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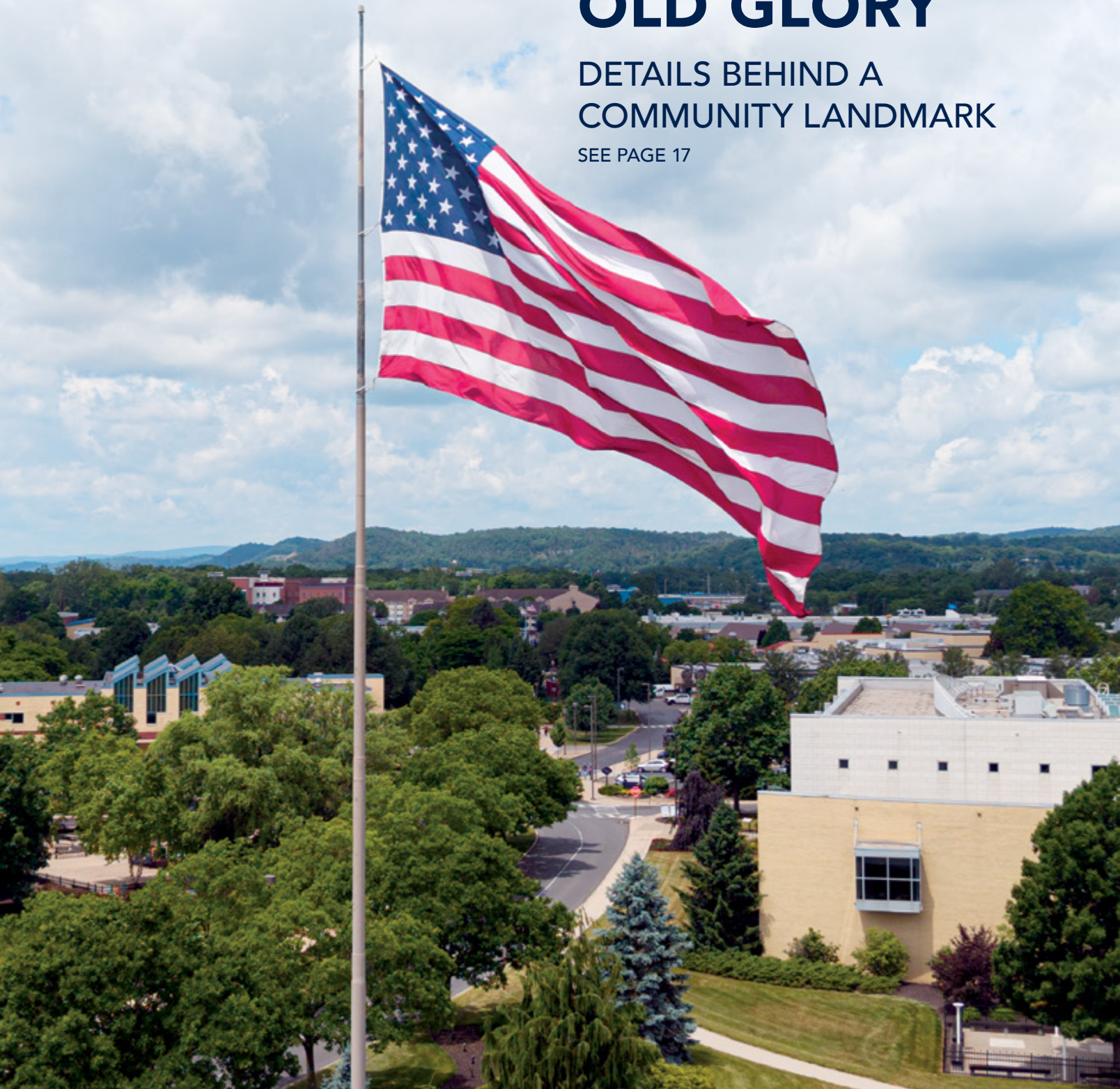
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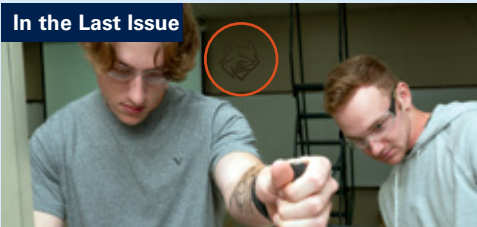
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WHERE’S THE WILDCAT?

In the Last Issue



Congratulations to all those who correctly found the Wildcat superimposed on a wall in a photo on Page 3 of the Spring 2026 edition. Our five randomly selected winners were Josh D., Lorraine K., Debra M., William R. and Jerry H. When you find the Wildcat concealed in this issue, email us at magazine@pct.edu with the page number and the photo where the Wildcat is hiding. Include your name and address. Your name will be entered into a drawing, and five winners will be selected Oct. 31.

Here’s a clue to help you: Find the Wildcat before the last petal falls.

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A “dessert tree” is among the delights served to guests in premium venues at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, during Kentucky Derby Week events. Adelaide E. Miller, a baking and pastry arts student, helped to assemble the tree’s “ornaments.” Twenty-eight Penn College business and hospitality students were hired by Levy, the Downs’ food and beverage provider, for weeklong internships during the iconic event. Watch a video of their experiences at magazine.pct.edu/kd.



All in the Family

Wildcat athletic teams didn’t just “feel” like family in 2025-26: They were powered by nine sibling pairs.



Flag Facts

As the U.S. celebrates its 250th birthday, we share details about the massive flag that stands at Penn College’s main entrance.



Raising More Than Walls

On an empty lot where a “nuisance bar” once stood, students in construction-related majors built their experience, built a home and built an opportunity for a local family.



Transforming Care in Liberia

The radiography career of John Zentz ‘94 has taken unexpected turns – most recently to Liberia, where he trained doctors and nurses to use ultrasound equipment.



Be Her Guest

Baking & pastry arts graduate Corrina Blose ‘21, ‘22 mixes her passion for baking and a commitment to serving others as a pastry cook in Walt Disney World’s Magic Kingdom.

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degrees that work.

ON THE COVER

An 1,800-square-foot flag at Penn College’s main entrance was first unfurled in November 2000. Review a few facts about the campus landmark on Page 17.

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ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES

As we begin a new semester, I reflect upon the accomplishments we achieved in the past year and look forward to the opportunities in front of us. To our valued alumni, industry partners and friends who invest in Pennsylvania College of Technology, I thank you for enhancing the Penn College experience for our students. Together, we are building on our extraordinary legacy and commitment to applied technology education. We are creating amazing experiences for our students to gain the essential skills needed for tomorrow's workforce. Together we are empowering students, including recent graduates like Giovanni Barbarossa (in above photo), who completed his second Penn College degree – a bachelor's in building automation engineering technology – in May.

Gio, known for his energetic leadership, was a dean's list student whose passion led the Diesel Performance Club to its greatest accomplishments. Aptly named "Accelerated Learning," the college's 1959 B-61 Model Mack drag truck has been an invaluable extracurricular experience – one that complements academic curriculum, providing real-world experience for the many students who have worked on it over the past 25 years. Thanks to the support of alumni, faculty and industry partners who built a solid foundation for the team to thrive, the club made it their mission to compete with the fastest trucks in the East. They poured an incredible amount of time, energy and skill into this project, and after two years of extensive modification and consistent competition, they met their goal, winning their bracket at the Keystone Truckin' Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway!

Gio made the most of his Penn College experience – which helped him secure a full-time position with Southland Industries as a controls engineering specialist.

I invite you to learn how your investments influenced Gio's experience, which he shares in his own words in this year's Impact Report (www.pct.edu/impactreport).



Visit the 2025-26 Impact Report

Thank you.

Michael J. Reed

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President

CAMPUS NEWS

Students experience Moda Miami

Held on the grounds of the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida, Moda Miami is one of the world's premier automotive events. For the third consecutive year, RM Sotheby's, which coordinates Moda Miami and conducts a high-value auction of rare cars, employed Penn College students to assist at the event. Their duties included ushering multimillion-dollar cars. Most of the 13 participants are enrolled in the college's automotive restoration, collision repair technology and automotive technology majors. At left, students position the letters "MODA" in the Biltmore Hotel's water feature.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JIAN T. MCCLAIN, PENN COLLEGE STUDENT



Math Hub provides space for connection, collaboration

The Wildcat Math Hub was added to campus this spring, providing a space for students to collaborate, build confidence and strengthen their skills.

Equipped with wall-to-wall whiteboards and dedicated zones for group and individual work, the Math Hub brings faculty, professional tutors and trained student facilitators together in one supportive environment where students can prepare for exams, review concepts or collaborate with peers.

The Math Hub, in the former Wrapture dining area in the Klump Academic Center, was made possible by the college's Title III Strengthening Institutions Program grant.



Bus maintenance apprenticeship addresses industry need

Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Secretary Nancy A. Walker visited the college's Schneebeli Earth Science Center to observe 14 apprentices taking part in the two-year Bus Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship, administered by Penn College Workforce Development. The program pairs on-the-job training and instruction with hands-on lab time and a weekly virtual class to teach apprentices the fundamentals of shop safety; precision tools; and diagnosing, repairing and maintaining commercial buses.

"Pennsylvania College of Technology is leading the way in preparing workers for in-demand careers, and this new Bus Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship program is a great example of how innovation and partnership can meet real workforce needs," Walker said.

Penn College faculty members develop the training materials, guide apprentices through technical concepts and support instructional components. The apprentices will receive journeyworker papers from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and earn additional industry-recognized credentials.



Rabbitransit employee Henock Ndaye (right), who is a participant in Penn College Workforce Development's Bus Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship, demonstrates what he has learned to Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Secretary Nancy A. Walker and Jeremy R. Bell, instructor of diesel technology.

