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## Ursinus alum receives prestigious fellowship

*Kelly Johnson '17 is one of 31 winners selected for the Princeton in Latin America Fellowship*



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A recent Ursinus graduate has been living in the Dominican Republic in order to further her personal and professional goals.

This year, Kelly Johnson '17 was selected as one of the 31 winners of the Princeton in Latin America (PiLA) Fellowship.

PiLA partners with non-governmental organizations and multilateral organizations to place 31 recent graduates in year-long service fellowships with non-profit, public service, humanitarian, and government organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"Although one may be selected as a finalist for the program, he or she does not become a Fellow until they are matched with a partner organization," Johnson said. "I was fortunate enough to be partnered with an organization and therefore officially became a

PiLA Fellow."

According to the Ursinus website, fellows address issues such as accessibility, inclusion, community health, conservation, education, and girls' and women's economic empowerment.

Johnson's fellowship consists of being an English teacher at Liceo Científico Dr. Miguel Canela Lázaro, a STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) school for students in grades 6-12 located in Provincia Hermanas Mirabal, Dominican Republic.

There were several things Johnson did with her time at Ursinus to set her up to receive this award. Johnson majored in Spanish and Peace and Social Justice Studies and minored in Latin American Studies.

"The combination of these courses of study allowed me to gain theoretical and experiential knowledge of the socio-historical context in Latin American coun-

tries," Johnson said.

Johnson explained that her participation in the Bonner Leader program piqued her interest in learning about social justice issues in Latin America, as well as teaching English to native Spanish speakers.

Her role as coordinator of the Ursinus ESL program was especially formative in shaping her desire to participate in a program like PiLA. Finally, her study abroad experience in Argentina left her with a desire to return to a Latin American country and further her research and work.

All of Johnson's hard work paid off in the end. "After I found out I was selected for the PiLA Fellowship I was ecstatic. I had spent the previous year as a Fellow for Border Servant Corps in the US-Mexico borderlands and was hoping to have the opportunity to live abroad again."

Johnson explained that once she was accepted into the pro-

gram, there were slight changes to her placement organization, but once everything was set, she was excited and nervous.

"I had never been to the Dominican Republic before, and my Honors thesis at Ursinus focused on Bolivia and Mexico, so I knew that there would be a large learning curve once I got here. At the same time, I felt grateful for the opportunity to learn about a new region of Latin America."

As for the future, Johnson said, "The long-term plan is to go to graduate school and pursue a degree in Sociology with a concentration on Latin America as a region or Latin American migration to the US."

In regards to short-term plans, Johnson said that she wants to "return to the US-México border region to continue working with migrant communities there."

Johnson is confident this award will help her with her ventures, not only now in the

Dominican Republic, but in her future as well.

"I'm fortunate to work with a group of colleagues who come from all over the world: France, Germany, Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, Spain, Macedonia, Canada, the US, and the Dominican Republic. All of these educators have helped me to implement new pedagogies in the classroom and have guided me through some of the challenges of being a first-time teacher. Moving here has helped me to learn to advocate for myself and to persevere in the face of adversity. All of these aspects will help to guide me in my future endeavors," Johnson said.



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# Student discusses journey with brain surgery

*Sophomore Renee Butler now studies neuroscience at Ursinus*



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### Renee Butler photographed with a brain

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On September 18, 2008, Renee Butler, a current sophomore at Ursinus, underwent a serious brain surgery that changed the course of her life forever.

Butler was born with tangled arteries in her brain that resulted in missing capillaries. This led to a buildup of blood pressure. The pain worsened by age nine and, eventually, she went to the

ER where she waited for four hours to be tested.

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—Renee Butler  
Class of 2021

Butler was hospitalized for a week, as doctors ran MRI and CAT scans. The doctors concluded that she had had tangled arteries since birth that needed to be surgically removed. In addition, they stated that she was bleeding in all four quadrants of her brain, which caused the massive pain. The last scan test they ran on Butler was to be her surgi-

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# Members of Ursinus community gathered for the 3rd annual Celebration of Lights

*The event showcased various voices from Ursinus, telling their stories about the meaning of celebration*

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we can share as a community . . . to celebrate each other.”

