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Eagles for Pride becomes fully chartered

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Eagles for PRIDE was officially fully-chartered under Ashland University this summer after three years of being provisionally char-

Current President of EFP and senior, Julia Swanson-Hines, took the position of AU alumnus, Joe Farber, who led the group with help from the club's advisors Dr. Craig Hovey and former Professor for College of Education Dr. Jim

"When I received the news that Eagles for PRIDE had been approved as a fully chartered organization, I didn't cry, although I felt like I could, but instead I laughed," Hines said. "I couldn't help but laugh with how much joy I felt. I was with my family when I got the news, and I couldn't think of anyone better to be around except for the members of Eagles for PRIDE themselves."



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Eagles for Pride logo.

After taking the position of Farber, Hines continued the aim for a full-charter. This full-charter makes the group publicly recognized by the university.

"I'm extremely excited to go into my last year at AU and my second year as President of EFP, but my first year as a resident of a fullychartered organization. I'm extremely grateful for the help that our advisor Craig Hovey and former advisor Jim Olive gave us, as well as the repeated efforts by the VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Pool, to reach this point. Most of all, though, I'm eternally grateful for the support and passion that the students, alumni, faculty and staff of Ashland University have shown Eagles for PRIDE."

After receiving almost five-thousand dollars in donations from Day of Giving, it was clear to the group that there was support all around the university and the community.

"I was immediately filled with joy and pride. I was very relieved as well. The way it was done really seemed like a firm decision was being made," Hovey said about hearing the news of the charter.

It is not clear what this charter

AU hires Jarstfer as provost

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After going six months without a permanent provost, Ashland Uni-

versity announced on June 25 that

they hired new provost Dr. Amiel

Jarstfer, who then began his new

position on July 1. Dating back to the beginning of the 2019 spring semester, AU had been on a hunt to find a new provost after Dr. Eun-Woo Chang suddenly resigned last December. Since that time, associate provost Dr. Todd Marshall became the interim provost for the university

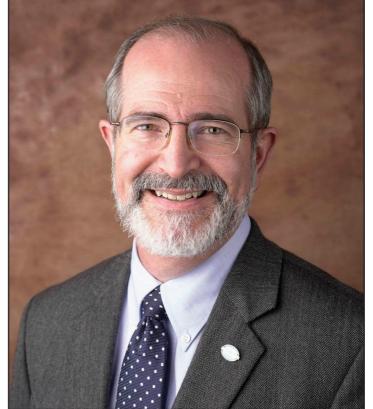
until the search committee could

find a new provost.

"One of the things we are looking to do is to continue our emphasis on great teaching," AU President Dr. Carlos Campo said. "One of the things we are hoping the provost will do as he works with faculty is continue to improve teaching both face-to-face, online and in any setting."

Campo also explained that along with great teaching, he has two other main goals in which he would like to see Jarstfer make strives on in the coming months and years at AU.

"Enhancing teaching at Ashland, expanding our program development and ensuring that we are improving with academic excellence are the three top priorities for the



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Dr. Amiel Jarstfer, new AU provost.

provost," Campo said.

Jarstfer's previous employment includes most recently Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee where he previously held the position of vice president for Academic Affairs. Jarstfer has also held a number of higher education positions throughout his career at LMU, LeTourneau University and the University of Florida.

While Jarstfer has climbed the ladder through administration/ academic leadership roles, he still has a passion for teaching and being in the classroom. He was a biology professor for 15 years at LeTourneau University before moving onto LMU while still continuing to teach classes at LMU.

"As a faculty member, you have a wonderful opportunity and responsibility to impact the students that you have in your classes most directly," Jarstfer said. "As you move up you have the opportunity to influence even more students by impacting colleagues who then impact the students directly." Jarstfer's main duties as provost

will be to interact with the deans of each college and work with faculty members to provide the highest quality of educational programs for AU.

However, Jarstfer's passion is with the students and he is looking forward to that interaction with this community of AU students. "I'm pretty passionate about stu-

dent success which doesn't mean that we make things easy on students, it means that we provide the support for students to learn and become who they're supposed to be," Jarstfer said.

