



## **Penn College, NJIT get nearly \$8 million for apprenticeships**

Pennsylvania College of Technology and New Jersey Institute of Technology have been awarded a \$7,996,530 federal grant to develop industry-driven strategies for [apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing fields](#). Penn College, a leader in innovative apprenticeship programs and a special mission affiliate of Penn State, and NJIT, New Jersey's public polytechnic university, received the funding as part of the U.S. Department of Labor's awarding of \$183.8 million in grants to 23 academic institutions and consortia nationwide.

## **Appropriations boost recognizes college's vital workforce role**

The approved 2019-20 state budget delivers [appropriation funding](#) to Pennsylvania College of Technology reflecting its long history of success in producing skilled workers, while leveling the playing field with other publicly funded institutions in the Commonwealth, the College's board chair said June 28.

## **Alumni Highlights**



### **Steven Dodge**

2002, Computer Information Technology

Steven Dodge is a financial adviser with Bank of America/Merrill Lynch. He has worked for the firm for six years and advises clients on retirement income strategies, asset allocation, building diversified stock portfolios, and working towards achievement of long-term financial goals. Steven and his wife, Amber, currently reside in Jacksonville,

FL. Originally from Williamsport, Steven relocated to Florida shortly after graduation from Penn College. In 2006, he earned his MBA from Stetson University in Deland, FL. Steven is grateful to Penn College for providing him with a solid educational foundation in computer networking, computer programming, and software development. The knowledge and skills he learned at Penn College have served him well throughout his career, especially with the ever-increasing digitization of financial services, algorithmic trading, and online investing.

## Alumni Events

### Virginia Regional Events

Thank you to everyone who came out to our regional events in Arlington and Richmond. We loved connecting with all of you, sharing updates about Penn College, and hearing about the many amazing things you are doing in your communities.



### Penn College Convocation and Fireworks

Gather with new and returning students, faculty and staff on Saturday, August 17, for welcome messages from the College President, administration and the Student Government Association president at 8:30 p.m. on Rose Street Commons. Please plan to arrive by 8:15 p.m. to line up along Rose Street. [Email](#) us to let us know you're coming!

### 40th Paramedic Reunion

Paramedic alumni are invited to the 40th Reunion of the Paramedic Program on Saturday, October 5. 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, September 20.





## Homecoming 2019 - Register now!

[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. Highlighted activities include Wildcat Athletic Events with Food Trucks, Breakfast with President Gilmour, Alumni and Friends Tent Party, and a Saturday evening gathering at New Trail Brewery!

Will you be attending [FABTECH](#) this year? If so, we encourage you to stop by the **Penn College booth** to say hello! In addition, make plans to join **Alumni Relations for Happy Hour in Chicago** on Tuesday, November 12. We will also be providing an update about all the great things happening in Williamsport including new academic programs, changes in athletics and student life, and much, much more! More details coming soon!!!!

## Alumni News



### Penn College alum's perseverance pays off

The student's future revealed a stark reality: life without a college degree. His aborted attempts at college would close the door to a fulfilling information technology career. Potential wouldn't be realized. Dreams wouldn't be lived. But [Steven P. Fantaske](#) flipped the reality he seemed destined to experience.

### Mechatronics grad sets his sights on prevention

Anne Reiner of the [On the Pulse](#) local news site visited campus recently to interview [Ryan M. Witmer](#), a mechatronics technology student from Lancaster County. Reiner watched Witmer employ various diagnostic tools to monitor the performance of Penn College's roll-fed thermoformer and discussed with him the unique major, which combines electrical, mechanical, and computer engineering into one field.



### Penn College transfer student stays the course

The email contained a stark message for the transfer student. After a year of subpar grades, Pennsylvania College of Technology had to place her on academic probation. [Jacqueline M. Westervelt](#) repeatedly scanned the message, hoping that the words would change. They didn't. Her dream of earning an information technology degree – already delayed for two years – was in jeopardy. Self-doubt, fueled by past struggles in school, flooded her mind. Tears flowed as she thought that the people who told her she wasn't college material were right. Turns out, they were wrong.

## Penn College Events



[Basketball Day Camp](#)  
July 29-August 1



[Penn College Night](#)  
August 28

## Penn College News



[Penn College students dominate manufacturing scholarship list](#)



[Nine Penn College students medal at SkillsUSA nationals](#)



[Pennsylvania Builders Association honors Penn College student](#)



[Dean of sciences, humanities and visual communications named](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

*"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."*

*-Max Lucado*

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

#### Commencement

Interact with families while riding the shuttle bus to and from campus on Saturday, August 10. [Email](#) us if you can volunteer.

#### Welcome Weekend

Volunteer on Saturday, August 17, to help new students as they arrive on campus. Shifts are 8 a.m.-noon or noon-4 p.m. [Email](#) us if you are available.

## Tomorrow Makers Program

Alumni, we need your help in identifying the next generation of [Tomorrow Makers](#) like you.



## Giving to Penn College

### Susquehanna Trailways boosts support for Wildcat Athletics



Pennsylvania College of Technology's transportation partner for Wildcat Athletics, [Susquehanna Trailways](#), is increasing its support, which will be commemorated on the new scoreboard at the college's updated athletic complex.

### Entrance at college's athletics complex named for M&T Bank

[M&T Bank](#) has pledged support for the construction of a new entrance gate – which will bear the name of the financial institution – at Pennsylvania College of Technology's athletics complex. Construction for the M&T Bank entrance gate is expected to begin soon and will be completed in time for the Fall 2019 athletic schedule.

