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### Wildcat Rotorfest debuts

A Dolphin helicopter, flown from Atlantic City, New Jersey, by the U.S. Coast Guard, departs the Madigan Library lawn during the inaugural Wildcat Rotorfest in April. The event showcased a variety of emergency response vehicles – including four helicopters – and brought students from 11 high schools and middle schools to engage in up-close contact with the equipment and operators. The event was especially attractive to students interested in emergency management and response, aviation and medical fields.



### WTI Reunion returns

The institution's earliest tinkerers and innovators returned to campus in spring for the 20th annual Williamsport Technical Institute Reunion. Held for the first time since the pandemic, the reunion enabled 21 alumni to experience a happy homecoming in the Thompson Professional Development Center. WTI was a world-renowned institution credited with numerous innovations in hands-on adult education from 1941-65. Prior to WTI, and starting in 1914, a small industrial arts shop operated in the basement of the Williamsport High School (now the college's Klump Academic Center). WTI evolved into the Williamsport Area Community College in 1965, followed by its current iteration as Penn College.

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### Grads publish restaurant-search app

An idea hatched a few years ago between hungry friends at Penn College has become a reality for restaurant-searching smartphone users.

Darren J. Leh and Andrew E. Young, 2021 graduates, recently published Out2Eat on the Apple and Google app stores. The free app facilitates group decision-making on a vital question: Where to eat?

Out2Eat enables users to sort through pictures, descriptions and reviews of restaurants retrieved from Yelp. When everyone in the designated group swipes right on the same restaurant, they are prompted to vote on whether to eat there.

That's what the duo wished they could have done when searching for somewhere new to eat during a "boring" day at school in 2020.

"We were like, 'If only there was an app for this.' Around the same time, I was taking a class in web design, and Darren (an eventual software development & information management grad) was taking a class in software engineering. We just kind of decided, 'Hey, this is what we should do,'" recalled Young, whose degree is in web and interactive media.

Out2Eat was published in January.



## BOLDLY SEIZING SECOND CHANCES

In Spring 2017, Melyce E. Kenyon was unable to pursue a weeklong Kentucky Derby internship with her culinary arts classmates.

"When I was presented with the opportunity to participate in the Kentucky Derby in 2017, I was really excited for the mass food service production, alongside my classmates and friends," Kenyon said. "I was really discouraged when I wasn't able to participate."

Instead, she withdrew from her final semester of classes and traveled to Philadelphia for heart surgery. She'd been diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome and Atrial Tachycardia. The condition causes the heart to beat abnormally fast due to extra electrical connections in the heart.

"I had what they call a catheter ablation, where they use radio frequency to destroy the electrical pathways in my heart," Kenyon explained.

She made a quick return, enrolling in summer classes (and earning a 4.0!) before graduating with an associate degree in culinary arts technology in December 2017.

Six years later, she is back at Penn College pursuing a business management degree, and this spring, the opportunity to help serve guests at one of the world's most iconic sporting events was again before her.

"If I'm honest, I was initially very hesitant," Kenyon said. "Life is a little more complicated now that I'm not 18, and I have significant life responsibilities."

In addition to her role as student, she's the mother of two girls, ages 1 and 3, a wife and a business owner.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MELYCE E. KENYON

Melyce E. Kenyon immerses in the atmosphere at Churchill Downs during a weeklong internship that culminated with the iconic Kentucky Derby horse race. Penn College business and hospitality students have been providing high-end food service for the event since 1993.

Ultimately, she seized the opportunity.

"I knew it was going to be incredibly difficult to leave home for a week, especially (being away) from my girls," Kenyon said. "However, I needed to be an example for them of what being bold looks like: taking big life opportunities and stepping out of your comfort zone."

"The excitement remained the same this time around, the only difference being I didn't know many students from Penn College," she added. "That changed over the course of the week in Kentucky, and I was able to connect with some excellent culinary and business students, who will remain lifelong friends."

The Derby is not her first bold step: At the age of 22, she opened MK Café and Catering in Canton, based on the imaginary business plan she'd developed as part of her Penn College coursework.

"This outlined what a restaurant menu, layout, staffing, etc., would look like," she explained. "I opened virtually the exact same business five months post-graduation in May 2018."

The business has adapted, partly due to COVID-19. She now owns MK Bubble Drinks, a mobile drink trailer (like a food truck but strictly drinks), and is joined in the business by her husband, Logan, a 2012 Penn College graduate in architectural technology. He worked in architecture for seven years before joining the MK enterprise full time.

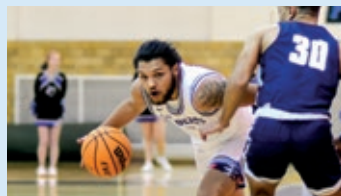
"The beauty of being self-employed is that our daughters come to work with us virtually every day," Kenyon said. "We truly love what we do and being able to be together as a family."

Her business's growth spurred her return to Penn College.

"I never want to be blind to the fact that there are very intelligent people – much, much wiser than me," she said. "I could learn so much more, and be so much greater of a business owner, if I humble myself and say 'I don't know it all.' So here I am, back in the classrooms of PCT, learning additional business strategies that I can apply directly to my company. It is incredibly rewarding – and exhausting!"



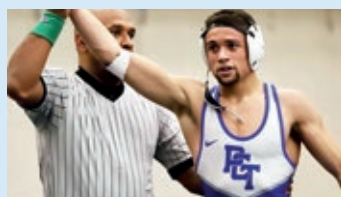
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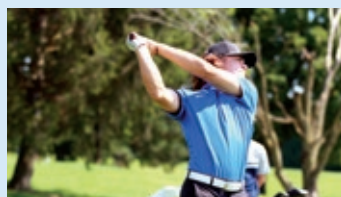
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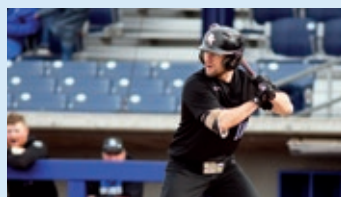
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## WINTER

Men's basketball player **Gavin Barrett '25** led the United East Conference in both points per game and assists per game and became the first player in the NCAA era to earn first team all-conference.

The women's basketball team made the United East postseason for the first time in program history. **Rachel Teats '25** earned second-team all-conference honors.

The Wildcats' wrestling program also had many program firsts in 2022-23, which was highlighted when **Isaac Cory '26** became the first wrestler in program history to advance to the NCAA Division III National Championships. (See story on next page.) **Cory** placed second at the Mideast Regionals, while **Noah Hunt** and **Ryan Berstler** placed sixth and seventh, respectively. **Hunt** and **Berstler** also earned National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American honors and joined **Mason Leshock '26** and **Patrick Snoke '23** on the Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference All-Conference team.

## ELITE 14

Three Penn College student-athletes earned the inaugural United East Elite 14 award. The award honors the student-athlete with the highest grade-point average from teams competing in each conference championship tournament.

**Kayleigh Miller '25** earned the conference's women's basketball Elite 14 award, **Gavin Baer '25** was named the men's golf Elite 14 recipient, and **Alyssa Rusnock '23** took home softball's Elite 14 honors.

Penn College was one of just three institutions with multiple selections.

## SPRING

Penn College raised the conference championship trophy for the second time in three years in men's golf. **Peyton Mussina '25** finished second overall and earned United East first-team honors, while **Gunner Redmond '26** and **Will Orwig '25** were named to the second team, and **Rob Lytle** received the Coach of the Year award. The Wildcats won two tournaments during the season, while **Mussina** had seven top-five finishes.

The baseball program made its fourth trip to the conference finals since Penn College joined the conference in 2015. The Wildcats earned a runner-up finish and placed four players on the all-conference team. **Brian Robison '23**, **Jacob Carles '23**, **Chance Webb '23**, and **Zac Weaver '25** earned second-team honors, while head coach **Chris Howard** was named Coach of the Year.

Penn College's softball team won the conference regular season for the third-straight year after a 20-4 mark in the United East. The Wildcats finished third in the conference tournament and had four all-conference selections. **MacKenzie Weaver '24** and **Maddie Hurst '23** were named to the first team, while **Jordan Specht '23** and **Ivvy Morder '24** earned second-team honors. **Weaver** was named United East Pitcher of the Year after posting a 0.96 earned run average and firing both a perfect game and a no-hitter during the season.

The lacrosse team reached the conference postseason for the third straight year after a program-record 11-win season. Six Wildcats earned all-conference honors: **Camden Elmo '26** was named to the first team, and **Quinn Caviola '24**, **Michael Stank '24**, **Sam Hills '25**, **Mason Nester '25**, and **Colten Hajicek '26** landed on the second team.

# CORY'S COMEBACK



## Wrestler battles his way to NATIONALS after surgery

by Matt J. Blymier, assistant director of athletics for compliance and athletics communication

**DESPITE BEING UNDEFEATED AND NATIONALLY RANKED**, Isaac Cory wasn't with his team as it prepared to face King's College in a regular-season dual meet in mid-December of 2022.

The heralded freshman was grappling with another opponent.

Cory, who won the 2022 189-pound PIAA championship for Montoursville Area High School, was getting out of surgery to repair an abdominal hernia that had begun as a gradual pain early in the season and became unbearable at the midway point of his rookie campaign. Cory's thoughts, however, were with his teammates.

"Right before our King's match, I received a text from Isaac's dad of a picture of Isaac in the hospital bed right after surgery. He had a smile on his face and was giving thumbs up," recalled Penn College coach Pankil Chander. "He wanted to check in, show support for the team and let us know he was good."

Over the next few months, Cory's journey from a hospital bed to the floor of the Berglund Center in Salem, Virginia, representing Penn College as the first-ever wrestler to reach the NCAA Division III National Championships, was equal parts frustrating and rewarding.

"It was rough at first," Cory admitted. "There's 'starting from scratch,' but with my injury, I was starting 'before scratch.' I had no core muscles, but I knew I had to work through it and adjust. Something unplanned always happens in wrestling. You must adjust."

For the next four weeks, Cory gradually worked back into wrestling shape. He was limited early in the rehab process to riding a stationary bike and light cardio. Eventually he was permitted to shadow-wrestle and participate in light weightlifting sessions, before being given the OK to have contact in practice in mid-January – less than a month before the NCAA Division III Mideast Regionals.

Cory, the coaching staff and athletic training staff planned to be "studious with his matches," according to Chander, as Cory eased

his way back to full strength. He wrestled just once in a home quad meet in early February before being allowed to fully participate in a Feb. 11 tri-meet with Rochester Institute of Technology and SUNY Oneonta. Cory wrestled RIT's eventual all-American Colby Giroux, who Cory had beaten earlier in the season, and fell 3-1 in sudden victory. Despite the loss, his first of the season, it was clear that Cory was back.

"Even at 70%, he went up against a regionally ranked kid and went to overtime," Chander said. "That let us know that he was going to be fine."

"That match was important because I was able to just wrestle and not worry about the injury," Cory said. "It showed us where I was physically and what changes I needed to make to be successful at regionals."

