

Penn College®

Alumni



A Recipe for Success

From day one as a freshman in PCT's [graphic design program](#), I knew that in order to graduate, I would be required to present an original and high-quality senior project. This project was to be the culmination of the theory, course work, and skills learned throughout the seven previous semesters, and must serve as proof that I was worthy of receiving my degree. The project would also be added to my portfolio and used when interviewing for jobs. [Read more.](#)

Alumni Relations Events

Pennsylvania College of Technology Accepted Student Receptions

The Alumni Relations Office has a fantastic opportunity for our alumni to interact with incoming students through Accepted Student Receptions. They are a way to celebrate the accomplishments of our future students and to help foster relationships among our incoming class. During these receptions, students and their families are able to interact with future classmates and members from across the campus community. Staff from admissions, financial aid, student affairs, and academic affairs will be on hand. As alumni volunteers you will have the chance to chat with students and share what makes Penn College unique. This is a great way to kick-off their Penn College experience! There is no charge for registration or to attend the receptions. All receptions are being held from 6-8 p.m. To register for a reception, [click here.](#)



- Tuesday, April 11-**Toftrees Golf Resort**, State College, PA
- Thursday, April 13-**Hilton Garden Inn**, Fort Washington, PA
- Thursday, April 13-**Courtyard Marriot**, Reading/Wyomissing, PA
- Monday, April 17-**Holiday Inn**, Allentown/I-78, Breinigsville, PA
- Tuesday, April 18-**Hilton Garden Inn**, Lancaster, PA
- Wednesday, April 19-**Hilton Garden Inn**, Rockaway, NJ
- Thursday, April 20-**Penn College Campus**, Williamsport, PA
- Tuesday, May 2-**Hilton Scranton & Conference Center**, Scranton, PA



Hershey Park Tickets Available

The Penn College Alumni Relations Office is once again offering our alumni the opportunity to purchase in advance [Hershey Park](#) tickets at a reduced rate....a savings of up to 40% off the original purchase price! [Discounted ticket prices can be found by visiting the Penn College Alumni Relations events page.](#) Tickets can be purchased online or by downloading and completing the order form to send in along with your check payable to "Penn College." **Tickets are valid for one-day from May 26, 2017 until**

September 24, 2017. The deadline to purchase tickets online through our office is Friday, April 28, 2017. If purchasing by check, the deadline is Friday, April 21, 2017. Once the deadline has expired, the Alumni Office will order the tickets, which requires 2 weeks for processing. When we receive the tickets from Hershey Park, we will mail them to you ensuring that you have the tickets before May 26. No refunds will be issued. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact alumni@pct.edu.

Central PA Wine Festival

Join us on June 3, 2017 at the [Central PA Wine Festival](#) taking place at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. We have reserved a bus that will depart Penn College at 10 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Your \$35 ticket includes entrance into the event as well as transportation there and back!

Enjoy a fun day sampling wine and beer, listening to various musical entertainment, shopping at the many vendors and purchasing food from dozens of food trucks and stations.



Save the Date-Homecoming & Family Weekend 2017

Make sure to mark your calendars for this year's Homecoming festivities, which will be held Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 8, 2017. Watch upcoming newsletters for more detailed information and check the [Alumni events website](#) or [Alumni Facebook](#) page. If you have ideas or suggestions for what you would like to see at Homecoming [email](#) us or give us a call (877) PCT-ALUM. We look forward to another great Homecoming!!

Alumni Relations News



Alumni Sweethearts Enjoy VIP Service on Campus

Two graduates who work as educators in Harrisburg returned to their alma mater recently as Pennsylvania College of Technology's [2017 Alumni Sweethearts](#). Robert A. and Megan L. (Miller) Brightbill said they were treated like VIPs during their visit, which featured an overnight stay in the college's Victorian House and dinner in Le Jeune Chef Restaurant as winners of Alumni Relations' sixth annual Alumni Sweethearts contest. The couple met on Aug. 25, 1991, when they were moving into Campus View Apartments. Robert Brightbill, originally from Lower Paxton Township, graduated from Penn College in 1992 with a degree in building construction technology. Megan Brightbill, a Liberty native, received degrees in dental hygiene in 1993 and dental hygiene:

health policy and administration concentration in 2001. They married on Oct. 15, 1994. For 18 years, Robert has worked as an instructor of building construction technology at Dauphin County Technical School. Megan has been employed for 12 years at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, where she serves as an assistant professor and dental hygiene program director.

