



Incentive program freezes tuition for baccalaureate students

Baccalaureate students who commit to completing their degrees in four years can freeze their tuition rates as part of a new initiative launching at Pennsylvania College of Technology. The [Momentum Incentive Program](#) enables students to opt in for a Fall 2020 start. The program is open to first-time, full-time bachelor-degree students who enroll by May 1, 2020. To keep their incoming-year tuition rate the same for the remaining three years, students must complete at least 30 credits each academic year and maintain a GPA of at least a 3.0.

Alumni Highlights



Matthew Bamonte

2015, Information Technology Sciences-Gaming & Simulation

Matthew works as a learning experience designer at Amazon Robotics. He is responsible for creating engaging learning experiences in the form of online learning, classroom learning, job aids, and reference guides that enable operations and maintenance personnel at Amazon Fulfillment Centers to work cohesively and safely with robotic technology. While at Penn College, Matthew worked as a student assistant in the Student Engagement Office

and was active on the Wildcat Events Programming Board. After graduation, Matthew attended Bloomsburg University, where he received a master's degree in instructional technology.

Human services grad recounts roundabout road to job satisfaction

Alumna [Kate Stepnick](#) returned to campus October 23, sharing her circuitous journey from graduate to a rewarding position as camp director at an area facility for children with special needs. "I absolutely loved being at Penn College and believe that my education prepared me for every single job that I have had over the last 12 years," she told faculty prior to her visit.



Alumni Events



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** at Jake Melnick's from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12. Cost is \$20 (\$15 for [Wildcat X](#) members) which includes your meal and first drink. We will also be

providing an update about all the great things happening on campus including new academic programs, changes in athletics and student life, and much, much more!

Nutcracker & Tea

Enjoy an afternoon of tea and the Nutcracker at the Community Arts Center on Sunday, December 8. A reception will begin at 3 p.m. in the Capitol Lounge followed by the show at 4 p.m. The normally \$35 ticket will be offered to our alumni for \$20 (\$15 for Wildcat X members). [Registration](#) is open for this family friendly event.



2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show

Do you plan to attend the [Pennsylvania Farm Show](#) January 4-11, 2020? If so, be sure to stop at the Penn College booth and speak to the Alumni Relations Office staff or simply sign in to be entered into an alumni giveaway.

Basketball Alumni Reunion Weekend

Join us for a day of fun while supporting Wildcat Athletics on Saturday, January 25. Show off your basketball skills and enjoy lunch and VIP snacks while watching the games. The co-ed alumni basketball showdown begins at 11 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m., and then cheer on men's and women's basketball teams versus Gallaudet at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively. [Tickets](#) are \$15 (\$10 for [Wildcat X](#) members) and include: Lunch, VIP snacks and beverages at the games, Athletics shirt and Alumni gift bag. Please email athletics@pct.edu with any questions.



Wrestling Alumni & Friends Event

Please make plans to join us for our 2020 Alumni & Friends Night. We look forward to recognizing and celebrating your contribution to the Penn College Wrestling Program and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to engage with the current team and watch our guys compete! On Friday, January 31, enjoy an Alumni and Friends Reception in

the Athletics Lounge with open bar (beer and wine) and heavy hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-7 p.m. followed by wrestling match versus Wilkes University at 7 p.m. Watch the wrestling match from the VIP alumni section with snacks. [Tickets](#) are \$15 (\$10 for [Wildcat X](#) members) and include: Alumni Reception, VIP viewing section with snacks at the match, and a Wildcat gift. Please email [Jamie Miller \(jrm51@pct.edu\)](mailto:jrm51@pct.edu), head wrestling coach with any questions.

Alumni News

Faculty research measures scholars' contributions

A Pennsylvania College of Technology faculty member recently presented research at the 23rd International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries. [Spyke M. Krepshaw](#), assistant professor of web and interactive media, presented "Gatekeeper: Quantifying the Impacts of Service to the Scientific Community," at Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway on September 10.



