that category.

Under Coach Dan Fisher, the Pitt volleyball team has achieved three consecutive 20-win seasons. In 2016, the Panthers went 25-9 and advanced to their first NCAA Tournament in 12 years.

All-America hurdler Desmond Palmer earned five All-ACC citations during the 2016-17 competition year. A past ACC champion in the 400-meter hurdles, Palmer concluded his career as one of the Panthers’ most decorated student-athletes of the school’s ACC era.

In the classroom, 385 Pitt student-athletes achieved a grade point average of at least 3.0 during the 2016 spring or fall terms, while 29 earned a perfect 4.0.

During the 2016-17 academic year, Pitt student-athletes dedicated more than 2,600 hours to community service in Western Pennsylvania and beyond.
Heather Lyke, whose leadership of athletics at Eastern Michigan University garnered national praise, was named director of athletics at the University of Pittsburgh by Chancellor Patrick Gallagher on March 20, 2017.

Lyke has an exemplary record of 22 years in increasingly high-level roles in collegiate athletics administration. She served as vice president and director of athletics at Eastern Michigan since 2013. Prior to her EMU tenure, she was a ranking athletic administrator at Ohio State for 15 years. A native of Canton, Ohio, Lyke additionally held posts at the University of Cincinnati and with the NCAA.

Lyke found the beginning of her professional path during her days as a scholarship student-athlete at the University of Michigan, where she captained the Wolverines’ Big Ten champion softball team. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Michigan and a Juris Doctor from the University of Akron School of Law.

Lyke is the first woman to hold the full-time director of athletics post. Pitt appointed its first A.D., Charles S. Miller, in 1911, 106 years ago.

“Heather Lyke’s track record exemplifies her dedication to student-athletes. She has a passion for success in the classroom, on the playing field and in life after graduation,” said Gallagher. “She is the perfect person to lead our Department of Athletics into a new era of excellence, and I am thrilled to welcome her and her family to Pitt.”

“It is an incredible honor to accept the director of athletics position at the University of Pittsburgh,” Lyke said. “I am grateful to Chancellor Gallagher and the search committee for the opportunity to lead this athletic department filled with dedicated student-athletes, coaches and staff. Pitt has such a storied tradition and great expectations. I am thrilled to be part of Chancellor Gallagher’s team. There is a tremendous pride in the Blue and Gold, and we will work extremely hard to make our alumni, donors, community and University even more proud. With all of us working together, I am confident we can build winning teams and a winning culture for Pitt Athletics.”

At Eastern Michigan, Lyke oversaw a department that sponsors 21 varsity sports with more than 550 student-athletes. Her tenure witnessed high levels of achievement not only in the competitive arena but also academically and from a fundraising standpoint.

Highlights of Lyke’s work at EMU include:

- Mid-American Conference Excellence: As a member of one of the nation’s most competitive athletic conferences, Eastern Michigan annually distinguished itself in the MAC under Lyke’s watch. During her tenure, the Eagles captured 16 MAC team championships, garnered 17 MAC Coach of the Year awards and had nearly 400 MAC All-Academic honorees. For the first time in school history, Eastern Michigan was honored with the MAC’s prestigious Cartwright Award for all-around athletic department excellence (2013-14) and the Jacoby Award for female athletic excellence (2014-15).

- A revitalized football program, on the field and in the stands: Behind a record-setting offense in 2016, the Eagles achieved a 7-5 regular season and earned a berth in the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, EMU’s first postseason invitation in 29 years. Eastern Michigan had a 100% increase in total season ticket growth from 2014 to 2016. Moreover, the football program boasted the top team grade point average in the MAC for the second consecutive year.
• Record-breaking academic success: With Lyke’s unyielding emphasis on classroom performance, Eastern Michigan achieved a record 81% Graduation Success Rate (GSR) for 2015-16. During the 2016 fall semester, Eagles student-athletes earned the highest term (3.238) and cumulative (3.266) grade point averages in the history of EMU Athletics.

