



College Relations introduces new Center for Career Design

On Feb. 1, College Relations at Pennsylvania College of Technology is launching its [Center for Career Design](#) – a physical space and operation on campus to bring students, alumni and industry partners together for all things career-related. The launch of the center takes place mere months after the announcement of the newly designated office of College Relations, established July 1, 2020, and comprising the Penn College Foundation, Alumni Relations, Career Services and Corporate Relations. The center will bolster collaboration among students, alumni and employers to ensure students' career readiness, while enhancing alumni connections and fulfilling unmet workforce needs for the college's corporate partners. Check out the [website](#) to find more details about the wide variety of virtual and in-person services available.

Alumni Highlights



Alum's newsletter article retraces 'young designer's journey'

An article by 2019 alumna [Nina M. Hadden](#), recounting the challenging and rewarding opportunities that her Penn College education has brought about, has been published by the Industrial Designers Society of America. "This wonderfully creative major encompasses so many different outlets and allows you to explore just about any field you could think of," she wrote of her four-year degree. "Though there are what could be considered 'traditional' jobs, I have learned that there are actually many careers that an industrial design major can go into." Hadden's [piece](#) fittingly mentions the quality of the college's faculty, as Thomas E. Ask, professor of industrial design – adviser to the Society of Inventors and Mad Scientists – was elected in 2019 as IDSA's Northeast District Educator.

Graduating automotive major commissioned as Army officer

A Pennsylvania College of Technology senior was commissioned as an Army second lieutenant in an outdoor ceremony held at the college. Joined in person on the Bush Campus Center patio by family members and online by livestreaming well-wishers, [Andrew Placencia](#), of Reading – a Bald Eagle Battalion ROTC cadet earning a degree in automotive technology management – will be branched into the Army Ordnance Corps. Ana Coste pins gold bars onto the uniform of her son during his commissioning Dec. 12 at Pennsylvania College of Technology.



Alumni Events



[Virtual Quizzo with Jon Mackey](#)
Monday, February 15



[Virtual Yoga Class](#)
Tuesday, February 23

Alumni News



Recent dental hygiene grad shares expertise at home and abroad

With her keen knowledge of the ties between oral and overall health, recent graduate [Lori Dietz](#) hopes to help people near and far. Here in Pennsylvania, the registered dental hygienist, who earned her bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from Penn College in December, already has a full plate educating and caring for others as a part-time, private-practice dental hygienist and an adjunct clinical instructor for first- and second-year dental hygiene students at Northampton Community College.

YouTube, autos and anthropology lead to Aussie adventure

Like many his age, Pennsylvania College of Technology student [Joseph C. Lusk](#) grew up admiring YouTubers, dreaming of becoming a celebrity by posting clips of his video gaming. But combining his YouTube fascination with another passion – racing – gained him his first experience abroad, practicing his favorite activity behind the wheel of a late model race car in Australia.



Automotive grad makes 'PACT' to earn customers' trust

A 2015 graduate of Penn College's two-year automotive technology: Honda PACT emphasis program, [Alain Johnson](#) is straddling two worlds: sharing through his day job what he has learned, while working to add a bachelor's degree to his

toolkit. A technical training instructor for American Honda Motor Co., Johnson recently discussed his career path in a [blog post](#) – from growing up in Jamaica to honing his workplace philosophy on campus.

Students aid youngster's warmhearted 'monkey business'

The extracurricular work of Pennsylvania College of Technology students [Jonathan D. Yeagy](#), '20, of Harrisburg, and Andrew E. Young, of Hollidaysburg, has provided an online face for an 11-year-old's budding nonprofit. The web and interactive media students designed a [website](#) for Aly's Monkey Movement, which provides monkey stuffed toys to children experiencing difficult circumstances. The students' website work was recognized during a ["Reasons to Smile"](#) segment on WNEP-TV that featured Aly's Monkey Movement.



Grad's 'wild journey' takes award-winning turn

A Pennsylvania College of Technology graduate helped to lead a high-profile metro Washington construction project that recently received honors from Associated Builders and Contractors. [Jordan Way](#), '16, was the assistant project manager for Belfast Valley Contractors Inc. as the company completed concrete work on the seven-story Hyatt Place luxury hotel on the waterfront in National Harbor, Maryland.

A Commemorative Tribute to the Past, Present & Future

The Penn College Brick Project began as a way to raise funds for the [Alumni Endowed Scholarship](#) while also giving individuals an opportunity to memorialize their college memories and achievements. The messages placed on the bricks were used to pay tribute to classmates and professors; celebrate graduations and retirements; and honor other important people and milestones throughout the years.

Penn College News



[Rep. Wheeland appointed to Penn College Board of Directors](#)



[Radiography faculty member earns additional credential](#)



[Radiography clinical director earns Master of Education](#)



['Connections' completed in online avenues](#)



[Penn College baseball and softball teams to have new homes in 2022](#)



[Penn College manufacturing student earns scholarship](#)

Penn College Events



[Branding for Your Audience](#)
Tuesday, February 9



[FAFSA Completion Session](#)
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Academic School News

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

[School of Engineering
Technologies](#)

[School of Nursing &
Health Sciences](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." -Unknown

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

- **Zachary Bird, '16**
- **Austin Fulton, '18**
- **Morgan Gibson, '17**
- **Andrea Homer, '17**
- **Emily Kahler, '19**
- **Ainsley Mayersky, '17**
- **Onolee Oberrender, '16**
- **Erin Shaffer, '19**
- **Emmalee Williams, '16**
- **Brandon Wolf, '19**

Physical Therapy Assistant Alumni Career Panel

Would you like to serve on a virtual alumni panel to offer advice to students on navigating their education and pursuing a career? This hour virtual session on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m., consists of PTA alumni sharing their responses to questions that we provide you in advance with time at the end for Q&A. Email [Alumni Relations](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

Willing to Share Your Career Advice?

Career Services would like your insight 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.

Tomorrow Makers Program

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



Giving to Penn College



Fish Real Estate Leadership Challenge Course creates educational, recreational opportunities

The [Fish Real Estate Leadership Challenge Course](#), currently under development at Pennsylvania College of Technology, will provide the campus community and beyond with stimulating outdoor activities to foster leadership and team-building skills. Funded by a generous gift from Brent and Daria Fish – longtime supporters of the Penn

College Foundation and its annual fundraising activities like the Golf Classic and Dinner and Auction – the challenge course will eventually connect the college campus to the Greater Williamsport area via the Susquehanna Greenway extension project.



Calculator loan program benefits veteran, active-duty students

A veteran student's donation of a calculator upon her graduation sparked the launch of a calculator loan program for other veteran and active-duty military students at the college. [Regina M. Peluzzo](#), a U.S. Air Force veteran who earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering technology (summa cum laude) in May 2020, donated her TI-84 calculator to the Major General Fred F. Marty Veterans & Military Resource Center at the college, knowing it might be helpful to another veteran student.

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