

President Gilmour appointed to NCAA DIII Advisory Group

Pennsylvania College of Technology President Davie Jane Gilmour has been appointed to the [NCAA Division III Chancellors/Presidents Advisory Group](#). Gilmour will serve alongside other presidents and chancellors from Division III conferences across the U.S. who advise the Division III Presidents Council, the highest governing body in the division.



Alumni Highlights



Samantha Bruinooge
2012, Graphic Design

Samantha is a Graphic Specialist at Mondelez International Inc. She is responsible for designing all corporate print and digital materials with a small team in Wilkes-Barre, PA, for their top brands that include Nabisco (Oreo, Chips Ahoy!, etc.), Cadbury, Trident, Halls, Toblerone, and many more. Prior to working at Mondelez, Samantha was employed at Woolrich, Inc.

Penn College grad named Food Network 'Chopped' Champion

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. – A Pennsylvania College of Technology culinary arts and systems graduate was named a ["Chopped" Champion](#) after the popular television show's judges deemed her dishes the most creative, tasty and well-prepared. Kristina Wisneski, executive chef of Amis Trattoria in Devon, a Philadelphia Main Line suburb, watched the show for years with her family before making her appearance in an episode titled "Wonton Wonder" that premiered on the Food Network on Feb. 12.



Alumni Events



Reduced Price Hershey Park Tickets

Penn College alumni are once again being offered the opportunity to [purchase](#) Hershey Park tickets at a reduced rate. Tickets are valid for one-day from May 3-September 29, 2019. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, March 15. All tickets will be mailed to you prior to May 3.

Penn College is Heading to Florida!

The Penn College Alumni Relations Office will be welcoming alumni in three locations across the state.

Jacksonville: 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!

Orlando: Thursday, March 7, at 310 Lakeside on Pine Street. Lunch is at noon. [Email](#) us to let us know you're coming!

Tampa: Friday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the Tampa Bay Brewing Company (Ybor location). When you [register](#) 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!



Penn College Happy Hour in Philadelphia

Make plans to join us for the upcoming Penn College Alumni Relations Happy Hour in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 23, 5:30 p.m. at City Tap House (Logan Square). The cost to attend is \$12 (\$10 for Wildcat X members). Feel free to bring a guest. [Registration](#) closes on Friday, March 15.

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: A Makerspace at Penn College.



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

Alumni Drawing Winners Announced

Congratulations to our Farm and Outdoor Show winners Michael Womelsdorf '08, technology management, '06 electronics technology and Ashley Inman, '16 applied health. Thank you for stopping by the Alumni Relations table. [Email](#) us with your mailing address or complete the [Alumni Update Form](#).

Alumna builds rewarding career on human services foundation

An alumna of Penn College's human services major returned to her alma mater this week to share professional insights with students in the Management and Administration in Human Services class. [Amy \(Gordon\) Wolfhope-Briggs](#), a 1998 graduate of the college's first class of bachelor's degree recipients in the major, is director of student services at BLaST Intermediate Unit #17.



Penn College Events



[Career Fair](#)
March 19-20



[Sophia Brueckner - Prototyping
Alternative Futures](#)
March 21

Penn College News



[Penn College president presents budget request to state Senate](#)



[Project roundtable opens window on work in progress](#)

[Two-year team national champs at Vegas builders show](#)



[Penn College duo addresses cybersecurity skills shortage](#)

Board authorizes exploration of second graduate-level offering

The Pennsylvania College of Technology Board of Directors on February 7 approved the college administration to explore offering a [Master of Science in Nursing degree](#). After a curriculum is developed and approved through the required campus processes, the proposal will return to the board for final approval. The master's degree, which would be offered online, is proposed to include two program options: family nurse practitioner and nursing education.

Penn College contributes over \$306 million to PA economy

Pennsylvania College of Technology contributed [\\$306.6 million](#) to the Pennsylvania economy in Fiscal Year 2017 and supported, directly and indirectly, 3,266 Pennsylvania jobs. This [according to a new study](#) released Feb. 26 by Penn State, focused on measuring the University's impact in communities across the Commonwealth. Overall, the study found that Penn State is an economic powerhouse, contributing more than \$11.6 billion to the state's economy. More than 102,000 Pennsylvania jobs can be attributed to Penn State on the whole, the study found, and for every \$1 in state appropriations received by Penn State, the University returns \$1.24 in tax payments to the Commonwealth.

Volunteer Opportunities

"Doing good does you good."

-Author Unknown

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- **Open House**-Saturday, April 6 - Email [Alumni Relations](#) 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

PPL grant to support Penn College Plastics Mobile Lab

A \$9,500 sustaining grant from [PPL Foundation](#) will allow Pennsylvania College of Technology to purchase instructional equipment for a Penn College Plastics Mobile Lab, a resource for educating groups about career opportunities and the ongoing demand for qualified workers in the plastics industry. The PPL grant will fund the college's purchase of tabletop rotational molder and thermoforming units for the mobile lab.



SEKISUI SPI strengthens bond with Penn College

A worldwide leader in thermoplastics has strengthened its bond with Pennsylvania College of Technology by committing additional funding for a scholarship benefiting students seeking a degree in plastics. [SEKISUI SPI](#) recently contributed \$14,000 to its namesake Student Workforce Development Scholarship at the college. Two first-year students enrolled in the plastics and polymer engineering technology baccalaureate major, who ranked in the top third of their high school graduating class and reside in Pennsylvania or Michigan, will each receive \$7,000 scholarships.

Students benefiting from Barron's in Education program gift

Courtesy of a gift from a locally based financial advisory firm, students enrolled in business majors at Pennsylvania College of Technology have access to Barron's Digital subscriptions, as well as a variety of resources provided through an experiential learning initiative offered by the Barron's in Education Program from Dow Jones. [Hudock Capital Group](#) is providing a two-year gift to Penn College to be licensed for the program. Also benefiting from the program are business faculty at the college.

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