Candle lighting and a hot chocolate bar awaited the Ursinus community as students and professors gathered to celebrate the 3rd annual Celebration of Lights in Bomberger Auditorium on Thursday, November 15th. The event showcased a plethora of voices from Ursinus telling their own stories about holidays, religion, and overall, the meaning of celebration and togetherness.

Members of Hillel took the stage to tell the story of Hanukkah with their talk, “Hanukkah with Hillel.” Everything from menorahs, dreidels, and latkes were discussed and explained, as well as how the holiday has become a “big deal in our culture,” even though it has undergone many changes over time.

The event was coordinated by STAT (Students Today Alumni Tomorrow), a campus-run organization with many goals, two of which are to increase student engagement at campus events and to heighten students’ overall school spirit. A member of STAT, Lizzy DeWitt, hosted the event and began the evening talking about the importance of inclusivity. DeWitt described the Celebration of Lights as “an event

Members of ALMA (The Association of Latinos Motivated to Achieve) took part in two showcases. The first was a performance by sisters Zonia Rueda-Juarez ‘19 and Vikki Rueda-Juarez ‘21 of “Granito de Mostaza,” a song they explained as one sung for holy week and Christmas. The other performance was a recital by Kelsey Blake and Karen Herrera of the poem “Let Me Try Again” by

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Javier Zamora.

Faraha Rathod and Simra Mariam from the Muslim Student Association explored different aspects of the Muslim holiday Eid in their talk “Eid and Indian / South Asian Culture.” Rathod explained how Eid is celebrated more in the winter, and how it allows for families to get together. Mariam went on to say how Eid is celebrated two times a year and can be seen as “a time of festivity and family,” echoing Rathod’s sentiments. “Sweets and prepared food make each Eid memorable,” Mariam added.

Yota Hakkai, member of the Japan Club, presented “Lanterns in Japan,” an important celebration in Japanese culture. The celebration is specifically related to the Hiroshima Peace Park. Hakkai made a point that the lanterns like the ones at Hiroshima Peace Park have a way of “connecting people, from young to old.”

The showcase “Guzheng: The Melody of Tea-Picking” consisted of a performance by Southeast Asian Student Association member Linwei Jiang of the guzheng, a Chinese plucked string instrument. Jiang has had

15 years of experience with the guzheng and explained that the song performed was used to celebrate tea harvesting.

A talk about “Spiritual Music in Tunisia” was given by Haifa Ben Naji, a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant currently at Ursinus. Ben Naji explained how “Muslim culture [is] really linked to art,” and this can be seen with the mystic gatherings that take place during holidays when music and dancing allow for people to show “inwardness and expression.” One specific holiday when mystic gatherings take place is Mawlid, which is the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.

The showcases of the Celebration of Lights concluded with a performance by the B’Naturals of John Lennon’s song “Imagine.” The event wound down with closing remarks including those by Terrence Williams, Presidential Advisor for Inclusion and Equity and Dean of Students. Concluding the event, candles were lit, raised up, and extinguished together, showing a sense of togetherness not only in Bomberger Hall, but Ursinus as a whole.



Photo courtesy of Cori Cichowicz

Members of STAT photographed at the Celebration of Lights

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cal procedure. Butler, however, did not know all this information until after her surgery.

How could she not know if she was there? The doctors put her under anesthesia during her operation. When she awoke from her surgery, the left side of her body was immovable (because the tangled arteries caused bleeding in the veins, it led to a stroke).

