

## A Blog is Born

Check out the new Penn College Blog at [blog.pct.edu](http://blog.pct.edu) featuring blogs from our very own President, Dr. Davie Jane Gilmour. A few of the recent blogs include “Taking Chances” regarding risk and reward and “Dr. Davie Jane Gilmour-Profile of a College President.” Continue following our Penn College Blog and Dr. Gilmour’s posts.



## Alumni Relations Events



### Homecoming & Family Weekend Showered With Sweet Memories

Mother Nature was among the parents in town for Penn College’s first [Homecoming & Family Weekend](#), bringing persistent rain but failing to deter attendees from enjoying a full schedule of activities centered around “Our Proud Penn College Days.” Among the weekend offerings were a four-day carnival; dessert receptions in each of the

college’s six academic schools; soccer matches; the Athletic Hall of Fame induction and banquet; an alumni golf outing; a tailgating lunch with President Davie Jane Gilmour; and more.

### Polar Express Tickets Going on Sale

Two train cars are reserved for Penn College/WACC/WTI alumni and families aboard the [Polar Express Train Excursion](#) on Friday, Dec. 9, in Williamsport. Cost is \$10 per person. While on board, enjoy sugar cookies from Penn College Dining Services and listen to the story of The Polar Express. Santa will also be on board to greet your children. Tickets will go on sale via the events page on the Alumni website on Friday, October 14.





## Ski Sawmill Snow Tubing

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Make plans to join us for snow tubing at Ski Sawmill on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 9-11 a.m. Tickets will go on sale soon!

Find out about upcoming Alumni Events on [Facebook](#) or the [Penn College Alumni Events](#) web site.

## Alumni Relations News

### New Recognition Garden Being Installed

Penn College's [Recognition Garden](#), under construction on the Bush Campus Center lawn, is a cooperative project involving General Services employees, faculty, and three groups of students taught by Franklin H. Reber, instructor of construction technology. The attractive and handicapped-accessible site will replace the commemorative bricks that line the main entrance to campus— bricks that have weathered poorly and have been slowly deteriorating over the years.



### Culinary Grad Wins National Competition

2006 culinary arts technology alumni Paul "PJ" Lemoncelli was named the [Best In-Flight Executive Chef](#) of 2016 during the International Flight Services Association's annual chefs competition. Four competing chefs were tasked with preparing an appetizer and entrée in 30 minutes, using five required ingredients. Lemoncelli is an executive chef at the Moosic location for Preferred Meals. Preferred Meals provides nutritious meals to schools and senior citizen facilities, as well as airlines, military, health care, private-label and co-packing businesses.

## Penn College Events

### Career Fair is almost here!

Remember, alumni are invited to attend all Penn College Career Fairs. This is an excellent opportunity to meet hundreds of employers, including several Fortune 500 companies who are looking to hire Penn College alumni and students. A full list of the employers attending (sortable by major) can be found on the Career Fair web site at [www.pct.edu/careerfair](http://www.pct.edu/careerfair).



### Monday, October 17

On-Campus Information Sessions scheduled for various majors throughout the day. Complete dates and times are available on the Career Fair web site.

### Tuesday, October 18

All majors: Bardo Gym & Field House; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Please make sure to have your resume and cover letter updated and dress professionally. If you would like to review your resume, cover letter, or brush up on your 30-second elevator speech please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Career Services to schedule an appointment!

[www.pct.edu/careerfair](http://www.pct.edu/careerfair)

[careerservices@pct.edu](mailto:careerservices@pct.edu)

570-327-4502

Bush Campus Center, Rm. 202



### Penn College's Annual Trick or Treat Night at the Village

Kids of all ages are invited to wear their costumes and Trick or Treat with Penn College Residence Life staff at The Village located adjacent to the Klump Academic Center on Wednesday, October 26 from 5:30-7 p.m. Following the Village Trick or Treat, from 7-10 p.m. there will be a carnival in the Lancaster Courtyard of Rose Street Commons. Games and carnival snacks including a french fry bar, funnel cake, cake pops, hot chocolate and apple cider will be available. A trolley will transport guests from The Village to the Courtyard.

## **Educators Invited to Connect with Award-Winning Television Series**

Teachers, school counselors, education administrators and homeschooling parents interested in incorporating practical experiences and career exploration into lesson planning are invited to take part in a free workshop – [“Working Class: Connecting Classrooms & Careers”](#) – on Wednesday, November 16, from 9-11 a.m. at WVIA Public Media Studios in Pittston. Workshop participants will learn how free resources can encourage academic studies while introducing 21st-century career opportunities to elementary, middle and high school students. The workshop will be beneficial for educators conducting both academic and career/technical classes.