Online bachelor’s facilitates HVAC technician-to-engineer pathway



In partnership with a National Science Foundation-funded initiative to shape a more sustainable heating, ventilation & air conditioning industry, Penn College began offering the final four semesters of its bachelor’s degree in heating, ventilation & air conditioning engineering technology online this fall.

“We’re building a pathway for today’s HVACR (heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration) technicians to become tomorrow’s engineers,” said Ellyn A. Lester, assistant dean of construction and architectural technologies. “As engineers, they will design systems, create real-world applications for new refrigerants and be a vital part of a sustainable HVACR future.”

The addition of an online option supports the Environmentally Applied Refrigerant Technology Hub, a \$26 million initiative led by the University of Kansas and five other research universities to mold the future of HVACR.

Penn College connects with Taiwanese universities

Patrick Marty (left), chief government & international relations officer at Penn College; Jau-Shiung Fang (center), vice president of National Formosa University; and Anthony J. Pace, Penn College’s vice president for enrollment & student success, hold a memorandum of understanding between the institutions. Penn College established ties with several universities throughout Taiwan, during a trip by Marty and Pace to seven universities to broaden bilateral cooperation. They were invited guests of the Ministry of Education and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.



The memorandum of understanding with National Formosa University calls for the institutions to explore faculty member and student exchange/internship programs, joint research and development activities, professional language teaching and cultural exchange programs, and cooperative degree and certificate programs. The discussion continued during a visit by Formosa officials to Penn College this summer.

College adds AI minors

Beginning in 2026-27, bachelor’s degree and combined bachelor’s/master’s degree students can pursue two AI minors: artificial intelligence in industry & society and artificial intelligence foundations & applications.

Both minors cover core AI principles but from different perspectives. Artificial intelligence in industry & society is grounded in theoretical and societal applications of AI, while artificial intelligence foundations & applications emphasizes more technically intensive coursework that focuses on algorithms and creation of software/tools.

As a national leader in applied technology education, Penn College is built for a global economy driven by artificial intelligence. Dozens of the college’s well-established hands-on, STEM-related majors directly align with the AI economy.

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DESIGN PRO MEETS RODEO

Graphic design grad Erin Shaffer ‘19 is the lead graphic designer for Rodeo Austin, one of America’s top five ProRodeos. For two weeks every March, Rodeo Austin attracts over 400,000 visitors to watch “the official sport of Texas.”

Tell us about your work with Rodeo Austin.

I do everything from arena graphics, advertisements and national TV ads to swag, printed materials, fairground maps and signage. With that comes the ability to create freely but also help set the standard for how people see our brand. My work gets seen by hundreds of thousands of people from across the U.S. and the world. (Yes, plenty of rodeo attendees are from out of the country!)

What do you love about the organization?

This is a workplace where I learn and grow every day. It’s multifaceted, because I get the excitement of working in events and getting to step away from my desk and get my hands dirty. On the other hand, Rodeo Austin is a nonprofit organization that raises money and supports kids across Texas with youth programs and college scholarships. My work gets people in the door to give back to a lot of students who also want to keep learning.

Why are you drawn to graphic design?

I’ve been drawn to the arts and creative visual since I was young. You bet every one of my PowerPoint presentations was the prettiest in my class in high school, too! I’m also a person who likes a lot of order. Graphic design is the perfect outlet for someone like me who craves functionality but wants everything to be fun, cool or beautiful. It impacts everyone on a daily basis, whether you realize it or not.

How did Penn College prepare you?

The graphic design program at Penn College creates a real expectation, as much as it possibly can, of what working as a designer is like. Speed problems are given out often, in preparation for tight turnarounds, which happen so much in one’s design career. Professors gave us a heavy workload, but it’s the best way to design as much as possible and have the ability to revisit designs we’ve done to evolve. I don’t see many other programs requiring a project that is fully brought to life by our own prompts, conception, creation and production like Penn College does.



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Carter Davis '28

WRESTLING

The Wildcats were once again Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference champions, with **Kaden Ware '27**, **Carter Davis '28** and **Nick Woodruff '27** earning individual titles at 141, 165 and 197 pounds, respectively. Second-year head coach Dalton Rohrbaugh was named AMCC Coach of the Year after guiding nine Wildcats to all-conference honors and a 6-6 dual-meet record. Four wrestlers earned all-region accolades, led by Davis' runner-up finish at the Region 2 Championships, where Ware and Woodruff placed third and **David M'Balla '28** finished eighth at 157 pounds. Ware, Davis and Woodruff also made program history by recording wins at the NCAA Division III Championships. Davis, Woodruff, **Brett Patton '26** and **TJ Martin '27** earned National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American honors.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

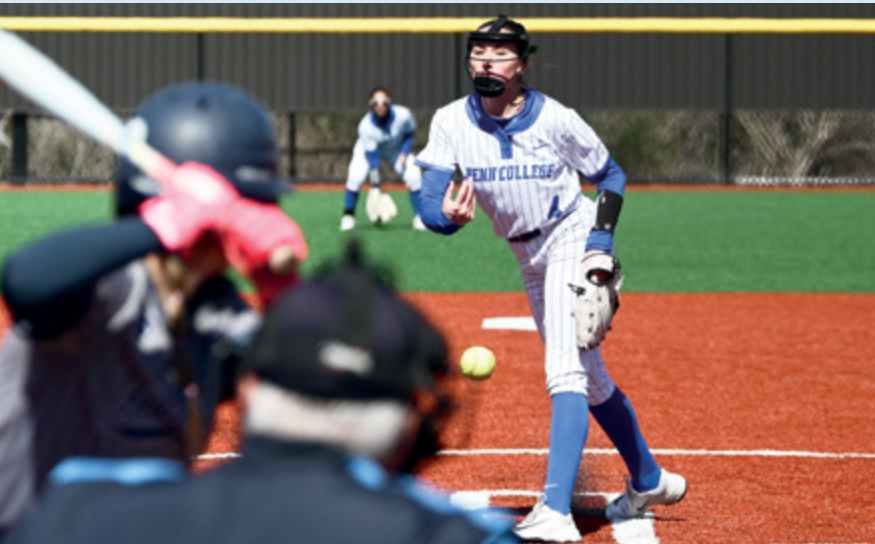
Penn College set a new single-season wins record, finishing 20-7 overall and 11-2 in United East Conference play, and advanced to the conference semifinals for the second time in four years. It was the first time in 20 years the program produced three all-conference selections (**Gigi Parlante '28**, first team; **Breana Valentine '28**, second team; and **Kayla Herzer '28**, third team), in the same season. **Mia Patterson '26** earned the United East Elite 21 Award, presented to the student-athlete with the highest GPA competing in the conference semifinal round.



Breana Valentine '28

SOFTBALL

The Wildcats' 34-9 season set a new wins record, and the team earned the program's first NCAA Championship victory with a 4-0 win over Lebanon Valley. Penn College reached its third consecutive NCAA Regional as the United East Conference representative. **Mackenzi Tice '28**, **Payton Crawford '28** and **Ryleigh Rinker '28** earned National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region Second Team honors. Tice, Rinker, Crawford, **Taylor Brown '29**, **Sofia Mileto '29** and **Astyn Calaman '28** received United East All-Conference recognition. Tice was named Conference Pitcher of the Year and joined Rinker, Crawford, Brown and Mileto on the first team, while Calaman earned third-team honors. Tice and Brown were also named to the NCAA Alliance, Ohio Regional All-Tournament Team.



Mackenzi Tice '28

MEN'S LACROSSE

Penn College finished conference runner-up for the third consecutive season and the fourth time in the program's six varsity seasons. Head coach Jordan Williams earned United East Coach of the Year honors after leading the Wildcats to a program-best 14-5 record. **Elliot Dotson '28** was named Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season, while **Ryder Palubinski '29** earned Rookie of the Year honors. Dotson and Palubinski were joined on the all-conference first team by **Owen Kupsey '28**, **Aidan McFalls '27**, **Will Ehret '27**, **Ben Malarkey '26** and **Ryan Twist '27**. **Tyler Diffenderfer '28**, **Jake Small '27**, **Ian Stambaugh '27** and **Antonio Santora '28** earned second-team honors.

GOLF

For the fourth consecutive season, the Wildcats captured the United East Conference Championship and advanced to the NCAA Division III Championships. **Gunner Redmond '26** became the program's third four-time all-conference honoree after finishing runner-up at the conference championships, while **Chase Dillman '29** and **Brady Handy '27** earned second-team honors.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

For the second straight season, both the men's and women's tennis programs qualified for the United East Conference playoffs. The men's team set a new single-season wins record with an 8-7 overall mark and 5-2 conference record.

The women's team finished 6-3 in conference play. **Faith Murray '27** and **Kiera Wene '29** earned United East All-Conference honors. Murray set the program's single-season singles wins record with a 14-4 mark, while Wene finished 13-5 overall. **Lauren Peck '26** earned the United East Elite 21 Award for posting the highest GPA among student-athletes competing in the conference semifinal round.



Elliot Dotson '28



Penn College Golf



Faith Murray '27



All in the Family

NINE SETS OF SIBLINGS COMPETE ON PENN COLLEGE'S ATHLETICS TEAMS

by Matt J. Blymier, assistant director of athletics for compliance and athletics communication

ASK ANY COACH about the foundation of their program, and the word “family” will likely come up quickly as a defining pillar of their team. For five athletics programs at Penn College, “family” became reality as nine sets of siblings competed as Wildcats last year.

Brooke and Sierra Klinger, from Klingerstown, and Ava and Gianna Gamble, of Shamokin Dam, were members of the women’s soccer program; Chase and Kane Wright, from Williamsport, and twins Charlie and Benny Hornburg, of Pittsburgh, played on the baseball team; and Eliza and Owen Newcomer, from Newell, are members of the women’s and men’s basketball programs.

Men’s lacrosse boasted four sets of brothers with A.J. and Elliot Dotson, of Wilmington, Delaware; Brody and Levi Borkowski, of Eagleville; Antonio and Marcello Santora, of Haskell, New Jersey; and twins Jake and Charlie Monsell, of Pittstown, New Jersey.

