

Marking Decades of Making a Difference

In one of her first remarks as president of Pennsylvania College of Technology, Davie Jane Gilmour revealed her leadership philosophy by stressing that “people make the difference.” In 20 years at the helm, Gilmour has truly made a difference to the college and surrounding community. A video slideshow of images, which premiered at the May 10 all-college meeting and has been added to the institution’s [YouTube](#) channel, helps commemorate her 20 years as president and 40th anniversary of being a proud Penn College employee.



Giving to Penn College



It has been an exciting year of opportunity for Penn College students because of support from our alumni. Whether your passion lies with scholarships, an academic program, athletics or unrestricted support – your financial support helps turn student dreams into reality.

Continued support from our alumni is vital to the success of our students while they earn **degrees that work**. If you haven’t made your gift this fiscal year, there is still time!

[Make a gift](#) today and invest in our students!



Gift From Lycoming Engines Boosts College's Aviation Instruction

Longtime Pennsylvania College of Technology partner Lycoming Engines has donated 15 aircraft engines to be used for instructional purposes in the college's aviation majors. The donation, valued at \$317,500, will benefit students enrolled in the aviation maintenance technology bachelor's degree, the aviation technology associate degree and the aviation maintenance certificate major. Over 100 Penn College alumni are employed by [Lycoming Engines](#), a leading piston-engine producer for the general aviation industry that employs approximately 400 people.

Alumni Highlight



Ken Hess '81 Business Management

Kenneth serves as the Deputy Secretary for Procurement on Governor Wolf's cabinet. In this position, he oversees the goods and services procurement, supplies and surplus and the management of the commonwealth's vehicle fleet. He previously served with the Department of General Services for the Commonwealth from 2004 to 2011 as the Director of the Bureau of Supplies and Surplus Operations, which handles the warehousing of Commonwealth inventory, reutilization and recycling contracts, and sales of surplus. He and his staff have been featured on MSNBC, CBS Evening News and WPXI Channel 11 in Pittsburgh as well as in the Wall Street Journal and USA Today. Ken has held supply chain leadership positions with TE Connectivity and Patton Electronics. He has more than 25 years of experience with PA firms in Logistics, Purchasing, Fleet and Operations roles. In addition to his Penn College degree, Ken holds a Master of Science in Business Administration from Bucknell University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University.

Alumni Events

Pittsburgh Alumni Event

Join us in Pittsburgh for dinner at **Mezzo** which is part of the restaurant [Sienna Mercato](#) on Saturday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. Please click here to [register](#). Your entrée and a non alcoholic drink will be included in the \$12 cost to attend. All [Wildcat X](#) members can attend for the reduced cost of \$10. Feel free to register a guest as well. If you have any questions please contact the [Alumni Relations Office](#).





Penn College Night with the Crosscutters

Join us as we celebrate **Penn College Night** at BB&T Park to watch the Williamsport Crosscutters take on the Mahoning Valley Scrappers on **Tuesday, August 28**.

The Alumni Association is once again hosting an alumni gathering in the new UPMC Susquehanna Loggers

Landing area of historic Bowman Field. Loggers Landing provides exclusive access to watch the game and offers amenities such as the Millionaire's Row Bar, a full-service concession stand and wait service. The ticket cost is \$15 per person (\$10 for Wildcat X members) and includes a \$10 food credit. The game starts at 7:05 p.m., but please plan to meet us in Loggers Landing at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited so [Register Now](#).

Alumni Happy Hour at The Millworks

We had a great time at our regional event in Harrisburg, PA. If you would be interested in attending a regional event in your area, please email the [Alumni Relations Office](#) with the city you live in and any ideas that you might have for activities or venues near you.



Homecoming 2018

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the [Homecoming](#) celebration this year being held Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7. New alumni events including an Alumni and Friends Tent Party for Friday and evening entertainment downtown on Saturday. In addition, the annual Alumni Golf Outing at White Deer Golf Course will be held October 6 with registration opening soon.

Visit Our New Events Page

Interested in attending an alumni event? Visit our Alumni [events](#) webpage to view the details and register for all upcoming events.

Alumni News

Two Alumni Honored at Penn College Commencements

[Andrew S. Wisner](#), of Cumming, Georgia, formerly of York, received the Alumni Achievement Award on Friday, May 11. One of the youngest specialists in North America working on rotary kilns – the world's largest piece of process equipment – Wisner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in welding and fabrication engineering technology in 2008 and an Associate of Applied Science degree in welding technology in 2006.





[Bradley G. Willis](#), of Harrisburg, formerly of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Willis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in heating, ventilation and air conditioning design technology in 2016 and is employed as a system applications engineer at Johnson Controls. During the past year, Willis has stood out with regard to both the quantity and quality of his volunteer experiences with his alma mater. His contributions through his employment at Johnson Controls have included: securing nearly \$1,000 to support the Women in Construction event at Penn College and coordinating his company's product team in bringing a "road show" to the college to demonstrate for students the latest building automation system controls and hardware.

Spring Commencement: A Mid-May Extravaganza of Emotion

Pennsylvania College of Technology held three [commencement](#) ceremonies May 11-12 for more than 900 students who petitioned to graduate following the Spring 2018 semester. To view commencement [videos](#) for each ceremony visit the College's YouTube channel.



Penn College Events



Exhibition at Penn College Celebrates Regional Art Talent

A celebration of the diversity and quality of regional art will be hosted by The Gallery at Penn College with its [Regional Juried Exhibition 2018](#), set for May 29 through July 27. Showcasing 63 creative pieces by 51 artists representing 35 Pennsylvania cities and towns. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Penn College News



Sen. Yaw Hosts Government Seminar for Area High School Students

A total of 240 students from 16 school districts in Bradford, Lycoming and Union counties converged on Pennsylvania College of Technology's campus on May 10 to participate in the annual [Student Government Seminar](#) hosted by state Sen. Gene Yaw (R-23), who also serves as chairman of the Penn College Board of Directors. The seminar gives high school students the opportunity to debate important issues, develop legislation and vote on 'mock bills' in an open session.

Hospitality Students Savor the Kentucky Derby

Pennsylvania College of Technology hospitality students were the big winners at the 2018 Kentucky Derby. A



contingent of 28 students and 10 alumni worked for Levy Restaurants at Churchill Downs throughout [Derby Week](#), a commitment captured in a video added to the college's YouTube channel. The Penn College representatives played a key role in food production for the exclusive clubs and suites overlooking the iconic track.

Volunteer Opportunities

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

-Elizabeth Andrew

Volunteers needed for upcoming events:

Welcome Weekend, August 18-Assist new students with moving into their residence halls.

Convocation, August 18-Help make the incoming students transition to college life even more memorable by lining the Rose Street Commons sidewalk with faculty, staff and administration. Students will process to Convocation as we offer support by cheering them on. Short remarks will be given by Dr. Gilmour and other administrators followed by a fireworks display. Please plan on arriving by 8 p.m. in your Penn College gear!

Open House, October 28-Provide directions, assist with registration check-in, ride the bus around campus, etc.

Let the Alumni Office know if you will be available to help at any of these events by emailing alumni@pct.edu.

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