Due to the fact that Jarstfer arrived to Ashland in the summer, he has not yet been able to experience the campus community and the atmosphere of when students are around.

Therefore, Jarstfer said that he cannot wait for the school year to return because seeing the students return back to campus from summer break is the most exciting and energizing part of the year for him.

Campo holds all-institutional meeting

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As the Ashland University staff and faculty are gearing up for another school year to await the arrival of students to campus, AU President Dr. Carlos Campo held lately has been the budget cuts that an All-Institutional meeting for faculty and staff on Aug. 20.

The meeting consisted of a number of administrative leaders at AU giving reports about the departments and plans for the coming

Mayor of Ashland and AU alumnus Matt Miller spoke first about his plans to have a city walkthrough to celebrate the new arrivals to Ashland. The march starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 and Miller encourages everyone to gather at the Athletic Facility near the corner of Claremont Road and King Road to attend.

"Today you are getting an invitation from the Mayor to join us as we do our first ever purple and gold invasion of downtown Ashland. When the students start arriving on campus, one of the first things we're going to do is remind everyone of the important part they are in this community."

The United Way coordinators of

Ashland spoke on the goal for the upcoming AU campaign, which starts Sept. 3 through Nov. 1. The end goal for this nonprofit organization is to reach \$46 thousand from AU to donate and support the surrounding communities.

One concern that has arisen from the AU campus and community



Campo speaking at the all-institutional meeting on Aug. 20.

have taken place. During the meeting, however, the budgets were not discussed in full.

One thing that Marc Pasteris,

AU's Chief Financial Officer along with the institutional budget committee has to regulate is the cover ratio of the university's debt which is currently 1.151-percent, which accomplishes their goal of staying under 1.251-percent.

The new provost, Dr. Amiel Iarstfer also had a chance to speak to the faculty and staff as a whole for the first time at AU. Although the provost's position acts as a liaison between the faculty and administration, Jarstfer still likes to direct his attention to the students.

"Meeting the educational needs of our students, wherever they are, is the Ultimate Accent on the Individual," Jarstfer said.

An update was also given on enrollment with all of the new undergrad students at AU. Entering into the 2019-2020 school year, the freshman class has 542 students and the university also received 119 transfers.

However, this number of incoming freshman is down from previous years as it was at 616 students in 2017.

The top three majors have shifted since last year, with nursing still as number one. Business Management and Biology are the next two most popular majors at AU.

In closing, Campo spoke about the future of the university and

feel comfortable and welcomed

the improvements that are needed as well as the improvements that have taken place through the last few years.

"Ashland University in ways is the new great American University. We believe that we are tied to that America that sees service and freedom," said Campo.

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

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College is a fun, yet extremely stressful time of our lives. Life-long friendships will be made, sleep will be lost and assignments will definitely be turned in late. As an incoming college freshman, jumping into this chapter of your life can be scary and uncomfortable. The goal of this freshman survival guide is to help ease the nerves of new students.

#1: Studying is impor-

but do not let it take over your life. College studying is much different from high school studying; it can be tedious, repetitive and time consuming. While studying to get good grades is important, it is not everything in life. Make memories with your friends, stay out later than normal sometimes and try new hobbies! College years are those that you will never forget and can never get back.

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means for the current and future policies of the university, however, it is progress towards a more welcoming and open campus.

"Overall, I would gladly say that the journey Eagles for PRIDE has taken over the years has been a hard one, but one that acts as a tes-

tament to the dedication and com-

passion held by people who come

to Ashland University."

Along with helping at some events throughout the year, Dr. Hovey spent a lot of his time in meetings and difficult conversations advocating for the group.

"I think it's especially important for incoming LGBTQ+ students to immediately be able to recognize that there is a group where they'll and at home. That seems to be the main focus of the group- less so advocacy oriented in terms of how previous generations have really fought for LGBTQ+ rights. The focus of this group is much more [about] welcoming each other."

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