



## Read the Spring 2021 Penn College Magazine

The latest edition of [Penn College Magazine](#) highlights College's prowess in STEM education. Features include a President Davie Jane Gilmour encouraging a wider view of careers and their benefits; stories celebrating the success lecture-plus-lab math course and the opening of the Larry Machining Technologies Center; and a look at alumni the most of their Penn College educations in the fields of (with X, The Moonshot Factory) and nursing (with Life Flight).



Penn piece by STEM of a A. Ward making robotics Geisinger

## Alumni Highlights



### Student's capstone project accepted for publication

The capstone project of a Fall 2020 Pennsylvania College of Technology graduate – on COVID-19 and dental care – has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Dental Hygiene and is being offered as a continuing education opportunity by the American Dental Hygienists' Association. [Breanna J. Connell](#), of Easton, received her bachelor's degree in dental hygiene in December. Her paper – and the related continuing education offering – is titled "COVID-19 and Oral Maintenance."

### Forestry alumna pictured in national trade publication

A photograph of Abigail L. Hufnagle, a May 2018 forest technology graduate employed by ArborMetrics Solutions in Lewisburg, accompanies an article in Tree Care Industry Magazine. An official publication of the Tree Care Industry Association, the magazine devotes its March issue to "Women in Tree Care" and features the photo of Hufnagle on its opening page. The piece, "[Women in Vegetations Management: Commitment, Leadership and Passion](#)," profiles several employees of ArborMetrics and was written by Robert Richens, the company's vice president.



## Alumni Events



[Alumni vs Students Esports Competition](#)  
Saturday, April 10



[Virtual Quizzo with Jon Mackey](#)  
Monday, May 10

## Alumni News

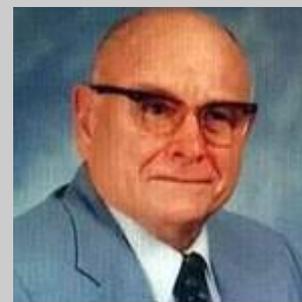


### Manufacturing alumnus among honorees at Chamber education event

[Kenneth F. Healy](#) '01, '90, executive vice president and director of engineering at PMF Industries Inc., received an Alumni of the Year Award during the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce's 20th annual Education Celebration on March 25. The event, held this year at the Bald Birds Brewing Co. in Jersey Shore, honors students and educators from across Lycoming County, as well as alumni from Penn College and Lycoming College who have made a positive impact on the local community.

### Award-winning aviation graduate, faculty member dies at age 90

[Robert L. Norton](#), an alumnus, retired faculty member and father of a program director, Jeanne Kerschner in the School of Nursing & Health Sciences – died Friday, March 19. He received a certificate from the former Williamsport Technical Institute and an associate degree from Williamsport Area Community College and was an aviation instructor at WACC and Penn College for 24 years.



## Nursing grads exceed national licensing exam pass rates

Consistent with previous years, Penn College [nursing graduates](#) exceeded state and national pass rates on national board examinations – including a 100% pass rate on the exam for registered nurses by associate degree graduates. Penn College offers degrees for those pursuing registered nurse and practical nurse licensure eligibility. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing recently released the pass rates for the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses) and the NCLEX-PN, for practical nurses. Results are for those who took the exams between Oct. 1, 2019, and Sept. 30, 2020.

## Radiography grads achieve 100% registry exam pass rate

Penn College's Class of 2020 [radiography graduates](#) have achieved a 100% pass rate on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Radiography Examination. The pass rate is calculated as the number of students who pass the exam on the first attempt within six months of graduation. All 26 of the Penn College students who took the exam passed. Nationally, the pass rate is 88% for 2020. The registry examination is the final step to becoming a registered radiologic technologist. It consists of 200 questions on topics such as patient interactions and management, radiation protection, and radiation physics.



