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Kelcie L. Murray tests her balance as she joins classmates – a mix of applied human services and occupational therapy assistant students – in the Mohawk Walk, during which students rely on one another to navigate taut ropes. The exercise is part of the Outdoor Recreation as a Therapeutic Tool class.
President’s Message
The institution’s founders had a clear motive: the transformation of lives. Approaching the kickoff to the Centennial celebration in 2014, it remains the core of what the college does.

Centennial Project Documents ‘Legacy of Leaders’
A 120-page book chronicles the experiences of the visionaries who founded and helped to grow what is today’s Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Insight and Inspiration
Faculty who are among the institution’s proudest alumni share their memories of those teachers who helped them find their paths in industry and continue to inspire them on the other side of the “desk.”

Golden Anniversary
Fifty years ago, with the challenge laid before him by Williamsport Technical Institute Director Kenneth E. Carl, former faculty member George E. Wolfe developed the college’s first computer courses.

Gifts and Donations
Penn College and the Penn College Foundation acknowledge contributions that support student scholarships and classroom instructional equipment.
Over the past several years, we’ve been counting down to 2014, Pennsylvania College of Technology’s centennial year. As 2013 draws to a close, that countdown is almost over. In January, we will kick off a year of celebration. Events will honor our founders, our students, our employees, our alumni and our community. All have helped to build the first 100 years of our history: a legacy that is worthy of reflection and commemoration.

Over a century, we have grown. As I think back to the founders of our institution, I see a clear picture of their mission and our vision. Their success – in retraining disabled World War I veterans for new roles, preparing the unemployed of the Great Depression for jobs, and serving GI Bill-supported veterans – is our inheritance. We proudly accept the continuing commitment to transform lives by providing academic and personal support to students and by taking risks and making bold decisions that will strengthen our campus and our community.

From our earliest days, the institution has helped to advance new technology. Students have reaped the benefit of hands-on experience with industry-standard equipment since a one-of-a-kind industrial arts shop opened in the new Williamsport High School (now Klump Academic Center) in 1914, and through the computer age, when we piloted some of the region’s first computer courses in 1963 and a first-of-its-kind computer-integrated manufacturing demonstration in 1990.

In 1999, we made the bold decision to accept the management role for the state’s new Workforce and Economic Development Network (WEDnetPA). Through a network of 30 educational providers, the program continues to administer Guaranteed Free Training to companies; in April, WEDnetPA reached a milestone, training its 1 millionth employee.

After a long history as a “commuter” campus, we entered a new era as a residential campus offering on-campus housing to students in 1997. In 2012-13, more than 1,700 students lived on campus, and their satisfaction with on-campus living was at its highest level in 15 years.

We continued to enrich our students’ experience in Fall 2011 when we began requiring a First Year Experience course to help new students navigate the first year and build a foundation for success throughout their college careers. Our efforts are paying off. The number of referrals from concerned faculty members about first-year students has dropped 14 percent since the FYE requirement was introduced; fall-to-spring retention rates of first-year students – a concern for colleges nationwide – has increased; and first-year GPAs are rising.

Now, as in our formative years, we remain responsive to business and industry, to community needs, to workforce needs, and to transforming the lives of the individuals who make up our student body.

Throughout history, when wars distracted us, when economic challenges mounted, when our own survival in the sponsorship crisis was in doubt, we never wavered. We moved forward and embraced new opportunities – from developing the nationally acclaimed “Williamsport Plan” to put the unemployed back to work in the 1930s, to being among the first in the nation to adapt our programs to meet World War II production needs, to forging a new affiliation with Penn State when our community college sponsorship was threatened.

When I look back over time, I see this institution leading the way as a technical institute, as a community college, and today as a college with a unique and special mission to provide the most advanced technology-based education reinforced with general education course work that prepares our graduates to advance into leadership roles in the workplace and in the community.

Over our first 100 years, we became Pennsylvania’s premier technical college. Now, we focus on building upon our heritage to secure our position as a national leader in applied technology education.
To honor our legacy, we must continue to build upon the foundation set by faculty, administrators, staff, students, and our community and industry partners. We must continue our bold leadership by charting a new course reflecting changing societal and employment realities. We must continue our mission to transform lives through education and a unique, holistic college experience that inspires students to achieve full, rich and meaningful lives.

As we mark our first century as a leader in higher education – ranked by U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges” as among the top 10 public regional colleges in the north, we will expand our work with two-year colleges, easing the transfer into Penn College’s bachelor-degree majors. We will expand distance-learning offerings, which allow students with associate degrees to complete the final two years of a baccalaureate degree online. We will introduce contemporary technology programs – like mechatronics, which is in high demand in natural gas and other industries – and continue to update majors such as Web and interactive media, in order to keep pace with evolving industry trends. We will do our part to make a positive impact on the future, branding Williamsport as a college town and creating a sound legacy as we celebrate a very proud past.