“We never set out to recruit all of these brothers,” said men’s lacrosse head coach Jordan Williams, who has coached seven sets of brothers in his five seasons. “I think it’s a testament to the college, the athletics department and the program because the younger brothers saw how much their older brothers enjoyed their time here.”

THE LACROSSE BROTHERS

Whether they’ll admit it or not, older brothers are usually role models for their younger brothers. They are the ones trailblazing a path as they navigate life on their own and become a compass for their little brothers. The academic and athletic experience of A.J., Brody and Marcello gave a firsthand look to Elliot, Levi and Antonio, and sometimes the strongest recruiting tool is hearing about a college experience from someone you trust most.

“A.J. played a huge part in me coming to school,” said Elliot Dotson, who, like his brother, is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in residential construction technology & management.

“When he would talk about his classes and all the hands-on labs, I realized that I wanted to do the same thing since he had such a good experience.

“I would not have come to Penn College if my brother had not come here first. I was able to see the special culture through his experience, and hearing how close the team and coaches were played a big part in my decision.” ▶▶

Four sets of brothers played on the 2026 Wildcat lacrosse team. From left: Jake Monsell, Marcello Santora, Antonio Santora, Brody Borkowski, A.J. Dotson, Charlie Monsell, Elliot Dotson and Levi Borkowski.



Brooke Klinger (left) is not shy about her love for Penn College, making an impression on sister Sierra.



Soccer sisters Gianna (left) and Ava Gamble.



SOCCKER SISTERS

Sierra (business administration) and Gianna (undecided) were watching and listening. They saw how much their older sisters, Brooke and Ava, loved Penn College and witnessed the success they were having on the field. They heard how happy their sisters were as members of the soccer team and how Penn College's hands-on curriculum was preparing them for the real world. Brooke (dental hygiene) and Ava (human services & restorative justice) knew they were being watched and understood they could be an influence on their younger sisters' college decisions.

"My love for Penn College radiates, and anyone who has ever met me knows that I feel Penn College is the perfect school," said Brooke Klinger, who graduated in May. "I cannot speak highly enough about Penn College or the amazing experience I had during my time there. My younger sister saw my love for the school and the women's soccer team, and she wanted to experience that for herself."

YOUNGER BROTHER'S INFLUENCE

Kane Wright was done playing baseball. He was strictly a student during his first two years at Penn College. When his younger brother, Chase, made the decision to attend Penn College and join the baseball team, that stoked a fire in Kane.

"I missed the camaraderie and competitiveness of playing on a baseball team," explained Kane, who completed an associate degree in building construction technology before enrolling in the emergency management & homeland security major. Chase, too, is pursuing a bachelor's in emergency management & homeland security. "I decided to pick up my glove in hopes of playing alongside my little brother again. Chase definitely had a role in motivating me to play the sport I love one last time."



Baseball bros: Kane (left) and Chase Wright.



Women's basketball forward Eliza Newcomer convinced brother Owen, a guard on the men's basketball team, to join her at Penn College.

"I was constantly hearing great stuff about the school, the team and the people at Penn College."

LITTLE SISTER'S IMPACT

Eliza Newcomer (human services & restorative justice) found her perfect fit when she chose Penn College and was a member of the volleyball and basketball programs while her older brother, Owen (business administration), was seeking the same experience as he attended three different schools over three years. After Eliza "nagged him one more time about coming to Penn College," Owen finally listened to his little sister.

"I was constantly hearing great stuff about the school, the team and the people at Penn College," Owen remembered. "I don't think I would've been here if it weren't for Eliza coming here. I'm extremely grateful we're both here."

Twin infielders Benny (left) and Charlie Hornburg.



TWINNING

There's a little disagreement between Charlie (industrial design) and Benny (graphic design) Hornburg on whether they always planned to attend the same college: Charlie says yes, Benny says not originally – classic twins. Lacrosse players Jake (residential construction technology & management) and Charlie (on-site power generation technology) Monsell had no plans to attend the same college together. What all agreed on, however, was that Penn College offered each of them the academic and athletic experiences they were seeking in an institution.

"We were both looking for the right balance of academics and athletics," Benny explained. "Penn College just happened to offer exactly what we both wanted, and being recruited to the same team made the choice a little bit easier." ■

Baseball's two sets of brothers (from left): Benny Hornburg, Kane Wright, Charlie Hornburg and Chase Wright.



Transforming care in Liberia

Radiography alum's winding career path leads to Africa

by Adrienne Wertz, news writer; photos courtesy of John Zentz



John Zentz, a 1994 Penn College radiography graduate, demonstrates ultrasound equipment to medical professionals at Fayia Medical Clinic in Liberia, where one in 10 women dies of pregnancy complications.

JOHN ZENTZ HAD ONE GOAL when he decided to study radiography at Pennsylvania College of Technology more than 20 years ago: support and raise a family. The 1994 alum succeeded in meeting his mission – but with one small twist. His journey has extended beyond just his own family. Instead, he's reaching thousands. Zentz's career as an ultrasound applications specialist has opened doors to serve in developing countries, where the need for ultrasound equipment, and the training to use it, is significant.

Zentz's story began like that of many other high school students – with a change of plans. Although he was living with his father in North Augusta, South Carolina, at the time of his graduation, it was during a visit with his mother in Danville that he decided to attend college in Pennsylvania. X-ray school was his calling, and life beyond being a staff radiographer was not on his radar. But as is often the case, life had other plans.

THE BEGINNING

Zentz graduated from Penn College in the middle of a major upheaval in the healthcare industry. Full-time jobs were few and far between for a couple of years, and although he was working on an as-needed basis at Muncy Valley Hospital (now UPMC Muncy), he was unable to convert to full-time employment, so he headed back to South Carolina. Jobs there were scarce, too, so Zentz expanded his search to include nondestructive testing, a path that included doing X-ray, ultrasound, dye penetrant and magnetic flux testing in industrial settings all over the Southeast.

"NDT work was an amazing experience," he said. "I got to inspect pipelines and boilers and watched as power plants were being built, along with a whole side of industry that most of us don't even know exists. It was tough work and kept us on the road constantly, but I still consider it an important part of my education and part of who I am."

After about a year, an X-ray job in Nashville opened, and Zentz spent the next few years working nights and weekends in operating and emergency rooms and performing portable X-rays.

"Working the night shift and weekends was the best place to be in a large hospital," he said. "I got to spend significant amounts of time in the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit), various other ICUs and the OR, along with working trauma as it came in. There was never a dull moment!"

THE SHIFT

Zentz decided the nightlife was no longer a viable option when his family began to grow. He took advantage of an increasing need for sonographers at the same healthcare facility and enrolled in an ultrasound class, graduating two years later from Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tennessee, with an ultrasound certificate. He passed the boards and the rest, as he recalled, is a blur.

"My family grew up, and my job duties changed from hospitals to clinics and outpatient centers, where I was able to combine my X-ray and ultrasound credentials in the interventional suite," he said. "I eventually ended up as a lab manager at a large vascular lab covering eight locations around middle Tennessee. Burnout was the ▶▶



Some of the nurses who received ultrasound training while Zentz was in Liberia gather for a photo. They came from multiple clinics and hospitals.



Medical professionals gain experience using ultrasound equipment at Nancy Fayia Medical Clinic in Liberia.

"Eighty percent of our children in the orphanage home are here now because their mothers died in childbirth. Many of the deaths could be prevented through ultrasound screening and proper antenatal healthcare."

order of the day, and I was heading face first into it at full throttle.”

It was after receiving a call about becoming an ultrasound applications specialist that things started to shift for Zentz. The company was a multi-manufacturer vendor, and he loved the challenge of learning all the brands and models. The owner of the company had a passion for mission work and donated as many machines as he could for use in medical facilities in other countries.

“The company was purchased by Probo Medical, the company I am currently employed by as an ultrasound applications specialist,” he said. “Fortunately, this much larger company has the same passion for mission and charity work, and they have helped support and encourage my trips.”

THE MISSION

Zentz’s first overseas ultrasound mission trip was to Mongolia. For two weeks, he set up and trained locals on ultrasound machines that were donated for use at four clinics in the capital city, Ulaanbaatar, and one in the Gobi Desert.

“It was an amazing experience, and I would love to get back out there someday,” he said.

But others were in need, and they were calling. Four ultrasound machines were donated through PreBorn!, a nonprofit organization that supports life-affirming pregnancy clinics, to the Nancy Fayia Medical Clinic, located outside of the capital city of Monrovia in Liberia. The facility is run by Hope and Care for Children Inc., which supports humanitarian and Christian outreach work in Liberia, and its story is much like Zentz’s, gaining

impact as it develops.

Linda Kurtz, executive director of Hope and Care for Children and the U.S.-based Hope and Care Outreach, played an integral role in the formation of the clinic.

Kurtz began with building a home for war orphans through Faith Community Lutheran Church and Schools, where she was a staff member. As the facility grew, she saw the need for education and built an on-site K-12 school for the orphans and surrounding village. The healthcare clinic came next, and it is staffed every hour of every day with nurses who also are certified midwives. They deliver several babies each week in addition to offering other medical care.

“One of the huge problems in Liberia is the maternal and infant mortality rate,” Zentz said. “Currently one in 10 women in Liberia dies as a complication of pregnancy. We are trying to combat that statistic, which is unheard of here in the U.S. Part of the answer is ultrasound. (Kurtz) was able to secure two ultrasound machines through Mission PreBorn! The machines that PreBorn! sent were sourced through my company, Probo. That is how it got around to me.”

The donation of equipment was a big step for the clinic, but there was just one problem: No one knew how to use it.

