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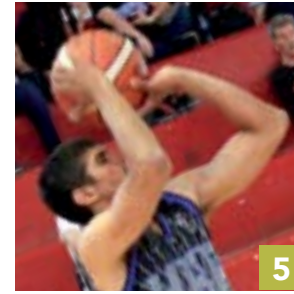


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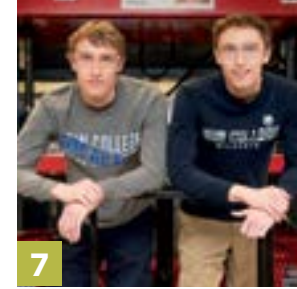
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degrees that work.

ON THE COVER

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Careers in Construction Awards

Construction Management Association earns national honor

Members of the college's Construction Management Association accept the Student Chapter of the Year Award at the 2024 Associated Builders and Contractors Convention in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes an outstanding chapter for its accomplishments in programming, community service, communications/public relations, and interaction with its sponsoring ABC Chapter. ABC Keystone Chapter is the Penn College Construction Management Association's sponsor.

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Administrators complete Education Trade Mission in India

Pennsylvania College of Technology engaged in an Education Trade Mission in India, promoting higher education at events in five cities in southern India. The outreach attracted considerable interest from higher education partners, students and media in India.

Penn College was among 18 U.S. colleges and universities participating in the mission, along with universities from Australia, the U.K. and the Republic of Ireland, among others.

The mission, designed to help participants attract Indian students to U.S. education, was organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service in India, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State and EducationUSA Advising Center in Chennai, India.

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Anthony J. Pace (left), associate vice president for enrollment and academic operations, and Patrick Marty (center), chief government and international relations officer, meet with a representative at St. Aloysius College, in Mangaluru, India.

U.S. Department of Labor delivers \$4M grant

In response to employer demand for more advanced-manufacturing workers, a \$4 million federal grant will expand the scope of Penn College's apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship training programs.

The funding is part of \$244 million in nationwide Apprenticeship Building America grants announced during a U.S. Department of Labor event at the college. The event featured remarks by Julie Su, acting secretary of labor, and Neera Tanden, White House domestic policy advisor and director of the Domestic Policy Council.

Known as MIDAS+, Penn College's grant aims to enroll 865 new pre-apprentices and 496 apprentices over four years and will support the launch of Semiconductor Technician apprenticeships at the college.

Those to be served by MIDAS+ include underemployed incumbent workers in advanced manufacturing, rural and urban high school and cyber/charter school students, rural youth served by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, rural inmate re-entry populations, and residents of disadvantaged communities.

MIDAS+ is a successor to an \$8 million MIDAS (Modular, Industry-Driven Apprenticeship Strategies) grant that expired in July.

Employers locally, across Pennsylvania and anywhere in the U.S. can enroll apprentices in the semiconductor program – or any of the seven other registered advanced manufacturing apprenticeships offered by the college.



Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Julie Su provides remarks during a U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship announcement at Penn College on July 11.

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Penn College receives NSF grant to aid transportation workforce

Penn College is the recipient of a nearly \$1.5 million federal grant to support students majoring in transportation-related fields.

The National Science Foundation awarded the money (grant No. 2221107) as part of its S-STEM program, which funds scholarships for academically talented low-income students.

Dubbed Transportation Scholars, the program will provide up to \$10,000 annually for eligible students.

Scholarship recipients are required to be seeking an associate degree in aviation, automotive, collision repair or diesel.

WILDCAT ATHLETICS

WINTER SPORTS ROUNDUP

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Penn College hosted and won its first NCAA-era home playoff game and reached the United East Volt Division semifinals. **Gavin Barrett '25** and **Livingston Cross '25** were major contributors to the Wildcats' success and were rewarded with United East First Team All-Conference selections. Barrett, who finished the season as the national leader in assists per game, notched his 1,000th career point and earned a D3Hoops.com District 4 All-Region selection.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

For the first time in program history, the team reached its second consecutive United East postseason. **Rachel Teats '25** led the Wildcats in almost every statistical category and earned her second career United East Second Team honor.

WRESTLING

On the mats, Penn College posted nine dual-meet victories and captured the program's first tournament team title at the Rochester Institute of Technology Invite. Four grapplers earned Allegheny Mountain All-Conference honors after reaching the finals of the conference tournament, helping the team to a runner-up finish. **Noah Hunt '25** was the lone Wildcat champion, while teammate **Patrick Snoke '25** was runner-up to Hunt. **Luke Heimbach '27** and **TJ Martin '27** also recorded second-place showings.

At the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional Championship, Hunt became a three-time regional medalist with an eighth-place finish. **Kaden Ware '27** (sixth) and **Travis Green '27** (eighth) also finished in the top 10. As a team, the Wildcats posted the 23rd-best GPA among Division III programs and were twice ranked in the national top 25.



Gavin Barrett



Rachel Teats



Noah Hunt



Peyton Mussina



Maggie Mangene



Dallas Griess



Harrison Schlachta

SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

MEN'S GOLF

The team captured back-to-back United East championships after winning the 2024 title. **Peyton Mussina '25** was named the conference's Golfer of the Year after winning the individual title. Mussina went on to finish 17th at the NCAA Division III Championship – the highest finish in program history.