After the surgery, Butler said, “I was still in pain. I remember feeling defeated when I tried to move my body, and even more the first time I tried to walk again. But I wasn’t scared...I had my mom and a support staff from CHOP who all made me feel safe. It’s truly a test of your strength [and] biggest lesson of never giving up...continuing to try and push through even when results aren’t being seen right away.” CHOP stands for Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, where Butler relocated for her rehab therapy. Her therapy, The Seashore Rehab House, is a department within CHOP.

Butler lived in The Seashore Rehab House for five and a half

weeks to undergo extensive therapy. She was not allowed to be dismissed until she could walk unassisted. Eventually, she did so and was discharged on October 21, 2008. Yet, she continued her therapy for another year, so that her full motion would return.

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Today, Butler is a striving college student majoring in neuroscience. Within this field of study, she plans to one day conduct research on pediatric brain trauma — on kids who have gone through an experience similar to her own. Her story was even picked up by the local Fox affiliate.

With 98% of her movement back, Butler is moving forward and stays inspired. Her traumatic experience at such a young age has not stopped her from seeing the good in life.

“I’m not mad or upset it happened,” she states, “I wouldn’t be who I am today if it didn’t. My surgery and experience in the hospital influenced my life in so many positive aspects. The biggest thing for people to remember is that kids can have strokes too. I hope to inspire kids in similar situations to never give up and keep reaching for their goals.”

Great things are yet to come for Renee Butler as she continues to be an inspiration for many just like her.



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## Word on the Street

*How do you feel about Thanksgiving?*

“Thanksgiving is a holiday that really lets you forget about the hate you’ve felt throughout the year by redirecting that hate where it matters most-- your family.”

—Jen Joseph, 2020

“We should obviously recognize what happened with the [Native Americans] and stuff. I feel like it’s still a pretty good holiday though.”

—Jason Cayetano, 2022

“I think it’s an awesome holiday. I love the turkey, and we get school off so that’s a plus.”

—Josef Klausner, 2019

“I don’t respect its origins, but coming together as a family to enjoy a meal is tight.”

—Cyn Ercole, 2021

## Ursinus and the armed forces

*Senior Alana Lorraine talks about her experience in the Army Reserves*

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This fall, in celebration of Thanksgiving and Veterans Day, “The Grizzly” would like to thank all those who have served and are serving now. This includes Alana Lorraine ’19, who is a part of the Army Reserves, and even our own President Brock Blomberg, who served in the United States Military for eight years, including as a Captain in the Army Reserve. Thank you to those who fight on the battlefield and choose to put themselves in jeopardy on a daily basis.

Lorraine said she joined the Reserves because, “I didn’t feel like I was making my largest impact on helping the world and thought the Army Reserves would be an opportunity to better not only myself, but the world around me.” Lorraine decided to take this courageous step on her own; she does not have any veterans in her family.

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Class of 2019

Being a female in the military is a challenge. Lorraine noted that her experiences in the Reserves “has had its ups and downs.” She said, “My goal in joining was to have an exciting job where I felt that if I were to get deployed, that I would be as up close and personal with the enemy as possible. I am a combat engineer, and at the time of my enlistment, it was the only ‘combat’ job open to females. The most

challenging part was in the beginning, entering a unit with all guys. They were all nervous about having a female in the unit and really had never had one around before, so some of them really didn’t know how to act or were scared of saying [or] doing something that would get them in trouble.”

Lorraine went on to describe the positive elements of the Reserves and said, “The most rewarding part has been learn-

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Class of 2019

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Being a veteran, Lorraine understands the significance of Veterans Day. She views it “as a day to show one’s respect to those that served in the military and took the oath at one point to sign their life over to Uncle Sam. Whether they were in for 4 years, 20 years, deployed, or served from the U.S., they all took that same oath and were willing to do whatever Uncle Sam demanded.” Others who are not veterans should recognize the day in the same way, Lorraine believes. It is a voluntary act of bravery to enlist into a branch of the military, and Lorraine said that “[Veteran’s Day] is a holiday that everyone should show respect for no

matter what.”