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Renting Textbooks?
It’s a new trend nationwide that was offered at The College Store for the first time in 2012-13. In the spring semester, 680 students rented 985 titles – an increase of 200 students and nearly 400 books over the fall semester. The College Store reports $120,000 in income from book rentals for the year and $80,000 in savings for the students who participated. While purchased books can typically be sold back at the end of the semester, there’s no guarantee. Renters pay less upfront and simply turn their books in when classes end.

Well-Rounded in Wellness
A Wellness Mentor program, a collaboration between Counseling Services and College Health Services, was created to provide students with motivation and guidance related to wellness. Specifically, the program offers assistance in developing an exercise program, as well as techniques for stress management and anxiety reduction.

Designing for a Cause
Christopher J. Cosgrove, a graphic design student from Jefferson Township, designed and produced a logo for Snyder County Coalition for Kids, a newly formed nonprofit that aims to provide youth development and delinquency prevention in the central Pennsylvania county. The logo-design project was part of the Graphic Design, Corporate Identity class, taught by Sung Choi. The logo will be used on all of the organization’s advertising and correspondence. The class also redesigned the logo for Penn College’s Fresh dining unit.
The Students of Musical Development and the Wildcat Events Board collaborated on a new program – Winter Fest – with proceeds benefiting Williamsport’s Saving Grace Shelter. The facility, operated by American Rescue Workers, is a 24-bed emergency shelter providing 14 days of lodging for individuals, families and veterans in a homelessness crisis.

Veggies Save Dough

Dining Services partnered with the School of Hospitality to develop the Campus Community Garden, a hydroculture and raised-bed garden at the Schneebeli Earth Science Center. As of April 2013, the garden provided almost 900 heads of lettuce and 54 pounds of tomatoes for use in the college’s dining units, providing a cost savings between $1,600 and $2,000 for Dining Services.

Preserving Automotive Legacies

A 1907 Duryea was among automotive gems arriving on campus for long-term loan in 2012-13. The vehicles – which also include a 1970 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow, a 1970 Chevelle Super Sport and a 1909 Chalmers – will be restored to museum quality by students in the automotive restoration major. The Duryea first served as a research project, as students delved into its history and learned about its unique features. Students will repair the Pennsylvania-made vehicle’s worn upper-body areas and return the car to running order before giving it back to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles in Berks County.

Students Initiate Music Fest to Benefit Shelter

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Serving Pennsylvania’s Workforce

In 2012-13, ShaleNET, a grant-funded program to prepare the workforce for careers in natural gas, served more than 14,000 individuals, provided more than 1,000 industry-recognized certifications or on-the-job trainings, and placed 3,318 participants into jobs.

The initiative received a gold Excellence in Economic Development award from the International Economic Development Council.

The National Sustainable Structures Center enrolled nearly 1,000 people in 2012-13. The center provided training and certification to Pennsylvania’s Weatherization Assistance Program, provided lead-safety training to Housing and Urban Development workers, became the licensing agency for the Building Operator Certification in six states, and was awarded a subcontract from UGI to provide quality control for its Low Income Usage Reduction Program.

Simulated Health Emergencies Help Students Collaborate

Penn College’s Nursing, Paramedic Technology and Physician Assistant programs staged two days of mock emergencies that provided opportunities for more than 100 students to observe one another’s roles. Volunteer actors played the roles of four patients, ranging from a Fitness Center heart attack victim to a teen hit by a bike. “The event is intended to help the School of Health Sciences demonstrate that we truly live out our mission and philosophy statements,” said Tushanna M. Habalar, learning lab coordinator for nursing education, one of many employees in the School of Health Sciences who helped with the event.

Lecturers Bring History to Campus

With an infectious smile and a youthful spirit, 89-year-old Esther Bauer addressed a Klump Academic Center Auditorium audience in April. Bauer was 18 when she and her parents were deported to a ghetto in what is now the Czech Republic, and after two years was moved to the Auschwitz death camp. Bauer speaks to students so they will “learn what happened and see to it that it never happens again.” Watch Bauer’s talk on the college’s YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/PennCollegeVideos.

Other notable lecturers in 2012-13 included Jeff Mahl, who recounted his great-grandfather George N. Schuster’s 1908 car excursion from New York to Paris, and Byron Hurt, director of “Soul Food Junkies.”

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A tribute to the institution’s past and present leaders – “visionaries who … earned national acclaim for bold experimentation in forging lasting connections between education, government and industry” – was published in 2012.

“Legacy of Leaders” is a 120-page book that chronicles the experiences of chief administrators from Williamsport Technical Institute’s founding director, George H. Parkes, to the current Pennsylvania College of Technology president, Davie Jane Gilmour.

The book shares information from the Roger and Peggy Madigan Library Archives and from videotaped oral history interviews conducted by Tom Speicher, writer/video editor, and Daniel J. Doyle, professor emeritus and Master Teacher.

Archived, audiotaped interviews, conducted with Parkes nearly a half-century ago, revealed previously unpublished details about the institution’s formative years.