Mussina, who was also selected to the PING/Golf Coaches Association of America All-Region Team, joined teammate **Trevor Keaton '24** on the United East First Team, while **Gavin Baer '25**, **Will Orwig '25** and **Gunner Redmond '26** were named to the second team.

SOFTBALL

The team won its second conference championship in four years and advanced to the NCAA Division III Softball Tournament. A program-record seven players were named to the United East All-Conference team, with **Maggie Mangene '24** and **Lexi Snyder '26** earning first-team honors, and **Mackenzie Weaver '25**, **Ivvy Morder '24**, **Madison Herriman '25**, **Grace Lorson '27** and **Jesse Brumbaugh '26** landing on the second team.

Herriman and Mangene were also named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region Second Team, while Lorson earned third-team honors and was a finalist for the association's National Freshman of the Year award.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The team reached the conference finals for the second time in four years and finished as runner-up. Six Wildcats were named to the United East all-conference team, with **Aidan McFalls '27**, **Harrison Schlachta '26** and **Mason Nester '25** receiving first-team recognition. **A.J. Dotson '26**, **Will Ehret '27** and **Austin Callahan '25** were named to the second team.

BASEBALL/TENNIS

A trio of baseball players were named to the United East All-Conference team as **Dallas Griess '27** earned first-team honors and was named Rookie of the Year. **Quinn Hanafin '24** and **Sam Staib '27** were named to the second team. In men's tennis, **Logan Ogden '26** made the United East second team.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RYAN LOCKMAN



Ryan Lockman '20 takes the court for the Nogales Guindas semi-pro team, of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. His day job is with Tesla, where he maintains massive batteries (Megapacks) that store energy to stabilize the electrical grid and prevent outages.

Lockman '20 combines engineering and basketball for a well-rounded life

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

RYAN LOCKMAN'S PASSION FOR BASKETBALL

and his enthusiasm for engineering have always been part of the compass he uses to navigate his major life decisions.

From his decision to travel 2,661 miles from White Salmon, Washington, to Williamsport to attend Pennsylvania College of Technology, to accepting a position in Arizona with automotive and clean energy company Tesla, Lockman's brain has been focused on engineering, while his heart has been filled by playing the sport he loves.

Since the spring of 2021, Lockman has spent his days as a Tesla Energy Megapack Station engineer, where he services and repairs Megapacks (powerful batteries that provide large-scale energy storage), and his evenings and weekends playing in semi-professional basketball leagues in the Phoenix area and Mexico.

"Basketball has given me so many blessings, and I get an incredible feeling playing the sport," Lockman explained. "It's an amazing stress reliever, and it's great for your physical and mental health."

Lockman began competing in a Mexican league when he moved to Arizona, crossing the border, couch-surfing with teammates, and playing the entire weekend. The past two years, he's played for the Arizona Rams in a local league that competes twice a week, for three months, with nearly a month of postseason play.

"I approach basketball with an engineering mindset," said Lockman, who graduated in 2020 with a bachelor's in electronics and computer engineering technology. "I look at the spin of the ball off a missed shot to try and predict future outcomes, and I'm always looking to get myself in the best position."

While his passion for basketball began in third grade, Lockman's enthusiasm for engineering started in fifth grade when his middle school offered an after-school robotics class with obstacle courses, races and battles. Lockman credits his teacher Michael Kane for "connecting the enthusiasm we had for these robot competitions to the field of engineering and the language of math."

Armed with a full scholarship from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation after graduating from high school, Lockman was looking for a college that had an intercollegiate basketball team and good engineering program. He found Penn College to be a "perfect fit."

In the classroom, Lockman, who recently earned a Master of Science in Engineering in electrical engineering from Arizona State University, was a high achiever.

On the court, he played in 70 games for the Wildcats, averaging 20 minutes per game, 8.8 points and 5.4 rebounds. His analysis of the sport, and his personality in the locker room, helped Lockman excel as an athlete and as a cornerstone of a program that was rebuilding.

"Ryan was very analytical on the court," Penn College head men's basketball coach Geoff Hensley recalled. "He was engineered to see the nuances of the game, and that, with his natural athleticism, helped him gain an edge over other players."

"He just wanted to do his job to the best of his abilities and was willing to do whatever the team needed. Whether that was coming off the bench or starting a game, he did what was best for the team. From a character standpoint, he was exactly what the program needed." ■

DENTAL HYGIENE HAILS LARGEST GROUP OF MALE GRADS

Five students who received their degrees on May 10 make up the largest group of men to graduate from the college's 45-year-old dental hygiene program.

Men have been allowed to work in dental hygiene since 1965, but they remain a minority in the profession: About 94% of registered dental hygienists are women. Learn why the men of the Class of 2024 are passionate about their careers:



ORLANDO D. BELLAMAN excelled in his high school's dental assisting program.

"I was awarded student of the year back in 2014 and I knew I was headed in the right direction. What makes me excited is that I am able to meet and speak with a vast array of people and provide oral care. I believe I excel at communicating on a one-on-one basis, and this will be perfect for me."

TY D. TURBA worked as a dental assistant and wanted to do more. "I am about to embark on a whole new journey into the dental profession. I am thrilled to make a difference in people's lives, learn new techniques and continue to further my education."

MIKEY E. STROHM III researched dental careers thanks to career interest surveys and became passionate about dental hygiene. "The social aspect is a big factor that drew me to this career, and it still is a big motivator. I would consider myself a social person, and I'm very excited to get to talk to all kinds of different people and get to know them and their experiences."

