



## A shining example

Less than 24 hours after freezing April showers and overhead gloom shrouded the area, far more seasonal conditions prevailed for a [Spring Open House](#) that more than lived up to its name. Rising temperatures were matched by warm smiles and abundant goodwill in every corner of Penn College's campuses, where students, employees and alumni helped inquisitive visitors spend a Saturday to remember.



## Alumni Highlights



### Wesley Ginnick

2017, Construction Management

Residing in Denver, CO, Wesley is a Senior Project Manager for Amazon overseeing construction for program initiatives with Whole Foods Market. As a Senior Project Manager, he is deeply involved from project inception to project closeout. This includes project management of design and budgeting, contract creation and scope review, trade partner selection, budgetary and financial management and ensuring successful project closeout. Wesley has managed construction for program launches such as Amazon Prime Now and Campus Pickup, throughout the Western United States. Wesley's passion for the construction industry is a result of serving as an AmeriCorp volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

## College honors electrical alumnus during Chamber celebration

Michael Bower, a graduate of Williamsport Area Community College and president of TurnKey Electric Inc., received an [Alumni of the Year Award](#) at the 18th annual Education Celebration hosted by the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 7. The award – presented during a Williamsport Country Club event that highlights the crucial linkages among business and industry, local school districts and colleges – is given to a graduate who has made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Lycoming County, has excelled in his or her own profession, and is active in the community.



## Alumni Events

This month we have had a great time meeting with alumni at regional events while traveling throughout the state of Florida as well as Philadelphia. If you would be interested in attending an alumni event in your area, please email the [Alumni Relations Office](#) with the city you live in and any ideas that you might have for activities or venues near you.



### 40th Paramedic Reunion

Paramedic alumni are invited to the 40th Reunion of the Paramedic Program on Saturday, Oct. 5, during Penn College's Homecoming Weekend. Network with fellow alumni and former instructors, learn about ways to stay connected, and support the Penn College paramedic program. Cost is \$25 per person. [Reservations](#) are requested by Friday, Sept. 20.

### Homecoming 2019

[Homecoming](#) is the perfect time to show your Wildcat pride, reconnect with friends and tour campus. This year's Homecoming dates are October 4-6, 2019. Highlighted activities include Wildcat Athletic Events with Food Trucks, Breakfast with President Gilmour, Alumni and Friends Tent Party, and Family Events on Friday and Saturday Nights. More details coming soon!



## Alumni News



### Annual reunion includes belated tribute to WTI veterans

Thirty-two graduates of [Williamsport Technical Institute](#), a precursor to Pennsylvania College of Technology, were among the 70 attendees at the 19th annual reunion on Friday, April 5. Combining coffee and continental breakfast, presentations, lunch, and optional tours of the makerspace and brewing lab, the event allowed WTI alumni and their guests to get reacquainted with one another and their alma mater, as well as to talk with current students about the exciting developments since they left campus.

## Civil Engineering Alumni Return

A picture of the fab five (Tim Zeigler, '14, Chloe Genova, '18, Ashley Hetrick, '11, Sydney Peagler, '18, and Jake Martin, '18) at Spring Open House. These five civil engineering graduates work to improve the quality of life for others by increasing accessibility, sustainability, and inclusivity. Thank you for representing your employers and sharing your diverse stories with future Wildcats!



## Graphic design alums discuss postgrad successes, trials

[Four graphic design alumni](#) who are creatively fulfilling artistic aspirations returned to campus Saturday, April 6 to share their experiences with students. Brody W. Gray, '15, art director at D.G. Yuengling & Son Inc. in Pottsville; Morgan N. Keyser, '17, associate designer at Andculture in Harrisburg; Laurea (Lapp) McLeland, '13, senior

designer at Seedhouse Design in Chicago; and Emmalee J. Williams, '16, marketing manager at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport gave a straightforward look at the transition from student to professional in individual presentations and a culminating panel discussion.