Two weeks later Cory met Grioux again in the regional championship and fell 3-2. Cory, however, had punched his ticket to the NCAA Championship. Cory was the only freshman in the 184-pound bracket, and he finished 1-2 in the tournament.

"It's very rare to have a freshman at nationals at 184 pounds," Chander explained. "That proved how tough of a competitor Isaac is and how skilled a wrestler he is."

Cory finished his freshman season with an 18-4 record – with two losses coming to an all-American, one to a three-time national qualifier, and the fourth at the hands of a two-time national champion – and was named to the d3wrestling.com all-freshman team.

But his journey is just beginning.

"I'll be back stronger next year," Cory said. "This year had some challenges, but wrestling is all about preparing for the worst and adapting." ■



IT STARTS WITH A

story

by Tom Speicher, writer/video producer

## For Eli M. Hughes, everything has a story.

The bright yellow paint that envelops the exterior of his house. The built-in, glass-enclosed cabinets that double as homey hideaways for his family's three tiny dogs. The scores of shiny circuit boards affixed to a wall in his basement "mad scientist lab." The black cherry lumber used to construct a backyard studio space.

But his story is the best of the bunch: A poor kid from the country who went from disinterested high school student to electronics guru at Pennsylvania College of Technology before embarking on a successful career distinguished by passion and projects.

"I really try to look at everything holistically and be the connecting glue between large technical pieces from different disciplines," said Hughes, appropriately surrounded by an eclectic assortment of gizmos and gadgets in his home office. "It's all about building the skill stack. Being an expert at one thing is less important than being good at a stack of different things."

His resume reflects that belief. Since graduating from Penn College in 2001, Hughes has served as an engineer at numerous entities, with responsibilities ranging from software to hardware to artificial intelligence. Today, Hughes is leveraging his recent personal experiences to succeed as a full-time content creator and engineering consultant for electronics-rooted companies with global reach.

"It's a story that always leads you into something," he remarked. To prove his point, Hughes tells a tale featuring an electric bike, a broken ankle and a semiconductor chip.

This story begins near his State College home on Mount Nittany. Hughes often hiked trails tucked in the 800-acre conservancy nearby for exercise and stress relief. That ended on a cold, damp December day in 2021 when a "gnarly looking root" tripped him, resulting in a broken left ankle. Several months and two surgeries later, Hughes splurged and bought a high-end e-bike to aid his recovery.

"The motor only helps when you turn it on, so you still have to pedal and get exercise. After being on the couch for months, just to have something that got me outside and that could take stress off my ankle, I was like, 'Oh my god!'" exclaimed the married father of two. "Rather than doing all the pump and circumstance of going to the gym, I just get on the bike."

The lone drawback of his daily bike regimen is sharing the road with cars. "I just don't like things coming up behind me, and I hate turning my head. I tried the little side mirrors, but they were just distracting," Hughes explained.

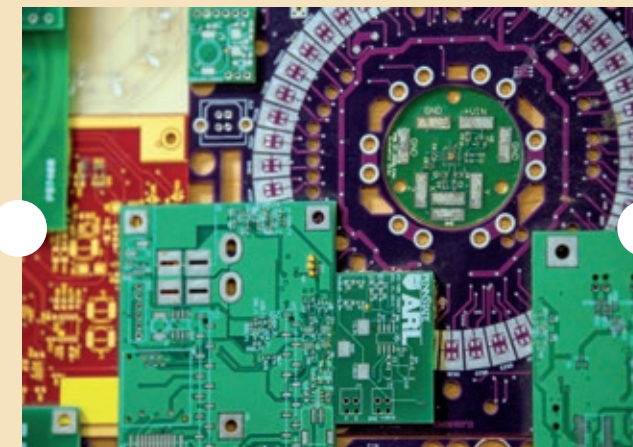
Of course, the self-described "full-stack problem-solver" envisioned a technical workaround to his dilemma. Hughes began investigating the feasibility of linking a rear camera to a small screen on the front of the bike. His relationship with a multibillion-dollar Dutch company turned that possibility into a paid pursuit.

Since 2016, Hughes has served as a pro support consultant for NXP Semiconductors, a prominent designer and manufacturer of semiconductors that boasts a worldwide customer base. When high-tier NXP clients need immediate expert troubleshooting assistance, they contact experts like Hughes.

His relationship with NXP extends to the marketing department because he has written technical articles for the company's community website. In late 2022, a marketing official told Hughes about a semiconductor chip being developed by NXP. That matter-of-fact revelation led to a eureka moment. ▶▶

**In front of his State College home, Eli M. Hughes '01 shows his electric bike, the impetus for his "BunnyVision" project.**

"I really try to look at everything holistically and be the connecting glue between large technical pieces from different disciplines."



Guitars, circuit boards and cycles have been part of the "full-stack problem-solver's" journey.







**“The Art of Electronics” and related textbooks continue to serve as a resource on Hughes’ bookshelf.**

“The chip has built-in neural network technology, so you can have artificial intelligence functionality that you’re now seeing in smart doorbells and whatnot,” Hughes said. “They showed me a demo of the chip doing face detection. I was like, ‘Oh, wait a minute! This thing is reading a camera. I can rework that to detect cars!’”

The NXP marketing representative loved the idea. For the past several months, Hughes has been building the electronics for the chip so cyclists one day may, in his words, “connect with their physical space through optics, electromagnetics and acoustics.”

The goal is for the chip to facilitate communication between a tiny NXP-powered camera pointing behind the rider and a special display unit attached to the front of the bike. The screen – manufactured by another company that Hughes has consulted for – emits rather than reflects light and would show images in the form of “cartoony-like” graphics. Force feedback on the handlebars would provide a “gentle nudge,” prompting the rider to glance at the screen when objects are behind them.

As Hughes develops these elements, he’s documenting the effort – code name “BunnyVision” – for various NXP online platforms. The content is a mix of deep-dive technical examinations, 500-word briefs and fun TikTok-like videos.

“I’m literally designing and building the thing as I’m writing about it,” he laughed.

The content is personalized with the story of how he discovered the chip and its possible use for cyclists. Hughes believes that makes him more relatable and credible in the eyes of discerning consumers. In fact, the first entry recounts his broken ankle and need for the e-bike.

He could have started his story much earlier. It’s that interesting.

Hughes grew up in an area with more white-tailed deer than people: Ludlow, a village of about 300 residents in rural McKean County. Playing guitar stirred the soul of the shy teenager, rather than reading textbooks.

“Today I feel kind of bad for my teachers,” Hughes admitted. “I’ve run into some of them in recent years. They’ve told me that I was just worried about the guitar and that I screwed around a little too much. But then they say that they knew I was going to end up OK.”

Penn College played a key role in that eventuality.

Hughes’ father, James, in his day a noted drummer and expert music technician, studied electronics at Penn College’s predecessor Williamsport Area Community College. He knew the school had the potential to inspire career direction, so he dragged his disinterested high school junior to campus for a tour.

The plan worked. A peek in the electronics lab transformed Hughes from reluctant visitor to dedicated student.

“There was a computer with wires connected to a breadboard that had some things that looked like they were from a mad science laboratory hooked up to a giant robotic arm. The arm was moving around. Students were writing code that was controlling the robot,” Hughes smiled. “I was like, ‘This is it! This is exactly what I want to do!’ I was hooked and became uber-focused on success at that point.”

The moment rekindled an interest Hughes discovered in seventh grade while taking a computer literacy class. A Nintendo fanatic at the time, he learned the chip inside his school’s Apple IIe computer was comparable to the one operating his treasured game console. “Once I made that connection, I got into programming,” he said. “It was like, ‘I can make that chip do anything.’”

Over time, the absence of a home computer and the lure

of music dampened his enthusiasm for programming – until the fateful Penn College visit. Hughes left campus that day determined to raise his grades before graduating from high school and enrolling in the college’s electronics program.

“Penn College was perfect for me because it started with some of the hands-on right away. We were soldering literally on the first day,” said Hughes, who earned a bachelor’s degree in electronics engineering technology (now known as electronics & computer engineering technology). “I went from failing algebra in high school two or three times to acing calculus my first year at Penn College because I loved the environment.”

But that doesn’t mean it was easy.

Finances were a constant concern. Hughes vividly recalls doing his laundry in a bathtub, relying on food stamps and living for one semester in the sweltering attic of a downtown Victorian home rented by some friends.

“Eli’s locker was right across the hall from my office, and all that I saw was a locker full of ramen noodles,” remarked Richard J. Calvert Jr., a retired electronics faculty member. Calvert also witnessed Hughes’ passion for electronics, which helped him overcome any financial hardships.

“He was incredibly self-motivated. He was always interested in going beyond an assignment,” Calvert said. “Eli was always working on projects and wanted to understand how systems worked.”

“Eli had an intense desire for knowledge,” added Jeffrey L. Rankinen, associate professor of electronics and computer engineering technology. “He was constantly engaged in conversation about electronics with students and faculty.”

Hughes spent all hours in the electronics department, whether working on his own projects, tutoring other students or monitoring an adjacent computer lab. Calvert, then the department head, eventually hired him to teach some freshman-level electronics courses.

“His success following graduation was pretty much assured,” Calvert said.

“Going to Penn College was the best decision I ever made,” said Hughes, recipient of the 2010 Alumni Achievement Award and a member of the electronics program’s industry advisory committee. “Penn College can get you anywhere you need to go.”

Multiple accomplishments have marked Hughes’ “travels.” Highlights include earning a master’s degree in acoustics from Penn State, working for Penn State’s Applied Research Laboratory – a high-tech facility dedicated to systems engineering research for the U.S. Navy – developing four electronics-related patents and co-founding TZero, a sensor technology and software firm dedicated to the food and beverage industry.

After five-plus years, Hughes left TZero in 2022 to try consulting full time.

“Consulting has always been on the side and was stressful because I didn’t have enough time to do what I wanted,” he explained. “I decided this was the time to let me just go do this.



**In his well-equipped home workshop, Eli M. Hughes ’01 shares the stories behind his innovations.**

**A 40th birthday gift, made by Hughes’ wife, Angie, features memories – including a caricature drawn by an artist at the college’s Diamond 10 Anniversary festivities in 1998-99.**



The work is stacked up. It’s still to be determined what the outcome will be, but I think it will be OK. It’s just choosing the opportunities that best fit the strategy.”

The strategy is modeled on his experience with NXP. Hughes is pitching his technical and content expertise to other companies under his Wavenumber brand, the limited liability consulting company he established in grad school.

His goal is to split his time equally between engineering and creating content that will connect personal experiences, technical elements and products to tell compelling stories in support of companies.

“I am kind of a workaholic,” Hughes said. “But at the same time, there are some days when I have to take some time to do something else.”

Something undoubtedly worthy of a story. ■





# ACT I



## CELEBRATING

**A 30-year anniversary nearly a century in the making**

*by Tom Speicher, writer/video producer*

On May 6, the Community Arts Center hosted a celebration of its 30th anniversary, a milestone made possible by the enduring support of Pennsylvania College of Technology and the Williamsport community.