JOSHUA QUIGLEY worked in education while searching for his ideal career. "I knew I wanted to help people; I knew that was why I was put on this earth. I'm excited and really happy to be able to use the tools that have been given to me so that other people can feel better about themselves or feel educated or be healthier."

WANGDEN T. NANGPA recognizes that a healthy smile is important for self-esteem. "I've always enjoyed just talking to people, taking care of people, helping people out. I don't like being glued to a desk all the time. I want to be with other people. You get another person to yourself for a whole hour, and that's exactly what I'm looking for in my profession."

See more "Penn College Family" profiles at pct.edu/makers

Two of a kind

Twins follow duplicate Penn College paths.

by Tom Speicher, writer/video producer

LONG BEFORE THEY TEAMED TO MELT PLASTICS IN THEIR MOTHER'S TOASTER OVEN, Jake T. and Jon J.

Twardowski wished to study polymers at Pennsylvania College of Technology. Their teenage science experiments mixing a glue gun and the toaster oven eventually ruined the appliance but not their dream. About eight years later, the brothers hold bachelor's degrees in polymer engineering technology.

The straight-A students graduated from Penn College in May before embarking on their desired careers in the plastics industry.

"They stand out as two of the top students I have taught in over 34 years; certainly they're in the top 10," said Kirk M. Cantor, professor of plastics and polymer technology. "Not only did they perform academically at the highest level, but they both learned very quickly and gained a deep understanding of even the most challenging topics I presented."

The matching success of Jake and Jon shouldn't surprise. They are mirror-image identical twins, meaning defining characteristics or physical traits, such as a dominant hand, of one are on the opposite side of the other. Put simply, when the brothers look at each other, it's as if they



Twins Jon (left) and Jake Twardowski outside of Penn College's Breuder Advanced Technology & Health Sciences Center, home of the polymer engineering technology program. They both earned bachelor's degrees in polymer engineering technology – and 4.0 GPAs – in May.

are staring in a mirror.

That fact is appropriate, considering the achievements of one are a perfect reflection of the other's success.

"They have been so alike, that at times, it has been mind-blowing," said their mom, Jan, a full-time assistant specializing in applications and data control in the

"They have been so alike, that at times, it has been mind-blowing."

college's Admissions Office.

Sure, Jon is slightly taller than Jake's 6-foot-1 frame. Jake sweeps his bangs to the side, whereas Jon pushes his up. Jon prefers slightly dressier attire than Jake's cargo trousers and Adidas track jacket.

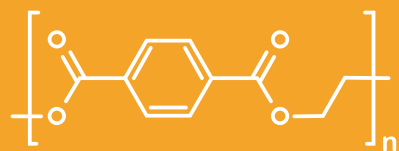
Jake is a bit reserved compared to Jon. And Jon likes coleslaw more than Jake does. But other than those examples?

"Overall, they are very similar in their likes and dislikes," Jan said. "They have always been close and do seem to enjoy doing like-minded things. Whether they were building forts, playing computer games, or making and operating their blacksmithing setup, they almost always did it together."

Yes, blacksmithing.

"We had a fantastic metal shop teacher in high school who encouraged students to pursue their own projects. We built an open-air workshop with our dad. Its design enabled us to forge while being protected from rain and snow," Jon explained.

"We built the home forge and bellows out of scrap material, which we later replaced with a more ergonomic and



“A 4.0 is not a small accomplishment. That’s a lot of work and a lot of time dedicated to making sure everything you turn in is as close to perfect as you can get it.”

efficient design,” Jake said. “I primarily created knives and assorted tools, and my brother focused on making jewelry.”

Blacksmithing was the latest manifestation of the twins’ tinkering and innate curiosity.

“Ever since I was a kid, I’ve been either building things or breaking things. Being hands-on is certainly the most effective way to learn, and it also happens to be the most fun,” Jake said.

Jon traces such fun back to their days as young boys playing with Lego bricks. The plastic building blocks provided endless hours of stimulation and sparked the brothers’ interest in polymers. Whether contemplating designing their own bricks or watching YouTube videos on plastics projects, the twins were hooked. Eventually, they progressed from building with Legos to creating rudimentary plastic holiday ornaments out of milk jugs and laundry detergent bottles.

Their maker-culture instincts led them to not only embrace plastics but also Penn College. That was clear in eighth grade when they were assigned to write a letter to their senior selves. The boys expressed duplicate goals. Jon and Jake wrote that they hoped to be pursuing a plastics degree

at Penn College.

With that objective achieved, the twins know their eighth-grade selves made the right choice in terms of career field and colleges.

“It is an interesting and flexible career path,” Jake said.

“The plastics industry is paramount for the function of our modern world,” Jon expanded. “Plastics are an incredibly versatile material that is utilized every day in practically every industry. The plastics program at Penn College provides an invaluable experience for anyone looking to enter this field.”

Growing up in Williamsport, the brothers were quite familiar with the school. Jan began working at the college part time in 2010 and along with her husband, John, would bring the boys to campus for computer fairs and open houses.

“As a middle-schooler, touring Penn College exposed me to a myriad of technologies and equipment that were completely new to me,” said Jon, who is the older brother by nine minutes. “The experience made me feel incredibly enthused about the possibilities of my future.”

Jake remembers being impressed by the beauty of campus and the “unique-looking buildings.” The joy of playing video games in the Bush Campus Center and munching on free food are mixed in the memories as well. “Penn College just kind of became my college of choice. I never really considered going to any other college,” he said.