“We got our start in the coal bins, in the basement of the present Klump center,” he said.

From its start as a vocational program of the Williamsport Area School District (1914-41) through years as a technical institute (1941-65) and community college (1965-89) to present status as a special mission affiliate of Penn State, the institution was led by men and women with diverse backgrounds and interests.

Over the course of the last century, the leaders elevated this unique institution of higher learning from its roots as a local adult-education program to a position of national acclaim. Each leader paved a new path and encouraged new ways of thinking about the future.

In “Legacy of Leaders,” Robert G. Bowers, professor emeritus, Master Teacher and former executive assistant for internal affairs, described the diversity of leaders who followed Parkes: “Kenny Carl, father. Bill Feddersen, enabled transition to a full community college. Bob Breuder, builder and enabler of Pennsylvania State University relationship. Davie Gilmour enabled continued growth, support, and respect. And I think – if you think about the history of each of these people – each of these individuals was there at the right time for this institution.”

In 2012 publication, Gilmour shared her confidence in the college’s legacy and its future: “We’ll have different challenges and different opportunities, but this place will go on forever. There will be new leaders and there will be new marks of distinction and there will be new, significant accomplishments we haven’t even thought of yet.”

The book is available for purchase from The College Store on campus or online. Portions of taped interviews with the institution’s leaders, as well as personal memories shared by alumni, retirees and others, and a timeline of historic events, are offered at oca.pct.edu/centennial.

Purchasing copies of “Legacy of Leaders” and other books in the Countdown to the Centennial series (“Were You There? The Evolution of a College Campus,” released in 2010, and “Marketing With a Mission,” released in Fall 2013) – will honor the institution’s past and help fund scholarships for Penn College students. Net proceeds will become permanently restricted funds that will be invested to create income used for annual scholarship awards from the Penn College Endowed Alumni Scholarship.
They have returned to inspire students, bringing private-sector wisdom and an abiding appreciation for the education they now impart to a new generation.

The transition can be as surreal as it is humbling, said Carl J. Bower Jr., especially when one’s predecessor casts a long shadow.

The 1993 landscape/nursery technology alumnus succeeded Richard J. Weilminster, a 34-year veteran of the horticulture faculty and the college’s 1986 Master Teacher. As if it wasn’t intimidating enough to be interviewed by his one-time professors, Bower, once hired, found himself behind Weilminster’s former desk.

“I just sat there. I can’t even remember how long,” he said. “It took a while for it to sink in.”

While Bower credits everyone in the department, “Rich – he lets you call him that once you graduate – inspired me the most and is the reason I am here today,” he said. “He was a father figure to so many of his students – and I was no exception. Rich was hard on you and, at the time, you might have thought he was too hard. But after you graduated, or even before, you said to yourself, ‘He only did that because he cared.’

Bower believes his alumni status enhances his teaching ability, allowing him to bridge the past and future.

“Students ask why certain trees look the way they do or why beds are planted how they are, and having that history makes it easy to tell them,” he said. “I still remember the trees I planted while I was a student, and it’s nice to remind current students that, when they return in 10 or 15 years and see projects they were a part of, they will feel that same pride. Knowing you are a part of making a change in any landscape, at school or in the workforce, is a very satisfying feeling.”

Bower said a former student now doing postgraduate work elsewhere recently told Facebook friends he has a difficult time “learning” from a professor without field experience.

“That, to me, is what it’s like moving from student to teacher,” Bower said. “You realize what you need to do for the student because you have been there … and to so many places in-between.”

Perhaps few understand those “places” as well as Thomas A. Zimmerman, associate professor of psychology, a general studies student at Williamsport Area Community College in the mid-‘60s. Fate took him everywhere thereafter – degrees from Lycoming College and Bucknell University, naval service and employment in the mental-health field – until he joined the full-time faculty in 1984.

His student experience was no less varied. He flirted with literature and math and allied himself with instructors all along his wandering journey. Some made academic sense, such as friendships with Hugh MacMullan and Richard Sweeney in the English department; Robert Kissell, who taught history and government; and Paul Feng in psychology. Others were more nebulous, as when Bill Morris offered him a ride to his part-time job.

“He asked me questions about me and made me realize the shared participation in this endeavor.” Zimmerman said Morris counseled him to find balance between work and play, to pace himself for the long haul. “Here was a math instructor giving me advice; he gave me a lift, but he made a meaningful impact.”
He finds today’s students more inquisitive than those of his generation and cherishes the surprises that wait at the off-ramp of classroom detours.

“You have an outline of where you want to go in a particular class; then you’re suddenly onto this dialogue that you didn’t expect,” Zimmerman said. “It reminds me of my parents, who introduced us to new things, then stepped back and asked, ‘Well, what did you think?’”

Socratic exchanges were routine for his faculty heroes, during his student days and after he became their colleague. To Zimmerman, the college will forever be “a place where the emphasis is on good teaching.”