• High-impact fundraising initiatives: In 2014, Lyke conceived and implemented “Eagles Pride,” the first annual fund in Eastern Michigan Athletics history. Providing financial support for all EMU teams, Lyke’s vision for engagement produced record-breaking results with the highest number of donors and most cash received in program history. Lyke garnered the largest cash gift in the university’s history ($6 million) in 2017.

• National recognition for athletic department efficiency and effectiveness: Last September, Eastern Michigan received the Excellence in Management Cup presented by Texas A&M’s Laboratory for the Study of Intercollegiate Athletics. The “EM Cup” annually recognizes the athletic department that best maximizes fiscal resources through championship victories. EMU ranked No. 1 out of 128 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools for 2015-16.

• Enhanced Eastern Michigan facilities: Lyke spearheaded numerous capital improvement projects for EMU Athletics. Perhaps the highest profile was the installation of college football’s first gray Revolution Field Turf playing surface in 2014. Dubbed “The Factory” in honor of the region’s automobile industry history, the field was selected No. 2 among all colleges in a USA TODAY fan vote (behind only the University of Tennessee). Lyke additionally created a future vision for EMU’s athletics infrastructure with “The Championship Building Plan,” a facility master plan that is set to transform Eastern Michigan’s athletic department and set it up for long-term sustained success.

A reflection of her undergraduate studies in education, Lyke is enthusiastically dedicated to helping younger professionals in their growth and advancement. She is a frequent speaker and presenter at national conferences and serves on the Board of Directors of Women Leaders in College Athletics.

In 2014, Lyke became the first woman to chair the NCAA Men’s Lacrosse Committee. She additionally chaired the Mid-American Conference’s Cost of Attendance Task Force.

From 1998-2013, Lyke worked at Ohio State, where she was a member of the athletic department’s executive team and a lead figure in the development of the Buckeyes’ strategic plan. Lyke directly oversaw 10 of Ohio State’s 36 athletic programs and had oversight of all facets of the athletic councils involving budget, revenue generation, facilities and OSU’s golf course operations.

She additionally supervised the Buckeyes’ sport performance division, which included the strength and conditioning coaches, athletic training staff and sports medicine staff. Lyke also developed Ohio State’s first student-athlete internship program, “Bucks Go Pro.”

During her Ohio State tenure, the Big Ten Network tapped her expertise as a color analyst for softball telecasts from 2009-13.

Prior to Ohio State, Lyke served at Cincinnati as the assistant athletic director for compliance as well as the senior woman administrator from 1996-98. She began her career at the NCAA as an intern in the enforcement and student-athlete reinstatement department from 1995-96.

Born and raised in Canton, Ohio, Lyke starred at GlenOak High School in volleyball, basketball and softball. She accepted a softball scholarship from Michigan, where she lettered four years as a first baseman and was an All-Academic Big Ten honoree. She was a two-time team captain and helped Michigan to the 1992 Big Ten championship.

Lyke and her husband, David Catalano, have three children: Elle, Sophie and Eli.
Owner: Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

Tenants: University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Steelers

Architect: HOK Sports

Construction Manager: Hunt Construction Group/Mascaro (A Joint Venture)

Ground Breaking: June 18, 1999

Square Footage: 1.49 million square feet

Seating Capacity: 68,400 seats

Club Seating: 8,610 seats

Club Lounges: 4 — UPMC Club and West Club approximately 45,000 square feet, Champion’s Club 20,000 square feet, and the North Club Lounge 11,000 square feet

Restrooms: 25 men’s, 25 women’s and eight family

Concessions: 50 concession stands

Merchandise: 16 novelty locations, six gift shops, five program stands and four merchandise locations

Locker Rooms: The Panthers’ locker room is 4,600 square feet, the Steelers’ locker room is 6,000 square feet and both visiting locker rooms are 2,600 square feet.

Television Sets: 650

Playing Surface: The turf is a blend of four varieties of Kentucky Bluegrass, covering just over two acres. The soil is a 12-inch, sand-based root zone, meeting USGA specifications for particle size. Under the root zone, approximately 40 miles of ¾ inch piping heat the soil. Below the heating system there is a four-inch layer of pea gravel which contains drain pipes that empty into a 22-inch collector pipe surrounding the perimeter of the field.