“Phone and internet coverage is very scarce, and attempts to train the local nurses remotely failed,” Zentz said. “They decided that the only way they would be able to put the machines to use was to have someone come out and do the training in person. My reputation for being adventurous and willing to do the hard stuff

got out. My name came up as someone who may be willing to tackle it, and a couple months later, I was on an airplane.”

In March of 2025, Zentz took his first trip to Liberia, where he quickly learned that there are no ultrasound schools and no good means for anyone to learn. The initial training had been as successful as possible given the length of time available.

“We decided it was good, but not enough,” he said. “That trip was very successful, and the machines were put to use over the next year, taking care of many women and (their) children who were delivered at the clinic.”

Zentz and his team spent the remainder of the year developing plans to start a more formalized ultrasound training program for medical professionals who could then put the technology to use saving lives. With the help of individual donors, HCO, Probo Medical and PreBorn!, Zentz put together a longer visit with the goal of teaching an Introduction to Ultrasound course.

THE IMPACT

Over the course of two weeks, Jan. 24 through Feb. 8, Zentz trained 12 physicians and nurses from hospitals and clinics throughout the region and the Ministry of Health with nothing more than donated textbooks, a chalkboard and handwritten notes.

The first day of class was spent going over the fundamentals of ultrasound and overviewing the anatomy and pathologies of the organ systems they would be scanning. Zentz said

the lecture portion of the training went much faster than typical due to the nature of the trainees – all established medical professionals with a solid foundation of anatomy and physiology. Scanning began on the second day, and thanks to radio advertising, an outpouring of locals gave the technicians plenty of learning opportunities.

“We had two exam beds set up for us to scan patients, and those beds stayed full every day for the rest of the two weeks,” he said. “By the end of the training, we had scanned over 300 individual patients, many of whom ended up with multiple exams. For those unfamiliar with ultrasound exams, that is a lot of patients. A quick exam usually takes about 30 minutes, with many exams taking an hour or more. Couple that with the fact that these were ultrasound students who had minimal to no experience with ultrasound before we started, and those numbers are truly amazing. We worked very hard for long hours and squeezed as much as we could into the two weeks we had available.”

Some of the patients were sent for follow-up evaluation or with instructions on next steps. Zentz credits the qualified physicians in the room as a huge help in assisting with the aftercare of patients.

“The nurses and staff I spent time with on my last trip were amazing,” he said. “They are hardworking and smart, absorbing an incredible amount of information and putting it to practice to help save lives. The students are as passionate about the mission as I am. Without their ►►

ONE DISCIPLINE, MANY PATHS

John Zentz thought he had a plan:

1. Earn a degree in radiography at Pennsylvania College of Technology. 2. Become a staff radiographer. 3. Support a family. He was successful, graduating in 1994 and working as a radiographer – a role that he said he wouldn’t hesitate to fill again, if needed.

Little did Zentz know that a two-year degree in radiography was opening a door to multiple career pathways; specifically, for him, sonography and nondestructive testing.

“John is the perfect example of where a career in radiography can take you,” said Christine L. Eckenrod, Penn College’s director of radiography. “Many people think of taking X-rays of broken bones or of the chest when someone has lung disease, but it is so much more than that. Making his way to nondestructive testing is unique, as there is no requirement to be a radiographer since the imaging is not on humans, and it is a pathway not many radiographers would think of. To be able to take his skills and implement them across career fields is inspirational.”

The possibilities for radiography graduates are endless, she added, with most starting in radiography as a technologist and later branching into CT, MRI and interventional radiology with on-the-job training and continuing education. Other options (with additional education) include ultrasound, radiation therapy, dosimetry, nuclear medicine and radiologist assistant.

“Graduates are eligible for jobs with the state and federal radiation protection agencies, manufacturers of radiology equipment, professional organizations, higher education and so much more,” Eckenrod said. “If students have a love for science and a desire to help others and make a difference in patients’ lives, then this is the career for them.”

For those wishing to use X-ray technology in the industrial setting, as Zentz did when medical imaging work was unavailable, Penn College offers an associate degree in nondestructive testing.

Nondestructive testing techniques are used by certified inspectors to identify defects in welded joints before they fail. Throughout Penn College’s two-year degree, students earn essential hours toward American Society of Non-Destructive Testing certification. Coursework covers

radiation safety, radiographic testing, ultrasonic testing and welding for NDT.

Although Zentz’s story is not typical of someone with a radiography degree, welding instructor Michael J. Nau said radiology (the interpretation of medical images) and X-ray (the capturing of medical images) is the same in the medical field as it is in an industrial setting.

“X-raying legs, arms and metal welds is very similar,” he said. “A crack in a bone will look similar to a crack in a weld. We are looking for areas that have cracks or holes in a weld or other things that could have been put there by the welding process.”

Nau said students should consider adding NDT to their academic journeys because it opens doors that they may not see early on.

“Most every weld made in industry needs to be inspected,” he said. “Whether that is just a visual test or X-ray for a look at the internal makeup of the weld, NDT needs to be done somewhere along the way. Having a background in NDT will give them more opportunities to select from upon graduation.”



A student in Penn College’s nondestructive testing major uses ultrasound technology to detect flaws in a weld.

hard work and drive, everything I am doing is worthless. I am providing the one little piece that they can't get; they are doing the rest."

The training, he added, was a huge success. Zentz regularly receives questions from some of the trainees about their findings. He said it is rewarding to see the medical professionals putting their skills to use.

"My goal in Liberia is to create something that is self-sustaining," he said. "It is not tenable to keep going out to train small groups. What I want is to create the next generation of educators who will go on to teach these skills to more people. This can be a force multiplier. By focusing on a small number of highly motivated professionals, I am planting the seeds for something that will continue long after I am unable to travel out there. As a sonographer, I can touch eight to 15 lives per day with my work. As a trainer of sonographers, I can touch thousands of lives every day."

But, as Kurtz said, Zentz's impact doesn't stop in the present day.

"He is changing the future of the medical field in Liberia," she said. "He trained people from the Ministry of Health, who oversee all of Liberia's medical facilities and healthcare professionals. He trained doctors at the largest teaching hospital in Liberia. This is truly life changing. My heart breaks for Liberia. Eighty percent of our children in the orphanage home are here now because their mothers died in childbirth. Many of the deaths could be prevented through ultrasound screening and proper antenatal healthcare."

Zentz (back row, in striped shirt and hat) poses with the medical professionals who worked with him to learn how to use ultrasound equipment. Several participants gave short speeches expressing their gratitude, and Zentz was presented with the shirt and hat. "It has to be placed on you by a high-ranking person in their society and makes you an honorary member of high social status," he explained.



WHAT'S NEXT?

There are big things on the horizon for continued expansions in Liberia. Hope and Care for Children recently secured a donation for building and opening a college. The organization aims to start with medical and trade skills and hopes to have the only ultrasound program in the country within a couple of years.

"Our goal is multifaceted and ambitious," Kurtz said. "I would say next on our list is to establish a university in Liberia, where we can offer excellent education at an affordable cost. It is challenging to find excellence, especially in the health and educational sectors. Our goal is to add Hope Lutheran Technical University, which we hope will include a sonography school. The university will also have business and education colleges and a few technical skills such as tailoring, mechanics, electric and plumbing. Corruption and a destroyed infrastructure keep the masses in a constant state of vulnerability."

Zentz and his wife reside in Spring Hill, Tennessee. They have three children: a son, who serves in the Air Force and resides in North Dakota, and two daughters, who live close enough to visit. His wife, he said, "holds down the fort and is the rock I rely on to keep me grounded and sane when work pulls me all over creation." ■



Flag **FACTS**

AS THE U.S. CELEBRATES ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY, here are a few facts about the impressive flag that stands at the college's main entrance as a symbol for those on campus and all who can spot it from the surrounding area.

- ◆ The flag is 30 feet by 60 feet.
- ◆ It hangs from a 120-foot pole.
- ◆ The average lifespan of each flag is about four months, depending on weather conditions, before it requires repair.
- ◆ While Penn College maintains the flag, it does not belong to the college. It was added to the campus as part of a Flags Across America initiative spearheaded by the late Anthony L. DiSalvo, who was looking for a prominent place in the community to display "Old Glory." A permanent fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania provides for the flag's perpetual care.
- ◆ Among the most loyal supporters of the flag have been children attending Little Treasures Preschool.
- ◆ The flag has its own poem. Local resident May R. Francis was moved to write "Ode to the Flag" in November 2000 (the same month the flag was first unfurled):
*From my window
I can see
The symbol of our Liberty.
The (College) flag is flying high
A splash of color in the sky.
It sends a message far and wide
Stirring up our national pride.
When all the morning damps are past,
The flag hangs restless on the mast.
Come, west wind and set it free.
Lift it high so all may see
This symbol of Our Liberty!*



by Katie Bell, vice president for strategic marketing & communications

Mixing a passion for baking and pastry arts, a love for Disney and a commitment to serving others can be a recipe for career success. And this is the exact formula Corrina Blose '21 (baking & pastry arts) and '22 (applied management) has followed to start her career. Blose serves as a pastry cook 1 for The Walt Disney Co., sharing her baking skills with guests at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida.

Ingredients for Success

PASSION FOR BAKING

Originally from Coplay, Blose's love for baking started at a young age.

"Growing up, I really enjoyed baking with my family," she said, adding that she has core memories of baking tasty treats in her aunt's kitchen.

That love led her to look for colleges that offered baking and pastry arts programs. Pennsylvania College of Technology was an obvious choice.

"I liked the mixture of different degrees, along with the location," Blose shared.

She appreciated the variety of hands-on programs that Penn College offered, creating a diverse culture and network of students.

A BLEND OF HANDS-ON SKILLS AND COURAGE

Beyond the comprehensive, hands-on curriculum offered in baking & pastry arts, Blose's two campus tours solidified her decision to attend Penn College.

"On my second tour, Chef Charles (Niedermeyer) actually remembered me," she said.

She was impressed with the instructor's ability to recognize her, especially given how many students the school hosts for campus visits.