Other Ursinus students understand the importance of recognizing these soldiers, and I am one of them. Most of my uncles served in the military, my Pop-pop was a sergeant in the Marine Corps, and now my best friend has just left to join the Army Reserves. All of these people in my life have inspired me to be a better person and to take chances once in a while, to be brave. I cannot thank them enough for what they do, and have done, for the country but also what they have instilled into me: a sense of honor. I need to keep their memories breathing through my actions and make them proud of what I do and return the favor in some way.

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## Fridge of the week

Lily McQueen’s lab fridge, which contains several strains of antibiotic resistant bacteria, looks like a Sci-Fi Horror film waiting to happen.



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# Farm Fellowship and the Ursinus Campus Farm

*An opportunity to gain first-hand experience with agriculture, sustainability, and food management*

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Next to Hunsberger Woods, just down 9th avenue, the Ursinus Campus Farm awaits the arrival of the next group of Farm Fellows. This hidden gem provides Ursinus students with locally-grown produce and an opportunity to gain first-hand experience with agriculture, sustainability, and food management. The Farm Fellowship, which is one of the Sustainability Fellow positions at Ursinus, is a one-credit course that gives students a chance to gain presentation and communication skills, work on team-building experience, develop project management skills and grow as leaders.

Kate Keppen, Director of the UC Office of Sustainability, said “the Campus Farm is a special place on campus as it contains within its boundaries a lot of thinking, learning, and action. At the farm, Farm Fellows are able to see and partake in the actual growing of our food. We investigate soil conditions and the resources needed to grow crops. The Fellows are then able to see the business side of food production as we work with Dining Services and hold Farm Markets over the summer.”

The Farm Fellowship application is closed for 2019, but those interested in agriculture, food systems and agroecology should consider this amazing opportunity for 2020. A Farm Fellow’s job is to plan and implement a growing season at the farm. This calls for a knowledge of garden-

ing or farming, creative problem solving and a desire to work on learning more about science and sustainability. Student Fellows continue their hands-on education in the summer after starting in the spring. Keppen said, the “Farm Fellowship is a hands-on learning experience, we do spend time in a class setting exploring sustainability and agricultural topics, but the summertime experience of a Farm Fellowship at Ursinus is pretty unique.”

Sophomore Jess Greenburg, a former Farm Fellow, was one of the lucky students to stay on campus over the break to further sustainability goals and maintain the Campus Farm. She said, “being a Farm Fellow has been an incredibly fulfilling experience for me. I’m super grateful to have had the opportunity to not only learn how to manage a farm, but to grow food for the campus and share the outdoors with all of our fantastic volunteers.”

Blueberries and cucumbers were two popular produce items produced by the farm this past summer. Throughout the growing season, Fellows could be found growing, prepping, and washing produce to prepare it for sale at the market. Some even got to sample the delicious blueberries right off the bush. Greenburg said, “the feeling of eating your own fresh blueberries and knowing that you contributed to the health of the planet is amazing.”

The Campus Farm also offers volunteer opportunities throughout the year. A major event for the farm and Fellows is the annual Fall Harvest Fest. Face painting, henna, and palm

readings were the features of this year’s event. “There are so many staff, faculty, and students that I never would have met without the campus farm,” Greenburg said.

In addition to the Farm Fellow, Sustainability Fellows work in many different areas at Ursinus. The bikeshare fellow runs the Ursinus bikeshare program. The energy fellow observes and

analyzes our campus’ energy consumption. The sustainable food fellow works to promote sustainable eating on campus. UC Green network coordinator is the sustainability representative to the campus and works to develop a culture of sustainability. Finally, the waste diversion fellow works on recycling, municipal solid waste, and composting on campus. Keppen

said, “anyone that is interested in learning more about the Campus Farm or Sustainability Fellows can feel free to email me at kkeppen@ursinus.edu or sustainability@ursinus.edu. We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the farm for a few hours.”

This upcoming April, general Sustainability Fellows applications for the 2019-2020 school year will open.