His gold standard is an erudite group of WACC professors who quickly proved that hands-on education and academic rigor could walk hand-in-hand. Their names are among the most revered in campus history, recipients of what is now the Veronica M. Muzic Master Teacher Award: Daniel J. Doyle, Ned S. Coates, Peter B. Dumanis and James E. Logue. Doyle taught history and sociology; the other three, English.

(Muzic, the pole star who has accurately guided so many students, is a former English professor, academic vice president and provost.)

“Jim, particularly, elevated the school to something akin to academic sophistication and professionalism. It was an auspicious end to the notion we were anything but a ‘real’ college, the idea that all academics are elitists,” Zimmerman recalled. “It was an affirmation of a college education being available to everyone, of telling students, ‘It’s not about your background.’”

The faculty triumvirate of Joseph G. Mark, Lloyd C. Cotner and William H. Ealer “certainly gave us a core education that was well-respected. I applied to 12 architecture schools and was accepted at every one,” said Brooks, who ultimately chose the University of Maryland. “All of them had a clear realization of what we were learning here.”

“Joe Mark was an incredible influence, showing that extra encouragement, that interest in my personal life,” he said. “I see that with my colleagues, reaching out to students. It’s not just ‘I gave a satisfying lecture, now I’ll give a test.’ There’s something about the human contact.”

Brooks said that “Penn College approach” pervades campus, from the classroom to the dining hall.

“The women on the pizza line at Penn Central seem to know every student by name. No, not just their names, but what they like to do and what’s going on in their lives. They’ll ask, ‘Did you get your car fixed?’ or ‘How is the skateboarding?’ It’s amazing how many people here go out of their way to make these connections matter.”

“From the time I was a student, I wanted to teach here,” Brooks said. “I can remember walking behind the ACC, thinking, ‘I really like it here.’ Some places just sort of click. I enjoyed my time at Maryland, but it didn’t have that ‘home’ feel to it.”

Like Zimmerman, he recognizes the rigor of a Penn College education, and knows that the institution – even with its working-class roots and open-door admission policy – isn’t a consolation prize for students who can’t cut it somewhere else.

“I’m so impressed with this year’s crop of freshmen,” he said. “I’m teaching students that could go anywhere else for their education, but they chose Penn College.”

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In the School of Business & Hospitality, alumnus Chef Charles R. Niedermyer II teaches alongside many of the faculty who nurtured his craft. After receiving a baking and pastry arts degree in 2000, he worked in three Ritz hotels, two fine-dining restaurants and a bakery before returning as a baking and pastry arts/culinary arts instructor in 2005. (He also earned a bachelor’s degree in technology management in 2012.)

“The process of moving from student to faculty, however, with former instructors who were now my colleagues, offered some unique challenges,” Niedermyer said. Challenges – with a side of respect.

“They taught me a tremendous amount and I owe them a lot,” he said. “Chef Monica Lanczak is a big inspiration. She has had a very successful, colorful career and is really dedicated to her students. I won’t ever stop looking up to her.”

Unlike Brooks, who dreamed a dream and made it happen, Niedermyer never planned on coming back.

“I wanted to be the best pastry chef I could be,” a notion sidetracked by a call from his alma mater.

“I’ve been handed one of the most rewarding and challenging positions I’ve ever been in, trying to transfer my industry knowledge to student learning,” he said. “To take the expectations, refining this and improving that. It’s a big responsibility.” He’s struck by how young his students are, noting that they were in grade school on Sept. 11, 2001, while he was “in Jacksonville, Fla., in the middle of 50 baguettes.”

“It’s a reminder that I’m not 18 anymore, that they’re from a different generation and that I have an obligation to them,” he said. “I’m their instructor, but I’m also a life and career adviser, wanting them to develop as community-minded citizens, with a concern for themselves and a concern for their neighbors. It’s a lot to absorb … but it’s very hard to come to work every day and not smile.”

The school also boasts alumna Suzann L. Mayer among its award-winning faculty – but her career was headed in a different direction when the hospitality bug bit. Among her influences? No less than Davie Jane Gilmour, now Penn College president, and Ann R. Miglio, whose faculty leadership helped bring the school into prominence.

“When I came to WACC, I was going to enroll in the word-processing program because it was the big thing in the early 1980s,” said Mayer, an assistant professor of baking and pastry arts/culinary arts. “I took part in a program through Career Explorations, met Ann Miglio in the food and hospitality program, and was hooked.”
Miglio, who taught at the college from August 1978 to May 1993, was selected as a Master Teacher in 1987. “Her expertise and teaching style inspired me to become a lifelong learner and explore all aspects of the industry,” Mayer added. “When I became coordinator of the Food and Hospitality Program, Davie Jane became my mentor and guide. She taught me how to problem-solve and motivate others. “Penn College changed my life—and the lives of my children and, now, grandchildren.”

Change of a technological sort is reflected in the college’s drafting area, where painstakingly hand-rendered pencil drawings have been replaced by the latest in desktop tools.