She spoke fondly of lab experiences in the baking & pastry arts program, emphasizing that hands-on learning and real-time problem solving still influence her work today. Blose reflected on the challenges of creating chocolate sculptures in the labs.

"I remember breaking them a lot and having to figure out a different way to make them," she said.

Blose took advantage of the opportunity to add credentials during her time at Penn College, earning an applied management bachelor's degree in 2022. Noting that she is shy by nature, Blose shared that her business and public speaking classes helped build her confidence and critical thinking skills while empowering her to advocate for herself and ask questions with courage.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE: TWO KENTUCKY DERBY INTERNSHIPS

In addition to her hands-on baking lab experiences, Blose earned

Corrina Blose, a pastry cook at Walt Disney World, pauses on her day off for a photo in front of the park's iconic Cinderella Castle. The baking & pastry arts (2021) and applied management (2022) grad produces desserts and baked goods for several Magic Kingdom eateries.

"The Blooming Rose," one of Blose's favorite dishes to make. The dessert is served in the Be Our Guest Restaurant, in Magic Kingdom's Fantasyland.



the opportunity to go to the Kentucky Derby two times while she was a student.

"I was really happy when I was selected," she said.

She prepared food for Kentucky Derby guests at two locations – the Main Kitchen during her first year, and at The Mansion, a premier luxury suite at Churchill Downs, during her second year. Blose's experience included not only preparing dishes, but also serving food to guests. She noted that one of the head Derby chefs spoke highly of her to Niedermeyer, further reinforcing her confidence.

"I wish I could go back to the Derby," she reflected. Blose appreciated learning more about culinary skills and high-volume production, which she feels increased her competitiveness as a cast member candidate with The Walt Disney Co.

LOVE FOR DISNEY

Like her interest in baking, Blose's love for Disney started at a young age.

"When I was growing up, my family vacationed in Walt Disney World almost every year," she shared.

She also attended dance tournaments at Walt Disney World while in high school. During those visits, she decided she may want to work there someday.

"It looked like the cast members really enjoyed their jobs," she said.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND LEARNING

Blose embodies commitment to service and learning through her strong work ethic and willingness to try new things. From learning and problem solving in her baking labs at Penn College to doing what was necessary to support two successful Kentucky Derby events, her dedication and determination did not go unnoticed.

"Chef Charles definitely saw me," she said, noting that he would reassure her regularly with a "you got this" when they were in class, labs or at an event.

Career Directions

Step 1 THE DISNEY COLLEGE PROGRAM - CULINARY

When Blose started her job search, The Walt Disney Co. was a logical place to look. Although she really wanted a baking





Above: Décor in the Be Our Guest Restaurant, based on the Beast's castle in "Beauty and the Beast." Below: The Grey Stuff cupcake – also a nod to "Beauty and the Beast."



and pastry role, Disney did not have any openings at that time. However, the company was impressed with her hands-on lab skills and real-world experience with the Derby, offering her a Disney College Program culinary position as cook 2.

"I worked most of the Disney festivals," she shared.

EPCOT Center at Walt Disney World is known for its growing list of festivals throughout the year. From Festival of the Arts (January to February) and the International Flower and Garden Festival (March to June), to the International Food & Wine Festival (September to late November) and Festival of the Holidays (late November to December), these events celebrate various seasonal themes and highlight unique food experiences.

"For the festivals, we worked in the production kitchens and served food at the kiosks," Blose explained.

Or, in Disney terminology, Blose worked both backstage (supporting the "magic" behind the scenes in the kitchens) and on-stage (interacting with and serving guests).

Disney is well known for using entertainment and show business language in place of traditional corporate terms, which reinforces company culture and a focus on the guest experience.

For instance, Blose is considered a "cast member" versus an employee. She serves "guests" versus customers, and her work attire is a "costume" versus a uniform.

Blose complimented her stage managers – supervisors – for their willingness to teach her additional culinary skills.

"They were very nice and taught me. I told them I didn't have much culinary experience, and they were very good at helping me," she said.

Step 2 NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE BAKING OPPORTUNITY

While she enjoyed her culinary role supporting EPCOT festivals, Blose's passion in baking and pastry arts led her to explore a position outside of Disney – and out onto open seas with Norwegian Cruise Line as a pastry chef on the Pride of America ship, which offers Hawaiian sailing itineraries from its home port of Honolulu.

"This was the first main pastry job I had," Blose said. The experience offered her high-volume production in both restaurant and buffet settings.

"I was mostly doing plating, so I got to learn a lot of these techniques," she said.

Some of the desserts Blose created on Pride of America included crème brûlée, chocolate lava cake and Black Forest cake.

"We definitely had a lot of prep," she explained. "Before service time, we would have a whole line of plates ready to go, and in a few minutes, they were all gone. So, the whole time we were serving and prepping more."

The service was constant, as is the work for a cruise line's employees, since cruises depart back-to-back with minimal downtime for workers.

After a year, Blose decided to take a much-needed break, but not before she was recognized with the Vacation Hero Award, thanks to a nomination by one of Norwegian's chefs for exceptional guest service. This honor is only presented to two employees in each work area, further showcasing her commitment to her craft.

Blose headed home for a couple months to recharge. And during that downtime, her next career opportunity presented itself, enhancing her recipe for career success.

Step 3 BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS AT DISNEY

In March 2025, a Disney pastry role finally opened, allowing Blose to live out the current chapter of her dream job as a pastry cook 1. In her role, she produces breakfast and dessert creations for Magic Kingdom restaurants and quick-service kiosks.

Her shifts usually include nontraditional work hours: either 12:30 to 9 a.m., or 4 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., as well as floating station responsibilities, depending on the day and what is needed. Blose enjoys the variety of work for which she is responsible.

"It's typically five different stations per shift, and each station is in charge of a specific dessert or item," she explained. The chef's assistant designates responsibilities for each shift.

For example, on her 12:30 a.m. shift, Blose is usually preparing breakfast pastries, such as bubble bread for the Lunching Pad, Ooey Goopy Toffee Cake for Liberty Tree Tavern, and warm cinnamon rolls and crème brûlée croissants for Gaston's Tavern. This shift group also prepares batters for either the next shift to finish or for their shift to complete the next day.

On Blose's 4 a.m. shift, the team focuses on non-breakfast items, such as the Blooming Rose for the Be Our Guest Restaurant and The Grey Stuff Cupcake for Gaston's Tavern.

The Grey Stuff Cupcake (a nod to a line in the "Beauty and the Beast" song "Be Our Guest") features a chocolate cupcake topped with "The Grey Stuff," a cookies-and-cream-flavored whipped frosting, and garnished with crispy pearls and a red sugar rose.

"It's delicious," Blose said.

(Don't believe her? Ask the dishes.)

The Blooming Rose is Blose's favorite to prepare. It is a beautiful dessert in the shape of a rose, featuring a mousse inspired by The Grey Stuff, with a chocolate cake layer bottom and a green icing stem, symbolizing the enchanted rose in "Beauty and the Beast." The dessert is served as part of a multi-course meal experience in the Beast's Castle. Its creation is a multi-shift endeavor.

"When we make The Grey Stuff mousse, we melt chocolate and then whisk in the other ingredients to incorporate," she explained. "We pour the mousse into rose-shaped molds and then top it with chocolate cake."

The thin chocolate cake layer creates a tasty base for removal of the rose from the mold. Blose's shift places roses in the freezer to cool and set. Once set, the next shift removes the roses from the molds, sprays them with red cocoa butter and dusts the tops with shimmery gold sprinkles. The team then plates the individual roses for serving, piping a sweet green stem onto each plate.

Recipe Notes

CONTRIBUTING TO THE GUEST EXPERIENCE

Disney is known for creating memorable, exceptional guest experiences. Food served in Disney Parks plays a starring role, and Blose is proud to contribute to that guest experience.

Blose explained the importance of presentation and consistency

in her team's creations: "We try to make sure everything is the same, so every guest has the same experience."

Another element of the on-stage guest experience is maintaining much of the food preparation in a backstage setting. Many of these locations are "hidden in plain sight."

For example, Blose's main kitchens are behind Tomorrowland Terrace and underneath the Be Our Guest Restaurant in Magic Kingdom. These locations enable teams to transport items discreetly, safely and efficiently to their serving destinations, thus maintaining a show-focused guest experience.

EMBRACING THE CAST MEMBER CULTURE

Blose thoroughly enjoys being a Disney cast member and working with her colleagues.

"The people really keep me going, especially during the holiday season. We are usually doing our regular production plus special holiday preparations," she reflected, explaining that everyone jumps in to help get the work done.

That collaborative approach is central to everything the team achieves and reflect's Walt Disney's belief: "Whatever we accomplish is due to the combined effort."

Her Next Course

As Blose progresses in her career, she hopes her next course will include becoming a trainer, allowing her to share her recipe for success with future cast members.

Until then, Blose invites you to "be her guest" and enjoy some of her sweet creations in Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. ■

Put her service to the test

Enjoy Blose's creations at the following Magic Kingdom locations:

TOMORROWLAND

Lunching Pad – bubble bread
Tomorrowland Terrace Fireworks Dessert Party – cookies and brownies

FANTASYLAND

Be Our Guest Restaurant – Blooming Rose and crème brûlée tart
Cinderella's Royal Table – Jac and Gus Cheesecake (cheesecake that looks like a wedge of cheese)
Gaston's Tavern – crème brûlée croissant, The Grey Stuff Cupcake and warm cinnamon roll
The Friar's Nook – apple cider donuts

MAIN STREET, U.S.A.

Crystal Palace – coconut flan
Tony's Town Square Restaurant – tiramisu

LIBERTY SQUARE

Liberty Tree Tavern – Ooey Goopy Toffee Cake

FRONTIERLAND

Pecos Bill Tall Tale Inn & Café – sweet corn mousse

A Habitat for Humanity house on Fifth Avenue, built largely by students in Penn College building construction; concrete science; electrical construction; heating, ventilation & air conditioning; and heavy equipment operator majors, is ready to welcome a family.



