



Future-Proof Career Support

Moving in the direction of your goals can be a challenge during these unusual times. But, don't worry. Career Services is here to help you navigate the new normal.

Learn how they can support your career ambitions by joining them for a live info session on Thursday, May 14 at 7pm EDT. Supercharge your job search. Take advantage of online resources. And get answers to your most pressing questions. To register email careerservices@pct.edu.

Alumni Highlight

College spotlights aviation alumnus at Chamber event

[Christopher M. Gayman](#), a graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology and OEM sales manager for Lycoming Engines, received an Alumni of the Year Award at the annual Education Celebration hosted by the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.

The award – part of an event that recognizes the essential collaboration among school districts, colleges, and business and industry – is given to a graduate who has made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Lycoming County, has excelled in his or her own profession, and is active in the community. Michael J. Reed, vice president for academic affairs/provost, presented the award to Gayman, who earned two degrees from Penn College: an associate degree in aviation technology and a bachelor's in aviation maintenance technology.



Alumni Events

Tickets Status



Hersheypark has informed us it has received our ticket order. However, due to the Governor's stay-at-home order, the tickets have not been printed or mailed to the Alumni Relations Office. Once we receive the tickets, we will immediately place them in the mail for our alumni. **Tickets purchased through our office can be used through June 30, 2021.** As of the date of this email, Hersheypark is planning on opening at the beginning of June. Visit the [Hersheypark Covid-19 information website](#) for more.

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. 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.

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.



Plastics Alumni Reunion

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

Alumni News



HVAC with alumnus Jeff Comitz

Meet [Jeffrey C. Comitz](#), an applications engineering manager for Thermal Product Solutions in New Columbia (and a 2016 graduate in heating, ventilation and air conditioning design technology). After earning his bachelor's degree from Penn College, Comitz accepted an offer at TPS' Tenney Environmental, where he partners with global organizations to develop industrial ovens and furnaces for testing and manufacturing processes. View this [video](#) to take a

look inside his career, see how he applies his education every day, and imagine yourself pursuing a future made by hand.

Faculty member shares foresight with Bake magazine

[Chef Charles R. Niedermeyer II](#), instructor of baking and pastry arts/culinary arts, was interviewed for the cover story in the March/April issue of Bake magazine. A two-time Penn College alumnus and a faculty member since 2005, Niedermeyer was among the professionals assessing what the future holds for desserts and pastries. The article is provided here: [Bake magazine](#)



Newswatch 16 spreads word of web-design class project

WNEP's Chris Keating spoke remotely March 24 with [Spyke M. Krepshaw](#), assistant professor of web and interactive media, about the faculty member's recent offer of website assistance to businesses engaged in e-commerce during the COVID-19 pandemic. In [WNEP's story](#) Keating also spoke with Jason C. Fink, president/CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce, about the [project](#), in which Krepshaw enlisted students for an undeniably real-world experience. The free service is being

provided not only to restaurants, for which sales have been limited to takeout and delivery, but to any impacted business in Lycoming County.

Aviation grad featured in national magazine

[Levi Schappel](#), who holds two degrees from Penn College – aviation technology (2012) and aviation maintenance technology (2014) – is among the Lycoming Engines employees interviewed for an eight-page article in the April edition of [AOPA Pilot](#). Schappel supervises production of the high-performance Thunderbolt aircraft engine at Lycoming’s Williamsport plant, a custom manufacturing job that puts into daily practice the hands-on education he received at the College’s Lumley Aviation Center.



Penn College News



[Going the extra mile\(s\)](#)



[Local news site profiles Penn College's 'helping hands'](#)



[Memorial service pending for 'Master Teacher' Irwin H. Siegel](#)



[HVAC alum delivers for Geisinger emergency crews](#)



[Provost establishes 'Unlock Tomorrow Scholarship'](#)



[Nursing student helps bolster hometown hospital's ER staff](#)

Academic School News

School of Business
& Hospitality

School of Construction &
Design Technologies

School of Industrial,
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 on campus recently. Let us know if you have been on campus lately and your name's not listed below.

- **William J. Henry**, '90 engineering drafting technology

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, August 7, from 2:30-4 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 8, from 8:45-10:45 a.m.; Noon-1:30 p.m.; and 2:30-4 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.



Giving to Penn College



The unwavering compassion for Penn College students during this challenging time has proven how incredible it is to be a member of the Wildcat community.

Our #1 fundraising priority for students is scholarships. If you'd like to help, please direct your support to the [Emergency Scholarship Fund](#). Thank you!

Penn College gives thanks

The future of [Pennsylvania College of Technology students](#) is made by hand and by the support of many. The generosity of loyal employees, alumni, corporate partners, retirees and other friends benefits students in numerous ways. From scholarships to global experiences to intercollegiate athletics, such assistance makes life-changing opportunities possible for the college's "tomorrow makers." Watch [video](#).



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