Penn College’s distinction as one of just seven institutions nationwide offering polymer degrees accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET was a bonus.

“That leaves graduates of the program with a unique and in-demand degree, and a job market seeking people with these specialized skills,” Jake said.

Based on the college’s data from 2017-22, the overall job placement rate for graduates of the polymer engineering technology major is 100%.

While in high school, the brothers prepared for Penn College by completing an introduction to plastics dual-enrollment class. Of course, they both received As. That symmetry would continue for the next four years in college: matching classes and high grades.

“We grew up in the same environment, which makes our thought process similar. We studied and reviewed together most of the time, so we usually achieved comparable grades,” Jake noted.

“Studying for exams together practically ensured that we each shared the same understanding of the content,” Jon said. “We are not very competitive. I would rather see us both succeed at something than for one to triumph over the other. We tend to help each other out and encourage each other to do our best.”

Their best resulted in perfect 4.0 GPAs, successful internships, and induction into the honor societies of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Chi. (High academic achievement runs in the family. The twins’ older sister, Jenny, is completing her doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Rochester.)



Jon (left) and Jake Twardowski enhance their hands-on education on the college’s hybrid thermoforming machine.

“A 4.0 is not a small accomplishment. Our students are routinely carrying 16- to 18-credit semesters to graduate on time. That’s a lot of work and a lot of time dedicated to making sure everything you turn in is as close to perfect as you can get it,” said Vii J. Rice, instructor of plastics and polymer technology and co-department head. “To get through all eight semesters without slipping is a testament to their intelligence but also their endurance and drive.”

“They have everything an employer is looking for: intelligence, dedication to the task at hand, respect for and the ability to get along with others, desire and ability to learn, and excellence in performance,” Cantor echoed. “They are also very nice young men.”

The brothers returned the compliments. “From early on in my college education, I could tell that the instructors at Penn College truly want their students to succeed,” Jon said.

“The instructors have all been excellent at teaching their content and aiding students however they can. This is very important for academic success!” Jake stressed.

Both also applauded the hands-

on nature of the polymer engineering program, which requires experience with all the major plastics processing methods. Not surprisingly, Jon and Jake identified the same process – injection molding – as their favorite for the identical reason: short cycle time.

But graduation has taken them on different paths in terms of employers and locations for their burgeoning careers as process engineers. Jake is at the Azek Co., a manufacturer of sustainable outdoor living products in Wilmington, Ohio, and Jon works for West Pharmaceutical Services in Williamsport. West designs and manufacturers integrated containment and delivery systems for injectable medicines.

Their summer 2023 internships – Jake worked for Azek in Scranton and Jon interned at Tekni-Plex Healthcare in New Hampshire – provided a taste of the separation ahead. However, that was a matter of weeks. Their separation as professionals could be years.

“Will this cause some heartache and tough emotions? Probably. But do I think they are going to let that stop them? Absolutely not,” Rice said. “They did not get to take their exams together, their practicals together or their internships

together, but they knocked all of those out of the park. It has been a slow build over the last four years, but I believe they have been preparing for this moment and will succeed wherever they may end up.”

The twins estimated they talked four times a week during their separate summer internships. Their mother countered that the two communicated daily.

“Sometimes I was told that one couldn’t talk to me for very long because he was all talked out from talking to his brother,” she said. “If one hadn’t heard from the other by a certain time, usually around 5:30 or 6, I would get a call or text asking if I knew what was going on with the other one.”

Jan expects that to be the case going forward. “I know there will be a lot of talking between them. I am positive they will be in constant communication,” she said. “As a mom, I have been blessed. It is great seeing your kids get along and be each other’s best friend!”

And when reunited at home, they can work together to fix that infamous toaster oven.

“We just called it a science experiment and moved on,” Jan laughed. “I am pretty sure they still have it down in the basement.” ■

ROUGH COMPETITION

Penn College hosts Baja SAE

*Reporting by Tom Speicher, writer/video producer
Photos by Alexandra Butler, photographer/photo editor,
and Rob Hinkal, social media specialist*

About 1,800 enterprising students from 102 colleges in more than 30 states, Brazil and Canada tested their engineering prowess at Baja SAE Williamsport, an action-packed, four-day event hosted by Pennsylvania College of Technology in May.

The teams spent months designing, manufacturing and building single-seat, all-terrain cars. Following two days of technical inspections and presentations, teams tested their handiwork in a series of challenges: acceleration, hill climb, maneuverability, suspension and traction, and a four-hour endurance race.

SAE International is a global association of engineers and related technical experts in the aerospace, automotive and commercial-vehicle industries. Baja SAE is one of four Collegiate Design Series programs supported by SAE's charitable arm, the SAE Foundation.



The Penn College car, driven by Isaac H. Thollot, gets air on the suspension and traction course. Penn College came in fourth in the event.