**THE ORIGIN** of the Community Arts Center dates to the 1920s and the construction of a movie palace in downtown Williamsport at the site of the former Sterling Hotel on West Fourth Street. The Comerford Amusement Co., a prominent owner and operator of theaters across the Northeast, bought the fire-damaged hotel and constructed in its wake the largest movie house in the region.

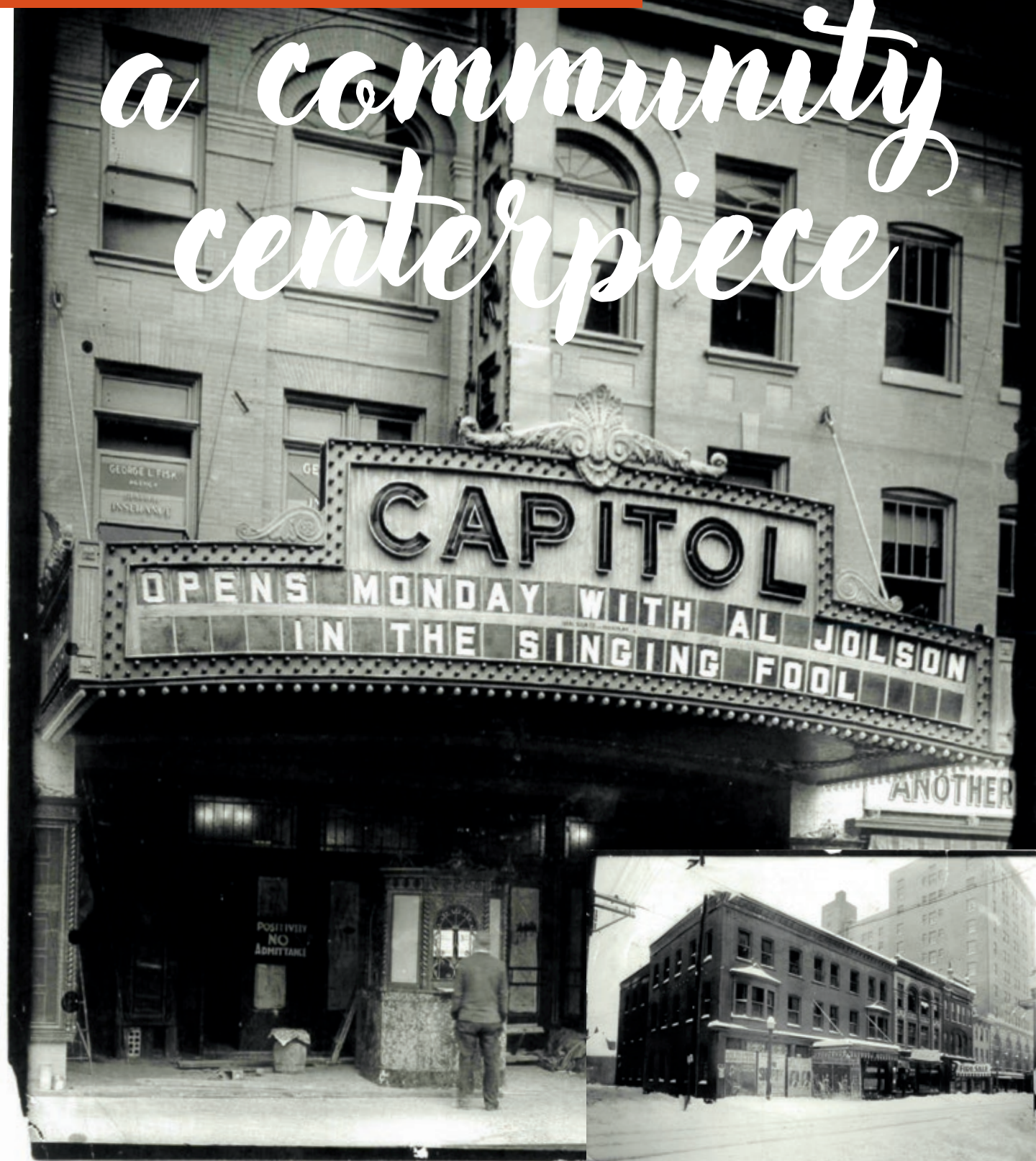
Fine products from 10 countries were used to construct the ornate theater, which featured an exquisitely detailed octagon-shaped dome ceiling. The architecture and artistic elements reflected the Basque region of Spain. “The cost was somewhere around a million dollars, which at the time was really extravagant,” said William J. Martin, senior vice president emeritus of Penn College. Martin served as project director for the Community Arts Center’s construction. “It was designed to make you set aside reality as you moved from the street to your seat.”

Christened the Capitol Theatre, the facility opened on Oct. 22, 1928, with a showing of Al Jolson’s “The Singing Fool,” Williamsport’s first “talkie.” In the years to come, the Capitol featured a mix of vaudeville acts and movies. ▶▶



Crowds flock to the theater for the Congress of Industrial Organizations’ annual Christmas event. (The organization preceded today’s AFL-CIO.)

# a community centerpiece



Opening night at the Capitol Theatre, on Oct. 22, 1928, features “The Singing Fool.”

The Sterling Hotel previously stood on the site of the West Fourth Street theater.



# ACT II



## THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOOD

of 1936 caused considerable damage to many communities in Pennsylvania, including Williamsport. The Capitol Theatre's lower level was submerged under more than a foot of water.

"It absolutely devastated everything," Martin said. "They didn't have the financial wherewithal in the middle of the Great Depression to be able to restore it. They kept some of the elements, but a lot of the stuff was painted completely over."

In the ensuing decades, the deteriorating property had multiple owners and even housed a hairdressing school, among other enterprises. The Capitol Theatre was mainly used to show movies and host the occasional concert or special event sponsored by schools and other local organizations. Martin noted that at the time of its closing, "You could actually see the light outside shining through the walls."



The Capitol marquee promotes its final movie showing on June 27, 1990.



The front of the building is replaced by a new facade.



## ON DEC. 22, 1989,

Penn College, the Lycoming Foundation (now the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania) and the City of Williamsport announced plans for the college to acquire the Capitol Theatre and convert it into a performing arts venue. Renovation and reconstruction began in the summer of 1991 and took nearly two years. The cost exceeded \$13 million, with more than \$8 million contributed by the college.

The goal of the painstaking project was to restore the original grandeur of the theater with modern amenities. Additional and refurbished seating, an enlarged stage, upgraded sound and lighting systems, and a new facade were just some of the immense improvements. Decaying artistic elements were resurrected by a variety of artists who combined their creative talent with precision detail to honor original designs.

"What we did was restore where we could and replicate where we couldn't restore," Martin explained.

That work encompassed all elements in the inner lobby and theater. Highlights included recreating 3,000 feet of stenciling, replicating murals depicting the West Branch Valley's picturesque landscape, restoring hanging chandeliers and fixtures, and modeling the carpeting's pattern from a swatch of the carpet installed in 1928.

May 8, 1993, marked a new era for the region as the Community Arts Center opened its doors to the public with a performance by the famed Skitch Henderson and the New York Pops.

"I remember that feeling of awe the first time I came into the theater. I feel that every time I come in," said Williamsport native Jim R. Dougherty, who today serves as the CAC's executive director. "I'm always struck by the detail and the level of precise attention to the architecture in a way that just is not done anymore. You come under the balcony, and you look up at the octagon and the ceiling, and it's incredible. There's nothing else like it."

Rob Steele, the CAC's executive director from 2005-15, said the grandeur of the theater is best reflected in a question a young patron posed to him years ago. "He asked me, 'Does the king live here? Is this where the king lives?'" Steele said. "It's just an absolute palace." ▶▶

# ACT III



The community takes in its new performing arts venue when the Community Arts Center opens to the public with a May 8, 1993, performance by Skitch Henderson and the New York Pops.



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Williamsport's West Fourth Street during the 1936 flood.





# ENCORE



The Williamsport Symphony Orchestra, under conductor and music director Gerardo Edelstein, makes its home at the center.

**SINCE ITS OPENING,** more than 1.6 million patrons have enjoyed live events at the Community Arts Center. In the past 30 years, some of the world's most renowned entertainers have graced the stage, ranging from iconic comedians George Carlin, Jerry Seinfeld and Jay Leno to legendary musicians Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett, Ringo Starr and Barry Manilow. National tours of Broadway musicals, magicians, acrobats and ballets have also been among the 1,600-plus productions.

As the largest cultural institution in the area, the center embraces the region's artistic community. The 2,100-seat theater serves as the home of the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra. The Uptown Music Collective, Community Theatre League, various dance troupes, local school music programs and Lycoming College all stage events at the "jewel of downtown Williamsport."

"The Arts Center operates 50 weeks a year, and there is always something going on," Dougherty said.

The activities include two regular series at the CAC's Capitol Lounge: Tunes on Tap and the Comedy Zone. A free event, Tunes on Tap pairs a local band and brewery for Friday evening entertainment. The Comedy Zone features nationally touring comedians.

"It's very important for us to make sure that we are serving the whole community, top to bottom," Dougherty said. "This type of venue that is locally owned and is here in service to the community is an increasing rarity in the industry."

That "service to community" includes a positive economic impact for the area.

"It's not uncommon for me, when I'm speaking to local community leaders, to hear that they view the Community Arts Center as a keystone of the downtown Williamsport economy," Dougherty said.

"These types of events bring people downtown and they help everyone," added Frank Pellegrino, a Williamsport-area business leader and philanthropist. "They help the city, our merchants, our restaurateurs. They help our hotels."

Traditionally, performing arts centers, even in cities much larger than Williamsport, don't turn a big profit. That's why the community plays a vital role in the Community Arts Center's future.

"I think people can help in multiple ways," said Michael J. Reed, Penn College president. "One, is by coming to the shows and enjoying the entertainment that is brought into our backyard. Two, is advocating for the Arts Center, making sure other people are aware of the exceptional talent and the beautiful center that we have. And three, for those who are able, is to financially support the Arts Center."

"This is something that we need to treasure, and we need to hold forth for future generations," concluded Patti Jackson-Gehris, president of UPMC Williamsport. "I want to make sure that when my kids have kids, they can come to the Community Arts Center for a great performance." ■



ZZ Top performs for a sold-out crowd in October 2022.

The Community Arts Center is the site of Penn College commencement ceremonies, where new Penn College graduates cross the stage on their way to "tomorrow."







by Thomas E. Ask, professor of industrial design

# The blooming of performing arts

## I PUSHED THE “PLAY” BUTTON

and the engineers slumped into their seats. Music filled the lecture hall.

Playing music at an engineering conference is weird – but I needed music. I was wrapping up my research on using rule-based techniques and artificial intelligence for creating art and music. When I presented the research, I wanted to demonstrate a process for converting poetry into song. I had written a song but lacked the talent to perform it. I needed to find musical talent among the nitrile gloves and metal sparks on campus. When I asked some students, “Can anyone sing this song I wrote?” Kathryn Juarez and Niko L. Ratjavong stepped forward and quickly brought the song to life.