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If you worked here, you could eat a blueberry you grew yourself.

## Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<i>Kaleidoscope Family Solutions, Inc. Information Table</i> 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Lower Wismer	<i>Ice Skating at Blue Cross</i> 5:30-p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Lower Wismer	<i>International Ballet Theater Presents The Nutcracker</i> 7 p.m. Lenfest Theater	<i>Chapel on the Road</i> 12:00 p.m. Bomberger Hall Meditation Chapel	<i>Stranger Things Escape Room</i> 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Myrin Library 1st floor	<i>Stranger Things Escape Room</i> 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Myrin Library 1st floor	<i>Fastenal Information Table</i> 11:00am - 2:00pm Lower Wismer

# Venom: on capes, camp, and the case for cheese

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I recently saw a film that disturbed, challenged, and pushed me to consider deep truths about the society we live in. Though it is not a film that others appreciate-- in fact, it's a film that has largely been shunned and criticized-- I feel it is a singular vision of beauty and despair, a film that represents the best and worst of our times. I saw "Venom."

To clarify: by no conventional means is "Venom" a good movie. It's riddled with poor CGI and shackled to an inane and nonsensical script. It wastes several great actors: Michelle Williams, Riz Ahmed, and Jenny Slate chief among them. Not to mention Tom Hardy, who eats chicken out of the trash in a symbiote-induced craze and mugs like a possessed man (which he technically is, in the context of the story). There's a Lady Venom with hourglass proportions, a tacked-on corporate espionage plot, and a truly

noxious post-credits sequence that serves as both shameless sequel-bait and an excuse for a terrible foreshadowing pun. So why did I, esteemed cinephile, find myself having so much fun watching it? The reason for my enjoyment of *Venom*, I think, can be boiled down to one essential quality: this film, for better and for worse, has a distinct lack of self-awareness.

In the past, the concept of a self-aware superhero movie may very well have been seen as a paradox. The superhero genre spent many years languishing in the realm of kitsch. Whether it be the unintentional camp of the early serialized superhero movies, or the more self-referential camp of the 60's Batman TV show and film, superhero films were seen as greasy kid stuff, the cinematic equivalent of comic books in an era where comic books were an object of scorn from the moral majority (and where the words graphic novel had yet to escape anyone's lips). And aside from some outliers like the Christopher

Reeve Superman films (which descended further and further into camp territory with each subsequent sequel) or the Michael Burton/Tim Keaton Batman films (which, ditto as soon as Burton and Keaton left and the notorious Joel Schumacher got his hands on the property), superhero movies remained the stuff of cheap and confused cash-in movies throughout the 20th century.

Around the summer of 2008, an unprecedented sea change took place: with the one-two punch of the breezy and accessible Iron Man and the (subjectively) gritty and mature *The Dark Knight*, superhero movies suddenly became in vogue. The public demanded more nuanced and surprisingly well-done superhero movies; and whereas Batman auteur Christopher Nolan acquiesced to this demand by making a very confusing three-hour film about how Occupy Wall Streeters are bad actually and retiring from superhero movies forever, Marvel Studios mapped out a seemingly infinite schedule of superhero

films - a never-ending stream of marketable goodness.

Thus Marvel's cinematic output has come to dominate so much of our contemporary society. The release of each new film is an event, met with weeks' worth of anticipation and usually followed by the shattering of several box-office records. But some, including myself, have grown weary with the surplus of superhero cinema over the past few years. One thing I find irksome about many of Marvel's recent efforts is their aggressively generic approach to film structure, particularly with regards to humor. Each film follows a distinct structure - dramatic inciting incident, joke, action scene, joke, more jokes, big fight on a field with a giant portal in the sky, post-credits scene. Even Marvel's risks don't feel like risks-- yeah, they killed off two-thirds of their franchise stars in one film, but where's the suspense in that when they've all got sequels lined up? There have been a few pleasant surprises recently--

the chaotic first two-thirds of *Thor: Ragnarok*, for example, and Ryan Coogler smuggling anti-colonialist rhetoric into his multi-million-dollar blockbuster, "Black Panther." But what those exceptions serve to highlight is what Marvel's slate, and superhero cinema as a whole, is missing: the element of surprise.

