



President advocates for tomorrow makers in Capitol appearance

Penn College President Davie Jane Gilmour appeared before the [Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee](#) March 3 to address the college's proposed 2020-21 budget allocation. The 3:35 p.m. "general conversation" with legislators – which addressed the college's critical role in meeting the needs of tomorrow-minded students and the employers that will hire them – was streamed live (and will be made available for later viewing) on the Pennsylvania Cable Network's [state budget page](#) and through the State Senate website.



Alumni Highlights



Daniel Bennett

2004, Computer Information Systems
2005, Information Technology Security
2007, Web and Applications Development

Daniel works as the senior director of information technology strategy and access at Geisenger in Danville. Daniel is an experienced leader with demonstrated success in health care, higher education, energy, environmental, retail, manufacturing, construction, and other industries. He is skilled in enterprise architecture, medical device security, cyber and information security, information technology, and both technology and people leadership. He is a strong business professional and holds a Master of Science focused on homeland security, with specialization in information security and forensics, from Penn State. Recently, Daniel became a CHIME (College of Healthcare Information Management Executives) Certified Healthcare CIO, which represents one of the highest professional achievements in the industry.

Michelle Runkle

2013 Human Services

Michelle visited campus on February 24 to share her educational and professional journeys with human services students. After enrolling in Penn College's occupational therapy assistant program, a good friend, who was in the human services program, helped Michelle realize she "wanted to work with the mind more than the body." This realization, along with a residential advisor opening at her place of employment, further cemented her passion to pursue a degree and career in human services. Michelle's professional career has been successful with four promotions within nine months, culminating in her current position as social development director for the Department of Labor Job Corps.



Alumni Events

Tickets for Penn College Alumni



The Penn College Alumni Office is once again offering our alumni the opportunity to purchase in advance Hershey Park tickets at a reduced rate....a savings of 51% off the original purchase price! **Tickets are valid for one day from May 1, 2020, until September 27, 2020.** The deadline to purchase tickets through our office is **Friday, March 27, 2020.** All tickets will be mailed to you prior to May 1. No refunds will be issued. To purchase tickets, visit the Alumni [events](#) website. New for Summer 2020 is Hershey's ChocolateTown, with a brand new rollercoaster, Candyonium. The tallest, fastest, longest, and sweetest coaster in Hersheypark. Visit Hersheypark.com for more information on these new attractions. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email [Alumni Relations](#).

Alumni Happy Hour at Rusty Rail Brewing Company

Network with Penn College alumni at [Rusty Rail Brewing Company](#) in Mifflinburg on Friday, April 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy appetizers, coffee, iced tea, and soda. All alumni will receive a glass of wine or beer on us. \$20 (\$15 for Wildcat X members) per person. **[RSVP by Friday, March 20.](#)** Sorry, no refunds after deadline date.



WTI Reunion

The Alumni Office is hosting the 20th Annual Williamsport Technical Institute Reunion on Friday, April 24. This year's reunion will be held at the Schneebeli Earth Science Center campus located in Allenwood, PA, (near the White Deer Golf Course). Please email [Alumni Relations](#) for more information.

Information Assurance & Cyber Security Alumni Reunion

Make plans to join us for a reunion celebrating 15 years of the Penn College Information Assurance & Cyber Security program on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Watch for more details coming soon!





Homecoming 2020

[Homecoming](#) is the perfect time to show your Wildcat pride, reconnect with friends, and tour campus. This year's Homecoming dates are October 9-11. Highlighted activities include Wildcat Athletic Events with Food Trucks, Breakfast with President Gilmour, Alumni and Friends Tent Party, and Family Events on Friday and Saturday Nights. Registration coming soon!

Save the Date-HVAC & Construction Alumni Reunion

Join us on Friday, October 9, for the **25th anniversary of the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program** and the **50th anniversary of the Building Construction Technologies (BCT) program**. Festivities will include a panel discussion and dinner, followed by drinks at the Alumni & Friends Tent Party. Stay all weekend and enjoy many more Homecoming 2020 events.



Save the Date-Plastics Alumni Reunion

Make plans to join us for a plastics alumni reunion on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Reconnect with friends and faculty, with the opportunity to honor Tim Weston's retirement. Watch for more details coming soon!