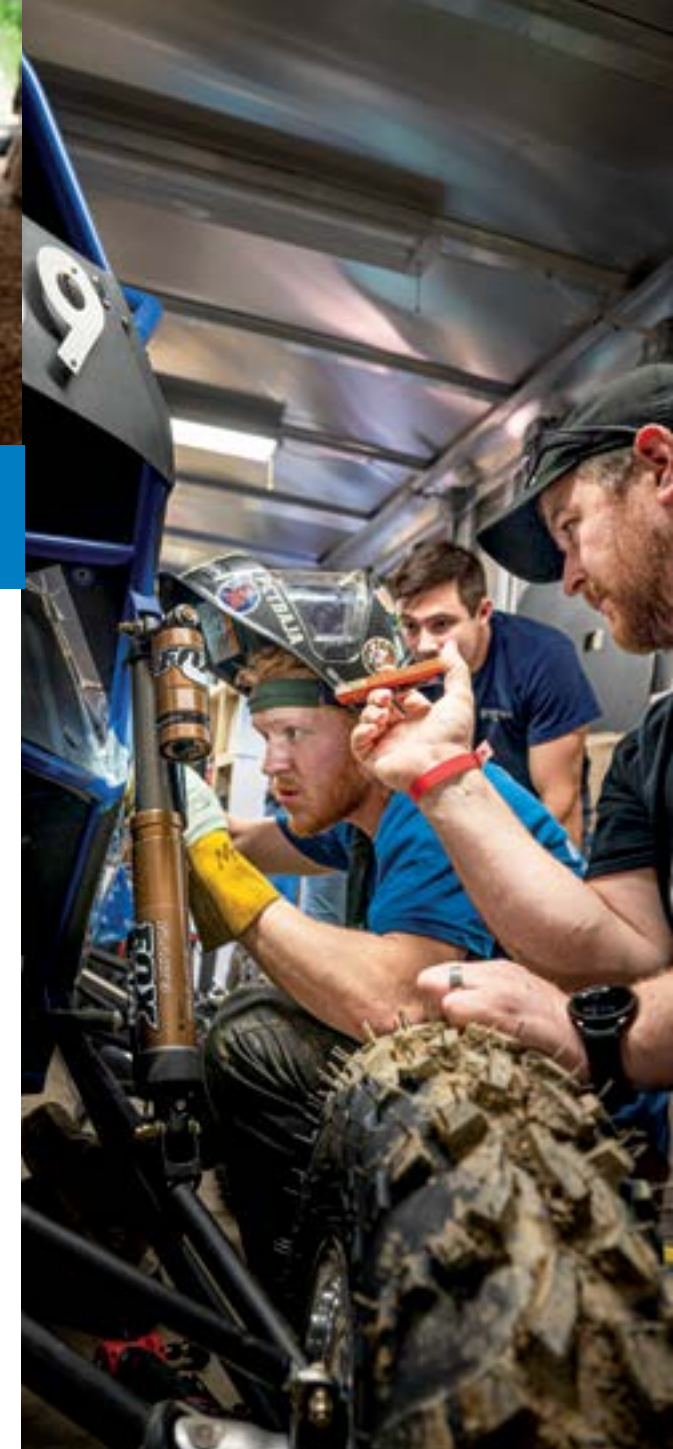
Students and faculty place timber mats to serve as a bridge over a crossing for the endurance course



“When I see my parts that I designed working on the car, it makes all the hassle worth it.”



Team captain Marshall W. Fowler makes the case for the Penn College team's design. At right: Inside the PCT Baja trailer, Fowler fixes a minuscule hole in the car's frame prior to technical inspection.








SETTING THE STAGE

From the moment Penn College was selected to host Baja SAE Williamsport, it was all hands on deck to transform the college's 125-acre Heavy Construction Equipment Operations Site from a wide-open training space to the competition playground.

Faculty, staff, students and corporate partners cleared trees, excavated and spread shale to create parking areas, and formed challenging courses for the various dynamic events. Along the way, they constructed jumps, bridges, banked turns and multiple obstacles.

Here's how some of the prep work adds up:

-  Shale excavated = 14,000 tons
-  Shale spread = 7.42 acres
-  Mulch = 97 tons
-  Silt socks = 3,600 feet
-  Endurance course = 1.1 miles

THE WILDCATS

For the 15th time in its 19-year history, the Penn College team registered a top-10 finish in the endurance race, finishing fourth at Baja SAE Williamsport. The Wildcats finished 10th overall, including fourth place on the car-busting suspension and traction course and eighth in maneuverability.

All teams are required to fabricate their own chassis. Penn College's students design and manufacture about 95% of their car's parts.

The team – typically made up of 10-15 students from a variety of majors – dedicates countless hours to the effort.

“I think this month (April), I made it home before midnight four or five times. It takes a lot,” said team member Casey B. Campbell. “But it's our choice to be here. There's nothing else I'd rather be doing. We come here on Saturday and Sunday because we want to, not because we have to.”

“When I see my parts that I designed working on the car, it makes all the hassle worth it,” he added.



Above: A portion of the 1.1-mile endurance track. At right: Vehicles line up for Sunday morning's endurance race. Far right: The Penn College team celebrates its fourth-place endurance race finish.



Clemson fans record the moment.



A driver for the University of Rochester prepares for an event.



Virginia Tech's No. 29 sails over a hill on the maneuverability course. The team won the endurance race and placed third overall.

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DYNAMIC EVENTS

In addition to technical inspections, design judging, business presentations and cost reports:

Acceleration: From a standing start, how fast the car can complete a 150-foot-long straight and level course.

Hill climb: How fast the car can complete a course consisting of, at minimum, a 40-degree slope. The event tests the car's low-speed traction. If the car can't finish, its distance traveled is measured.

Maneuverability: How fast the car can complete a twisting course, requiring turning and acceleration/braking. It tests the car's high- and low-speed handling over relatively gentle terrain. If the car misses a gate, the run is invalidated.