Juarez sang the song, while Ratjavong flooded the production with his musical mastery. In a few days, they took the song further than I could envision. They harmonized the vocals and added layers of sound and flourishes that gave the song a distinctive voice. I was amazed at what talent and technology can accomplish.

I wasn’t alone.

Our song was a surprise hit for a stodgy engineering conference, and it reinforced the potential of rule-based art and music. The song, “Whisper Sweet,” laments the decline of the Lycoming Mall with an allegorical connection to the “empty nest.”

Mary B. Hendon (left), Kathryn Juarez (center), and Megan R. Adams are the first slate of officers for Penn College Theatrics.

## MUSIC

Soon after this project, Juarez and Ratjavong gathered with Trevor P. Boyce, who along with Megan R. Adams developed a new club called the Penn College Music Makers. They pooled their instruments and equipment to create a music studio. The small studio, tucked into the College Avenue Labs building, is illuminated by purple LED strip lighting to make it feel like a separate place – a place where music is created and enjoyed.

Boyce, Music Makers vice president, summarized their goals: “We want to create an environment for those interested in music at PCT, where students can collaborate and share in the enjoyment and love of music and music creation. We’re working to not only create this space for current students, but also to build a sustainable and resilient community so that students in the future can continue to engage creatively with one another and with the greater Penn College community.”

Music Makers worked with the Wildcat Events Board to organize a music festival. They auditioned talent, set up a program, and by April, they were ready. Callous springtime weather drove the outdoor event into the Klump Academic Center’s auditorium, where skillful sound design echoed off the ornate plasterwork. The attendees were immersed in PCMM’s inaugural event with performances ranging from original piano compositions to rock bands. Matcha tea with tapioca pearls added sensory joy for the musically minded audience.

In their first year of operation, the Penn College Music Makers not only produced a music festival, but they have also met weekly to share music compositions. They also provided short lectures on topics such as music production and song writing. ▶▶



Forest technology student Aiden R. Devanney-Nance performs original works during Penn College Music Makers’ inaugural Music Fest.



Greased Lightning takes the Klump Academic Center stage.

The performing arts are a  
great complement to the  
maker culture at Penn College.

Students pooled their equipment and instruments to outfit a new music studio in the College Avenue Labs building.







Anthony S. Fiorello, a civil engineering technology student, performs as part of punk rock band Bus Stop Minister during Music Fest.



Katheryn Juarez, an industrial design student, performs.



### THEATRICALS

At the same time as the Music Makers were gathering steam, Mary B. Herndon had an idea for a theater company. She has a long history with theater and wanted to bring it to Penn College. Mary is the president of the Penn College Society of Inventors and Mad Scientists, which has made props and costumes for Lycoming College's theater program.

Herndon's love of theater compelled her to bring performances to Penn College. Following soon behind the formation of Penn College Music Makers, she organized Penn College Theatricals.

"Our goal is to produce one large-scale production per semester," Herndon said. "We also want to respond to club members' ideas connected with performing."

The club gathered interested students and evaluated plays. They worked to strike the right balance between casting and production needs before finally selecting the character-driven play "Arsenic and Old Lace" for their first production, to be performed in the coming months.



A flyer shows the set list for Penn College Music Makers' first Music Fest, held by the new student group in April.



Welding & fabrication engineering technology student Spencer H. Doughty and Dishwater fill the auditorium with garage rock.



The founding officers of Penn College Music Makers, from left: Niko L. Ratjavong, Katheryn Juarez, Trevor P. Boyce and Megan R. Adams.



The Penn College Pep Band kicks off the Music Fest in the Klump Academic Center auditorium.

### A FRESH BREATH OF COMMUNITY

After the crush of COVID, something fresh has arisen: Students wanting to work shoulder to shoulder and breathe the same air as other makers and creators. The hidden talent of our students emerged from shutdowns and isolation. They created a community and pursued the wonder of creating something from nothing.

The visual arts are well-represented on campus; now the performing arts have grown – from student passions, not an orchestrated plan. Students were drawn by the sweetness of fresh ideas and love for creating.

The performing arts are a great complement to the maker culture at Penn College. Now we can do more than turn ideas into physical things: We can also turn ideas into music. ■



Ratjavong, a student in software development & information management, performs as Venn.

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Listen to "Whisper Sweet" at [magazine.pct.edu/tb](https://magazine.pct.edu/tb)



# Midnight Breakfast

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Business management students Diamond L. Marcus (left) and Kayla L. Williams (center) find cozy company with their newly stuffed plush creatures and their friend Michael S. Davis. In addition to his studies in welding & fabrication engineering technology, Davis is an Army ROTC cadet who took his contracting oath in April 2022. Earning an Army ROTC contract is a highly competitive process. Upon graduation, he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant. Davis and Williams are from Philadelphia. Marcus hails from Asbury Park, N.J.

**WHEN:** From 1998 to 2009, the event was held on a Tuesday night. During that time, finals began on Wednesday. Since 2010, the event has been held the Thursday before finals start on Monday. Originally held 11 p.m.-1 a.m., over time, the event shifted to its current time slot of 10 p.m.-midnight.

**PURPOSE:** To provide stress relief and an opportunity for students to celebrate the end of the semester with friends before finals start.



"President Mike" (left) and Timothy J. Mallory, assistant director of residence life and housing operations, get acquainted with the evening's "high-tech" tool: a spatula.

**MENU:** The original menu was pancakes and ice cream with toppings. In later years, bacon was added as a menu feature, along with eggs and home fries at various times. During COVID-19 restrictions, the menu changed to breakfast sandwiches. In Spring of 2023, the original menu returned.

**WHERE:** From 1998 to Spring 2010, the event was held in the Susquehanna Room. For the next four years, it was held in the newly open Capitol Eatery in Dauphin Hall. The event returned to the Keystone Dining Room (formerly the Susquehanna Room) in Fall 2014.



**ACTIVITIES:** The headlining activity through Fall 2019 was a free chair massage, provided by local massage therapists. Other activities have included musicians, karaoke, therapy dogs, photo booths, caricature artists, coloring, product giveaways, large prizes (like bikes and video games), and, in recent years, the popular stuff-a-plush.

**NUMBERS:** The event draws an average of 600-650 students each semester. Fall 2005 set the record at 795!

No stranger to crafting goodness, dining services worker Michelle L. Lose (right) brings skill to the grill.



## Keystone Dining Room

Just before Spring 2023 final exams sprang, one of Penn College's longest-running traditions drew its usual large crowd to the Keystone Dining Room. Designed to help students fuel their pre-finals cram sessions, Penn College's Dining Services crew has served Midnight Breakfast twice a year since 1998. This year, the free event featured its usual mix of celebrity cooks – President Mike Reed and other administrators – and its original menu: pancakes, ice cream and toppings. Also on the menu were "stuff-a-plush" and a commemorative anniversary T-shirt designed by dental hygiene student Melina K. Petrick.





Do you know what was afoot in this Fall 1982 photo? And who was having all this fun? Please tell us by emailing [magazine@pct.edu](mailto:magazine@pct.edu) or calling 570-321-5527. (By the way, if you have copies of The Spotlight student newspaper from 1982-83, please let us know that, too!)



#### IN THE LAST ISSUE

Thanks to several readers of the Spring 2023 issue, who shared their memories of a photo taken on the Klump Academic Center steps. Edward Bandics '69 identified the student on the left as Ronald Smith, with whom he commuted every day from Berwick (with fellow carpoolers Earl Harris, Neil Karchner and Dave VanAuken). Smith was the best man in Bandics' wedding. Melissa (Follmer) Baker '93 identified the young woman as her mother-in-law, the late Connie (Bown) Johnston, a WACC Fall Weekend Queen. John Hopkins '68 recognized that a photo of two of the students, evidently from the same photo shoot, ran on Page 40 of the 1968 Montage yearbook. And Joseph Barnatovich '74 recognized the notebooks in the gentlemen's laps as those handed out by Admissions.





1960s

**Gerald R. Alkire ‘60**, electronics technology, retired from Westinghouse as a project engineer for large-turbine generators. His career spanned 50 years with Westinghouse and Siemens. He holds five U.S. patents and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974. He has been married for 60 years, has a son and a granddaughter, and resides in Winter Garden, Fla.

**Grant Berry ‘60**, computer science, is retired from Penn College and resides in Hughesville. He was director of financial aid and director, dean then vice president of the development office. He celebrated his 53rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 20, 2022.

**Paul McQuay ‘62**, machinist general/tool design, resides in Boulder, Colo. A retiree, he spends his time hiking, biking, fly fishing and traveling internationally.

**John Hessen ‘64**, electronics technology, was the president of ETEMCO, an electronics manufacturer, from 1989 to 2012. He has since retired and is enjoying seeing the U.S. He resides in Lancaster.

**Howard C. White Jr. ‘66**, toolmaking technician, is retired and resides in Newburg.

**Ronald G. Comfort ‘68**, carpentry, was self-employed for 53 years until retiring in 2021. He built his home and has lived in it for 52 years with his wife of 53 years. They have two children – one biological and one adopted from Haiti – and four grandchildren. He resides in Millerton.

1970s

**James C. Zbick ‘71**, journalism, retired as an associate editor for the Times News, in Leighton, and continues as a conservative opinion writer. He received a Keystone Press Award for special projects in 2014. He recently moved from southwest Florida to Missouri, where he plans to open The Faith, Family & Country Heritage Museum in Branson, Mo., to highlight the nation’s past. He resides in Blue Eye, Mo.

**Walter J. Brown ‘72**, automotive technology, retired from Mercedes-Benz USA as a technical instructor/curriculum designer. He created and presented technical training material for the U.S. dealer market. He resides in Fruit Cove, Fla.

**Robert L. Simpson ‘72**, mechanical drafting, worked for 40 years at seven engineering firms. He is semi-retired, working part time in retail for Marshalls/TJX. He resides in Reading with his wife of 52 years.

**Bradley L. Armagost ‘73**, service and operation of heavy construction equipment, retired in May 2022 from Highway Equipment Co. after 49 years, the first 30 as a field journeyman mechanic and the last 18 as parts manager for the DuBois branch. He resides in Reynoldsville.

**Joseph L. Newell ‘73**, forest technology, is a forest technician for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He resides in Noxen.

**Daniel Moyer ‘74**, aviation maintenance technician, is a self-employed aviation consultant. He resides in Enola.

**Dan Brackley ‘76**, diesel mechanics, retired from Dresser-Rand (Siemens) as a manager in service engineering. He installed and supported large stationary reciprocating compressors worldwide. He resides in Painted Post, N.Y.

**Byron Brubaker ‘76**, electrical construction, retired from Pennsylvania Power & Light. He resides in Selinsgrove.

**Myron Brubaker ‘76**, electrical construction, retired from Sunbury Generation. He resides in Selinsgrove.

**Thomas Leitzel ‘76**, business management, is president of South Florida State College. He also holds a bachelor’s from Lycoming College, a master’s from Temple University and a doctorate from Virginia Tech, with additional graduate studies at University of Maryland and Penn State. He resides in Sebring, Fla.