David A. Probst, assistant professor of drafting and computer-aided design, fondly remembers those who taught him at WACC: Chris Radke, Dale R. Straub, Jackie E. Welliver and Chalmer Van Horn. Van Horn, a tireless visitor to alumni events and reunions, is one of the few instructors whose career touched all three institutions embodied by the centennial.

“We had classes in the old trolley building with cubicles along the outer perimeter that had related courses,” Probst said. “If someone opened the windows at the top of the building, the wind would blow dirt, feathers and whatever else onto the drafting tables and your drawings. And we were graded for how clean our drawings were!”

“Good times and great teachers,” he added. “Oh, and we had a ‘stockroom’ where we went to get our drafting paper, pencils, tape, etc., and to have blueprints made. Times have changed!”

Todd S. Woodling, who teaches in a major that didn’t even exist when he was a student—building automation technology—is no stranger to those days of compromised space. But the 1982 electronics alumnus said students didn’t feel shortchanged.

“We had scopes; we had a tool room,” he said. “The labs were equipped, and the equipment worked.” That has carried over, as industry leaders such as Honeywell and Automated Logic donated enough controllers that Woodling’s students don’t have to share.

What is shared is the same connection between teaching and learning that Woodling experienced. In his case, it was with Victor A. Michael, a 1991 Master Teacher in electronics technology, who convinced him to leave industry and pursue a bachelor’s degree at The College of New Jersey, and David C. Johnson.

“Dave changed the way I think. He taught me discipline; knowing how to do things right the first time, getting my priorities straight and setting me up for the real world,” Woodling said. “He was tough, but I came to appreciate it.”

Such memories will continue throughout the centennial year, and as Zimmerman noted, with good reason: “Whether we admit it or not, everybody’s got a story. The best way to get someone’s attention isn’t to scare the hell out of them, it’s to bring in their human side. Their story is what makes them interesting; it makes them who they are.”

The city’s trolley barn would become the headquarters for Williamsport Technical Institute and hosted classes until it was razed in the 1980s.
I first learned of the college in 1972 when I was a senior at Littlestown High School, which is in Adams County. Jack Hill, my industrial arts teacher, said there was a community college in Williamsport that would be a good fit for me as he encouraged me to continue my education. He said I needed to give it serious consideration. What he didn’t know was that I had already signed up in a delayed enlistment program in the U.S. Air Force. Four years later, after being discharged in December of 1976, I enrolled at Williamsport Area Community College, solely on Jack’s recommendation.

At the time, I lacked confidence in my academic abilities and truly believed that I wasn’t college material. I reinforced my suspicions by testing poorly in all areas of the college’s placement test. Luckily for me, after reviewing my dismal scores, Veronica Muzic encouraged me that day not to worry. She told me to go back home to Littlestown, to have a good holiday break and to come back in January when we would fix these problems. To my surprise, I learned over the next few years that one of the services that the college provided then and still does today is the opportunity for students to relearn those all-important basic skills in reading, writing and math … along with providing a degree that works.

After earning an associate degree in electronics in 1979, I transferred to Penn State, where I graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1983. Looking back on this sequence of events, I suspect that Jack Hill knew that this college would offer the best opportunity for me to realize the potential that he had seen in me back in high school. The faculty and staff that I worked with as a student at WACC certainly were dedicated to bringing out the best in each individual. I especially remember the positive influence of Veronica Muzic, Peter Dumanis, Ned Coates, Richard Sweeney, Robert Bowers, Vic Michaels, Bob Mix and Norman Briggs. From them, I learned the importance of being able to communicate effectively through both the written and the spoken word, having a strong foundation in mathematics, and developing a strong foundational understanding of electrical and electronic theory.

After college, I worked in industry as a microwave engineer for eight years and then had an opportunity to teach part time at the college in the spring of 1990. After one semester in the classroom, I realized that I wanted to return to the college as a full-time faculty member to offer to future students the opportunity to better themselves and work toward that degree that works. Fortunately for me, I got that chance and became a full-time-faculty member in the Fall 1990 semester, around the same time the college became Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Looking back on all of the work experiences that I have had since graduating from high school in 1972, I can say working at the college as a faculty member and being an alumnus from here have been the most rewarding and most fulfilling position I have ever held. As a faculty member, I aspire each day to influence the students with whom I work the same way that those faculty I mentioned influenced me. It is largely because of my interactions with them and their dedication to and concern for me that I am where I am today. I would like to think that I, too, will be remembered as having contributed to helping students experience their dreams of being the best that they can be, just as others helped me in the late ’70s.

- Kenneth C. Kuhns, assistant professor of electrical technologies/occupations

Kenneth C. Kuhns, assistant professor of electrical technologies/occupations, oversees the work of a student in the on-site power generation major as he troubleshoots a commercial generator at I-TEC (International Technical Electric & Construction) in Montoursville.
FIFTY years ago, the college’s first computer arrived on campus. Installed in the southwest section of Unit 6, the former “trolley barn,” and set upon a raised hardwood floor to absorb the computer’s vibrations, the IBM 1620 Data Processing Unit symbolized yet another pioneering moment for the institution.