Suspension: How fast the car can complete a rugged course consisting of inclines, rocks and other obstacles. It tests the car's suspension, ground clearance and traction. If the vehicle fails to finish, the distance traveled is measured.

Endurance: The ultimate test of the car's durability and performance. The 1.1-mile track consists of hills, gullies, tight turns and numerous obstacles. The winner is determined by the number of laps completed in four hours. At Baja SAE Williamsport, 46 of the 89 teams that began the endurance race failed to complete at least 20 laps. Penn College registered 51 laps in finishing fourth. ■



by Jennifer A. Cline, writer/magazine editor
Illustrations by Brian Lutz

PORTRAIT OF AN ILLUSTRATOR

Brian Lutz '08, whose illustrations have been published by such high-profile clients as New York Magazine, Time magazine, Coastal Living magazine and the L.A. Times, is exhibiting his work in The Gallery at Penn College through Oct. 4.



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Brian Lutz's younger self

would scream with joy to learn about one of grown-up Lutz's most prized possessions: an autographed portrait of late-night talk show host Conan O'Brien – created by none other than Lutz and published by New York magazine.

As a kid, the 2008 Pennsylvania College of Technology advertising art grad was always drawing – or immersing in movies, music, magazines, skateboards: “all these creative things,” he said.

“I was that oddball in the family,” Lutz joked, referring to the careers of his sister, a lawyer, and his parents, who are scientists.

“But my parents were really supportive of it,” he recalled of his upbringing in the suburbs of Philadelphia. “They were all about learning, curiosity. They saw that I loved drawing and painting – since I was 5 years old. They really just encouraged it.”

High school classes, on the other hand, he hated. After high school, he spent a year in the workforce. His parents encouraged him to “go do something” and reminded him of his love for drawing.

Graphic design, he decided, was the way he could make a living at it.

“I didn't want to go to the local community college, but I also hadn't taken my SATs. So I thought, ‘How can I find a respectable program that will consider me?’ Penn College was a really good choice. And when I got there, I was just blown away.

“I loved the small class sizes, and I loved how much passion the instructors had. They were really like: ‘You're going to do this, and you're going to do it the right way – or else.’ And I really responded that way.”

“Brian was a student who excelled in classes such as painting and art history, which could foretell his future career in illustration,” said Brian A. Flynn, assistant professor of graphic design and department head. “He was also enjoyable to have in class.”

Ben Kennerly, a user experience designer who earned a degree in graphic design from Penn College in 2010, met Lutz in one of those classes.

“We bonded over shared interests,” Kennerly said. “We both grew up in the

Philadelphia area. We both loved Seinfeld. The observational humor connected with us and how we saw the world. We believed that design and illustration should have deeper meaning – not just about how it looks, but what it says. It's tough to create a picture that both looks good and tells a clear story. Brian seemed to have a natural gift.”



“Look Up,” created as part of “Illustration Isolation,” with reference material provided by B.R. Carr, was recognized as an American Illustration selected winner, received a Communications Arts Award of Excellence and was published in 3x3, The Magazine of Contemporary Illustration.

After graduation, Kennerly moved to San Francisco to pursue work in the technology industry. (Among his work is an app that helps farmers determine how much fertilizer their fields will need.) Lutz pursued his interest in the fine arts, next earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio art from Temple University's Tyler School of Art.

“I remember telling Brian that I didn't have the guts to pursue such a competitive field; it was a bold move, for sure,” Kennerly said.

Several years later, the kid who hadn't planned to go to college took his education a step further: In 2020, he completed a Master of Fine Arts in illustration from

University of Hartford.

“Brian came into our program with a lot talent but very little experience in regard to the world of illustration,” said award-winning children's book author and illustrator Bill Thomson, professor of illustration at the university and Lutz's thesis adviser. Thomson described Lutz as a sponge: “absorbing everything.”

“With Brian's talent, tireless work ethic, boundless enthusiasm, high level of intelligence – and most of all, his determination – Brian made the very most of his educational experience,” Thomson said. “Brian is the personification of the old expression: ‘What you put in is what you get out.’ He put his heart and soul into his work, and that has entirely transformed his career and his life.”

Part of that determination was bolstered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lutz had been working evenings as a bartender in a hotel while pursuing his MFA and doing some freelance work. When the hotel he worked in shut down to provide extra beds for COVID patients, he sharpened his focus on freelance illustration.

“That's when I really started drawing nonstop,” he said.

Lutz quickly found success as an editorial illustrator, frequently producing portraits.

“I think it's important to find a problem you can solve as an illustrator in order to get hired, and that's one that I found that I was good at: doing likenesses of recognizable people,” Lutz said. “Which is pretty difficult, because if you have one little thing off, it's going to be very noticeable. And you have to do these things under pressure. Sometimes you get 24 hours. You have to be really fast and really precise. I found that I had a knack for it, so I started marketing myself with that.”

He discovered the niche during grad school: He admired the style of C.F. Payne, an “illustration legend” and director of the university's Master of Fine Arts in illustration. Lutz drew 100 sketchbook pages in 100 days to teach himself how to make work like Payne's. Many were portraits.

While he enjoys all kinds of drawing, he ►►

continues to enjoy portraits: “I can do them quick, and it still feels like magic,” he said.