And no film surprised me more than "Venom." If by chance you should find yourself before a theater screen showing "Venom," you might find yourself asking some questions. Questions like "Did I fall through a time loop into 2006? Is this movie from an alternate timeline where Joss Whedon was never born?" You'll be starved for witty quips or tidy plot resolutions, but you'll experience something that's truly rare in this day and age-- a film that doesn't know how to entertain you and, as such, throws everything at the wall to see what sticks. It's not technically a good movie, sure, but who ever said a movie had to be good to be good?

# Abolishing ICE isn't radical, it's obvious

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The United States brands itself as the land of opportunity. The country was built by immigrants and has continually championed itself as such. It's this branding that has persuaded people to immigrate here in an attempt to improve their lives. The current administration is increasingly crushing these aspirations through xenophobic rhetoric and harmful policies, but the worst offender is the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.

Don't let anyone tell you that ICE is a vital part of the United States' government. The department was created in 2002 by former President George W. Bush, which means it's only 16 years old. The country operated without it for most of its existence, so abolishing ICE should not be labeled a "radical" idea.

During former president Obama's first term, ICE retained the same policies it had

under the Bush administration and the number of deportations increased. In Obama's second term, he refocused the agencies priorities. Obama argued that ICE should primarily target criminals. Even that strategic pivot should be met with scrutiny, however. Having a criminal record does not make someone deserving of deportation. Police have been accused of racially profiling latino drivers for traffic stops, according to the "Los Angeles Times." A distinction between "good" and "bad" immigrants based on criminal records isn't clear-cut.

Now, under Trump's presidency, ICE's goal will be to deport any undocumented immigrants. Last year, ICE made 143,000 arrests - an increase of 30 percent from the previous year. Trump isn't focused on just criminals anymore. The new goal has led ICE to commit atrocities towards undocumented people.

In March, an ICE pursuit in Kern County, California caused the death of two parents. ICE

misidentified Santos Hilario Garcia for the person they were targeting for deportation. Their pursuit led to him crashing his vehicle and dying along with his wife, Marcelina Garcia Perfecto. These two people were undocumented, but they weren't the intended targets. ICE blamed the incident on Los Angeles for being a sanctuary city and ultimately faced no consequences. These kind of events are not uncommon and the frequency of them will only increase as ICE continues to target all undocumented immigrants.

Taxpayers are funding attacks on American communities. ICE raids have separated children with citizenship from their undocumented parents. The agency's leaders have expressed no remorse about these actions, as the previous director, Thomas Homan, stated earlier this year on national television, "If you're in this country illegally and you committed a crime by being in this country, you should be uncomfortable, you should look

over your shoulder. You need to be worried." He also threatened to incarcerate local officials in sanctuary cities that don't cooperate with ICE. The acting director, Ronald D. Vitiello, implemented family separation policies along the border this past summer.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement is a judicially-untouchable police force with totalitarian tendencies, which goes against what the U.S. claims it stands for: a free and prosperous society.

Living in fear is the opposite of that, but since undocumented immigrants are dehumanized by the term "illegal alien," a significant portion of the country overlooks their mistreatment.

The United States should abolish ICE. This agency costs the government \$5.8 billion a year. That money funds a police-state that dehumanizes and mistreats people without repercussions. It strips people of their families and homes, sometimes even their lives. Getting rid of

this agency is the only acceptable solution. It's been encouraging to see this position go from an untenable, left-wing idea to a more mainstream one.

