Penn College® Alumni

State Ag Secretary Champions Penn College Education

A parent's proud endorsement of a Penn College education, which propelled his son into an imminent career as a landscape designer, kicks off a Pennsylvania Farm



Show video from state Sen. Gene Yaw. The legislator – who chairs the college's board of directors – sat down with state <u>Agriculture Secretary</u> Russell C. Redding, father of a 2016 landscape/horticulture technology alumnus. Elliot C. Redding carried his two-year degree to Penn State, where he will graduate with a bachelor's degree later this year.

Alumni Highlights

Christopher Fares

2017, Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Christopher has been working with the defense contractor BAE Systems since July of 2017 as a Manufacturing Engineer. He works primarily on amphibious combat vehicles (ACV) for the United States Marine Corp (USMC) and foreign military sales. For the last year and a half, Christopher has been working on the Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV) that have

been used by the USMC for over 40 years. Christopher has been named the lead support engineer in production for the ACV program, an extremely rare position for someone with a short tenure with the company. The USMC has recently signed a contract to purchase the newest version of the AAV, the ACV—Chris will be manage the project. Every day the decisions Christopher makes plays a part in keeping our soldiers safe. He credits all of the knowledge that he gained while attending PCT.

Culinary grad on episode of Food Network's 'Chopped'

Chef Kristina Wisneski, a 2013 Penn College culinary arts and systems graduate who has been making a name in the Philadelphia culinary scene, appeared on a new episode of the





Food Network show "Chopped" on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Wisneski is executive chef of Amis Trattoria in Chester County. She began her culinary career under the wing of fellow Penn College graduate and highly regarded Philadelphia-area Chef Andrew Masciangelo, '97, at Savona in Gulph Mills. (Masciangelo has twice returned to Penn College as part of its Visiting Chef Series.) While at Savona, the Zagat restaurant guide included Wisneski in a roundup of "20 Sous-Chefs to Watch in Philly."



Penn College, leading company form perfect 'package'

On the surface, the three men have little in common. One looks like a vibrant, distinguished grandfather with his neatly trimmed white goatee and confident gait. The second could pass for a lead singer in a rock band with

his lip and nose rings, faded T-shirt and long hair. The third appears to be a budding executive with his coiffed hair and button-down shirt complemented by a perfect smile. They are separated by appearance, age, background and job title. But the three share educational roots at Penn College and mission at <u>Packaging Progressions Inc.</u> in Souderton.



Alumni Events

Hershey Park Tickets for Penn College Alumni

The Penn College Alumni Office is again offering our alumni the opportunity to purchase in advance Hershey Park tickets at a reduced rate...a savings of 47% off the original purchase price! Tickets are valid for one-day from May 3-September 29, 2019. The deadline to

purchase tickets through our office is Friday, March 15. All tickets will be mailed to you prior to May 3. No refunds will be issued. If you have any questions in the meantime, please <a href="mailto:emailt

Penn College is Heading to Florida!

<u>Jacksonville</u>

The Penn College Alumni Office will be welcoming alumni on Wednesday, March 6 at Hoptinger Bier Garden and Sausage House. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Email us to let us know you're coming!



Tampa

Join us on Friday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the Tampa Bay Brewing Company (Ybor location), 1600 East 8th Ave, Tampa FL 33605. When you <u>register</u> choose from one of the seven entrees. The registration fee includes your entree and a non-alcoholic beverage. We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

Penn College Happy Hour in Philadelphia

We are planning an alumni event in Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m. More information will be coming soon, but in the meantime please let us know if you would be <u>interested</u> in meeting up with other alumni and hearing about some exciting things that are happening at the College.





A hardwood homecoming

The third annual <u>Alumni Basketball</u>
<u>Reunion Weekend</u> brought members of
past Wildcat teams back to Penn College
for several campus events organized by

Alumni Relations and Athletics. In addition to a Friday evening alumni reception, the guests took part in a coed game on their former Bardo Gymnasium home court and enjoyed lunch prior to watching a Saturday doubleheader against SUNY-Cobleskill.

Alumni & Student Architecture Day

Join us for our second <u>Alumni & Student</u> <u>Architecture Day</u> Wednesday, April 3 on the Penn College campus. The event begins at 9 a.m. and includes alumni presentations, panel discussions, networking and lunch with optional



tours. If you would like to participate on our alumni panel by sharing with current Penn College students how job opportunities and career decisions have helped you achieve success, contact Rob Wozniak at rwozniak@pct.edu by Thursday, February 21.

WTI Reunion

The Alumni Office is hosting the 19th Annual Williamsport Technical Institute Reunion on Friday, April 5. This year's topics include Nursing, Brewing & Fermentation and Makerspace. Optional tours will be given of the Brewing & Fermentation lab and the Dr. Welch Workshop-Makerspace. Invitations for all WTI alumni will be arriving in your mailboxes soon!



Penn College Events



8th Annual Science Festival



Career Fair March 19-20



Sealant Saturday March 2



Sophia Brueckner - Prototyping
Alternative Futures
March 21

Penn College News



<u>Powering tomorrow: Penn</u> <u>College electrical degrees</u>



Donors honored for steadfast confidence in college mission



Workforce development grants awarded to Penn College



Flag March organizer dies at age 89

Volunteer Opportunities

"It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

-Kahlil Gibran

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- **Open House**-Saturday, April 6 Email <u>Alumni Relations</u> if you are able to help us in welcoming potential students and their families to campus.
- **Architectural Advisory Board Committee**-Contact Rob Wozniak at rwozniak@pct.edu with your interest in serving on the committee.

Giving to Penn College

Stabler Foundation scholarship support reaches \$2.25 million

A \$720,000 gift from The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation of Harrisburg will help selected students in several categories achieve their educational goals at Pennsylvania College of Technology. Combined with several previous gifts from the foundation, the Stabler Scholarship Endowment Fund at Penn College now totals \$2.25 million in scholarship support for qualified students enrolled full time at Penn College.



Alexander dealerships recognized for all-star support of students

The <u>Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships</u>, with 18 locations that employ a number of Penn College alumni, was honored Wednesday, January 16 for its inspiring generosity and ongoing dedication to Wildcat Athletics. Through scholarship support, mentorship and other substantial contributions – including new scoreboards in Bardo Gymnasium – the Alexander family's financial commitment was noted by the

Wildcat Club as "creating lasting impact for our student-athletes and the athletic facilities they call home." Among those on hand for Corporate Partner Day during a basketball doubleheader against the College of Saint Elizabeth was Aubrey Alexander, a 2009 business administration graduate and member of the Penn College Foundation Board of Directors.

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