Sight Lines: 60 feet from sideline to first row and 25 feet from end zone to first row

Escalators: Five

Elevators: There are seven passenger and two freight elevators.

Pedestrian Ramps: Four

FedEx Great Hall: Located on the ground level of the East side of Heinz Field, the FedEx Great Hall is home to Pitt Panthers and Pittsburgh Steelers memorabilia, Hall of Fame artifacts, Quaker Steak & Lube and Primanti Brothers.

High School Murals: Throughout Heinz Field there are 60 murals from area high schools that have won a WPIAL or City League football championship.

WPIAL Champions at Heinz Field: Opened for the 2014 season, the display honors every WPIAL football champion since 2001, the first year of Heinz Field.
Scoreboard: Heinz Field has two Daktronics HD LED video boards. The video board in the south end zone is 28’x96’. During the 2014 offseason, a 35’x72’ video board was installed in the northwest corner of the stadium. The new board features a 13HD pixel layout and gives fans who have a limited view of the main (south end zone) Daktronics board a perfect vantage point.

Heinz Ketchup Scoreboard Bottles Facts: The bottles are exact replicas—down to the embossed “57” on the bottle’s neck—of the Heinz Ketchup 14-ounce glass bottle. Each bottle includes 8,000 pounds of fiberglass, 375 feet of neon tubing and 20,500 light-emitting diodes (LEDs). Each Heinz Ketchup Bottle measures 35 feet x 9 feet and each weighs 8,000 pounds, both totaling 16,000 pounds—the equivalent of 53 linemen who each weigh 300 pounds. If the Heinz Ketchup bottles were filled with Heinz Ketchup, they would contain 1,664,000 fluid ounces each. That is enough to give each person seated at Heinz Field at least one 14-ounce bottle of ketchup to take home. If both bottles were emptied, the entire football field would be covered in ¾ of an inch of ketchup. Approximately 4,500 footballs could fit into each scoreboard ketchup bottle.

South Plaza Expansion: An additional 2,633 seats were added to Heinz Field prior to the start of the 2015 season. The new seats are a mixture of general reserved seating, club seating and an additional five suites. The South Plaza also offers three new premium concessions: Burgatory, “Mac N’at” and Papa John’s Pizza.
FREDDIE FU, MD, is now in his 31st year as the head team physician and orthopaedic surgeon for the University of Pittsburgh athletic department. Dr. Fu has been the David Silver Professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine since 1997.

In the summer of 2014, Dr. Fu was honored in Europe, in Japan and across North America for his research and pioneering surgical techniques to treat sports-related injuries to the knee and shoulder and for his extensive scientific and clinical research in the biomechanics of such injuries. Dr. Fu was inducted to the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine Hall of Fame in July 2016. He is lauded especially for his scientific research and clinical expertise in treating the commonly injured anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), the main stabilizing ligament of the knee. Because of his reputation, Dr. Fu attracts both athletic and nonathletic patients from all over the globe and is frequently sought after as an expert by top national and international media covering sports, medicine and science.

Dr. Fu sees patients in his clinic at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine—one of the world’s largest, most comprehensive facilities of its kind—located within the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex. Partly designed by Dr. Fu, the complex also houses the indoor and outdoor training facilities of the Pitt Panthers and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

VOLKER MUSAHIL, MD, is Medical Director at UPMC Rooney Sports Complex. He is a UPMC orthopaedic surgeon and co-head team physician for the Pitt Panthers football team. He serves as associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine and of bioengineering at Pitt’s Swanson School of Engineering. Additionally, he holds appointments as co-director of the Orthopaedic Robotics Laboratory and associate editor for the journal Knee Surgery, Sports Traumatology, Arthroscopy. Dr. Musahl, who specializes in sports medicine, shoulder surgery and knee ligament injuries, sees patients at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex and Monroeville office. While he also works as a team physician in other collegiate and high school sports, he and Dr. Mares serve as the primary day-to-day Pitt football physicians.