Getting rid of ICE won't solve America's problem of cruelty towards brown people from Latin America. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) is intertwined with ICE. Just this week, CBP fired tear gas over the border at Central American migrants seeking asylum. This alarming action should also cause us to question CBP's practices. This iteration of that agency came about through the Homeland security Act of 2002. It's another 16-year-old agency that should be scrutinized and at least reformed.

Undocumented immigrants are still people, and the government should not overlook that fact just because they were not born on U.S. soil. Abolishing ICE is the clear step morally and ethically.



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17-7. It was 17-10 after three quarters of play, then the Bears were able to go up 17-24 with eight minutes remaining in the game.

“Our defense went out there and shut F&M down in the second half and the offense consistently chipped away at the F&M lead,” said Cherneskie.

However, F&M wasn’t going to just fold. It was 24-24 late into the 4th quarter after F&M scored a touchdown to cap a 13-play, 92-yard drive, leaving just a little over a minute for the Bears to try to avoid overtime.

Ursinus put itself in position to finally put the game away when they drove down the field and lined up for a 38-yard field goal attempt with just six seconds remaining. It was Cherneskie’s time to shine.

The linebacker-turned-kicker was now in the prime position to define his short kicking career.

“The kick was with 6 seconds left in the game. With just over a minute, our offense did a great job getting the ball into field goal range after starting on our own 25 yard line,” Cherneskie said.

Despite the clutch offensive play, the Bears knew that with the nature of this game they would have to play until the final whistle.

“As soon as the ball went through, I was really excited but looked back at the game clock and saw that there was still 1 second left. Everyone on the team was coming onto the field to celebrate with me but all I could think about was that I still had to kickoff. It was not until Matt Gallagher snatched one of F&M’s attempted laterals on our kickoff that I really felt like we could celebrate,” Cherneskie said.

The total team effort by the Bears made it a game to remember.

“It is important to remember that this kick just capped off an amazing team comeback. I would have never hit a game-winning field goal without the tremendous

effort by everyone else who allowed me to have that opportunity,” Cherneskie said.

Ursinus ended the regular season on a high note with one more victory against Dickinson on Senior Day (Nov. 10), which they won 31-0. Their three straight wins to close out the regular season - they also defeated McDaniel on Oct. 27 - qualified Ursinus for a bowl game.

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Kicker/Linebacker  
Class of 2019

Ursinus competed in the fourth annual Centennial/MAC Bowl on Nov. 17. They squared up to play Misericordia in Dallas, Pa.

The Bears went on to trounce the Cougars in a blowout: 70-14.

Ursinus scored at least two touchdowns in each quarter while shutting out the Cougars in the second half of action.

Tom Garlick threw for 365 yards, three touchdowns, and two interceptions to put a nice finish to his season and clinch the victory for Ursinus.

Sophomore running back Sam Ragland rushed for a season-high 203 yards. He also scored a whopping five touchdowns (four rushing) in the affair.

After winning the Centennial/Mac Bowl, the Bears’ season is over. They will now go into the off-season trying their best to get to the top of the Centennial Conference next year.

# Wrestling senior reflects on lessons learned from Coach Racich

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It takes a particular type of person to enjoy wrestling. You have to like head-to-head physical battles on a daily basis, constant conditioning and training, brutal weight cuts, and hours of learning technique.

Derek Gulotta is one of those people. With an impressive 147-36 record at Owen J. Roberts high school, Gulotta placed at state four times and was a finalist twice.

Pennsylvania is known to have some of the best wrestling in the country, and to place in states four times in a high school career is quite the achievement. After high school, Gulotta found himself at Lock Haven University, a division II school that is highly competitive at that level.

After two seasons at LHU, the 133-pounder transferred to Ursinus College, to wrestle for one

of the all-time great coaches in the country who recently passed away: Bill Racich.

Coach Racich was in the top five for wins out of all coaches in the country at the time of his passing. The head coach of Ursinus since 1980, Coach Racich had the opportunity to affect many young student-athletes, including Gulotta.

