

### Successful SGA Silent Auction

Final totals are still coming in, but preliminary results indicate that Friday's [Student Government Association Silent Auction](#) drew donations of \$5,155 – thought to be the highest amount ever raised in the event's nine-year history. Bidders had their pick of a variety of items, ranging from artistic handiwork to themed baskets to gift cards, with proceeds adding to the Student Leader Legacy Scholarship Fund.



### Alumni Highlight

#### Dana Ford '77 Automotive Technology



Dana serves as the Senior Technical Writer-Project Manager for JLG Industries, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of access equipment. In his role, Dana is responsible for researching and documenting service and operating procedures for all boom mounted aerial work platforms, preparing and developing illustrations for manuals, training new writers, communicating new product developments to the publications team and working with translation firms to make foreign language translations cost effective and consistent. Dana has

written numerous feature articles as well as had his photography included in the Gasser Magazine, a car club magazine and has published three books: The Jesus Rock, The Trials of Jim Dunning and The Mysterious Tunnel. Dana also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Professional Writing from New York Institute of Technology.

#### Dental Hygiene Alumnae Wins Award

Dara McConnell '16 dental hygiene, is one of three recipients for the [2018 Heart to Hands Award](#) given by the Registered Dental Hygienist Magazine. Each award recipient submitted a video for the award.



#### Clearing Up the Confusion

Angie Lehman RDH, COM, co-authored an article in the April issue of [RDH Magazine](#). Angie owns Oral Myofunctional Therapy of York, a private practice, providing myofunctional therapy to children and adults. She's certified by the International Association of Orofacial Myology (IAOM) and has been practicing orofacial myology since 2012. Additionally, she provides continuing education for dental and medical professionals.

## John Estep '74 Mechanical Drafting\*

John Estep, CFPIM, is the founder and President of E-Tech Industrial Corporation, a global supplier of assembly products for the automotive and aerospace manufacturing industries. He opened the company in 1999 as Lubbering Corporation in partnership with a German company. In 2017, he ended the partnership and renamed the company E-Tech Industrial Corporation. He holds five U.S. Patents, was named Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission Business of the Year in 2003, and was a Governor's ImpAct Award finalist in 2013 and 2014. He resides in Troy, PA.



\*In the April newsletter, the incorrect photo for John Estep '74 was used.

## Alumni Events



Join us on Saturday, May 19 from 5-7 p.m. at Millworks in Harrisburg, PA. Enjoy networking with fellow alumni while hearing about new things happening at the College. Executive Chef, Lance Smith '06 will also be in attendance. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for Wildcat X members) and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages. [Register](#) by Monday, May 14.

## Pittsburgh Alumni Event

Join us in Pittsburgh for dinner at **Mezzo** which is part of the restaurant [Sienna Mercato](#) on Saturday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. Please click here to [register](#). Your entrée and a non alcoholic drink will be included in the \$12 cost to attend. All [Wildcat X](#) members can attend for the reduced cost of \$10. Feel free to register a guest as well. Any questions, let me know!



## Homecoming 2018

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Homecoming celebration this year being held Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7. New alumni events including a tent party are being finalized for Friday and Saturday evenings so watch for updated information in the next newsletter. In addition, the annual Alumni Golf Outing at White Deer Golf Course will be held October 6 with registration opening soon.

## Alumni News

### Happy Returns of the Day

About 50 alumni of [Williamsport Technical Institute](#) returned to campus on April 13 for an annual reunion of graduates from the institution that laid the foundation for today's Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Established by the Williamsport School District, WTI developed many innovations in hands-on adult education before becoming the third community college in the state in 1965 and later Penn College.



### Online RN-to-BSN Degree Announced

There is a nationwide push for 80 percent of registered nurses to have their bachelor's degree by 2020.

Pennsylvania College of Technology is helping to meet that challenge with its [online BSN degree](#), designed for the working nurse. Thanks to an eight-week class schedule, full-time BSN students can complete the program in a year. Penn College nursing alumni receive a 38-percent tuition discount when they enroll in the program, and out-of-state students pay the in-state tuition rate.

### Health Information Technology Seminar

Health information technology students at Pennsylvania College of Technology, who in the world of work will likely be tasked with arranging professional development opportunities for their employees, got that experience by orchestrating a [Health Information Technology Seminar](#) for other students.



### Rebuilding Nepal

Residential construction technology and management graduate Daniel J. LaSota '09, builds sustainable, earthquake-resistant homes in remote Himalayan villages. Read "[Rebuilding Nepal](#)."

## Penn College News



### Plastics Students' Pittsburgh Visit Furthers Industry Connections

Through the generous support of the Thermoplastic Materials & Foams Division of the Society of Plastics Engineers, 10 individuals from Pennsylvania College of Technology traveled to Pittsburgh on April 26-27 to tour the facilities of four major polymer material suppliers.

Eight students and two faculty members from the college's Department of [Plastics and Polymer Engineering Technology](#) visited PPG Industries, Braskem, Covestro and Nova Chemicals.

## The Wildcat's Changing Face

Take a look at the evolution of the Wildcat, a steadfast symbol since intercollegiate sports began at Penn College predecessor Williamsport Area Community College in 1966. Read "[The Wildcat's Changing Face](#)."



## Volunteer Opportunities

***"There is no 'I' in Team but there is a 'u' in volunteer."***

*-Unknown*

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

- **Carlene Cabot** '11 occupational therapy assistant, '92 advertising art
- **Garrett Leopold** '14 civil engineering technology
- **Duncan Rodriguez** '17 nursing

### Alumni Volunteers Needed

The Alumni Relations Office is currently looking for alumni volunteers for Commencement on May 11 and 12 to interact with family and friends of graduates. To find out more, email [alumni@pct.edu](mailto:alumni@pct.edu).

## Giving to Penn College



### Record-Setting Crowd Celebrates Commitment to Students

In April, we celebrated the recognition of alumni, corporate partners, friends and colleagues whose cumulative giving – reflected on the [Donor Wall](#) in the Student & Administrative Services Center – leaves a lasting impression on the college's campuses and students.

[Learn more](#) about the ways you can support Penn College students.