



## Milestone memories on the mall

Pennsylvania College of Technology held 15 in-person [commencement ceremonies](#) on Aug. 7-9 – two in the morning and three each afternoon – celebrating Spring and Summer 2020 graduates while adhering to state and federal health guidelines. In light of restrictions on gathering indoors, ceremonies were held outside; festivities were simultaneously streamed for the safety and convenience of those at a distance.



## Alumni Highlight

### Alum honored with NSF faculty award



A middling student in high school, [Gregory C. Ditzler](#) believes “the light” went on for him at Pennsylvania College of Technology. Today, he helps “flip the switch” for the next generation of students, an effort recognized by the National

Science Foundation. The NSF recently honored Ditzler with a Faculty Early Career Development Award, the agency’s most prestigious grant to faculty in their first academic assignment.

### Penn College grads 'deliver' for Amazon

One is a bit shy, grew up 20 minutes from campus and studied information technology. The other is outgoing, was raised in Pennsylvania Dutch Country and chose electronics. Both used Pennsylvania College of Technology as a springboard for rewarding careers with prominent subsidiaries of one of the world’s most innovative and omnipresent corporations.



Their paths didn’t cross while attending Penn College, but [Matthew A. Bamonte](#) and [Jiovanni N. Rosario](#) are kindred spirits, thanks to their roles within Amazon Inc. Bamonte is a learning experience designer for Amazon Robotics in North Reading, Massachusetts, and Rosario works as a control projects engineer for Amazon Web Services in northern Virginia.

# Alumni Events



[Faculty/Staff Alumni Appreciation](#)  
September 22 & 23



[Homecoming Virtual Tent Party](#)  
Friday, October 9



[Virtual Alumni Golf Outing](#)  
Email your team photos to [alumni@pct.edu](mailto:alumni@pct.edu).  
Saturday, October 10



[Virtual Career Fair](#)  
Tuesday, October 20 & Wednesday,  
October 21



[Virtual Cooking Class with Alumnus  
& Interim Executive Chef, Chris Grove](#)  
November 2020



[Virtual Horticulture Class with Alumnus  
& Faculty Member, Carl Bower](#)  
Thursday, December 3



[Plastics Reunion](#)  
Coming Spring 2021!



## Career Services Virtual Events

Hey alumni! Are you: Looking for a new job? Thinking about a career change? Interested in how to make yourself more marketable? Career Services has the answers for you! Watch our [prerecorded video presentations](#).

For additional information on these events, [email](#) the Alumni Relations Office.

## Alumni News



### 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 grad gets a 'kick' out of her job, despite pandemic

From creating "bubbles" to coping with empty stadiums, professional sports leagues have faced a gantlet of challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Pennsylvania College of Technology alumna has a clear "picture" of the predicament, thanks to her role with a team that has resumed its season. And [Jessica L. Tobias](#) is still smiling.



### Penn College grad helps 'power' New Jersey

The parental warning is etched in [Lester Wrobel](#)'s memory. In the midst of dropping him off at Pennsylvania College of Technology, his parents delivered a stark message before returning to their New Jersey home: "If you fail, head west, because we won't be opening the door for you." During the next few years, there were moments when Wrobel seemed destined for a westward journey.

## Penn College News



[Six students to receive YES Scholarships for 2020-21](#)



[Intern trio provides vital service for Penn College renovations](#)



[Students help meet Pennsylvania's 10 million trees goal](#)



[Loss of fall sports seasons disappoints Penn College coaches](#)

## Academic School News

School of Business,  
Arts & Sciences

School of Engineering  
Technologies

School of Nursing  
& Health Sciences

## Volunteer Opportunities

*"Turn your compassion into action and volunteer."* -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.

- **Van Johnson**, '73 liberal arts
- **Caleb Schirmer**, '16 applied management, '14 landscape/horticulture technology
- **Charles Spicher**, '95 electrical technology, '94 electrical occupations
- **Bradley Willis**, '16 heating, ventilation & air conditioning design technology
- **Nathaniel Wright**, '97 graphic communication

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



### **Alumnus, corporate partner deliver new technology to college**

A Pennsylvania College of Technology alumnus, now senior clinical engineering director for UPMC in the Susquehanna region, collaborated with a DuBois-based provider of pre-owned medical equipment to place highly valued technology into the hands of health science students. [James R. Fedele](#) facilitated the donation of a GE

Medical Systems C-Arm and workstation through a partnership with KMA Remarketing Corp. The technology will afford students the opportunity to learn through hands-on, simulated experiences in the instructional setting, which will increase their efficiency in clinical operating rooms.



### **Would you like to donate professional clothing?**

The Career Gear Clothes Closet is a place where students can select professional clothing for upcoming Career Fair events, job/internship interviews, and other various reasons. These professional clothing items are FREE to students and do not have to be returned. Career Services is always looking for professional clothing donations to supplement the Career Gear Closet. If you have clothing to donate, please contact Career Services by phone (570) 327-4502 or email [careerservices@pct.edu](mailto:careerservices@pct.edu).



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