### **Penn College Dedicates Technology-Driven Dental Hygiene Facility**

Pennsylvania College of Technology hosted a dedication ceremony on Thursday, September 29 to celebrate its renovated [Dental Hygiene Clinic](#). The clinic is the hub for hands-on learning in the college’s dental hygiene majors and provides low-cost dental care for the community. Speaking at the dedication were alumni David Tule, '80, a registered dental hygienist for Bryden & Kessel Family Dentistry; Megan Brightbill, '93, '01, dental hygiene program director for Harrisburg Area Community College; and Karen Miller, '11, '13, an international dental hygienist and humanitarian project coordinator.



### **Penn College Ranked Seventh Among Public Regional Colleges North**

Pennsylvania College of Technology has earned its best-ever ranking in the 2017 U.S. News & [World Report Best Colleges](#) compilation. Penn College is ranked seventh among public colleges (and tied for 13th overall, when private institutions are included) in the Regional Colleges North category. The information for the 2017 Best Colleges rankings was collected during Spring and Summer 2016 through U.S. News’ annual statistical survey of colleges.

## 'Working Class' TV Episode Earns Telly Award



The premiere episode of "[Working Class](#)," a public television series produced by Pennsylvania College of Technology and WVIA Public Media, has earned a 2016 Telly Award. The series was honored with a bronze award statue and certificate. The Telly Award is acknowledged as a premier award for film and video productions, including outstanding local, regional and cable programming. The 36th annual competition this year considered more than 13,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents. "Working Class: Dream and Do," which premiered in January, appears regularly on WVIA. It also has aired on other Pennsylvania public television stations including WHYY and MindTV in Philadelphia, WQED in Pittsburgh, WLVT in Allentown, and WPSU in State College.



### New Dental Hygiene Clinic

Please plan to visit the **NEWLY RENOVATED** Dental Hygiene Clinic during the [Penn College Open House](#) on Sunday, October 30! A special reception is planned for Dental Hygiene alumni from noon-2 p.m. in the Dental Hygiene Clinic. We are encouraging you to RSVP with your name and number of guests, but it is certainly not required. RSVP's can be sent to [alumni@pct.edu](mailto:alumni@pct.edu). Light refreshments will be served. Stop by to see the new clinic and to interact with program faculty and students! RSVP by Monday, October 24.

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

- Todd Mason, 1991 Landscape/Nursery Technology
- Jeremy Thorne, 2013 Ornamental Horticulture
- Jonathan DeRoner, 2015 Computer Aided Product Design
- Adam Chamberlain, 1999 Plastics and Polymer Engineering Technology
- George Logue, 2010 Culinary Arts and Systems
- Patrick McGowan, 2000 Electronics Technology
- Anthony Gobbi, 2016 Building Automation Technology & 2015 HVAC Technology
- Megan Asbeck, 2011 Graphic Design

If you would be willing to [volunteer](#) to share your life experiences and knowledge with Penn College students, please contact Rhonda at [rsw7@pct.edu](mailto:rsw7@pct.edu). We need you!!!

## Giving to Penn College

### Students Want to Talk to You!

The Penn College Phonathon is underway and students want to talk to you! Students want to learn more about your life since graduating, fill you in on the latest campus happenings, and ask for your support of their education. The phonathon gives student callers insight into the impact that alumni generosity has for students like them while providing the opportunity to develop their communication skills and alumni network.

When you see the 570 area code, please pick up and tell your caller about your Penn College experience. To learn more about your student callers, visit [PCToday](#).



### Board Member, Alumna Establish Penn College Scholarship

Steve Johnson, a member of Pennsylvania College of Technology's Board of Directors since 2010 and his wife, Mary Ann, an alumna of the legal assistant/paralegal studies program, have established a fully endowed scholarship at the college. Mary Ann Johnson graduated magna cum laude was the first Penn College student or graduate to attain the Certified Legal

Assistant (CLA) professional credential.

The Steve and Mary Ann Johnson Scholarship will benefit students who are enrolled full time; have served in the U.S. military, are on active duty, are enlisted in the Reserves or National Guard, or are dependents of a veteran who was 75-percent disabled or died because of their service; have an academic standing of sophomore or greater; and have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. The first scholarship from the fund is being awarded in the 2016-17 academic year. [Read more...](#)