Horticulture Student, Graduate Featured in Trade-Show Video

A YouTube [video](#) newly posted by The Harvest Group of landscape business consultants documents an informal conversation with a current Penn College student and a graduate of the same Landscape/Horticulture Technology Program, conducted at a National Association of Landscape Professionals event last semester in Louisville, Kentucky. In the segment, "Harvesters" Bill Arman and Ed Laflamme ask two students – including Penn College's Justin M. Rinehimer, of Mountain Top – why they are studying landscaping and what they'll look for in a prospective employer when they graduate. One such business owner might well be interviewee Jeremy L. Thorne, a 2013 Penn College alumnus with a pair of horticulture-related degrees, who was an NALP ambassador as a student and has volunteered with the industry association ever since.



Restoration Alum's Business Plan Merits \$5,000 Boost

A 2014 alumnus of Penn College's automotive restoration technology major was awarded \$5,000 this month in a "Shark Tank"-style entrepreneurial event at Penn State Schuylkill. Carmen Cicioni, a partner with his father in [Car Men Restorations](#) in Ringtown, was one of two presenters to receive the maximum amount in the campus's inaugural Business Plan Competition. Ten teams vied for seed money to grow or start their small businesses in the contest; seven of them received \$1,000 to \$5,000 for their inventive ideas. Each team pitched its idea for four to six minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer session with a panel of judges. More information is available on the Penn State Schuylkill [website](#).

Architectural Alums Show Students the World That Awaits

Nine graduates of [architectural technology](#) and/or building science and sustainable design returned to campus April 3 to inspire students by sharing their respective pathways from college to career. The full-day program in Penn's Inn, arranged by the academic department and the Alumni Relations Office as the first in a hoped-for series of such events, provided students in the School of Construction & Design Technologies with an inspiring glimpse at the successful projects and practices of those who once wore their shoes. On the agenda were individual presentations, panel discussions and a networking lunch.



Penn College Events



Mental-Health Advocate to Remind Campus Audience: 'Life Is a Gift'

A suicide-prevention specialist, who jumped 220 feet into frigid San Francisco Bay from the Golden Gate Bridge more than 16 years ago, will share the compelling story of his unlikely survival in a rescheduled Pennsylvania College of Technology visit on Tuesday,

April 11. [Kevin Hines](#), best-selling author of "Cracked, Not Broken," will discuss his will to live – and his 10-step regimen for staying on track amid a diagnosis of bipolar disorder. His talk, scheduled for 6 p.m. in the college's Klump Academic Center Auditorium, is free and open to the public. (The event was moved to a new date and time due to an unforeseen change in travel arrangements.) He will discuss clinical studies that wellness is important for everyone, not just those diagnosed with a mental illness. Organizers said Hines' story should resonate on the Penn College campus and in the broader community, neither of which is immune from suicide or ignorant of the life-saving power of public awareness and hope for those who are struggling.

Nominations wanted for the David London My Last Words Lecture Series

In 2008, Penn College renamed the "My Last Words" lecture series in honor of Professor David London. The David London My Last Words Lecture Committee encourages students and alumni to nominate a faculty member who has inspired him or her academically and/or personally. This campus-wide event gives the selected faculty member the chance to inspire others by sharing his/her thoughts on life and what he/she would say if he/she had one last chance to speak to the Penn College community. Nominations for the David London My Last Words Lecture Series are accepted each spring semester for the following fall semester's lecture. The selected candidate is notified in the spring semester and the speaker is announced by President Gilmour at the fall Convocation. All alumni are invited to nominate their favorite professor as well as attend the 2017 David London Lecture event which will take place on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in ACC Auditorium. Please submit your nomination with the following information to the Student Activities Office at studentactivities@pct.edu by 4/21/17.

Nominator Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Nominee Name:

How did this faculty member inspire you as a student and a person?

Why should this faculty member be selected?



