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## Two Point Park University graduates part of Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Pulitzer Prize-winning team

**PITTSBURGH, PA** – Point Park University graduates Ashley Murray and Andrew Goldstein are part of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette team honored with a [2019 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting](#).

The Post-Gazette was recognized for its coverage of the shooting deaths of 11 people and wounding of seven others Oct. 27 at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill.

Murray earned a B.A. in Broadcasting and M.A. in Media Communication at Point Park, while Goldstein earned a B.A. in Journalism.

Helen Fallon, professor of Journalism at Point Park and a permanent part-time employee at the Post-Gazette, taught both Goldstein and Murray, beginning with Introduction to Journalistic Writing.

“They had the instincts and the curiosity from the very beginning of that first course,” Fallon said. “The work they do, they are so serious about. They immerse themselves in it.”

Andrew Conte, director of the Center for Media Innovation at Point Park, said both stand out as memorable students from his nearly 15 years of teaching at the University.

“Andrew has always been a hard-charging, serious journalist. He was that way in class, and he brings that same ethic to his work at the Post-Gazette,” Conte said. “Ashley works harder at the details than any journalist I have ever met.”

Fallon said both Murray and Goldstein benefited from supplementing their classwork by committing to being part of The Globe, Point Park's student-run newspaper.

“I think it shows that learning for both of them was inside and outside of the classroom,” she said.

Conte noted that, in addition to The Globe, Murray and Goldstein were able to secure work as interns while still students at Point Park. Both did internships at the Post-Gazette, while Goldstein also interned at The Jewish Chronicle. Both were hired full-time by the Post-Gazette after graduating.

“Being a part of a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting team so early in my career feels unreal,” Murray said. “While, of course, you are never expecting a Pulitzer, it doesn't surprise me that the heartfelt work of

Post-Gazette journalists after a community tragedy was recognized at such a high level. The editors, the reporters, people on the desk that morning, the art department – just everybody was all hands on deck.”

Goldstein called the work they did “the greatest honor of my life.”

“My heart broke on October 27, and it remains in pieces,” he said. “I worked on so many of these stories with tears rolling down my cheeks and falling on my keyboard.”

Murray said she has been reaching out to her professors to thank them.

“I can think of each one and remember specific pep talks and lessons on interviewing, editing and writing that they gave me,” she said. “I carry those with me always while on the job.”

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