Computer education, says George P. Wolfe, a mathematics faculty member who became the first instructor in Williamsport Technical Institute’s computer science program, had a fortuitous genesis. The seed was sown on Oct. 4, 1957, when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the world’s first artificial satellite. The launch sparked the U.S.-USSR space race and increased spending on technical and scientific education programs.

“One afternoon, in 1962, Dr. Kenneth E. Carl, director, WTI, approached me in the hall and mentioned that he had some good news,” Wolfe wrote in an article titled “Computer Education at Pennsylvania College of Technology: The first decade.” “He stated that WTI had an opportunity to receive a grant that would enable the school to obtain a state-of-the-art computer system with various related equipment. He added that the grant would obligate WTI to design a two-year computer curriculum and teach a pilot class, after which, all the equipment becomes ours to keep.

“Dr. Carl then slipped in the loaded question: ‘What do you know about computers?’

“I innocently confessed that I had only taken a single Fortran (programming) course during the summer session (of a master’s program at Clarkson College of Technology).

“‘Good!’ he said. ‘That’s more than anyone else in the school; if we get the grant, the project is yours.’

The object of the grant was to help meet the critical need for trained data-processing technicians.

With the grant approved, a classroom and lab were prepared, and equipment was installed. In addition to the IBM 1620 – which included the console panel and typewriter – the CPU was augmented with a 1622 card read punch, 1621 paper tape reader and 1624 paper tape punch. The system had 20,000 positions of magnetic core storage (20 kilobytes, in today’s terms) and executed instructions at speeds measured in microseconds. The input-output media were 80-column punch cards, paper tape and a typewriter. Peripheral equipment included a sorter, accounting machine and one key punch.

The computer lab – half the size of the adjoining classroom – could accommodate the equipment and 10 students. The room was furnished with a 10,000 BTU window air conditioner, which helped to cool the room but was not quite adequate for some summer days, when the equipment had to be shut down and the room vacated because it became too hot for student comfort.

Wolfe was tasked with designing the two-year curriculum, writing the data processing and mathematics course syllabi, and teaching the data processing and mathematics courses. (He jokes that, given the “formidable task,” he tried to stay at least one day ahead of the class.)

In October 1963, with one instructor and a class of 24, the first computer technology class in the college’s history was inaugurated.

The official title of the curriculum was “Engineering and Design Data Processing Technology.” The length of the program was 2,650 hours – equivalent to six contemporary semesters – over a 24-month period.

The first class from this experimental program – the birth of today’s six information technology majors – graduated 17 students in the fall of 1965, each successful in procuring a career in the field.
ALUMNI AWARDS

An Alumni Achievement Award, which recognizes noteworthy professional or career accomplishments of graduates from the past 10 years, was awarded to Jennifer R. Brinkley, ’05, welding and fabrication engineering technology; ’03, welding technology. Brinkley is a manufacturing specialist for Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America Inc.

Mentorship Awards, recognizing alumni or businesses that have made significant or ongoing contributions to the education and development of Penn College students, were presented to McClarin Plastics Inc. and its president, Todd R. Kennedy; and to Robert Capps, director of recruiting for Allan A. Myers/American Infrastructure.

An Alumni Humanitarian/Citizenship Award, which recognizes distinguished community or volunteer service, was presented to Raymond R. Mattie, ’84, machinist general, owner of M&S Conversion Co. and CSM Realty LLC. He serves on the board of directors for Citizens & Northern Bank, Hope Enterprises Foundation Inc. and the Penn College Foundation. Mattie and his wife, Michelle, support the needs of Lycoming County youth with Connor’s Connection, founded by the Mattie family and named for their son, who has autism.

100 MOMENTS in College History

One hundred years’ worth of personal moments – between instructor and student, or between classmates or roommates – have shaped the character of today’s Pennsylvania College of Technology. In celebration of the college’s Centennial in 2014, One College Avenue will publish a list of “100 Moments in College History.”

So tell us – great or small – what moment will you always remember?

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David A. Clark, '61, business management, retired as a manager from T&G Stores and resides in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

William Davis, '71, electrical construction, retired from City of Hayward, Calif., as an electrician II. He resides in Alameda, Calif.

John M. Samick, '73, architectural technology, is chief assessor/tax claim supervisor for Elk County. He resides in St. Marys.

Paul M. Reier, '77, forest technology, received the Bronze Smokey Bear Award, the highest honor given for wildfire service on the state level. The award is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters and the Advertising Council. Reier, a forest technician, has served the Virginia Department of Forestry for 34 years. He resides in Toano, Va.

Robert A. Bingaman, '78, advertising art, '77, graphic arts, is the president/owner of Robert Allan & Associates Inc. He resides in Haddon Township, N.J.

Richard S. Kneedler, '78, building construction technology, is a mechanic leader for PPL Electric Utilities. He repairs and maintains vehicles and equipment.