**Rod W. Beechey ‘77**, electrical technology, is an aircrew training devices manager for Bell Helicopter. His team develops flight simulators for Bell’s products (the MV-22, CV-22, UH-1Y, AH-1Z, 429, 505, 412 and 525). He holds a bachelor’s in electrical technology from SUNY Binghamton (1985) and a master’s in systems engineering from Southern Methodist University (2009). He has been married for 42 years, has five children and resides in Midlothian, Texas.

**Kenneth E. Howanitz ‘78**, construction carpentry, is retired and resides in Shickshinny.

**Kim Konyar ‘78**, electrical technology, recently retired from Wirerope Works Inc., where he was a design and field engineer for specialized wire rope projects. The work required travel to all 50 states and 28 other countries. He earned a bachelor’s in electrical engineering from Penn State (1980) and has chaired national and international safety standards committees. He resides in Hughesville.

**Richard L. Snyder ‘78**, electrical construction, has come full circle: After retiring in 2021 from 43 years in the electrical/HVAC field, he has returned to Penn College as a toolroom attendant in the electrical program. He is married and resides in Williamsport.

**John W. Kreighbaum ‘79**, business management, retired after 40 years co-owning an insurance agency. He resides in Middleburg. His son **Nicholas** is a **2011** Penn College graduate in business administration: management.

**Steven McClain ‘79**, technical illustration, is retired and resides in Holiday, Fla.

**Karen (Shriver) Pesillo ‘79**, dental hygiene, is retired and resides in Naples, Fla.

**Philip A. Roeder ‘79**, building construction technology, is a building and housing inspector for the City of Bethlehem and a past president of the Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference. He resides in Bethlehem and has a daughter and granddaughter.

1980s

**Tammie (Lupold) DeWert ‘80**, computer science technology, retired from Corning Inc. in March 2021 as an IT technical development/management tech leader. She had worked for Corning since 1980. She holds a bachelor’s in systems analysis and applications from Elmira College (1987) and a master’s in software development and management (1997). She resides in Corning, N.Y.

**Richard Littley ‘80**, electrical construction, is a technical training and compliance officer for Legoland Florida Resort. He handles compliance and training for the technical teams of the rides, facilities, landscape, model shop, sign shop and hotel maintenance. He resides in Winter Haven, Fla.

**Jeffery S. Grammes ‘81**, aviation maintenance technician, retired from Chevron Aviation as an aircraft mechanic. He resides in Slidell, La.

**David W. Stanley ‘82**, radiologic technology, retired from GE Healthcare in 2022, after 34 years of service. He graduated from Oral Roberts University (1987) and worked as an MRI technologist for Duke University Medical Center, then joined GE as an MRI applications specialist. His favorite position was supporting the Mayo Clinic. “Working for GE gave me the opportunity to travel around the world visiting over 35 countries, giving lectures on four continents, speaking at countless medical scientific meetings, being involved in projects that changed how we image the body. It was the most excellent adventure!” He resides in Palm Bay, Fla.

**Katharine L. (Bender) Wertz ‘82**, advertising art, owns K2 Evolution LLC. She resides in Lake Mary, Fla.

**Shawn J. McClain ‘83**, building construction technology, designs, sells and fits custom staircases and railings for Signature Cos. He resides in Hagerstown, Md., and he is a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCoach.

**Michele (Boatman) VanBuskirk ‘83**, computer information systems, retired in June 2022 after 36 years with Lonza in Williamsport and Alpharetta, Ga. She was a production scheduler/demand manager. She resides in Gainesville, Ga.

**Greg Caldwell ‘84**, civil engineering technology, retired in May 2022 from PennDOT District 2 as chief of surveys. He now owns a land surveying firm. He resides in DuBois.

**Lance Yonge ‘84**, service and operation of heavy construction equipment, is the highway superintendent for the Town of Milo, N.Y., where he’s responsible for 49 miles of roadway. On the side, he raced autos for 30 years and owns Lance Yonge Grading LLC. He resides in Penn Yan, N.Y. He and his wife have one daughter.

**Robert L. Hoffman ‘85**, aviation maintenance technician, retired from FedEx. He worked in aircraft fleet maintenance (Boeing and Airbus) and received perfect job performance reviews for 25 years. He has one grandchild, won a track championship in drag racing in 2021 and resides in York Springs.

**Tim Burns ‘86**, tool design technology, is a tool designer for Hobson & Motzer, designing progressive dies, automated machines and CNC fixtures. He resides in Clinton, Conn.

**Ronald J. Kile Jr. ‘86**, construction carpentry, celebrates 25 years as sole proprietor of Ronald Kile Contractor in 2023. The company completes all aspects of new construction and remodeling projects. He resides in Wellsville, N.Y.

**Jeffrey Finke ‘87**, building and carpentry, owns JF Construction & Consulting Services. He helps public entities to assess damages and identify eligible emergency, recovery and mitigation costs and projects, obtaining and administering federal disaster declaration grants. He resides in Ocala, Fla.

**Heidi J. Wagner ‘89**, dental hygiene, is an assistant dental assisting instructor for Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology. She resides in Milroy.

1990s

**Gregory Girven ‘91**, service and operation of heavy construction equipment, is employed by Hill Well Drilling. He resides in Muncy.

**Mary P. (Mertes) Helminiak ‘91**, early childhood education, is an attendance secretary for Williamsport Area School District. She resides in Williamsport.

**Leah Kaufman ‘91**, nursing, is a patient care coordinator for Residential Hospice. She resides in Williamsport with her husband of 38 years. They own a funeral home and have two daughters.

**Douglas Lucas ‘91**, toolmaking technology, is a tooling design manager for Keystone Forging. He resides in Middleburg.

**Joseph Gantt ‘94**, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, owns Gantt Services. He resides in Shermans Dale.

**Scott Griffith ‘94**, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is an RHVAC trainer and quality assurance specialist for Walmart Inc. He is responsible for stores in the Northeast. He resides in Montrose.

**Heather E. Hughes ‘94**, architectural technology, is a senior architectural designer for Publix Supermarkets. She resides in Lakeland, Fla., with her husband, **Doug (Updyke) Hughes ‘94**, welding. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and are the parents of a 20-year-old son.

**Kathryn A. Smith ‘94**, civil engineering technology, is a project coordinator for Rutledge Excavating Inc. She resides in Honesdale.

**David M. O’Brien ‘94**, food and hospitality management, is a dining services manager for Penn College. He resides in Williamsport.

**Levon Whitmyer ‘94**, construction management, is a construction manager for the Pulte Group. He resides in Leander, Texas.

**Kimberly (Stone) Ehram ‘95**, early childhood education, went on to earn a bachelor’s in elementary education from Bloomsburg University. She is married, has two children and resides in Middleburg.

**Peggy R. Phillips Dinant ‘96**, occupational therapy assistant, is an occupational therapy assistant for Powerback Rehab Services. She resides in West Decatur.

**Matthew D. Horn ‘96**, landscape/nursery technology, is vice president of LandArt Solutions, a landscape services provider. He resides in Fayetteville, N.C.





**Heather (Wetmore) Kennedy ‘96**, architectural technology, is an administrative assistant for Central Wayne Regional Authority. She resides in Honesdale.

**Brian Krug ‘96**, electrical occupations, is a foreman for Bob Biter Electrical and an apprenticeship instructor for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 5 National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. He resides in Loretto.

**Nicole OConnor ‘97**, practical nursing, is an LPN for Valley View Rehab & Nursing Center. She resides in Hughesville.

**Brenda (Campbell) Black ‘98**, physician assistant, is a PA for Forefront Dermatology. She holds a master’s in forensic medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She resides in Winneconne, Wis.

**Scott Fohringer ‘98**, landscape/nursery technology, is a landscape designer for Creative Landscapes. He resides in Lewisburg.

**Kenneth J. Fronheiser ‘99**, surveying technology and civil engineering technology, is director of strategic integration and technology for Keystone Precision Solutions. He resides in Mertztown.

**Jason M. Walker ‘99**, food and hospitality management, is the general manager of Campus Dining at Lycoming College, employed by Parkhurst Dining. He resides in Lock Haven.

2000s

**Ryan Bingaman ‘00**, computer-aided product and systems design, is a mechanical process engineer for Signify (formerly Philips Lighting). He resides in New Oxford.

**Robert Morris ‘00**, computer-aided product and systems design, is a CAD administrator for Philips, a health care company. He resides in Schenectady, N.Y.

**Garret Phipps ‘00**, electronics technology: industrial process control, is a maintenance manager for Hydro Extrusions. He resides in St. Augustine, Fla.

**Thomas Van Horn ‘00**, graphic design, is a senior manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he’s been employed for 20 years. He defines and manages user experience/ user interface for the firm’s digital offerings and ensures consistent application of branding and design elements. He is married, has two children and resides in Spring Hill, Fla.

**William L. Anderson ‘01**, computer-aided product and systems design, is a global category manager for Commscope LLC. He manages nearly 100 global suppliers who produce custom die castings and mechanical enclosures, with an annual spend over \$100 million. He resides in Bellefonte.

**Ian Groy ‘01**, landscape/ nursery technology, is a local manager for Bartlett Tree Experts. He resides in Spring Mills.

**Sean Harp ‘01**, automotive service technician, is a radio telecommunication specialist II for PennDOT. He resides in Linglestown.

**Dawn (Wallers) Hyde ‘01**, computer information systems: business programming emphasis, is a licensed practical nurse for UPMC. She resides in Williamsport.

**Samantha (Kelly) Mendez ‘01**, early childhood education, is a busy homemaker, running her household in Palm Coast, Fla.

**Douglas J. Stewart ‘01**, computer information systems: networking and technical support, is a senior software development systems engineer for Minitab. He resides in Lewistown.

**Jason L. Lentz ‘02**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a senior visual market analyst for Grainger. He reviews images from vendors and competitors to analyze Grainger’s go-to-market strategy. He resides in Warsaw, Va.

**Ryan Mack ‘02**, manufacturing engineering technology, is a senior reliability engineer for roofing manufacturer GAF. He is a Monroe Township supervisor, past president of Leadership Susquehanna Valley and owner of Mack’s Garage, an automotive restoration service. He resides in Selinsgrove with his wife, **Michelle (Paul) ‘00**, business management: travel and tourism emphasis. His stepson **Evan Pickering** is a Wildcat soccer player and business administration student.

**Chris Ruggiero ‘02**, paramedic technology, is the academic program director for Greenville Technical College’s paramedic program. He holds a seat on the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control’s EMS Training Subcommittee. He resides in Simpsonville, S.C.

**David J. Giumento ‘03**, construction management, is a construction manager for Allan Myers. He resides in Abingdon, Md.

**Matthew W. Gramley ‘03**, electronics technology: computer automation maintenance, is a senior broadcast systems engineer for HSN (formerly Home Shopping Network). He resides in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Richard J. Long ‘03**, aviation technology, is an aircraft maintenance technician for The Boeing Co., working on new 737 preflight operations. He holds Federal Aviation Administration Diamond and Silver awards. He resides in Seattle, where he says he is happily unmarried, has all the toys he can afford and no time to play with them.

