



The Penn College Alumni Relations Office and Institutional Advancement department would like to wish you the happiest and joyous of new year's. May 2017 bring us all peace, prosperity, and kindness.

## Alumni Relations Events

### Visit Alumni Relations at The Pennsylvania Farm Show

All WTI/WACC/Penn College alumni! Visit the Penn College booth and say hello to Kim Cassel, Director of Alumni Relations at **The Pennsylvania Farm Show** in Harrisburg. Penn College will once again have a booth offering information about the College as well as hands on interactive activities for all guests. This year Kim will be heading down on **Saturday, January 7** and **Sunday, January 8** to join them. Her plan is to be there both days from **9 a.m.-4 p.m.** The Penn College booth is located in the Main Hall (off of Maclay Street) and the numbers are: 5134, 5135, 5138, 5139.



### Alumni Basketball Event

Are you a former Penn College basketball player? Join us on Saturday, January 21, 2017 for an alumni basketball event including a women's basketball alumni game, brunch, Penn College women's and men's basketball games, and an alumni banquet. The event is free for alumni. The cost to bring a guest will be

\$15. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 11, 2017. [Register](#)

### There's Still Time to Register! - Ski Sawmill Snow Tubing

Alumni and family are invited to join Penn College Alumni Relations at Ski Sawmill Family Resort for a morning of family friendly tubing. We've reserved the tube slide for our group on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 9-11 a.m. After our time together screaming down a seventy foot drop the length of close to two football fields, plan to stay the rest of the day to enjoy the slopes. Cost is \$10 per person and the deadline to register is Friday, January 27. [Register NOW!](#)





## Calling All Penn College/WACC/WTI Alumni!

Did you and your spouse meet on campus? This February enter to win a Sweetheart Weekend including a stay at the Victorian House and dinner at Le Jeune Chef. Email the Penn College Alumni Office at [alumni@pct.edu](mailto:alumni@pct.edu) a photo and story about how you met in 140 characters or less. Each photo and story will be posted on Facebook and entered for a chance to win a Sweetheart Weekend at Penn College! The couple with the most Facebook "Likes" will be selected as our winner. Deadline for photos and stories is Monday, February 6. Notification will be sent when photos and stories are posted to the Penn College Alumni Relations Facebook page.

## 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. Remember to like our Alumni Facebook page to stay current on all things happening in Alumni Relations. We look forward to another great Homecoming!!

## Alumni Relations News

### Extended Forecast: Snowy Morning, Followed by Brand-New Day

As snowflakes kissed the cheeks of the freshly capped and gowned, adding a seasonal touch to the affectionate encouragement from students' family and friends, Pennsylvania College of Technology held its [Fall 2016 Commencement](#) at the Community Arts Center in downtown Williamsport. Caleb E. Cartmell, of Honesdale, who received an Associate of Applied Science degree in automotive technology, was the student speaker for the 11 a.m. ceremony. Nearly 300 degrees were conferred by college President Davie Jane Gilmour and state Sen. Gene Yaw, chair of the Penn College Board of Directors.



### Penn College Polar Express

Thank you to all alumni and friends who joined us for the Polar Express train excursion on Friday, December 9. The weather may have been frigid, but the warmth of the holiday season brought smiles and laughter to the faces of children of all ages. Holiday characters such as Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch and Santa Claus visited with passengers while Christmas music played. Passengers enjoyed sugar cookies and a reading of the Christmas Story by Santa Claus.

## Successful Alumna Shares Vision, Visibility With Club Members

Penn College's newly formed [Game Development Club](#) recently hosted a visit by Anna Maree Manciet, of Alienware Live, whose Penn College degrees include a 2013 bachelor's in web design and multimedia. She shared interesting stories and knowledge of the responsibilities and technical aspects of being a producer and on-air personality of a popular Twitch.tv live-stream channel.



## Penn College Events

### Free Financial Aid Information Night Scheduled

A [free Financial Aid Information Night](#) opportunity will be available for two local schools in January. College-bound students of all ages and their parents from South Williamsport Junior/Senior High School and Williamsport Area High School are invited to the combined event at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12 in the South Williamsport Junior/Senior High School cafeteria. The primary goal of the session is to assist individuals and families in understanding the financial aid process so that funds can be made available to students pursuing higher education at any college or university.