AARON V. MARES, MD, specializes in the non-operative care of sports-related and musculoskeletal injuries, general medical conditions in the athlete, and sports injury prevention at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex. Dr. Mares serves as the co-head team physician for the University of Pittsburgh football team and a medical consultant for several local high school teams. He is the associate medical director of the Pittsburgh Marathon and has served as a lead physician for many other running and extreme sporting events. Additionally, Dr. Mares is an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Mares is also trained in ultrasound guided non-operative procedures.

JEANNE DOPERAK, DO, a UPMC primary care sports medicine physician, sees patients at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex and Monroeville and North Huntingdon satellite offices. She is a general physician for the athletic departments of both the University of Pittsburgh and Saint Vincent College. Dr. Doperak is an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and a primary care sports medicine fellowship director at UPMC St. Margaret. Dr. Fu named her associate head team physician for basketball and Olympic sports in 2014-15.

BRYSON LESNIAK, MD, is a UPMC orthopaedic surgeon and co-head team physician for the Pitt men’s basketball team. Dr. Lesniak is an associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine. He previously practiced and taught at the University of Miami, where he served as the team physician for the Miami Marlins baseball franchise. Dr. Lesniak sees patients at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex and South Hills offices in Bethel Park.

VONDA WRIGHT, MD, is the Medical Director of the UPMC Lemieux SportsComplex in Cranberry Township, Pa. She is a UPMC orthopaedic surgeon and an associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Pitt School of Medicine. Dr. Fu named her associate head team physician for basketball and Olympic sports in 2014-15 and she serves as head team physician for Pitt’s women’s basketball, men’s and women’s soccer, baseball and softball teams. She also serves as team physician for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. Dr. Wright is the team doctor for the World Rugby Sevens Series and the medical director of the Pittsburgh Triathlon. She is an author, researcher and prominent physician in the area of mobility, directing UPMC’s Performance and Research Initiative for Masters Athletes (PRIMA). Dr. Wright, who specializes in sports medicine, hip injuries and athletes over 40, sees patients at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex and at UPMC Shadyside.

STEPHEN RABUCK, MD, is a UPMC orthopaedic surgeon and assistant team physician for all Pitt sports. He is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Rabuck completed fellowship training at the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine from 2011-12. Additionally, he serves as a physician for U.S. Soccer, providing coverage to U.S. Soccer developmental teams. Dr. Rabuck specializes in sports medicine, shoulder and knee surgery, and sees patients at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex and Monroeville offices.

UPMC SPORTS MEDICINE

More than 500 Pitt student-athletes receive medical care provided by UPMC Sports Medicine’s athletic training program.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences has a proud tradition of athletic training education. The undergraduate program is accredited by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), and the school also provides graduate education at the master’s and doctoral levels.

Established in 1975, the athletic training program prepares students for a career in the multidisciplinary field of sports medicine. Upon completion of the athletic training education program, students are eligible to take the NATA-administered certification examination.

Pitt athletes receive treatment in two athletic training rooms. Each sport has a full-time certified athletic trainer or certified graduate assistant and student athletic trainers assigned to provide medical coverage during all practices and games. The staff is dedicated to providing all aspects of prevention, evaluation, management and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses.

The sports medicine staff also runs a sports medicine clinic at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex at which all athletes can be evaluated by one of the sports medicine physicians. The South Side structure, which includes the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, an indoor practice facility, and four outdoor practice fields, combines the resources of a major academic and clinical system with professional and collegiate sports team programs. This clinic provides athletes with an opportunity to be seen by specialists and provides student athletic trainers with an outstanding learning environment.

The UPMC Sports Medicine clinic for Pitt athletes is led by Dr. Freddie Fu, Pitt head team physician. Various team physicians include Drs. Volker Musahil, Aaron Mares, Jeanne Doperak, Bryson Lesniak and Vonda Wright. Also caring for athletes are assistant team physician Stephen Rabuck and sports medicine fellow Jeremy Burnham.

The world-renowned UPMC Sports Medicine Concussion Program is also available to Pitt athletes. The program is led by neuropsychologist Dr. Michael Collins. In addition, a comprehensive staff of consulting specialists from throughout UPMC is part of the sports medicine team caring for all Pitt student-athletes.
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