Raising more than Walls

Students build home on former problem property

by Jennifer A. Cline, college editor

In September 2024, barely a month into their first semester, residential construction technology & management students Nick DeRemer and Jared Wilks joined their peers in Site Preparation & Layout classes to trek from Pennsylvania College of Technology's Carl Building Technologies Center to an empty lot a few blocks north, where, under the guidance of their instructors, they put their budding knowledge to work to stake out the dimensions of a house.

Two days later, officials gathered on the Fifth Avenue property to officially break ground on the site, marking the beginning of a two-year endeavor between the college and Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity to build an efficient, accessible home.

The Site Preparation & Layout students were the first of more than 20 classes that would relocate their learning from labs to the site.

The day after groundbreaking, heavy equipment operator technology students dug a footer. The following week, students in the Concrete Construction class poured the footer. By the time the project wrapped up in Spring 2026, the parade of students who gained real-world experience on the project numbered 132.

Serving as the college's construction supervisor at the site

was Garret L. Graff, assistant professor of building construction technology, who said he had often wanted to collaborate with Habitat in a larger capacity. (The college has worked on smaller projects for Habitat since the local affiliate began operating in 1989.) When Ellyn A. Lester was named assistant dean of construction and architectural technologies in 2021, Graff shared his vision with her.

Lester then approached Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity, and when she was invited to speak at the organization's Fall 2021 fundraiser, she initiated a conversation with Habitat Executive Director Duane Hershberger, Williamsport Mayor Derek Slaughter and Patrick Marty, the college's chief government and international relations officer.

In 2023, with plans to build a home in the works, the college donated the Fifth Avenue lot to Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity. The college had purchased the site in 2015 at the urging of the Lycoming County district attorney and demolished a former tavern that the DA's office had deemed a "nuisance bar" and shut down. The land, once considered a problem property, was set for transformation.

Besides taking part in the site's layout, DeRemer, of Cogan



Station, and Wilks, of Robbinsville, New Jersey, helped to install and pour an insulated concrete form foundation, pour and finish the concrete floor slab, build and sheathe the exterior walls, build the roof, install shingles, and trim windows and doorways inside the home.

"Being involved in so many stages gave me a better understanding of the full building process and how each part connects to the next," said DeRemer, who spoke during a ceremony to dedicate the house. "I had the opportunity to work with other students and learn different techniques from our instructors."

Among them, Wilks described, was building a roof over the home's side door.

"It required a challenging equation, and I hadn't practiced the roof framing technique in the lab," Wilks said. "But Barney (A. Kahn IV, instructor of building construction technology) did a great job of telling us what to do and how to do it, so the roof turned out great."

Also working through real-world problems were heating, ventilation & air conditioning classes that installed and tuned a heat pump, duct work and an energy recovery ventilator – giving the home its "lungs."

Electrical construction students wired the home and installed the main electrical panel. Other classes laid the foundation for a side porch; poured a concrete driveway, steps and sidewalk; hung siding; and installed flooring. Before ground was broken, architectural technology students participated by proposing energy-efficient designs for the site. And when the home was dedicated, landscape/plant production technology students assisted officials in planting a crab apple tree, grown from bare root by a Containerized Plant Production class, to symbolize the new roots that will be established by the house's future residents.

"Although it was sometimes challenging to align the college's



Residential construction technology & management students Cassandra Guiffre and Nick DeRemer take measurements as they mark the boundaries for the home.



Students in a Concrete Construction class pour the home's footer.



Shanya M. Allen, a building construction technology student, taps a second course of insulated concrete forms to interlock with the first.



coursework with Habitat’s construction process, it was definitely worth it in the end,” Lester, a driving force for the collaboration, said. “Every moment the students spent on site was valuable, from weather challenges to time shortages, to redoing installations that were problematic. They loved working on a ‘real-world’ project and can be proud to

share their experiences with others in years to come when they return for alumni events. The tree we planted will show the passage of time!”

Industry partners worked with classes at the site to share expertise in installing insulated concrete forms, working with a concrete pump to fill the forms, and installing windows.

The project “improved my technical skills, but just as importantly, it strengthened my communication and teamwork skills,” DeRemer said. “On a real jobsite, things don’t always go as planned, and we definitely had moments where we had to stop, rethink and adjust. Working through those challenges with my peers taught me how to problem solve, manage time and stay focused on the end goal.”

“Working on this project was better than working in the lab because we were taught the building techniques in class then had the opportunity to apply them to building the home,” Wilks said. “Everyone who worked on the home could see their efforts in building the home in real time.”

Moving their teaching from the controlled environment of labs to the house called for extra effort from faculty – who were not required to have their classes participate.

“The most challenging part of this building was aligning each phase of construction based on the typical sequencing of classroom instruction,” Graff said. “There was some lag time in some phases, meaning some construction processes needed to finish before others could start. Our instructors bought into the

project and worked through those problems quite well. Some instructors flip-flopped instruction to cover topics sooner in the semester to keep the process in motion at the site.”

The college donated “consumable” construction materials that are typically used in the lab – but cannot be reused – such as paint, tile, etc., to the Habitat build, and the General Services department helped with a variety of tasks. Habitat, whose construction supervisors during the project were Penn College residential construction technology & management alumni Andy Hamelly ’07 and Greg Neal ’25, oversaw the construction and arranged for additional services and materials.

Lycoming County commissioners allocated \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to help purchase construction materials, and the city allowed use of an adjacent city-owned property for equipment and materials storage.

The project is particularly meaningful as Pennsylvania and much of the nation face a housing shortage. As a result, the cost of rent and homeownership continue to rise. According to the state’s Department of Community and Economic Development – which toured the project as it neared completion – more than 1 million households in Pennsylvania are spending over 30% of their income on housing, and less housing is available for those with low income.

“Housing is one of the main issues that we deal with here in Williamsport, Lycoming County, and across the country,” said Mayor Slaughter, noting that the collaboration among the city, county, college and Habitat will become a blueprint for many communities.

For 50 years, Habitat for Humanity has been at the forefront in providing affordable housing. The Fifth Avenue home is the 60th completed by the nonprofit’s local affiliate.

“That’s 60 families whose lives have been changed and 60 examples of what can happen when a community works together,” said Elizabeth Glunk, the Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity board treasurer – who is a 2016 Penn College business administration: banking & finance graduate. She dispelled the misconception that the organization gives homes away.

“Our homeowners put in a tremendous amount of effort to earn this opportunity,” she said. “They spend hundreds of hours working alongside construction volunteers. (The future owners of the Fifth Avenue home will contribute hours on another home build.) They complete financial education and homeowner training. They save for a down payment, and they go on to take on an affordable mortgage. So this isn’t just about building a house. It’s about building something lasting and something that they can be proud of.

“Habitat is focused on creating affordable housing, and Penn College is focused on providing hands-on learning for its students. Together, that partnership created something meaningful for everyone involved.”

DeRemer, who plans to manage construction projects after he completes a bachelor’s degree at the college and eventually own his own business, said the project has given him confidence, real-world experience and a clearer understanding of what it takes to lead and succeed in the industry. But what he is most proud of is the collaboration that yielded the finished product: a three-bedroom home that will provide a new beginning for a hardworking family.

“We didn’t just build a house,” he said. “We built something meaningful as a team.” ■

“Every moment the students spent on site was valuable, from weather challenges to time shortages, to redoing installations that were problematic. They loved working on a ‘real world’ project.”

Top of page: Residential construction technology & management students Charli Spradlin (left) and Cassandra Guiffre plumb a corner guide for insulated concrete forms. Below: Students set trusses (left) and sheathe the roof.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DARIN M. JENNINGS, INSTRUCTOR OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



Members of the construction crew gather for a group photo during a fall open house and picnic for those who had worked on the home.

SPACES

The MILO Theater 300

The MILO Theater 300's infrared cameras identify the signals of the simulator's interactive props: a flashlight, pistol, automatic rifle, Taser and pepper spray.

In addition to class-related experiences in the MILO theater, Chilen, of Montoursville, has used the theater in her role as an ROTC cadet. "There is so much that ties together: planning and executing a mission – and I learn a lot more," she said.

Rear-projection (with images shone onto screens from behind) helps enhance the immersive quality of activities by preventing participants inside the theater from casting shadows on the screens.

Katie E. Martin and classmate Emma J. Chilen work through a scenario with a distraught individual. Martin was a firefighter for five years in her hometown of Ocean View, Delaware – just a few miles from the ocean – before she transferred to Penn College from a university. She is set to graduate in December with two minors in addition to a bachelor's in emergency management & homeland security. "The best part of the major is that our instructors work in a real capacity in emergency management. ... They are so proactive with our curriculum, constantly updating our required student outcomes and what we will be doing, making sure we're getting exactly what we need out of it."

William A. Schlosser, assistant professor of emergency management & homeland security, operates MILO's control center, where he can change how simulated characters respond based on a student's choices. The key to preparing students to respond calmly during crises is repetition, he said. Schlosser is the emergency management coordinator for the borough of Mansfield and the Southern Tioga School District and an incident commander for the Civil Air Patrol.



Ava R. Grimes, of Lock Haven, acts as incident commander while she and classmates manage the response to a mock disaster in the emergency management & homeland security program's Incident Command Center.



Multiple Interactive Learning Objectives Theater, Hager Lifelong Education Center

Purchased with the support of the Pellegrino family and installed in Spring 2026 to prepare students in the emergency management & homeland security major, "MILO" is working overtime, already serving as a resource for several majors, the college's ROTC program, local police and even state legislators who wanted to practice speaking at a crisis-related press conference. With full-surround video, the theater can simulate numerous situations, from target shooting with prop guns to approaching a person experiencing a mental health crisis.