## Architectural grads share designs for career fulfillment

Eight graduates of Penn College and a well-traveled Williamsport Area Community College alumnus returned to campus Wednesday, April 3 for "[Architectural Alumni + Student Day](#)," a career information and networking opportunity for students.



## Altruistic alum returns to celebrate newest 'Awesome Women'

A total of 37 students, nominated as "[Awesome Women Exemplars](#)" and representing all six of Penn College's academic schools, were recognized Tuesday, March

26 during a reception in the PDC's Mountain Laurel Room. The group heard from keynoter Kacie L. Weaver, a 2016 graduate in applied human services who was instrumental in endowment of the college's Start to Finish Minority Scholarship.

## Alum shares view from rewarding road to advanced degree

Jonathan Adzema, a 2014 Penn College nursing graduate who is pursuing a master's degree to become a [certified registered nurse anesthetist](#), returned to campus Monday, March 4. He offered students real-world perspective on the field and provided the candid advice that only a fellow alumnus can, fielding questions about how to study and what to look for in a graduate school.



## Penn College Events



[Wednesday, April 17](#)  
6-9 PM



**PENN COLLEGE**  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION

[SGA Silent Auction](#)  
Friday, April 26

## Penn College News



[Flag-raising signals start of campus Pride Week](#)



[Students to cook for thousands at Kentucky Derby](#)



[Students travel to Colorado for national landscape competition](#)



[Spring Career Fair](#)

## Workforce Development 2nd Annual Apprenticeship Summit

This event is May 16 and this year's theme is "Best Practices" with a track on pre-apprenticeship programs. Visit the [Penn College Workforce Development](#) webpage and view the "What's Hot" link at the top. Also be sure to visit webpages to their [Apprenticeships](#) and [2019 Apprenticeship Summit](#).

### Volunteer Opportunities

Alumni, we need your help in identifying the next generation of [Tomorrow Makers](#).



*"Even if you just change one life, you've changed the world forever."*

*-Mike Satterfield*

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

- **Larry Basile**, '91 architectural technology
- **Jonathan Capps**, '18 applied technology, '16 mechatronics engineering technology
- **Dan Chapman**, '02 architectural technology
- **Kara Demmien**, '06 architectural technology
- **Thomas Fuller**, '69 forestry technology
- **Logan Goodhart**, '18 manufacturing engineering technology
- **Amanda Harry**, '12 building and science sustainable design, '10 architectural technology
- **Ashley Hetrick**, '11 land development
- **Jonathan DeRoner**, '15 computer aided product design
- **Chloe Genova**, '18 civil engineering technology
- **Ashlyn Hershberger**, '11 graphic communications management
- **Bradley Hoffman**, '94 architectural technology
- **Margaret Jackson**, '08 civil engineering technology
- **Van Johnson**, '73 liberal arts
- **Jacob Martin**, '18 civil engineering technology
- **Dhaval Patel**, '11 building science and sustainable design, '09 architectural technology
- **Sydney Peagler**, '18 civil engineering technology
- **Rene Ramirez**, '17 nursing
- **Caleb Schirmer**, '16 applied management, '14 landscape/horticulture technology
- **Erica Schreffler**, '12 building science and sustainable design, '10 architectural technology
- **Frank Sullivan**, '73 architectural technology
- **Tyler Walter**, '11 building science and sustainable design, '10 architectural technology
- **Samantha Werner**, '13 residential construction technology and management, '11 building construction technology
- **Bradley Willis**, '16 heating, ventilation and air conditioning design technology
- **Thomas Whitehouse**, '13 residential construction technology and management, '11 building construction technology
- **Timothy Zeigler**, '14 civil engineering technology

## Giving to Penn College



### **Scholarship luncheon provides firsthand look at donors' impact**

The empowering combination of applied technology education and financial support was celebrated Sunday, March 31, as Pennsylvania College of Technology hosted its second annual [Scholarship Luncheon](#) in the campus Field House.

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