## Attention, Earth Science Center grads!

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Schneebeli Earth Science Center, and Penn College Magazine would like to honor the occasion with an article in its Fall 2021 issue. Naturally, no coverage would be complete without some of our successful ESC alums, so please share your memories. You may want to talk about a favorite instructor or class experience ... or something you learned that made a difference in your chosen career ...

maybe a humorous anecdote to show the lighter side of your hard work. Anything that will help readers better understand the wonderful resources that lie "over the mountain." Email [magazine@pct.edu](mailto:magazine@pct.edu), or call Tom Wilson at 570-320-2400, ext. 7846.

## Penn College News



[Penn College horticulture students awarded \\$1,000 scholarships](#)



[Lean, mean fighting machines show mettle in robotic arena](#)



[Students helping local nonprofit's gourmet cupcake sale](#)



[Gallery exhibit invites students' personal reflection](#)

## Penn College Events



[Virtual Workshop: Stretching for Injury Prevention](#)  
Tuesday, April 6



[Financial Aid Needs Information from You](#)  
Wednesday, April 7



[Virtual Workshop: How to Market Yourself](#)  
Thursday, April 8



[Virtual Workshop: Transplanting Troubles](#)  
Thursday, April 22



[Penn College spring sports schedules set](#)



[Live Guided Virtual Tours](#)  
April 8, 11 and 15

## Pre-College Programs return to enhance students' summertime

Two weeks of [Pre-College Programs](#) are scheduled this year at Pennsylvania College of Technology – June 13-18 and July 18-23 – with an inviting menu of options for summer learners, including several being offered for the first time. In addition to a variety of overnight programs, which will help participants narrow their focus on the future, the College will offer two weeks of “My Tomorrow,” a new career-exploration day camp for middle schoolers sponsored by the Soars family. There is a \$50 fee for those programs, set for June 21-24 and June 28-July 1, which are open to students entering grades six to eight. Lunch, snacks, and beverages are included. Signup for all of the College’s summer programs opens April 1; fees for the overnight camps include on-campus housing and meals.

## Academic School News

[School of Business, Arts & Sciences](#)

[School of Engineering Technologies](#)

[School of Nursing & Health Sciences](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

*"Volunteering is a work of heart."* -Unknown

Thank you to the following graphic design alumni who have volunteered to enhance our current students academic experience.

- **Matthew Bamonte**, '15, information technology sciences-gaming and simulation
- **Justin Bentz**, '01, landscape/nursery technology
- **Travis Breininger**, '01, landscape/nursery technology
- **April Dehaas**, '10, architectural technology
- **Brandon Dehaas**, '11, architectural technology
- **Reece Gonsar**, '15, building science and sustainable design, and '14, architectural technology

- **Heather Hildebrand-Fink**, '90, architectural technology
- **Charles Hogan**, '15, building science and sustainable design; '09, applied technical studies; and '08, building construction technology
- **Harry Jones**, '85, landscape/nursery technology
- **Andrew Manley**, '15, information technology sciences-gaming and simulation, and '15, software development and information management
- **Colleen Masteller**, '16, culinary arts and systems
- **Kate McCall Stepnick**, '07, applied human services
- **Sean McCleary**, '18, diesel technology
- **Ryan Monteleone**, '18, applied technology studies
- **Anthony Moyer**, '07, landscape/nursery technology
- **Kyle Stauffer**, '09, civil engineering
- **Adam Wrench**, '06, plastics and polymer engineering technology

### Willing to Share Your Career Advice?

Career Services would like your insights as Penn College alumni. Do you have tips to share with students? In a sentence or two, short and sweet..."What is the best career advice you would offer a future Penn College graduate?" Email your advice to [careerservices@pct.edu](mailto:careerservices@pct.edu).

### Tomorrow Makers Program

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



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## Giving to Penn College



### All-in-one game changer added to CAL's machining lineup

A [Haas 5-axis Universal Machining Center](#) (Model 500), poised to take Penn College's machining curriculum to a new level, was delivered to College Avenue Labs recently. Purchased at an educational discount through a partnership with Phillips Corp. in Bensalem, the equipment adds the versatility of a rotational axis that allows for easier shaping of harder-to-machine parts – picture a jet engine turbine blade, for instance.

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