1970s

Tom Blanchard ‘74, electrical construction, retired after 40 years in quality control and quality assurance with the Department of Energy and Department of Defense: 15 years in nuclear power construction and 25 with Naval Air Station Patuxent River Air Traffic Control, building, inspecting, testing and installing landing and approach systems on aircraft carriers. He resides in Park Hall, Md.

Peggy (Poorman) Litz ‘76, journalism, is retired and resides in Avis.

Cathy (Hoffman) Yarbrough ‘76, journalism, is retired and resides in Carrollton, Georgia. She holds a bachelor’s in speech communication from Shippensburg University.

Betty (Hanes) Schurer ‘78, general studies, is a bus driver for River Valley Transit. She resides in South Williamsport with her husband, **Robert ‘86**, diesel mechanics.

1980s

Thomas C. Miele ‘82, computer information systems, retired as manager of information security and compliance for Penn National Insurance. He resides in Bridgeville, Del.

Linda Jean (Johnson) Vasile ‘83, graphic arts, retired as a senior executive administrator for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, where she started in the print shop. She also spent 12 years as a church secretary. She resides in Palm Coast, Fla.

Christine M. (Klimchak) Williams ‘89, general studies, is an adjunct professor at Goldey-Beacom College, teaching sociology, human services and psychology courses. She holds a bachelor’s in psychology (Lycoming College, 1992), a master’s in social work (Marywood College, 1996) and a master’s in law and social policy (Bryn Mawr College, 2005). She resides in Ocean View, Del.

1990s

Timothy Courtot ‘94, machinist general, is an associate professor and the department chair for manufacturing at Guilford Technical Community College. He resides in High Point, N.C.

Jonathan D. Stewart ‘95, computer aided drafting and design, is the president for CADvisers, which marks its 25th anniversary in 2026. He was the technical editor for “Mastering AutoCAD Civil 3D 2010” and has worked with AutoDesk in helping with the development of Civil 3D since its inception in 2006. He’s also a tournament bass angler and resides in Willow Street.

2000s

Charlie W. Baum ‘01, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is vice president and lead senior platform engineer for JPMorgan Chase & Co. He holds a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in IT management from Boise State University. He resides in Downingtown.

Lee R. Gable ‘02, electrical technology and construction management, is pastor of Fredsville Lutheran Church, where he recently used his Penn College education to lead the congregation in exploring solar energy. The congregation installed a 28.8 kW system with 60 solar panels on its roof and was recognized for its “care of creation” efforts by the Iowa Faith and Climate Network. He resides in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Nicole R. (Roberto) Petro ‘03, baking and pastry arts, owns Petro’s Dessert Studio LLC. She resides in Bethlehem with husband **John ‘05**, computer information technology: data communications and networking, and their children.

Bryan D. Vertigan ‘03, graphic communications management, is manager of sales execution for Menasha Packaging. He resides in Glenmoore.

Ryan E. Zuroski ‘03, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is head of web security and segmentation technologies for Brown Brothers Harriman, a financial services firm. He resides in Eagleville.

Matthew W. Elison ‘04, building construction technology, is a self-employed general contractor. He owns Elison Construction & Renovation and resides in Allentown.

Maureen P. (Benfer) Payne ‘05, floral design/interior plantscape, is a lead service representative for United Concordia Cos. In her personal time, she researches historical children’s toys, focusing on fashion dolls and their cultural impact. Her replica of a 16th century fashion doll was selected for the Fashion Institute of Technology’s upcoming “Doll Dressing” exhibition. The exhibit runs Sept. 10, 2026-Jan. 4, 2027, in The Museum at FIT in New York City. She resides in Lewisburg.

Kyle D. Crain ‘07, information technology: network technology emphasis, is the director of global cybersecurity architecture and engineering for New York University. He resides in Tyrone with his wife, **Erin (Moslak) ‘08**, nursing.

Stephen Griegel ‘07, information technology: security specialist, is the Americas Microsoft Security leader for Accenture Avanade. His teams help organizations across the U.S., Canada and Latin America secure their businesses using Microsoft Security. His son **Daniel Chacon** is a first-year Penn College student in the building automation engineering technology major. The family recently moved from South Florida to Ellijay, in the mountains of northern Georgia, for a slower pace of life.

Eric Hein ‘07, information technology: network specialist, is a senior platform engineer for Temenos, a technology company specializing in enterprise software for banks and financial services. He resides in Royersford.

Kirk Gottschall ‘09, plastics and polymer technology, is an operations manager, east region, for MJ Electric. He oversees transmission, substation and distribution work in 10 states. He resides in Bernville.

Ryan L. Spishock ‘09, information technology: security specialist, is an information systems security engineer for CACI. He resides in Eldersburg, Md.

2010s

Vic J. Konsavage ‘10, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a field welding engineer for Bechtel Corp. He resides in West Richland, Wash.

Matthew R. Miller ‘10, automotive technology: Honda PACT, owns and operates a small business as an automotive technician. He resides in West View.

Clifford T. Early III ‘11, aviation maintenance technology, is a senior aircraft maintenance technician for Schell Brothers. He resides in Lincoln, Del.

Brian Manley ‘13, automotive technology management, is the automotive pathway lead for Cherry Creek Schools. A career and technical education instructor for 30 years, he was appointed the pathway lead for the school district’s new Cherry Creek Innovation Campus in 2018. He oversees a \$1.1 million budget for the building’s expansion, which opened in August. In 2024, he was named the Byrl Shoemaker/ ASE Education Foundation National Instructor of the Year. In 2025, he completed a Doctor of Education in leadership for education equity from the University of Colorado Denver. He resides in Centennial, Colo.

Rachelle Horning ‘14, legal assistant: paralegal studies, is a senior e-discovery paralegal for Singleton Schreiber LLP. She resides in Pittsburgh.

Anthony J. Cox ‘16, automotive technology management, is a technical publications writer for Lycoming Engines. He began his eight-year career with Lycoming on the assembly line, building horizontally opposed aircraft engines. He later built Lycoming’s performance engine, the Thunderbolt, which is constructed start-to-finish by one skilled craftsman. As a technical publications writer, he is responsible for the documents that are distributed to Lycoming Engines power aircraft owners. He resides in Jersey Shore.

Eugene R. Markowski ‘16, information technology: network specialist, is a senior system engineer for Larson Design Group. He resides in Lititz with his wife, **Brianna (Tucker) ‘18**, surgical technology.

Daniel Richner ‘16, manufacturing engineering technology, is a process engineer for Keystone Powdered Metal Co. He resides in Port Allegany.

Caleb G. Schirmer ‘14, landscape/horticulture technology: landscape emphasis; **‘16**, applied management, is the learning assistance programs manager for Mid-America Christian University. He is set to graduate from Bradley University with a Doctor of Education in educational leadership in December. He resides in Moore, Okla.

Corey Bangs ‘17, manufacturing engineering technology, is president of Pro-Cel Mold, a machine shop specializing in molds and tooling for the plastics industry. He got married in 2023, purchased Pro-Cel Mold in 2024 and welcomed a son in 2025. He resides in Horsham.

Adam Check ‘17, information assurance and cyber security, is an information security tech lead for Freddie Mac. He resides in Hanover, Md.

Trent Goodhart ‘17, information technology: network specialist, is an IT support specialist at Ryder’s Chambersburg warehouse. He resides in Shippensburg.

Robert Voroscak ‘17, information technology: network specialist, is an information systems manager for US Service Group and owns two IT consulting companies. He resides in Levittown.

Meghan Herman ‘18, industrial and human factors design, is a project librarian for Brodart, overseeing the collection-development needs of public libraries across the country. She completed a master’s in library and information science from Clarion University in 2022. She resides in Williamsport.

James A. Jeffries ‘18, information technology sciences - gaming and simulation, is a senior technical lead for Infosys. He mentors junior developers, researches and designs proofs of concept that integrate emerging technology into clients’ workflow, and showcases technology at expos and hubs across the U.S. He resides in Tolland, Conn.

Joseph Myers ‘18, information technology sciences - gaming and simulation, is a software developer for Cutco, developing in-house software. He resides in Eldred.

David Gadalla ‘19, aviation maintenance technology, is the associate program manager - learning and development for Dick’s Sporting Goods. He holds a Master of Education from University of Pittsburgh. He resides in Pittsburgh.

Tyler S. Kinkaid ‘19, building science & sustainable design, is an architectural designer for Hunt Engineers, Architects & Surveyors. His work is primarily in the K-12 education sector. He resides in Williamsport.

Brandin Smith ‘19, information technology sciences - gaming and simulation, is an automation engineer for Community Medical Services. He develops and maintains automation systems that reduce repetitive manual tasks. He resides in Rahway, N.J.

2020s

Joshua S. Clemons ‘21, manufacturing engineering technology, is the electric discharge machining department head for Neu Dynamics Corp., a tool and die manufacturer specializing in precision mold making. He was listed in MoldMaking Technology magazine’s “30 Under 30: The Next Generation Reshaping Moldmaking” feature, published in the September 2025 issue. He resides in Titusville, N.J., where he is a volunteer firefighter for Station 53.

Sarah E. (Shoop) Herr ‘21, game & simulation programming, is a self-employed instructional designer and consultant. She designs e-learning modules and training materials for various trades. She resides in Montoursville.

Tyler Kroposki ‘21, software development & information management, is a software engineer for Lockheed Martin. He resides in Westtown, N.Y.

Christiana R. (Hlywiak) McElhenny ‘21, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist for MJP Family Dental. She resides in Mount Joy.

Nicholas A. Perrine ‘21, information technology: technical support, is a security systems technician for SafeHaven Security. He’s working on a side project: creating his own barbecue sauces, with plans to make it a business. (He shouts out his former co-workers in the Keystone Dining Room and shares a recipe for a South Carolina-inspired mustard barbecue sauce: 1 cup yellow mustard, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup maple syrup, 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, 1/2 teaspoon pepper.) He resides in Port Richey, Fla.