**Marsylvia J. (Smith) Weaver ‘03**, business management, is a managing partner for Waymarric, responsible for managing a restaurant. She resides in Gaines.

**Mark S. Butler ‘04**, computer information technology: data communications and networking, works in desktop support for Envision Healthcare. He resides in Coconut Creek, Fla.

**Richard C. Hornberger ‘04**, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is senior director of cyber defense for Phoenix Contract Inc. He oversees the company’s cybersecurity operations globally. He resides in Mechanicsburg.

**James A. Miele ‘04**, accounting, is an office manager for Bechdel Plumbing & Heating. He resides in Williamsport.

**Scott G. Morgan ‘04**, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is a career and technical education specialist for the Highlands County School Board. His focus is curriculum, budgeting, grant writing, and program support and expansion. He resides in Lake Placid, Fla.

**Matthew J. Strine ‘04**, electric power generation technology, is a manager of operations for EPP Service Co. He’s responsible for the operations of 35 renewable energy power plants. He resides in York.

**Nicholas J. Telesky ‘04**, building automation technology, is a design engineer for NRG Controls North Inc. He designs commercial control systems, including gas detection, automatic temperature controls and sewage treatment system controls. He resides in Milton and is the father of **Sydney ‘23**, human services & restorative justice.

**April L. (Butler) Clymer ‘05**, business administration: banking and finance, is an operations manager for Empire Property Management Group LLC. She resides in Coplay with her husband, whom she met at Penn College. They recently celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary.

**Jennifer (Brinkley) Martin ‘05**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is an engineering manager for Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America. She sets the budget for North American projects, establishing project baseline costs and coordinating with the Production Planning division on new model project studies. She resides in Lexington, Ky.

**Dusty (Brooks) Zeyn ‘05**, legal assistant-paralegal studies, is an employee development manager for Citizens & Northern Bank. She resides in Wellsboro.

**Robert Bryer ‘06**, paramedic technology, is a compliance officer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. He resides in Milton with his wife, **April (Brought) ‘15**, nursing.

**Katrina (Beaver) Heddings ‘06**, health information technology, is a quality coding and documentation educator for Geisinger Health Plan. She resides in Danville.

**Christopher Miller ‘06**, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is a pipefitter for Norfolk Southern, rebuilding and repairing locomotives. He resides in Roaring Spring.

**Adam Wrench ‘06**, plastics and polymer engineering technology, is senior director of operations for West Pharmaceutical. He is responsible for strategic programs and initiatives globally. He holds a master’s in engineering management from Penn State and resides in Williamsport.

**Matt Duck ‘07**, automotive technology, is a fixed-operations director for Jim Shorkey Auto Group, managing a dealership’s day-to-day operations and 37 direct reports. He resides in Jeannette.

**Eric R. Kendig ‘07**, electromechanical maintenance technology, is an HVAC installation manager for Johnson Controls. He resides in Wellsville.

**Tacy (DeGreen) Schuler ‘07**, technology management, is a patient services representative for Lehigh Valley Health Network. She and her husband, **Adam ‘06**, electrical occupations, have a child and reside in New Tripoli. Adam started his own business, Wired Up Electrical Services, in 2021.

**Ryan F. Young ‘07**, computer aided drafting technology, works in product technical support for Construction Specialties. He resides in Muncy.

**Kelly Ann Bevilaqua-Tracy ‘08**, physician assistant, is a cardiothoracic surgery PA for Geisinger. She resides in Harding.

**Steve D. Bull ‘08**, manufacturing engineering technology, is a manufacturing and production engineer for Schindler Elevator. He resides in Hanover.

**Amie (Miller) Dockey ‘08**, business administration: human resource management, is an HR specialist for the Federal Correctional Complex Allenwood. She resides in Montoursville.

**Joe Krug ‘08**, information technology: network specialist, is a system support unit manager for Sheetz Inc. He manages a team of 24 employees responsible for supporting all things technology for corporate Sheetz campuses. He resides in Lilly.

**Jeremy W. Lienert ‘08**, electrical occupations, is a transmission and distribution field supervisor for PPL Corp. He resides in Dalton after 12 years building his career in other states.

**Dereck I. Smith ‘08**, residential construction technology and management, is a life science superintendent for Structure Tone builders. He has two children and resides in Morris Plains, N.J.

**Chelsie Taylor ‘08**, forest technology, is a sales engineer for Scott Rotary Seals. She resides in Smethport.

**Amanda Basalla Hepfer ‘09**, legal assistant-paralegal studies, is an administrative assistant for Penn State. She resides in Snow Shoe.

**Ray Kanapesky ‘09**, aviation maintenance technology, is a senior customer program manager for GE Aerospace. He resides in Fruit Cove, Fla.

**John Lubert ‘09**, surveying technology, is a project land surveyor for Stiffler McGraw and Associates. He resides in Altoona with his wife and their two sons and had the opportunity to award the Boy Scouts surveying merit badge to numerous youngsters.

**John Phillippy ‘09**, information technology: security specialist, is a senior information systems security engineer for Sierra Nevada Corp. He resides in Greencastle.

**Jason Raguz ‘09**, automotive technology management, is a district parts and service manager for Subaru of America in the South Florida Metro District. He resides in West Palm Beach, Fla.

2010s

**Juliette K. (Yeager) Finley ‘10**, physical fitness specialist, is a therapeutic nutrition specialist-outpatient for Abbott Laboratories. She is a medical sales representative for outpatient nutrition in primary care, oncology, bariatric surgery and wound management. She resides in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

**Matthew Kereczman ‘10**, information technology: security specialist, is a solutions architect for Linbit. He creates and documents best practices for the deployment of open-source software-defined storage clusters. He resides in Portland, Ore.

**Tyler Kline ‘10**, hospitality management, is a depot training specialist for Schwan’s Home Delivery. He is the route trainer for the company’s Lewistown depot. He resides in Port Royal.

**Edward Race ‘10**, civil engineering technology, is a project engineer for Schnabel Engineering. He resides in Rebersburg.



**Rachael (Bahner) Schommer ‘10**, occupational therapy assistant, is a senior account manager for Therapist Solutions. She resides in Ledyard, Conn.

**Marcie (Truesdale) Shaffer ‘10**, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist for Greene & Schwartz Family Dentistry. She resides in Hanover.

**Ashley (McGee) Smith ‘10**, health information technology, is a payor contracts specialist for Brault. She manages emergency physician groups’ contracts with payors throughout the U.S. She resides in Perkasio.

**Eric J. Tomecek ‘10**, manufacturing engineering technology, is a senior manufacturing engineer for Schindler Elevator Corp. He resides in Abbottstown.

**Jacqueline H. (Carr) Weeter ‘10**, architectural technology, is an architectural engineering specialist for Paul J. Ford & Co. She holds a master’s in architectural engineering and a bachelor’s in interior design. She resides in Chester, W.Va.

**Travis Williams ‘10**, business administration: management, is a production manager for Dart Container Corp. He resides in Davenport, Fla.

**Charissa M. Blouch ‘11**, advertising art, has been self-employed since 2016. She handles graphic design, website design and social media management. She resides in New Port Richey, Fla.

**Carlene (Gower) Cabot ‘11**, occupational therapy assistant, is a service coordinator for Connexus Human Services. She helps clients in the adult waiver program to obtain personal aides, rides to medical appointments, therapies, home health, food, and home and medical modifications. She resides in Jersey Shore.

**Dustin Gardner ‘11**, plastics and polymer engineering technology, is a product development engineer for Construction Specialties. He resides in Muncy.

**Jill (Morgan) Girio ‘11**, technology management, owns Elite Feet, a running shoe store. She also volunteers and follows her husband and children around the state playing sports. She resides in Williamsport.

**Nicholas Kreighbaum ‘11**, business administration: management, is a business banking support specialist for C&N Bank and resides in Loyalsock.

**Sarah R. (Buckwalter) Marchinski ‘11**, occupational therapy assistant, is a certified occupational therapist for Pediatric Therapeutic Solutions. She has three boys and resides in Doylestown.

**Megan R. (Pennington) Asbeck ‘11**, graphic design, is a web designer for SUNY Brockport. She resides in Akron, N.Y.

**Derek E. Adams ‘12**, heavy construction equipment technology: Caterpillar equipment emphasis, is an East Area equipment manager for Pennsy Supply Inc., president of Mount Pleasant Fire and Rescue, and a Boys U10 and Girls U12 soccer coach. He resides in Harrisburg.

**Brent M. Bull ‘12**, manufacturing engineering technology, is a senior manufacturing engineer for Schindler Elevator. He is a motor sports driver and crew chief.

**Ryan J. Catena ‘12**, construction management, is an engineer for Trumbull Corp. He resides in Pittsburgh.

**Stacey (Webb) Paronish ‘12**, health arts: practical nursing, is an education leader/staff LPN for Evangelical Community Hospital. She resides in Williamsport.

**Kelsey (Bromm) Raines ‘12**, ornamental horticulture: plant production, is a scheduling and staffing administrator for Lowe’s. She resides in Russell.

**Shasta L. Stine ‘12**, business management, is an intellectual disabilities program development coordinator for the Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania. She resides in Mechanicsburg.

**Jacob Wood ‘12**, collision repair technology, is a technical sales representative in the automotive coatings division for Sherwin Williams. He resides in Lexington, Ohio.

**Ryan M. Enders ‘12**, aviation technology, **‘13**, technology management, is supervisor of air safety for Lycoming Engines and a member of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association’s safety committee. He completed his second master’s degree, an MBA in aviation, in 2022 and resides in Mifflinburg.

**Jennifer A. (DeLosa) Johnson ‘13**, business administration: management, is an asset manager for Ryder System Inc. She resides in Locust, N.C.

**Benjamin W. Kerstetter ‘13**, technology management, is a product approval engineer for TE Connectivity. He resides in Thompsettown with his wife and daughter.

**Richard J. McGlynn ‘13**, culinary arts and systems, is a baker for 40 North Bar and Restaurant in Pittsburgh. He resides in New Kensington with his wife, **Kassandra S. Sellinger ‘16**, culinary arts and systems.

**Erick Speer ‘13**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is an operations manager for Custom Engineering Co., where he leads a team of 70. He holds a master’s in engineering management and resides in Meadville.

**Jessica Tobias ‘13**, graphic design, is self-employed. She resides in Little Elm, Texas.

**Andrew J. Wright ‘13**, web design and multimedia, is a web developer for Penn State’s College of the Liberal Arts. He resides in State College.

**Hailey Brunk ‘14**, hospitality management and technology management, is a family and consumer science teacher for Central High School, teaching food and baking. She is pursuing a Master of Business Administration in event leadership and resides in Richmond, N.H.

**Sara Green ‘14**, applied health studies, is a registered nurse for UPMC. She is a preceptor, serves on the Education Committee and is pursuing a nurse practitioner degree. She resides in Dauphin.

**Joshua B. Herrold ‘14**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a weld engineer and certified welding inspector for Reading Truck, a manufacturer of service truck bodies. He resides in Womelsdorf and is a proud husband and father of two boys.