In addition to Conan O’Brien, some of the famous faces in his portfolio include Will Smith, published in *Entertainment Weekly*; Chief Justice John Roberts, in *Politico*; author James Patterson, in *Coastal Living*; and entertainer Joe Rogan, in *Austin Monthly*.

“I’ll never forget going for a morning walk in my California neighborhood and seeing a copy of *Time* magazine on the street,” Kennerly said. “I picked it up and saw several of Brian’s illustrations inside!” (Lutz created 29 portraits for *Time*’s 2022 “Most Influential People” issue.)



A portrait of former late-night talk show host Conan O’Brien, published in *New York Magazine*’s *Vulture* section (art direction by Stevie Remsberg and Josiah Whitfield), represents one of Lutz’s first big gigs, and it remains one of his favorites. O’Brien later autographed a print, with a note: “You captured my massive forehead perfectly.”

Lutz’s work is even featured on a Toy Machine skateboard deck, and his illustrations have been recognized in some of the nation’s most prestigious juried competitions, by organizations like *American Illustration*, *Communication Arts*, *Applied Arts*, *3x3 Magazine*, *Creative Quarterly* and *Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles*.

“Brian’s work blends his outstanding

drawing ability and bold sense of color with strong conceptual skills to breathe life into abstract ideas, creating wonderfully engaging images,” Thomson said.

It wasn’t long before Thomson asked Lutz to share those skills with University of Hartford’s newest group of illustration students.

“Brian was initially reluctant, doubting if he were ready or even cut out for teaching, but he proved to be a natural,” Thomson said. “Our students absolutely love Brian, and his work with them has exceeded my highest hopes. In addition to being incredibly talented, knowledgeable and enthusiastic, Brian has the most important quality that a great teacher needs: He genuinely cares about people and especially his students.”

“I didn’t expect to be good at it,” Lutz said. “I was super afraid of public speaking. But when you care about something as much as I do about illustration, it’s easy to talk about it.”

While continuing his own full-time work in illustration, the initially reluctant instructor now not only teaches part time at University of Hartford, but also at Tunxis Community College. He also provides demonstrations to art schools across the country.

Penn College will become one of them when Lutz visits in September to provide a demonstration for the college’s graphic design students and an artist’s talk for an exhibit of his work at The Gallery at Penn College. The exhibit runs through Oct. 4.

“Brian has a contemporary illustration style that can readily be utilized in other courses in the graphic design major,” Flynn, one of his former Penn College instructors, said. “I am looking forward to the demonstration he will be giving in the illustration class. The technique he will be showing can be adapted to our illustration, packaging, senior project, as well as many other classes. I look forward to this exciting opportunity to have a working illustrator interact with our current students.”

Lutz is excited, too.

“Penn College had such a big impact on me,” he said. “That I am having this show at the college is a really, really big deal for me,



Lutz’s portrait of David Bowie, created as an example for his students and submitted to the *David Bowie: Glamour Fanzine* (art direction by Helen Green, Andrew Jones and Nick Smart) received “selected winner” recognition from *American Illustration*.

because that’s where I found what I wanted to do. It took me a long time to get doing it professionally, but I found that I want to make pictures to tell stories and go along with text.”

Lutz has a long list of people he’s grateful for: His encouraging parents. His wife, Elizabeth, who remains patient and supportive when he has to work weird hours or is upset because a deadline hasn’t gone well. Also art directors, illustration professionals who visited his classes, artist friends whose talent pushes him – and faculty, like Thomson and Payne at University of Hartford, and Penn College’s Flynn, David Moyer (assistant professor of graphic design), Carol Schwartz, Kim Rhone (part-time instructors) and late Master Teacher Award winner Patrick D. Murphy.

“They had this old-school teaching mentality, and that really resonated with me,” Lutz said of Penn College’s graphic design & art faculty. “The stuff really sank in. I really wanted to do well, and I feel like I carry that with me to this day. And that’s especially with Pat Murphy. He was kind of an intense professor, in a way that’s very different from the way I teach now, because I don’t know if I have that level of passion in me that he had. But it was really inspiring.

“He was brilliant. I really wanted to

BRIAN LUTZ: Full Circle

Aug. 18-Oct. 4, 2024
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with remarks at 5:30 p.m.

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Sketch by the late Pat Murphy, emeritus professor of graphic design, created for Lutz during a one-on-one meeting. “It was a pivotal moment for me in realizing what I wanted to do in life, and I kept it all these years,” Lutz says. “It was when I started thinking of my work in the sense of storytelling and how it could complement text. That sketch means a lot to me!”

do well in his class. He was my first illustration professor ever, and that’s where I fell in love with it.”

Between his encounters with Murphy and a 2008 show in The Gallery at Penn College by Brad Holland (once referred to by the *Washington Post* as “the undisputed star of American illustration”), Lutz’s career passion was ignited: “I was like, ‘That’s what I want to do. I don’t know how I’m going to do it, but that’s what I want to do.’”

Ultimately, he needed a graduate degree. Murphy wrote a letter of recommendation. When Lutz finished his thesis, he sent it to Murphy, who sent it back with “some really nice notes.”

“I’m still trying to impress him,” Lutz said.

It was Lutz’s fond memories of Murphy that led to the exhibition of his work in The Gallery at Penn College.

Penny G. Lutz (no relation), the gallery’s director, discovered Lutz’s art when he tagged the gallery in a post about Murphy when the emeritus faculty member died in 2022.

She reached out with an invitation to exhibit his work.