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### MLK Peace Walk & Day of Service

#### Monday, January 16

8 a.m. CC Loop/Coffee – Refreshments, giveaways

9 a.m. Walk – Lycoming College, Lamade Gym

9:30 a.m. – Rally and service project sign-up, Lamade Gym

10:30 – 1 p.m. – Service Projects *various locations* \*

*Sign up for your service project in advance by [clicking here](#)*

*Pre-registration ends January 12.*

### The Content of Our Character:

#### Doing the work, to live out the Dream of Inclusion

#### Thursday, January 19

Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington

7 p.m., ACC Auditorium

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### Reception & Gallery Talk: Zahra Nazari

[The Gallery at Penn College](#) will hold a reception and gallery talk on Thursday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m. Zahra Nazari was born in Iran. She received her MFA in Painting/Drawing from State University of New York, New Paltz; and her BFA from the School of Art & Architecture, Tabriz Islamic Art University, Iran. Most recently, she was awarded the 2016 Meyer Family Award for Contemporary Art from the Main Line Center; AIM Fellowship from the Bronx Museum; Residency, Cooper Union School of Art; and the Ruth Katzman Scholarship from the Art Students League Residency at Vyt. Spatial ambiguity over the course of cultural change is the explored theme of Nazari's paintings and installations. Structures both ancient and contemporary are merged into abstract, organic forms with floating, collapsing and shifting environments. This unification is represented with both laws and chaos to convey the unsettled sensations caused by the transitions between different cultures.



## Colloquia Series-“A General Assertion is Worth Innumerable Pictures”

The next colloquium is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 in the Klump Academic Center auditorium. Presenting will be Robert N. McCauley, a professor and founding director of the Center for Mind, Brain and Culture at Emory University. McCauley authored *Why Religion Is Natural and Science Is Not* (Oxford UP, 2011) and wrote *Rethinking Religion* (Cambridge UP, 1990) among other publications. To learn more about Robert N. McCauley's research and upcoming colloquia presentation visit [Penn College's Colloquia Series](#) page.



### Do You Have Valentine's Dinner Plans?

If not, our special Valentine's Day dinner for two at Le Jeune Chef is just the answer. Call Le Jeune Chef located on Penn College's campus to make your dinner reservations now. Valentine's Day dinners are being held Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11 from 5:30-8 p.m. Dinner for two includes a glass of champagne and a wine flight for \$116.95. The special Valentine's Day menu will be available in mid-January by visiting [Le Jeune Chef's](#) webpage.

## Plastics Innovation & Resource Center (PIRC) Announces Training

Penn College's PIRC announced upcoming professional development in Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, Color Science, Decouple Molding I & II, Plastic Material Selection & Testing, and Plastics Materials & Processing and MORE! To view all upcoming training visit [Penn College's PIRC](#) page.

## Penn College News



### Chevron Continues Support for Penn College Education, Training

Through its Workforce Development & Continuing Education office, Pennsylvania College of Technology has received \$416,685 from [Chevron U.S.A.](#) to support scholarships, curriculum development and ongoing outreach in energy and manufacturing. Penn College will continue the promising practices first started through ShaleNET, a U.S. Department of Labor grant aimed at providing training and education in these important industry sectors. With an original investment surpassing \$20 million from the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, ShaleNET leveraged 100 percent of the funds to build a sustainable workforce-development training program with the collaboration and in-kind support of industry, educators and the public workforce system. Chevron has supported the program since its inception. Chevron's Appalachia Partnership Initiative is designed to address education and workforce development in 27 counties across southwestern Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio.

## Winning Holiday Cards Announced in Year-End Tradition

The creativity on display in the [holiday cards](#) arrayed along the campus mall was honored in a traditional (and traditionally rainy) lighting ceremony inside and outside the Breuder Advanced Technology and Health Sciences Center the evening of Wednesday, November

30. The Penn College Veterans Club claimed the top prize among student groups. The Penn College Construction Association was second and Cru, third. In the Offices and Departments category, first place went to Mail & Document Services, participating employees of which will be served lunch at Le Jeune Chef Restaurant. Madigan Library was second and The College Store placed third; each of those winners will be treated to breakfast at Le Jeune Chef. The winners were selected by the 615 faculty/staff and student voters who chose their favorites in online balloting over the past week.



## Volunteer Opportunities

***In volunteer work the dividends are always greater than the investment.***

*-Unknown*

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

- **Candace Bierly**, 2006 Physical Fitness Specialist
- **Anna Maree Manciet**, 2013 Web Design and Multimedia

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](mailto:alumni@pct.edu). We need you!!!

## Spring Open House Volunteers Needed

If you would like to offer your time and experience to prospective Penn College students during Open House on Saturday, April 1, contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@pct.edu](mailto:alumni@pct.edu) or call (877)PCT-ALUM.