Michael G. Long, '81, electrical construction, is the director of facilities at Penn State Altoona and a registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Penn State. He resides in Altoona.

Michael W. Wendt, '87, electrical occupations, is a journeyman electrician for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 143. He resides in Duncannon.

Marc F. Demshock, '06, technology management, is an attorney at McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall, focusing on business, tax, real estate and elder law. He resides in Williamsport.

David W. Felter, '06, construction management, is a project engineer at Hensel Phelps Construction Co. He resides in Rockville, Md.

Alissa Hinkal, '06, applied human services, is a drug and alcohol counselor at PA Treatment and Healing. She resides in Danville.

Jason LaPenna, '06, electronics engineering technology, is a lead project engineer at CG Power. He resides in Bristol.

Ryan Mostoller, '06, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is a network administrator at Horizon Information Systems. He resides in Somerset.

Kristy (Anderson) Kline, '07, business administration: small business and entrepreneurship; '05, business management, is a WorkKeys coordinator for Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corp. She resides in Lewisburg.

Derek S. Garner, '09, civil engineering technology, is an environmental engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He approves the construction and operation of wastewater treatment facilities and regulates the amount of pollution that enters waterways. He resides in Jersey Shore.

Karma (Giardino) Hare, '09, business administration: management, is co-owner/business manager of New England Automotive, a repair garage in South Burlington, Vt. She manages day-to-day marketing, accounting and customer relations. She resides in Ferrisburgh, Vt.

Kathryn A. (Chamberlain) Metz, '10, information technology: network technology, is an IT support specialist for Penn State World Campus. She resides in Tyrone.

Ryan D. Preston, '10, environmental technology management, is an environmental specialist at Superior Tube Co., where he handles environmental compliance. He resides in Reading.

Trisha M. (Moser) Cahill, '11, nursing, is a registered nurse at Geisinger Medical Center. She resides in Montgomery.

Kellen T. Fogarty, '11, electric power generation technology, is a power plant operator at Olympus Power LLC. He resides in Hegin.

Corey Lutz, '11, information technology: network specialist, is pursuing a Master of Science in applied information technology from Towson University. He resides in Germantown, Md.

Melissa Maruszak, '11, building science and sustainable design, is a junior architect at Sargent Architects. She resides in Highland Lakes, N.J.

Molly E. Dietrich, '12, hospitality management, is a sales coordinator at Nichols Village Hotel & Spa. She resides in Nicholson.

James C. Fink, '12, information technology: network technology; '73, mathematics-science, is a network technician for ITS Inc. He resides in Williamsport.

Stacey J. Paronish, '12, hospitality management: management, is a sales coordinator at Evangelical Community Hospital. She resides in New Columbia.
TEACHING AWARDS

The college’s highest level of recognition for faculty, the Veronica M. Muzic Master Teacher Award, was presented to Gerri F. Luke, associate professor of business administration/management and marketing. The award is presented to a faculty member with at least six years’ successful teaching experience at Penn College, who represents the very best in faculty, and who is dedicated to providing the highest quality of experience to students.

Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented to Ryan P. Good, instructor of welding, and John D. Maize, instructor of speech communication-composition. The awards are presented each May to full-time faculty members who are nominated by students and colleagues for excellence in instructional performance.

A Part-Time Teaching Excellence Award was presented to Michael K. Patterson, part-time instructor of welding.

An Excellence in Academic Advising Award was presented to Susan Slamka, assistant professor of human services/psychology.

An Outstanding Assessment of Student Learning Award was presented to Craig A. Miller, assistant professor of history/political science.

STAFF AWARDS

Distinguished Staff Awards honor the contributions and commitment of employees, who are nominated by their co-workers. Awards were presented in 2013 to Timothy J. Mallery, assistant director of residence life and housing operations coordinator; Darlene A. Warner, secretary to the Robert and Maureen Dunham Children’s Learning Center; and Jerry W. McNett, horticulturist.
NEW SCHOLARSHIPS 2012-13
Penn College and the Penn College Foundation established 28 new scholarship funds in 2012-13.

William & Lorraine Manos Scholarship was established by Bill Manos, longtime member of the Penn College Foundation Board of Directors, and his wife, Lorraine, to benefit full-time students from Lycoming County who are enrolled in an automotive-related major.

Computer Aided Drafting & Design Scholarship was established by faculty to benefit first-year students in the engineering design/CAD technologies majors who participated in the Penn College NOW program.

Automated Manufacturing & Machining Scholarship was established by faculty to reward an upperclass student who has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better in the manufacturing engineering technology, automated manufacturing technology or machine tool technology major.

Electronics & Computer Engineering Technology Scholarship was established by faculty to benefit students majoring in electronics & computer engineering technology.

Carolyn G. Martin Memorial Scholarship was established by William J. Martin, retired senior vice president of Penn College, in memory of his wife. The scholarship rewards a second-year female student in the physical fitness specialist major who has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Penn State University – College to OPP Diversity Scholarship was established by the Office of Physical Plant at Penn State University to benefit minority students who have interned or worked for the organization.