Alumni News



Wildcats at Wine & Design

Thank you to our alumni and friends who attended the recent Wine and Design event in downtown Williamsport. We enjoyed catching up with everyone, and your paintings turned out great. Looking for more fun things to do with your fellow alumni? Check out the [Alumni events page](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).

Forestry grad facilitates equipment donation to alma mater

A December graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology, whose family's tree care business in suburban Philadelphia fueled his choice of both college and career, recently arranged for the donation of a newly reconditioned chipper to his alma mater's forestry program. Thanks to the resourcefulness of [Michael S. Shreiner](#), now employed full time at Shreiner Tree Care in southeastern Pennsylvania, forest technology students at Penn College's Schneeblei Earth Science Center will have access to a 150XP Bandit Tree Chipper that the 2019 alumnus solicited from the manufacturer.



Alum finishes third among 'Chopped' champions

After advancing to the "Grand Finale" of a five-episode "Chopped" championship, [Chef Kristina Wisneski](#), '13, was eliminated in the finale's second round, which aired February 18 on Food Network. "Chopped" is a popular television series that, each episode, pits four chefs against one another as they compete to make an appetizer, entrée and dessert under tight time limits using surprise – and often unusual – ingredients.



Penn College alumna uses gaming for goodwill

Whether accessed on a smartphone, a personal computer or an elaborate home system, video games are the nation's leading source of entertainment. According to the Entertainment Software Association, about 65% of American adults play video games. [Anna-Maree Manciet](#) is one of the estimated 164 million adult gamers. But for the Pennsylvania College of Technology alum, gaming is much more than entertainment. It's a source of goodwill, both for herself and countless others. Since graduating from Penn College in 2013, Manciet's video game prowess has led to personal healing, a thriving career and nearly \$88,000 raised for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Penn College Events



[Career Fair](#)

Tuesday, March 17, &
Wednesday, March 18



[Reception: Victory for a Dime, The Fighting Comics of WWII](#)

Thursday, March 19



[Penn College Softball \(DH\)](#)

Saturday, March 21, &
Sunday, March 22



[Penn College Open House](#)

Saturday, March 28

Penn College News



[News site profiles international students on local campuses](#)



[Graphic design students excel in national competition](#)



[Plastics with student Sidney C. Trunzo](#)



[Penn College wrestler eighth at regionals](#)



[First nursing cohorts graduate from new Wellsboro facility](#)



[Le Jeune Chef's signature Chocolate Soup](#)

Academic School News

School of Business
& Hospitality

School of Construction &
Design Technologies

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Computing & Engineering
Technologies

School of Nursing
& Health Sciences

School of Sciences,
Humanities & Visual
Communications

School of Transportation
& Natural Resources
Technologies

Volunteer Opportunities

"It's not what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart."

-Unknown

Thank you to the following alumni who have volunteered in the past month. [Let us know](#) if you have been on campus lately and your name's not listed below.

- **Tima Cummings**, '16 applied human services, '12 human services
- **Michelle Runkle**, '13 human services

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **Commencement:** ride one of three buses and interact with families and friends of graduates sharing your Penn College and professional experience.
 - Friday, May 15, from 1:30-3 p.m. or 4:30-6 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 16, from 8:45-10:45 a.m. and Noon-1:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 8, from 8:45-10:45 a.m.; Noon-1:30 p.m.
- **Spring Open House:** check-in/registration, presentation greeter, academic school volunteer and bus rider.
 - Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (volunteer times typically consist of 8-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- **Welcome Weekend:** key box, check-in, greeters, inside traffic directors, and move-in volunteer roles are available for this event. Also, participate in Convocation that same evening to welcome the newest freshmen class to the Penn College community!
 - Saturday, August 15, with volunteer shifts from 7:30 a.m.-noon and noon-4:30 p.m.
 - Convocation volunteers should arrive in Rose Street Commons at 8 p.m.
- **Alumni in the Classroom,** share your Penn College and professional experience with students during the fall and spring semesters.

Email [Alumni Relations](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

Tomorrow Makers Program

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



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