Tickets Available for Grammy Nominee's Concert at Lycoming College

Mike Posner and The Legendary Mike Posner Band will perform at Lycoming College's Keiper Recreation Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Tickets – \$15 for students and \$20 for the general public – are available at the Bush Campus Center Information Desk. Posner first hit the scene in 2009 and, by 2010, released his first full-length album, "31 Minutes to Takeoff," which includes the hits "Cooler than Me," "Please Don't Go" and "Bow Chicka Wow Wow." Following that album, Posner toured with major artists (including Justin Bieber) and assisted in writing such songs as "Sugar" for Maroon 5. Posner has since released another full-length album, "At Night, Alone," which features the chart-topper, "I Took a Pill in Ibiza." The song made the Top 10 in 85 countries, held the No. 1 spot on the Top 40 for two weeks straight, was one of Spotify's "Top 10 Most Streamed Songs of All Time," and was Grammy-nominated for Song of the Year. The [concert](#) is sponsored by The Campus Activities Board of Lycoming College and Penn College.

Camp ESCAPE

Camp ESCAPE is seven weeks of summer fun for boys and girls aged 7-14. Members of the Penn College community including alumni are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible. Campers don't need to be sports enthusiasts, as the schedule includes a variety of weekly field trips, cooking projects, games and activities such as kickball and dodgeball. Registration opens Monday, March 6. Contact Jeremy Bottorf at jbottorf@pct.edu for more information.

- Enrollment limited to 30 children per day
- Camp days and hours: June 5-July 27; Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Early drop off starts at 7:30 a.m. and late pick up ends at 5 p.m.
- Fee: \$100 per week regardless of drop off or pick up time

Weekly Schedule:

Week 1, June 5 – June 8

Week 2, June 12 – June 15

Week 3, June 19 – June 22

Week 4, June 26 – June 29

Week 5, July 10 – July 13

Week 6, July 17 – July 20

Week 7, July 24 – July 27





Penn College Summer Camps

Experience Penn College's unique majors and explore our degrees that work with these fun, interactive, and hands-on summer camps.

Penn College tuition scholarships are offered to students entering grades 9-12 who complete these camps.

Overnight and day camps focused on:

- Architecture
- Arts & Graphic Design
- Culinary & Baking
- Engineering
- Fitness & Athletic Development
- Gaming & Information Technology
- Health Careers
- Law
- Smart Girls
- ...And More!

Visit www.pct.edu/summercamps or email summercamps@pct.edu for more information!

Penn College News

No Foolin': Open House Showcases Rewarding Careers-in-the-Making

March 30th's near-April showers caused April 1 [Open House](#) crowds to bloom, bringing hundreds upon hundreds of prospective students and their families to Penn College for an inside look at a national leader in applied technology education. On a day generally associated with pranks and practical jokes, visitors were instead treated by a knowledgeable and helpful community to the seriously life-altering potential of "degrees that work."





'Superhero' Alliance Spotlights Dual-Enrollment Triumph

The success of [Penn College NOW](#), the program that allows high school students to earn college credits through dual enrollment, is noted in a recent national [blog post](#). "Since 2013, the program enrollment has increased more than threefold, from 352 in 2013-14 to 1,234 students in 2015-16. In the 2015-16 school year, 32.57 percent of program participants matriculated to the college."

Penn College-Produced TV Commercial Earns Coveted 'CUPPIE'

A TV commercial produced by Public Relations & Marketing at Pennsylvania College of Technology was honored in the 2017 CUPPIE Awards sponsored by CUPRAP (College and University Public Relations and Associated Professionals). The award-winning commercial – titled "[What If You Could Change the World?](#)" – featured a unique approach. The commercial was conceived and developed by Carlos Ramos, director of strategic marketing, and Thomas F. Speicher, writer/video editor. Speicher shot and edited the video, which aired around the state in various Comcast cable TV zones, on WVIA Public Media, on Penn State Sports Properties' "Unrivaled" highlight programs for football and basketball, and on WGAL-TV in the Lancaster/York/Harrisburg market for NFL Thursday Night Football telecasts. The commercial, as well as other videos produced by Penn College, can be viewed on the college's YouTube channel. CUPRAP, founded in 1980, has 350 members from 100 higher-education institutions in Pennsylvania and other states. [Read more.](#)

As you may already know...

Penn College offers several [degree programs that can be completed online](#).

- * [Applied Health Studies](#)
- * [Applied Management](#)
- * [Automotive Technology Management](#)
- * [Business Administration: Management Concentration](#)
- * [Dental Hygiene: Health Policy and Administration](#)
- * [Emergency Management Technology](#)
- * [Health Information Management](#)
- * [Nursing](#)



But did you know...

Beginning Fall 2017, all students enrolled in an online program will pay the in-state tuition rate, no matter their residency.

Volunteer Opportunities

Tired of the same old thing? Volunteer.