UGI Utilities, Inc. Scholarship was established by UGI Utilities, Inc., of Bethlehem, to reward an upperclass student who has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better in an HVAC bachelor-degree or associate-degree program.

Mattie Family Scholarship was established by Ray Mattie, ’84 and a member of the Penn College Foundation Board of Directors, and his wife, Michelle, to benefit students from Lycoming County who are in the final year of either the occupational therapy assistant or early childhood education majors.

Gerring Geyer Scholarship was established by Dorothy Gerring and Bill Geyer, longtime faculty members at Penn College, to reward a full-time student who has achieved a GPA of 3.25 or better in a building science and sustainable design major.

Hudock Moyer Wealth Resources Scholarship was established by Hudock Moyer Wealth Resources, of Williamsport and Athens, to benefit students from Lycoming and Bradford counties pursuing a degree in business administration with a minor in financial planning or accounting, or a financial planning competency credential.

Shearer Family Scholarship was established by Bob and Marcia Shearer, owners of J&M Construction, of Williamsport, to benefit full-time students from Pennsylvania majoring in building automation technology, building science and sustainable design, construction management, HVAC design technology, or residential construction technology and management.

Marshalek Family Scholarship was established by Ray Marshalek, ’55, to reward an upperclass student from Lycoming County enrolled in the machinist general, automated manufacturing technology or machine tool technology programs.

Plastics and Polymer Engineering Technology Scholarship was established by faculty in order to recruit high-potential students into the plastics and polymer engineering technology and plastics and polymer technology programs.

Ken and Diana Kuhns Scholarship was established by Ken, ’79, and Diana Kuhns, longtime faculty members at Penn College, to reward a full-time, upperclass student from the Littlestown Area School District or Delone Catholic High School who has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Gettysburg Region AACA Scholarship was established by the Gettysburg Region Antique Automobile Club of America to benefit full-time, upperclass students in the automotive restoration technology program.

David A. London Memorial Scholarship was established by friends and colleagues of David London, who was a popular associate professor who taught at Penn College for 18 years prior to his death in 2008. The scholarship will reward a student who is the first in his or her family to attend college and has achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Cameron Manufacturing and Design Scholarship was established by Cameron Manufacturing and Design, Inc. to benefit students from southern New York and northern Pennsylvania who are pursuing a degree in welding and fabrication engineering technology, welding technology, or machine tool technology.

Don & Kim Praster Family Scholarship was established by Don Praster, retired dean of the School of Industrial & Engineering Technologies, and his wife, Kim, to benefit a student enrolled in the School of Industrial, Computing & Engineering Technologies.

Ringling Family Scholarship was established by Dennis Ringling, longtime faculty member, and his wife, Patricia, ’91, to benefit an upperclass student from Pennsylvania enrolled in the forest technology major.

Woodlands Bank Scholarship was established by Woodlands Bank, of Williamsport, to benefit students from Lycoming County pursuing a degree in accounting, business administration or business management.

Highway Equipment & Supply Scholarship was established by Highway Equipment & Supply Co., of Drums, to benefit students from several Pennsylvania counties enrolled in diesel technology or heavy construction equipment technology.

Mc Cormick Law Firm Scholarship was established by the partners of McCormick Law Firm, Williamsport, to benefit a student from Lycoming County majoring in legal assistant-paralegal studies and maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Lloyd F. Woodling Memorial Scholarship was established by faculty member and alumnus Todd Woodling, ’82, and his mother, Mary Alice, in memory of his father and her husband, Lloyd, who taught mathematics at Penn College for 24 years. The scholarship will reward students in the final year of the building automation technology major who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Ron & Tina Miller Scholarship was established by Penn College alumni and employees Ron, ’89, and Tina Miller, ’03, to benefit students from Clinton County enrolled full time in a bachelor-degree major.

Zachary C. Teter Memorial Automotive Scholarship was established by Volkswagen of America, Inc. and the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation/Automotive Youth Educational System in memory of Zachary Teter, ’11, who passed away in a car accident in 2013. The scholarship will benefit a full-time student from Pennsylvania enrolled in the automotive technology major.

Schneider Electric Scholarship was established by Schneider Electric of Carrollton, Texas, to benefit full-time students with a GPA of 2.5 or better who have interned with the company.

Bruce A. Emig Memorial HVAC Scholarship was established by Cindy Emig, ’96, in memory of her husband, a Penn College assistant professor of HVAC technology. The scholarship benefits a nontraditional, upperclass student from northcentral Pennsylvania enrolled in the HVAC, HVAC design technology or building automation technology major.

H. David Kepner Scholarship was established by Penn College retiree Dave Kepner, ’70, to benefit students enrolled in an information technology major with a home residence in Montoursville.
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Benjamin Schappell, recipient of two scholarships through the Pennsylvania College of Technology Foundation, used his ongoing education in engineering design technology to aid in the planning of Williamsport’s Lifland Skatepark.

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