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Alumni

Happy September from Alumni Relations! We have a lot of exciting things happening here at Penn College and we are exploring new ways to share this information with you. To begin, we are redesigning the look of our newsletter. After you have had a chance to look it over we would love to hear what you think!



New Alumni Director Appointed

Kimberly R. Cassel has been named director of alumni relations at Pennsylvania College of Technology. Cassel had been director of student activities at Penn College since 2008. She began her employment with the college in 2004 as assistant director of student development. She was appointed associate director of student activities for Greek life and leadership in 2007. Previously, Cassel was assistant director of campus activities and programs at Bucknell University from 2002-04. As director of alumni relations, Cassel will provide leadership in the development and implementation of alumni relations programs to promote continued

engagement of alumni and retirees with the college.

Alumni Relations Specialist

Rhonda Walker, 2015 B.S. Technology Management alumna, began in the Institutional Advancement office June 2015. She is a 1990 graduate of South Hills School of Business and Technology with an A.S.B. in Business Administration/Accounting with a minor in computers. Rhonda's career has been primarily in the educational environment spanning public education to higher education. Rhonda is very happy to have the opportunity to serve her alma mater as well as the numerous alums, faculty and staff.



Alumni Relations Events



Join us on Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 2 on the Penn College campus. For detailed information and to register visit the [Homecoming & Family Weekend website](#).

Seneca Lake Wine Trail

Penn College culinary professor Chef Paul Mach will share his wine and food expertise Saturday, Sept. 24 on the [Seneca Lake Wine Trail](#) bus trip. Tickets are going fast. Reserve yours today!





Polar Express Train Excursion

You and your family are invited to join Penn College Alumni Relations for a [Polar Express Train Excursion](#) on Friday, Dec. 9, in Williamsport. Cost is \$10 per person. Two train cars are reserved for Penn College/WACC/WTI alumni and families. While on board, enjoy sugar cookies from Penn College Dining Services and listen to the story of The Polar Express. Santa will be on board to greet your children.

Alumni Relations News

Did you or someone you know graduate in August? The Summer Commencement video is now public on our YouTube Channel at: <https://youtu.be/UF2sViQJ0i0>

2008 Penn College Aviation Maintenance Technology alum, Gregory Gilliland is featured in the latest issue of [Rotor Magazine](#) on page 59.

1992 Penn College Automotive alum, Christopher White opened a new repair shop in Delaware, OE Performance Service & Repair. Read more in the [Cape Gazette](#).



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Penn College Athletics

As many of you know, Penn College is a member of the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) within NCAA's Division III. But do you know what that means?

Most of us hear news and watch highlights from NCAA Division I schools (like Penn State, Pitt, Notre Dame, etc.). Athletics in Division III is much different than at these large, scholarship-driven institutions.

At Penn College, and in Division III, the student-athlete experience is primarily about their academic pursuits. We don't offer scholarships and virtually all students will go professional in some other field.

We are committed to providing a rewarding experience that enriches and promotes academic and athletic success, sportsmanship, fair play, accountability, amateurism, integrity, and teamwork for student-athletes. Our Coaches and Athletic Department always place academic success, fair and equitable treatment, and the health and welfare of student-athletes first in all decisions. While we are most proud of our student-athletes when they walk across the stage at graduation, we are also delighted at their success on the court or field. Learn more and follow the Wildcat teams on the [Athletics website](#).

Retrospective Exhibit Marks Gallery's First Decade

Artists and art lovers convened in [The Gallery at Penn College](#) for the opening reception of "Take Ten," a special 10th-anniversary exhibition celebrating the venue's commitment to contemporary art. Featuring new works from 25 past exhibiting artists representing each of the gallery's 10 years, "Take Ten" runs through Oct. 9.



Colloquia Series: Feeding the Future: Can we Nourish 9.7 Billion People in 2050?

Dr. Gary A. Sojka will be the featured speaker during the [Technology and Society Colloquia Series](#) on Oct. 4 in the ACC Auditorium. This presentation discusses the prospects of living in such a crowded world and the potential sustainability of a global food production system already straining to meet the needs of the present population.

A Midtown Monument to College's Community Involvement

The Penn College family's contributions to the [new Trade & Transit Centre II](#) were unveiled at the facility's ribbon-cutting in downtown Williamsport. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Christopher E. Keiser, a 1995 landscape/nursery technology alumnus and member of the Penn College Foundation Board of Directors, employed by Larson Design Group.



David London My Last Words Lecture Series

In 2008, Penn College renamed the "My Last Words" lecture series in honor of Professor David London. This campus-wide event featuring Dr. Tina Evans will take place on Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. in Penn's Inn.

Volunteer Opportunities

We need you! As an alumnus/alumna of Penn College, Williamsport Area Community College, or Williamsport Technical Institute, you have the ability to share your life experiences and knowledge with our students, which will assist them in networking and entering the workforce and enhance their college experience as well. Some upcoming [volunteer opportunities](#) include Alumni in the Classroom and Open House. Please contact Rhonda at rsw7@pct.edu to learn more.