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Thank you to the following alumni who have volunteered in the past month:

- **David Balzer**, 2001 Architectural Technology
- **Richard Bird II**, 1990 Architectural Technology
- **Joey Bourgart**, 2014 Informaton Technology
- **Carlene Cabot**, 1992 Advertising Art & 2011 Occupational Therapy Assistant
- **Jonathan DeRoner**, 2015 Computer Aided Product Design
- **Zachary Engle**, 2011 Architectural Technology & 2006 Electronics Technology
- **Nicole English**, 2013 Applied Human
- **Ashlyn Hershberger**, 2011 Graphic Communications Management
- **Brittany Hoey**, 2010 HVAC Tech & 2014 HVAC Design Technology
- **Van Johnson**, 1973 Liberal Arts
- **Tiffany (Madara) Karabin**, 2008 HVAC Technology
- **Peter Lutz**, 1975 Architectural Technology
- **Angie Martinozzi**, 2015 Construction Management
- **Earl Mowrey**, 1973 Architectural Technology
- **Andrei Murr**, 2014 Building Science & Sustainable Design and 2013 Renewable Energy Technologies
- **Jeremy Rennicks**, 2016 Information Assurance & Cyber Security
- **Louis Rizzo**, 2010 Residential Construction Technology Management and 2008 Building Construction Technology
- **Amber (Owens) Schnader**, 2009 Civil Engineering Tech
- **Allan Shimmel**, 2012 Building Science & Sustainable Design and 2010 Architectural Technology
- **Yazmin Strauss**, 2011 Mass Media Communications
- **Danielle Tabolinsky**, 2014 Building Science & Sustainable Design and 2014 Renewable Energy Technologies
- **Anthony Visco Jr**, 1969 Architectural Technology
- **Khristian Ward**, 2011 Heavy Construction Equipment Technology
- **Brian West**, 2011 Residential Construction Technology & Management and 2009 Building Construction Technology
- **Adam Yoder**, 2008 Electrical Technology & Electromechanical Maintenance Technology, 2011 Building Automation Technology
- **June Kilgus-Zimmerman**, 1971 General Studies

If you would be willing to [volunteer](#) to share your life experiences and knowledge with Penn College students, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@pct.edu. We need you!!!

Giving to Penn College

Endowed Scholarship Aims to Alleviate Veterans' Financial Hardship

An endowed scholarship benefiting veterans attending Pennsylvania College of Technology was recently established by an alumnus – who is also an Air Force veteran and college employee – and his wife. The [Marlin and Brenda Cromley Veteran Scholarship](#) will benefit veterans having completed at least one year at Penn College with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The scholarship will generate annual awards of \$1,000, with the initial award being made this semester. As a part-time customer service associate in The College Store, Marlin had an encounter with a veteran who, unable to pay for a few necessary school supplies, had to put them back on the bookstore shelf. The thought of a veteran, who sacrificed so much, unable to purchase basic items weighed on Marlin's mind that day. He shared his experience with Brenda that evening and both agreed that they needed to do something to financially assist Penn College veterans. Those interested in contributing to a Penn College scholarship or establishing one can send a donation to the Penn College Foundation, One College Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701; give [online](#) or call the Institutional Advancement Office toll-free at 866-GIVE-2-PC (866-448-3272).



PCCA Fundraising Project

The Penn College Construction Association is helping fellow construction students by making the cost of a Penn College education more affordable for them. Learn more about their project and how you can help these students achieve their goal [online](#).

Couple Establishes Scholarship for Veterans' Benefit

Two retirees' advocacy for Pennsylvania College of Technology and the military is reflected in their establishment of a scholarship fund to assist veterans enrolled at the institution. The [R. David and Joann Kay Veterans Scholarship](#) will give preference to full-time students serving in the reserves of any branch of the armed forces who have completed at least two semesters at Penn College with



a minimum 2.5 GPA. A 30-year college employee, David most recently was vice president for college services; he is a special assistant to the president for human resources. Joann, a former executive director of the Penn College Foundation, also served as coordinator of veterans affairs in the Financial Aid Office. Students who wish to apply for the R. David and Joann Kay Veterans Scholarship (or any of the more than 200 scholarships administered by the foundation) should complete an [online application](#). Those interested in contributing to a Penn College scholarship or establishing one can send a donation to the Penn College Foundation, One College Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701; give [online](#) or call the Institutional Advancement Office toll-free at 866-GIVE-2-PC (866-448-3272).