**Daniel Hurrey ‘14**, automotive technology management, owns Hurrey’s Performance Shop. He resides in Trenton, N.J.

**Matt Lowe ‘12**, ornamental horticulture: landscape technology; **‘14**, technology management, is a residential account manager for Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care Landscape & Pest Control. He resides in Ephrata.

**Joshua Bachorski ‘15**, computer aided product design, is a draftsman for Superior Walls by Advanced Concrete. He resides in Milton.

**Jolinda M. (Bischof) Chamberlain ‘15**, accounting, owns Jolinda Chamberlain, State Farm Insurance Agent. Previously a State Farm Agent team member for eight years, she took ownership of her agency in 2020. She continues to pursue additional licenses and certifications. She resides in Montoursville.

**Paul A. Evans ‘15**, automotive technology management, is an autonomous vehicle service engineer for Ford Motor Co. He resides in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

**Heidi R. Koch ‘15**, business management, is an accounts receivable specialist for UPMC. She resides in Jersey Shore.

**Rebecca A. (Young) Freezer ‘15**, business administration: banking and finance, is the Midas and operations coordinator for Workforce Development at Penn College. She completed a Master of Business Administration in 2021 and resides in Trout Run.

**Kacey (Ammerman) Norton ‘15**, nursing, is an operating room RN for Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. She resides in Elizabethtown.

**Dallas J. Riley ‘15**, nursing, a certified registered nurse practitioner, recently opened a second location of her private practice, Hall and Riley Comprehensive Healthcare, one of the few nurse practitioner-owned medical clinics in the state. She holds a Master of Science in nursing-family nurse practitioner and resides in Benton.

**Miranda (Fink) Simon ‘15**, nursing, is a community health nurse for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. She resides in Williamsport with her husband, **Joseph ‘10**, business administration: management information systems, and their two children.

**Tristan Wheatley ‘15**, diesel technology, is a diesel technician/quality control for Custom Truck One Source. He resides in Riverside, N.J.

**Shelby (Heffner) Austin ‘16**, nursing, is a clinical team coordinator for Geisinger Jersey Shore. She resides in Jersey Shore.

**Courtney K. (Brown) Bloom ‘16**, baking and pastry arts, is the food service director for Children in Bloom. She resides in McSherrystown with her husband, **Kenneth ‘16**, information technology: network specialist, who is a consultant for CGI Federal.

**Chelsea Boone ‘16**, health arts: practical nursing, is an RN for WellSpan Health’s WellStaffed Internal Traveling Agency. She resides in Dillsburg.

**Amanda (Slick) Cawley ‘16**, health information management, is a data coordinator for Lehigh Valley Hospital. She resides in Hellertown.

**Jeffrey Comitz ‘16**, heating, ventilation & air conditioning design technology, is director of operations for Thermal Product Solutions. He resides in Montoursville.

**Anthony Cox ‘16**, automotive technology management, is a performance aviation engine assembler for Lycoming Engines. As part of the Lycoming Engines Thunderbolt team, he builds performance aviation engines from start to finish. He resides in Jersey Shore.

**Jessica (Wiegand) Layre ‘16**, business administration: marketing, is the assistant director of graduate studies for the University of Pittsburgh. She resides in Allison Park.

**Matthew M. Jurado ‘16**, accounting, is a senior manager of fulfillment operations for pet products retailer Chewy. He resides in Forty Fort.

**Stormie Mauck ‘16**, legal assistant-paralegal studies, is an attorney for Dechert LLP. She resides in Berwyn.

**Denton R. Oburn ‘16**, construction management, is an architectural project coordinator for Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects. He also holds Penn College degrees in architectural technology (2010) and building science and sustainable design (2012). He resides in Whiteville, N.C.

**Tammy Smith ‘16**, advertising art, is an instructional design coordinator for the Clean Energy Center at Penn College. She resides in Williamsport.

**Charles M. Stankye ‘16**, residential construction technology and management: building construction technology, is a builder second class petty officer for the Navy. He’s received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Deployment Ribbon with a bronze star. He resides in Derby, Conn., and recently completed a deployment in Rota, Spain.

**Zachary R. Witman ‘16**, building automation technology, is a software manager for Engineered Services. He resides in Ashburn, Va.

**Bryan M. Behm ‘17**, aviation maintenance technology, is director of aircraft maintenance for a private owner. He is responsible for a Dassault Falcon 900LX and Embraer Phenom 300. He resides in Fleetwood.

**Mitchell Berninger ‘17**, web and interactive media, is a UX (user experience) designer for Penn State. He resides in Butler.

**Ashley N. Irish ‘17**, applied human services, is a school social worker for Pasco County Schools. She resides in Brandon, Fla.

**Morgan N. Keyser ‘17**, graphic design, is a senior graphic designer for Vulgar and a freelance designer. She completed a Master of Fine Arts from Marywood University in 2021 and is a Penn College alumni volunteer and mentor. She resides in Lansdale.

**Jessica R. (Larson) Lehman ‘17**, physician assistant, is a PA for Delaware Cardiovascular Associates. She resides in Dover, Del., where she and husband, **Harry IV ‘09**, welding technology, own the general contracting firm Flatlander Inc. They have two daughters.

**MiKaila E. Lugo-Schlegel ‘17**, nursing, is a supplemental work and transition operating room nurse for UPMC, traveling among seven central Pennsylvania operating rooms. She specializes in robotics. She completed her master’s in 2022, will soon take the psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner board exam and is pursuing the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, as well as a second-degree black belt in taekwondo. She resides in Palmyra.

**Morgan (Blackwell) Van Hemert ‘17**, accounting, is a finance supervisor for Naval Supply Systems Command. She resides in Camp Hill.

**Jamee (Klotz) McCloskey ‘17**, nursing, is a registered nurse for Alaska Regional Hospital. She has received five nominations for the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses and resides at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska.





**Brittany Terpstra ‘17**, web and interactive media, is director of web development for University of Massachusetts Boston. She holds a master’s in education-instructional technology and resides in Quincy, Mass.

**Sabrina S. Baker ‘18**, landscape/horticulture technology: plant production, is a buyer for Dillon Floral. She resides in Danville.

**Brittany (Mink) Beam ‘18**, applied management, is a marketing coordinator for Bailey Family of Companies. She resides in York with her husband, **Kyle ‘18**, welding and fabrication engineering technology.

**Austin L. Fulton ‘18**, graphic design, is a creative manager for the Florida Panthers NHL team, overseeing the team’s brand. He resides in Plantation, Fla.

**Madison Januchowski ‘18**, emergency management technology, is an enterprise buyer for RS Integrated Supply. She resides in Montoursville.

**Anderson Joseph ‘18**, applied technology studies, is a construction manager, renovations for Garman Builders. He resides in Cleona.

**Matthew J. Lesko ‘18**, building automation technology, is a control technician for Cornell University, where he oversees three employees. He resides in Ovid, N.Y.

**Josh Posey ‘18**, landscape/horticulture technology: landscape emphasis, owns Posey Landscaping. He resides in York Haven.

**Jack Previte ‘18**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a welding engineer for Autokiniton, which manufactures automotive components. He resides in Fountain Inn, S.C., with his 2019 Corvette.

**Kyle J. Schatz ‘18**, landscape/horticulture technology: landscape emphasis, is a manager for Schatz Lawn and Wall. He resides in St. Marys.

**Shaylin Sluzalis ‘18**, business administration: management, is a co-executive director for The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies, the only U.S. disability-led organization with a focused mission of equity for people with disabilities and people with access and functional needs throughout planning, programs, services and procedures before, during and after disasters and emergencies. She resides in Philadelphia.

**Genevieve (Kelly) Swisher ‘18**, collision repair technology and automotive restoration technology, is a collision repair teacher for Thomas Edison High School. She resides in Hagerstown, Md.

**Hanna (Williams) Wickman ‘18**, industrial and human factors design, is a UX design lead for John Deere. She creates user experience requirements for new in-cab display features. She resides in Grimes, Iowa.

**Rebecca J. (Brown) Anderson ‘19**, plastics and polymer engineering technology, is a quality engineer for ITT Engineered Valves. She resides in Lancaster.

**Kendra (Snyder) Aycock ‘19**, landscape/horticulture technology: landscape emphasis, owns H&K Nursery and Feed Store in Montoursville. She resides in Muncy.

**Lauren (Herr) Bucher ‘19**, construction management, is an estimator for Wagman Construction Inc. She resides in Mount Joy.

**Breanna M. Fieger ‘19**, information assurance and cyber security, is a cybersecurity engineer for MITRE. She completed a master’s in homeland security with a concentration in digital forensics and cybersecurity at Penn State. She resides in Arlington, Va.

**Jessica (Maulfair) Hauber ‘19**, radiography, is an X-ray technologist for WellNow Urgent Care. She resides in Knoxville.

**Lucas Kamin ‘19**, automotive technology: Mopar CAP, is an automotive technician for Jacksonville Westside Dodge. He resides in Orange Park, Fla., and is pursuing a bachelor’s in business administration from Strayer University.

**Kelsey (McKenrick) Kravitz ‘19**, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist for Lionsville Dental. She resides in Phoenixville.

**Matthew R. Loquasto ‘19**, residential construction technology and management, is an estimator for Eichenlaub Inc. He resides in Glenshaw.

**Caleb Maenza ‘19**, applied health studies: occupational therapy assistant, is a certified occupational therapy assistant for Centra Medical Group. He resides in Madison Heights, Va.

**Lindsey McCaulley ‘19**, health information technology, is an oral surgery receptionist for Altoona Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. She resides in Altoona.

**Rachael (Dressler) Noss ‘19**, business management, is an accounting associate for Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. She resides in Port Royal.

**Natascha Santaella ‘17**, baking and pastry arts; **‘19**, applied management, is a coordinator of student engagement for Penn College and has owned a small business. She resides in Mill Hall.

**Erin N. Shaffer ‘19**, graphic design, is a production/graphic designer for the University of Texas at Austin. She resides in Austin, Texas.

**Reilly M. Streeter ‘19**, heavy construction equipment technology: operator emphasis, is a building services technician/heavy equipment specialist for Remco. He resides in Reading.

**Jacqueline M. Westervelt ‘19**, information technology: technical support technology, is a senior associate-help desk for Prudential Financial. She resides in Rutherford, N.J.

**Ryan M. Witmer ‘19**, mechatronics engineering technology, is an automation controls technician for Astro Machine Works. He resides in Lancaster, where he recently moved into his first house and is pursuing a bachelor’s in robotics management from Millersville University.

**Alex M. Zelger ‘19**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a team leader, welding engineering, for Johnson Controls Navy Systems. He resides in Red Lion.

## 2020s

**Brittany Breon ‘20**, nursing, is an inpatient nurse for Geisinger Medical Center. She resides in Jersey Shore.

**Reed C. Corby ‘20**, information assurance and cyber security, is an infrastructure specialist for the Elk Lake School District. He manages the district’s network, computers, servers and security systems. He resides in Springville.