“Coach Racich was one of the biggest reasons why I decided to come to this school. He is one of the greatest wrestling coaches and overall person that I have ever met,” Gulotta said.

After transferring and having a successful first season at Ursinus, Gulotta is going into his senior year and has one major goal in mind.


“I want to place in the tournament and be one of the best 133-pound wrestlers in the country,” Gulotta said.

These are ambitious goals, but he has put in the work in the off-

season to make a run in the post-season.

“Coach Racich was always vocal about putting the work in to be successful. I have been really on top of my workouts and feel really good going in to the start of the season. He also would always tell me that you have to see yourself as being the best and you need to believe it, and that if you didn’t then you wouldn’t achieve your goals,” Gulotta said.

This lesson that Coach Racich taught Gulotta will be one that he carries with him for the rest of his life. The lasting effects of Coach Racich’s legacy at Ursinus remains palpable, even after his sudden passing earlier this year. The Bears are trying to honor his legacy with the rest of this season.



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Coach Bill Racich was the head coach of the wrestling team for nearly 40 years before passing away earlier this year.

## Scores as of Monday, November 26

Football (8-3)	Wrestling	Cross Country	M. B-Ball (3-2)	W. B-Ball (2-2)	M. Swimming (3-2)	W. Swimming (5-0)
			November 17: Ursinus: 83 St. Lawrence: 92	November 16: Ursinus: 64 Vassar: 74		
November 17: Ursinus: 70 Misericordia: 14	Nov. 3: Messiah Invitational (@ Grantham, Pa.) 4th of 9 - 59.5 points	November 10: NCAA Mideast Regional (@ DeSales University)	November 18: Ursinus: 75 Hartwick: 93	November 17: Ursinus: 62 Elmira: 53	November 17: Ursinus: 121 Gettysburg: 141	November 17: Ursinus: 141 Gettysburg: 121
		Men: 19th of 52 Women: 30th of 47	November 20: Haverford: 69 Ursinus: 78	November 20: Haverford: 55 Ursinus: 44		





Sean McKeag

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Ursinus College Football took home the fourth annual Centennial/MAC Bowl, downing Misericordia College, 70-14

# Football caps season with four straight wins, take Centennial/MAC Bowl title

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Ursinus Football won the Centennial/MAC Bowl on Nov. 17 over Misericordia College. The

victory capped off the Bears fourth straight win to end the season. The most exciting victory in the stretch came against Franklin and Marshall College (F&M).

On Nov. 3, Ursinus football fought a war of strategy, toughness, and collective willpower. There was a comeback from a 17

point deficit, a counter from a conference rival, and a game winning kick from a linebacker. It was a unique football game, the likes of which you're unlikely to see again.

The team went into its first game of the month knowing that this was a special, different game. Junior quarterback Tom Garlick was set to


become Ursinus' all time leader in passing yards. Ursinus was traveling to face its notorious Centennial Conference rivals, F&M.

"This was the first time that my class of seniors has beaten them, so it felt great to have a part in making that happen for our team," senior Kirk Cherneskie said.

It would have been easy to expect that this time, F&M would once again take down the Bears. According to Ursinus Athletics, the score was 17-0 at one point. By halftime the Bears managed to chip away at the deficit, narrowing it to

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## Upcoming Games

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sat. Cont.	Sat. Cont.	Tuesday	Friday
<p>Women's Basketball: 7 p.m.: @Swarthmore</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 7 p.m.: @Washington Coll.</p>	<p>Wrestling: York Spartan Invitational (@ York, Pa.)</p>	<p>Wrestling: York Spartan Invitational (@ York, Pa.)</p> <p>Track and Field: Diplomat Open @ Franklin and Marshall College</p>	<p>Men's Basketball: 1 p.m.: vs. Dickinson</p>	<p>Women's Basketball: 3 p.m.: vs. Dickinson</p>		<p>Women's Basketball: 7 p.m.: @Washington Coll.</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 7 p.m.: @Swarthmore</p>