



And they're off: 900+ job-ready examples of Penn College Pride!

Pennsylvania College of Technology held the [Triple Crown of commencement](#) ceremonies May 17-18 for more than 900 students who petitioned to graduate following the Spring 2019 semester. Student speakers were Hannah G. Maize, of Riverside, who received a bachelor's degree in plastics and polymer engineering technology on Friday; Lauren S. Herr, of Lititz, awarded a bachelor's in construction management at Saturday morning's session; and David A. Gadalla, of Mechanicsburg, who received a bachelor's degree in aviation maintenance technology in the weekend's final ceremony.



Alumni Highlights



Kristi Ritchey Genova
2003, Culinary Arts Technology

After completing her degree, Kristi relocated to California's Napa Valley, where renowned chef Jan Birnbaum helped open doors, and she landed a position at Restaurant Pinot Blanc, the area's flagship restaurant under the Los Angeles-based Patina Group. Kristi was able to build a successful career and, by the age of 26, she had already helped define the concept and cuisine of Los Angeles' Murano Restaurant & Lounge and had been named one of LA's top chefs. In the years following, Kristi served as corporate chef for the Greenleaf Gourmet Chopshop restaurants, executive chef for Tahoe's iconic West Shore Café, and as a sought-after private chef. She returned to Penn College in 2013 as part of the Visiting Chef series. Kristi currently works for La Famiglia LLC as co-owner of Casa Italiana in Richmond, VA.

Three alumni honored at Penn College commencements

John Estep, a 1974 associate degree graduate in mechanical drafting from Penn College's predecessor institution Williamsport Area Community College, received the [Distinguished Alumnus Award](#) at the May 17 ceremony. Estep is the founder and owner of E-Tech Industrial Corp., a global manufacturer of precision power-tool attachments for the aerospace and automotive industries.





Darryl Kehrer was honored with the [Humanitarian Award](#) at the May 18 morning commencement. After earning an Associate of Arts in liberal arts from WACC in 1972, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Arts in public administration from American University, in Washington, D.C. A four-year U.S. Air Force veteran with three years of service overseas, Kehrer logged 34 years of public service to fellow

military veterans, retiring in 2005 as staff director, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives.

Kristina Wisneski was presented the [Alumni Achievement Award](#) at the afternoon ceremony on May 18. A 2013 magna cum laude graduate who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in culinary arts and systems, Wisneski is executive chef at Amis Trattoria, in Devon, a Philadelphia Main Line suburb. The restaurant is a Vetri Family restaurant and part of the URBN portfolio of brands. She was named a "Chopped" Champion on the popular Food Network show's "Wonton Wonder" episode, which premiered in February.



Alumni Events

The Alumni Relations Office is hitting the road for Virginia June 28 and 29. We will be making stops in both Arlington and Richmond. Bring a guest, or come on your own, and join other alumni and staff from Penn College in a night of networking and fun. Connect with friends and learn about what is happening at the College.



Friday, June 28

Matchbox Pentagon City
1100 S. Hayes St., Arlington, VA
[Arlington Registration](#)



Saturday, June 29

Casa Italiana
8801 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA
[Richmond Registration](#)



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

[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 a Saturday evening gathering at New Trail Brewery!



Alumni News



Penn College bestows Distinguished Teaching Awards

Ryan P. Good, assistant professor of welding, was presented with the highest honor accorded to Penn College faculty: the Veronica M. Muzic Master Teacher Award. The [Veronica M. Muzic Master Teacher Award](#) recipient is chosen from faculty nominees having at least six years of successful teaching. The award is

“representative of the very best faculty, dedicated to providing the highest quality of experience to students.”

Penn College Events



[Penn College Pre-College Programs](#)
June 16-22



[Wildcat Summer Classic Soccer Camp](#)
June 30



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

Penn College News



[Faculty training heralds electron beam welder's delivery](#)



[Rotational molding workshop attracts appreciative professionals](#)



[Summit takes renewed look at apprenticeships' workforce edge](#)



[Penn College athletics celebrate present, build for future](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

*"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."
-William Shakespeare*

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

- **Deborah Potter**, '01, office technology
- **Caleb Schirmer**, '16, applied management, '14, landscape/horticulture technology

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



Giving to Penn College



Allan Myers boosts annual scholarship commitment

Allan Myers Inc., a heavy civil construction and construction materials company operating throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, will contribute an additional \$50,000 annually to a scholarship it established previously at Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Preference for the [Allan Myers Scholarship](#) is given to full-time Penn College students who are employees/family members of Allan Myers Inc.