National honors bestowed on graphic design alumni

National gold and silver awards have been bestowed on two graphic design alumni for work they created as students at Pennsylvania College of Technology. The American Advertising Federation awarded a National Student Gold Award to [Brandon M. Wolff](#) for his "Trailblaze Chocolate Co. Packaging" and a National Student Silver Award to Jared D. Kosko for his "Rue Morgue Brewing Co. Packaging."

'Wildcat Pride' abundantly displayed at combined celebration

The fourth annual [Homecoming and Parent & Family Weekend](#) (October 4-6) provided another exhaustive opportunity for alumni, current students, and families to (re)connect. The celebration opened with the 40th reunion of the dental hygiene program, a blazing bonfire, Hall of Fame banquet and convivial tent party on Friday; continued Saturday with a presidential breakfast, car show, scenic bus excursions, tours of academic labs, a golf tournament, on-campus sporting events, the [dedication](#) of UPMC Field and celebration of corporate benefactors, arts and crafts, a 40th anniversary paramedic commemoration and an alumni event at New Trail Brewing Co.; and concluded Sunday with an intrasquad baseball game. And the numbers were as impressive as the activities. More than 400 alumni and guests returned for Homecoming (double the alumni attendance from a year ago) and another 370 families – amounting to nearly 1,000 overall guests – participated in Parent & Family Weekend.



Penn College Events



[Penn College women host soccer playoff](#)



[Exploration Days Saturday, November 9](#)



[Nursing Programs Live Q&A Wednesday, November 20](#)

Penn College News



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Communications**

**School of Transportation
& Natural Resources
Technologies**

Volunteer Opportunities

"Discover why some of the richest people in the world are not millionaires, they are volunteers."

-Unknown

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

- **Adam Chamberlain**, '99 plastics and polymer engineering technology
- **Gaven Crosby**, '17 emergency management technology
- **Andrew Davies**, '17 building science and sustainable design, '17 architectural technology
- **Julie Flook**, '07 technology management, '06 office information technology
- **Kyle Flook**, '07 construction management
- **Noah Haring**, '19 building science and sustainable design, '17 architectural technology
- **John Jarzab**, '13 information technology
- **Adam Knoebel**, '17 building science and sustainable design, '15 architectural technology
- **Brad Lenig**, '18 information technology
- **Jacob Martin**, '18 civil engineering technology
- **Kate McCall Stepnick**, '07 applied human services
- **Don McTarnaghan**, '66 carpentry and building construction
- **Anthony Morelli**, '06 landscape/nursery technology
- **Bryan Robinson**, '15 plastics and polymer engineering technology
- **Caleb Schirmer**, '16 applied management, '14, landscape/horticulture technology
- **Derek Teay**, '15 software development and information management
- **Kacie Weaver**, '16 applied human services
- **Adam Wrench**, '06 plastics and polymer engineering technology
- **Adam Yoder**, '11 building automation technology, '08 electromechanical maintenance technology, '08 electrical technology
- **Timothy Zeigler**, '14 civil engineering technology

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Commencement

Volunteer on Saturday, December 21, to engage with family and friends of graduates riding one of the shuttle buses to and from campus and the Community Arts Center. [Email](#) us if you are available.

Alumni in the Classroom

Would you like to share your Penn College and professional experiences with students? If so, contact the [Alumni Relations Office](#) to find out more.

Tomorrow Makers Program

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



Giving to Penn College



Penn College students benefit from Komatsu equipment loans

Three pieces of [Komatsu](#) construction machinery are on loan to Pennsylvania College of Technology for use at the institution's heavy equipment operations site in Brady Township. Operations students at the 125-acre outdoor lab south of main campus are afforded regular access to the wheel loader, bulldozer and excavator through the end of the semester, the latest in Komatsu's philanthropy on behalf of its future workforce. "The equipment that Komatsu has provided to us has been a valuable asset to student learning in our operations lab," said Ryan W. Peck, instructor of diesel equipment technology. "The exposure the students have gotten from this equipment is indescribable in how it has helped prepare them to go into the earth-moving industry."