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Rebecca High ‘21, baking & pastry arts; **‘22**, applied management, is a product development coordinator for Sheetz. She researches, develops and commercializes new products within Sheetz’s bakery and ready-to-eat categories. She resides in Mercersburg.

Kalie Kostelnik ‘23, human services & restorative justice, is an advocate supervisor for the Dauphin County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program. She supervises 30 CASA volunteers who represent children in foster care from their court journey to home placement. She resides in Mechanicsburg.

Cody D. Smith ‘23, business administration, is an information technology generalist 1 (IT procurement specialist) for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is pursuing a Master of Business Administration from Purdue Global and is vice president of the Vineyard Community Activity Center, a nonprofit in Muncy. He resides in Williamsport.

Amanda F. (Ritter) Zimmerman ‘23, building science & sustainable design: architectural technology, is a vice president of JENA Engineering Corp. She resides in Macungie.

Cale W. Fleming ‘24, network administration & engineering technology, is an IT specialist for Modlogiq, a modular construction company. He resides in Ephrata.

David Rockwell ‘24, network administration & engineering technology and information assurance & cyber security, is a cyber analyst/network administrator for Advanced Conversion Technology, a provider of military-grade power supplies. He resides in Harrisburg.

Samuel G. Rowcliffe ‘24, network administration & engineering technology, is a network and software technician for App-Techs, which specializes in video surveillance, access control and industrial wireless networks. He resides in York.

Hannah R. Baker ‘25, human services & restorative justice, is a case worker for Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers. She resides in Mifflinburg.

James M. DePetris ‘25, electrical technology, is an electrician on container cranes for Greenwich Terminals LLC. He resides in Springfield.

Brandon A. Eiswert ‘25, business management, is a sales consultant for Mattress Warehouse. He resides in Elkland.

Vincent Ferraro ‘25, automation engineering technology: robotics & automation, is a robotics manufacturing technician for Molg, where robotic microfactories autonomously disassemble complex electronics, recovering valuable components for reuse, remanufacturing or recycling. He resides in Purcellville, Va.

Walter Heiser ‘25, heating, ventilation & air conditioning engineering technology, is a commercial estimator for Dual Temp Co. He resides in Easton.

Kaytie Helsel ‘25, nursing, is a registered nurse for UPMC Williamsport. She resides in Jersey Shore.

Dennis A. Jackson ‘25, human services & restorative justice, is a crisis intervention specialist for the Center for Community Resources. He resides in Williamsport.

Nicole Lichtinger ‘25, physical therapist assistant and applied health studies, is a physical therapist assistant for Orthopedic One. She resides in Erie.

Morgan (Foote) Max ‘25, forest technology, is a plant health specialist for Walter’s Nursery. She resides in Pipersville with her husband, **Aidan ‘25**, landscape/plant production technology.

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Jessica L. Rolley ‘25, human services & restorative justice, is a counselor for White Deer Run. She is pursuing a Master of Social Work from Penn Western University. She resides in Williamsport.

Joseph C. Samperi ‘25, welding technology, is a maintenance welder for Vulcan Materials. He resides in Pipersville.

Samantha M. Smith ‘25, nursing, is a registered nurse for Geisinger. She resides in Muncy.

Katlyn R. Steinheiser ‘25, baking & pastry arts, is a chocolate maker for her family’s business, Peter’s Chocolate Shoppe. She resides in Butler.

Emily Stevens ‘25, physician assistant studies, is a PA for The Guthrie Clinic.

Brittnee N. Stout ‘25, nursing, is an RN in Geisinger Medical Center’s neonatal intensive care unit. She has received three DAISY Award nominations and a nursing excellence award. She is continuing her education toward a bachelor’s in nursing from Penn College. She resides in Berwick.

Steven Thompson ‘25, landscape/plant production technology, is a foreman for Pioneer Landscape and Excavating. He resides in Williamsport.

Jon Wagner ‘25, heavy construction equipment technology: technician emphasis and electric power generation technology, is a mechanic for

Allison Crane & Rigging. He resides in Jersey Shore.

Kayla D. Welch ‘25, nursing, is a registered nurse for Mount Nittany Health. She resides in Russell.

Michael Witherite ‘25, civil engineering technology, is a bridge engineer I for TRC Engineers. He resides in Newry.

Matthew J. Woolcock ‘25, welding & fabrication engineering technology, is a welding engineer for Miller Fabrication. He resides in Oil City.

Ethan L. Young ‘25, electrical construction and residential construction technology & management, is an assistant superintendent for Buch Construction. He resides in Williamsport.

James T.H. Zagurskie ‘25, civil engineering technology, is a staff engineer 1 for Herbert, Rowland & Grubic Inc. He resides in Mifflintown.

Aaron A. Almony ‘26, construction management, is a project engineer for Harkins Builders. He resides in Bel Air, Md.

Madison B. Anders ‘25, collision repair technology; **‘26**, automotive technology management and CNC machinist, is a machinist for American Metal Finishers. She resides in Gilbertsville.

Gavyn L. Boatman ‘25, information technology: network & user support; **‘26**, information assurance & cyber security, is an information security/technology analyst for Truck-Lite. He resides in Lock Haven.

Kaitlyn R. Boyer ‘26, landscape/plant production technology, is a laborer for Engle’s Farm & Greenhouses. She resides in Middleburg.

Brooke Brinker ‘26, construction management, is an Agtek technician for H&K Group. She resides in Bethlehem.

Evan Dupler ‘26, electrical technology, is a controls technician for Manada Automation Group. He resides in Grantville.

Jacob H. Eckert ‘26, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is an HVAC technician for Superior Refrigeration. He resides in St. Marys.

Camden J. Gormont ‘26, engineering design technology, is an engineer for TAFCO - TMP Manufacturing Co., a producer of commercial refrigeration products. He resides in Frenchville.

Nathan B. Graybeal ‘26, diesel technology, is a mechanic for Pennmar Farms. He resides in Peach Bottom.

Violet L. Leonard ‘26, automotive technology, is a mechanic for ATS Truck Center. She resides in Duncansville.

Chikezie Nwachukwu ‘26, heating, ventilation & air conditioning engineering technology, is employed by Johnson Controls. He resides in Upper Marlboro, Md.

Mason R. Nyce ‘26, welding & fabrication engineering technology, is a quality engineer for McCarl’s Technical Services. He resides in Perkasio.

Emily E. Pavusek ‘26, nursing, is a nurse for Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. She resides in Palmyra.

Thomas J. Prior ‘26, building construction technology, is a laborer for Bill Bertsch Construction. He resides in Milford.

Johnathan M. Rose ‘26, building construction technology, is a foreman carpenter for Iron Horse Construction. He resides in York.

Zackary Sheaffer ‘26, automation engineering technology: robotics & automation, is an engineering technician for Victaulic. He resides in Oxford, N.J.

Parker Shelton ‘26, construction management, is a field engineer for Bowen Engineering. He resides in Fountainville.

Logan D. Shepard ‘26, engineering design technology, is a product development engineer for Diamondback Truck Covers. He resides in New Bloomfield.

Zoey G. Sremcich ‘26, welding & fabrication engineering technology, is a welder/fabricator for the Tuckey Cos. She resides in Harrisburg.

Jason Wiedl ‘26, construction management, is a real estate development project manager for Benchmark Construction. He resides in West Pittston and is pursuing a master’s in real estate analysis and development from Penn State.

Holly L. Williams ‘26, architecture & sustainable design, is an architectural technician for JENA Engineering. She resides in Bernville.

Marriages & Births

Kate (McCall) Stepnick ‘07, applied human services, and her husband, John, welcomed their second son, Charles, in August 2025. They reside in Bloomsburg.

Corey Bangs ‘17, manufacturing engineering technology, and his wife, Alexis, welcomed a son, Jet Peter, in August 2025. They reside in Horsham.

Brianna (Tucker) Markowski ‘18, surgical technology, and her husband, **Eugene R. ‘16**, information technology: network specialist, welcomed their second child, Scarlett, in 2025. They reside in Lititz.

Christiana R. Hlywiak ‘21, dental hygiene, married **Evan L. McElhenny ‘22**, engineering design technology, on Sept. 9, 2023. They reside in Mount Joy.

Faith (Myers) Semon ‘23, nursing, and her husband, **Nicholas ‘23**, electronics & computer engineering technology, welcomed a son, Owynn, on New Year’s Day 2026. They reside in Pittsburgh.

Amanda F. (Ritter) Zimmerman ‘23, building science and sustainable design: architectural technology, and her husband, Eli, welcomed a son, Henry, in December 2025. They reside in Macungie.

Brittnee N. Stout ‘25, nursing, welcomed a son, Revv, in February 2025. They reside in Berwick.

In Memory

Doreen Shope, retired associate professor of business administration, age 82, on Dec. 12

David M. Wormley, former member, Penn College Board of Directors, age 86, on May 19



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Thank you to Michael Frazier for identifying Bill Cook, of Wellsboro, in the 1969 basketball team photo. Cook is behind No. 30, on the left. Thanks also to Gail Landers and Michelle (Prunera) Bergey for identifying a few faces in the 1975 WACC Band photo: Mr. Vanhorn, director, standing. Seated in the back (from left) are trumpeters Tom Leitzel, Phil “Pete” Bergey, Michelle (Prunera) Bergey and Keith Steiger. Phil and Michelle will celebrate 50 years of marriage in November. Seated in front are Jim Coddington (second

from left) and Barbara Webber Forbes (second from right), who married WACC grad Palmer Forbes. Bergey’s Bardo Gym memories include a Mountain concert and helping with a would-be KISS concert. She said when the band wanted to change its contract and backed out at the last minute, SGA members scrambled, buying Frisbees and beach balls to entertain the disgruntled crowd while the warm-up band figured out how to play a full concert.

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