**Edward S. Santaniello ‘20**, diesel technology, is a diesel technician for Zacherl Motor Truck Sales. He resides in Brookville.

**Cody Souders ‘20**, electronics and computer engineering technology, is a design engineer for Greenray Industries, a manufacturer of precision quartz crystal oscillators. He resides in Dillsburg.

**Ethan L. Arnett ‘21**, construction management, is a project engineer II for Gilbane, a construction and real estate development firm. He resides in Laurel, Md.

**Anthony Bernardine ‘21**, welding, is a shop foreman for JGM Fabricators. He resides in Malvern.

**Evan F. Engelhard ‘21**, aviation maintenance technology, is an aviation maintenance technician for Walmart Inc. He received recognition for a total avionics install of Synthetic Vision for all of Walmart’s Learjet fleet. He resides in Fayetteville, Ark.

**Adeline G. Gesford ‘21**, health information technology, is an inpatient coder for Select Medical. She resides in Hummelstown.

**Caitlin L. Karolyi ‘21**, emergency management & homeland security, is a media coordinator for Gregory Welteroth Advertising. She resides in Hughesville.

**Ethan McKenzie ‘21**, software development & information management, is a Juris Doctor candidate at Harvard Law School, where he is a research assistant, monitoring and documenting environmental justice developments across the Biden administration. He resides in Cambridge, Mass.

**Sara Plankenhorn ‘21**, landscape/horticulture technology: landscape and plant production; **‘22**, applied management, works for Main Street Nursery. She resides in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

**Kenneth L. Rounds ‘21**, building automation technology, is a fire alarm engineer 2 for M.C. Dean Inc. He designs and programs large new-construction and existing fire alarm systems. He resides in Stafford, Va.

**Cassie Shook ‘21**, plastics & polymer engineering technology, is a quality engineer for West Pharmaceutical Services. She resides in Lock Haven.

**Katelin M. Tressler ‘21**, nursing LPN-RN, is an RN nurse supervisor for Promedica. She resides in Jersey Shore.

**Brandon Weirman ‘21**, electrical technology, is an electrical laborer for M.E.I.D. Electric. He resides in Oneida, N.Y.

**Samar Alquraish ‘22**, nursing, is an RN for UPMC. She resides in Williamsport.

**Christopher Bajek ‘22**, welding & fabrication engineering technology, is a segment specialist for Fronius USA. He serves customers and provides robot programming/integration. He resides in Chesterton, Ind.

**Jake Beatty ‘22**, automated manufacturing technology and machine tool technology, is a machinist/fabricator for Apex Diesel, where he designs and manufactures diesel engine parts. He resides in Grove City.

**Kyle M. Brandt ‘22**, diesel technology, is a diesel technician for truck dealership group Transteck. He resides in Lancaster.

**Michaela (Maynard) Bressler ‘22**, emergency management & homeland security, is an administrative assistant-Emergency Management Agency for Centre County Government. She resides in Centre Hall.

**Abigail (Inns) Buchner ‘22**, applied management, is a victim advocate for the Lycoming County Office of the District Attorney. She resides in Williamsport.

**William P. Deem ‘22**, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is a controls representative 1 for Johnson Controls. He resides in Chalfont.

**Ross DeLauro ‘22**, electrical technology, is an instrumentation and electrical technician for Williams Co. He resides in Mansfield.

**Victoria Floyd ‘22**, automotive technology management, is a record secretary for Woodlawn High School. She resides in Owings Mills, Md.

**Tom Grates ‘22**, construction management, is a field coordinator for American Contracting & Environmental Services. He resides in Richmond, Va.

**Caroline Green ‘22**, nursing, is an RN for Geisinger. She resides in Picture Rocks.

**Emily E. Hovies ‘22**, nursing, is an RN for Geisinger. She resides in Williamsport.

**Leah Kline ‘22**, nursing, is an RN for Evangelical Community Hospital. She resides in Middleburg.

**Haley L. Navarro ‘22**, applied management, is a registered dental hygienist for Lawrenceville Dental Arts. She resides in Yardley.

**Whitney N. Persun ‘22**, nursing, is an emergency department RN for Penn State Health. She resides in Mechanicsburg.

**Trevor Ravel ‘22**, diesel technology, is a diesel technician for Crownstone Equipment. He resides in Reading.

**Troy E. Records Jr. ‘22**, information technology sciences: gaming and simulation, and software development & information management, is a junior associate software engineer for game developer NetherRealm Studios. He resides in South Williamsport.

**Hannah C. Regester ‘22**, professional baking, is a baker for The Lodge at Woodloch, a luxury Poconos resort. She resides in Dunmore. She also holds an associate degree from Allegheny College of Maryland.

**Rodney J. Seaman ‘22**, electrical construction, is a construction apprentice-cellular division for Swartley Brothers Engineers. He resides in Norristown.

**Madison E. (McCracken) Smeal ‘16**, surgical technology; **‘22**, applied health studies, is a certified surgical technologist for Yale New Haven Health. She and her husband, a Navy veteran, have resided in Virginia, Connecticut, and soon New Hampshire.

**Nathan I. Tabon ‘22**, construction management, is a field engineer for Insituform Technologies. He resides in Baltimore.

**Allyson Turner ‘22**, nursing, is an RN for Geisinger Muncy Hospital. She resides in Jersey Shore.

**Ethan R. Wagner ‘22**, electrical construction, is an industrial electrician for B.J. Baldwin Electric. He resides in Minersville.



**Devin S. Watson ‘22**, electronics & computer engineering technology, is an electrical engineer for QorTek and recently reenlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard. He resides in Shippensburg.

**Austin T. Wilcox ‘22**, residential construction technology & management, is a project engineer for ISEC. He resides in Elkridge, Md.

Marriages & Births

**Julie (Rutt) Hedgepeth ‘04**, paramedic technology, and her husband welcomed a son, Reuben James, in December 2022. They reside in Elizabethtown.

**Maureen P. Benfer ‘05**, floral design/interior plantscape, married Albert Payne in March 2021. They reside in Lewisburg.

**Juliette K. (Yeager) Finley ‘10**, physical fitness specialist, welcomed a daughter, Chandler Larue, in August 2021. They reside in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

**Tyler Kline ‘10**, hospitality management, married Shannon Klinger on June 24, 2022. They reside in Port Royal.

**Edward Race ‘10**, civil engineering technology, welcomed a son, Lester, in September 2022. They reside in Rebersburg.

**Rachael (Bahner) Schommer ‘10**, occupational therapy assistant, and husband, **Jake ‘09**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, welcomed a son in September 2022.

**Derek E. Adams ‘12**, heavy construction equipment technology: Caterpillar equipment emphasis, married Leah Suka on July 2, 2022. They reside in Harrisburg.

**Kelsey (Bromm) Raines ‘12**, ornamental horticulture: plant production, welcomed her second child, a son, in 2022. They reside in Russell.

**Jennifer A. (DeLosa) Johnson ‘13**, business administration: management, welcomed her second son in April 2022. They reside in Locust, N.C.

**Joshua Bachorski ‘15**, computer aided product design, married his wife, Sara, in August 2022. They reside in Milton.

**Cassie (Mohr) Enders ‘15**, dental hygiene: health policy and administration, and her husband, **Ryan ‘12**, aviation technology, **‘13**, technology management, welcomed their first child, Piper, in May 2022. They reside in Mifflinburg.

**Margaret Hartman ‘15**, surgical technology, married **Hunter Holtz ‘14**, electrical technology; **‘16**, building automation technology, on Oct. 23, 2021. They reside in Coatesville.

**Kacey (Ammerman) Norton ‘15**, nursing, and her husband, **Jonathan ‘14**, building automation technology, welcomed a daughter, Brielle, in August 2022. They reside in Elizabethtown.

**Beth Reppert ‘15**, applied human services, married Michael Fagiola on Sept. 10, 2022. They reside in Bayville, N.Y.

**Miranda (Fink) Simon ‘15**, nursing, and husband, **Joseph ‘10**, business administration: management information systems, welcomed their second child, JJ, in 2021. They reside in Williamsport.

**Chelsea Boone ‘16**, health arts: practical nursing, married **Aaron Stabley ‘18**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, on Aug. 20, 2022. They met at Penn College in 2014 and reside in Dillsburg.

**Amanda (Slick) Cawley ‘16**, health information management, welcomed a baby boy in June 2022. They reside in Hellertown.

**Morgan Blackwell ‘17**, accounting, married **Peter Van Hemert ‘17**, software development & information management, on April 30, 2022. They reside in Camp Hill.

**Genevieve (Kelly) Swisher ‘18**, collision repair technology and automotive restoration technology, and her husband, **Harley ‘18**, heavy construction equipment technology: Caterpillar equipment, welcomed daughter Winslow in June 2022. They reside in Hagerstown, Md.

**Hanna Williams ‘18**, industrial and human factors design, married Brian Wickman in August 2022. They reside in Grimes, Iowa.

**Kelsey McKenrick ‘19**, dental hygiene, married her Penn College Residence Life “duty partner,” **Zach Kravitz ‘20**, construction management, in June 2022. They reside in Phoenixville.

**Cassandra Henderson ‘19**, business administration: banking and finance, married **Chris Morrin ‘15**, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology; **‘16**, building automation technology; and **‘18**, electrical technology, on Oct. 29, 2022. They reside in Morrisville.

**Reilly M. Streeter ‘19**, heavy construction equipment technology: operator emphasis, welcomed a son, Declan James, in August 2022. They reside in Reading.

**Kaitlyn (Young) Clark ‘20**, health information management, welcomed twins in September 2022: daughter Waverly Mae and son Maverick James. They reside in Grottoes, Va.

**Reed C. Corby ‘20**, information assurance and cyber security, married Kristyn E. Murray on Sept. 16, 2022. They reside in Springville.

**Cody Souders ‘20**, electronics and computer engineering technology, married Alaina Dorans on June 25, 2022. They reside in Dillsburg.

**Michaela Maynard ‘22**, emergency management & homeland security, married **Jared Bressler ‘21**, individual studies, in September 2022. They reside in Centre Hall.

**Devin S. Watson ‘22**, electronics & computer engineering technology, married Carly Staley on June 4, 2022. They reside in Shippensburg.

In Memory

**James W. Bower**, former member, Penn College Foundation Board of Directors, age 84, on April 22

**David C. Dietrick**, retired associate professor of welding, age 75, on Jan. 23

**Mary E. Erdman**, retired instructor of nursing, age 65, on March 9

**Garth Everett**, former member, Penn College Board of Directors, age 69, on Jan. 28

**Niki LaVoie**, part-time instructor of English and speech communication, on May 10

**Donald R. Nibert**, retired assistant professor of forestry, age 80, on Feb. 26

**Harry C. Specht**, retired associate professor of fitness & lifetime sports, basketball coach, tennis coach and cross-country coach, age 75, on April 3

**Albert L. Steinbacher Jr.**, former part-time instructor of automotive technology, age 79, on Feb. 27

**Ray F. Tyler**, retired associate professor of business administration, age 93, on July 18

**Michael Tyson**, retired assistant professor of mathematics, age 81, on July 17

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