“I remember Brian when he attended Penn College; he was here when we opened The Gallery at Penn College (2006) and came to see the exhibits,” Penny Lutz said. “I really enjoyed seeing his freelance imagery on Instagram and was thrilled that he accepted the invitation to exhibit. He is so enthusiastic about his work and is willing to share his knowledge with others. The show is going to be great for our campus.”

“Penn College laid the foundation for the fantastic artist and teacher that Brian has become,” Thomson, his thesis adviser, said. “I really hope your community takes great pride in his accomplishment and enjoys his exhibition!”

The show features about 60 pieces that focus on Lutz’s professional journey – milestone works and those that represent “full-circle” moments.

Kennerly, who did some of his first design work as a student working for the gallery and recently moved back to Pennsylvania, looks forward to attending.

“These days we frequently talk about gratitude and reminding ourselves that our current lives used to be our dreams,” Kennerly said.

“It’s such an amazing thing,” Lutz said. “Sometimes I think, ‘How do I get paid to do this?’ It’s so much fun. I’m really lucky.” ■



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PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



IN THE LAST ISSUE

Many thanks to Michael Dincher for identifying Forestry Club advisers Donald R. Nibert (kneeling in the lower left of the photo), an assistant professor of forestry who retired in 2009 after 40 years of teaching at the college, and Richard W. Rankinen (on right), an associate professor of forestry who retired in 2006 with 37 years of service. Nibert died in 2023.



Surgical Technology Lab

niche



A mayo stand is a moveable table used to hold sterile surgical instruments and supplies during procedures. This is the primary workspace for the surgical technologist. Surgical technologists play a vital role on the surgical team.



Mock operating rooms are set up to mimic real hospital settings. "No two days are alike as a surgical technologist," Gizenski says. Students practice a variety of procedures, demonstrating knowledge of anatomy, steps of the procedure and instrumentation.



Students Nicki L. Lauver (left), and Emily E. Pavusek practice a laparoscopic procedure. Lauver, already a certified flight paramedic and licensed practical nurse, chose to explore surgical technology after her youngest son entered a surgical technology program and talked with her about what he was learning. The space – housed in the classroom next door – is equipped with a variety of instrumentation specific to laparoscopic surgery, allowing students to simulate several procedures (in this case, a hysterectomy).



"I wanted to have a degree so that no matter what, I would have a job," says Emily Heindel, a full-time student and mom from Lock Haven. Hospitals nationwide are experiencing a critical shortage of certified surgical technologists.

Simulating a real operative environment is important to student success during clinical experiences. Students spend 200-plus hours in the college's lab and over 500 hours in clinical placements in operating rooms.

Surgical technologists are at the heart of the action. "You get to witness medical miracles firsthand," Gizenski says. "From complex organ transplants to minimally invasive procedures, surgical technologists are there to support the team and contribute to patient recovery. It is a career where you can truly make a difference in people's lives."



A Denver retractor is used to retract and hold back tissue during abdominal and thoracic surgeries.

Breuder Advanced Technology & Health Sciences Center, Room W236

Featuring scrubs sinks, mock operating rooms, and plenty of "tools," the surgical technology lab prepares students for serious work. "Imagine being part of a life-saving mission every day," says program director Elizabeth S. Gizenski. "It's a high-pressure, fast-paced environment that demands precision and focus." Hands-on learning equips students with valuable skills like sterile technique, surgical instrument knowledge, and excellent communication.

1960s

Vincent Scinicariello '60, mechanical draftsman, is retired and resides in Houston.

Richard L. Robison '63, mechanical drafting, is retired and resides in Hallam.

William E. VanSteamburg '63, electronics technology, is retired and resides in Bristol, Vt.

Richard C. Taylor '64, toolmaking technician, retired from IBM Corp. after 37 years. He completed the company's apprentice toolmaker program in 1968 then enrolled at Utah State University. He progressed to development engineer/manager and authored/co-authored several U.S. patents. He resides in Fuquay-Varina, N.C.

Robert H. Peckins '66, toolmaking technology, is retired after 45 years in various management positions in the aerospace industry. He resides in Candor, N.Y.

Harold W. Anthony '67, surgical technician, retired as chief following a 24-year firefighting and rescue career with the City of Williamsport Bureau of Fire. He resides in Williamsport.

Matthew J. Nichols '67, automotive technology, is retired from Mack Trucks. He has been married since 1972, has two grandsons and four great-grandchildren and resides in Lehighton.

1970s

John E. Fosselman '70, electronics technology, retired as a senior biomedical equipment technician after 39 years at Geisinger Lewistown Hospital. He resides in Lewistown and is planning a fly-in fishing trip in Canada, a visit to his son in California and local bicycling trips.

Howard C. Minnick '70, electronics technology, is retired and resides in Harrisburg.

Andrew W. Nagy '70, civil engineering technology, is retired and resides in Montoursville.

Fred W. Hoffman Jr. '71, printing, is a sales representative for Hoffman Advertising. He resides in Mifflinburg.

Dennis R. Leber '71, electrical construction, retired in 2017 as a senior systems network engineer for the U.S. House of Representatives. He was also a research technician and engineer for AMP Inc. and holds an associate degree in electrical engineering technology from Penn State. He resides in York.

Thomas F. Chambers '72, electronics technology, retired in 2016 following a 45-year career with three telecommunications companies as a technician, supervisor and manager. He resides in Birdsboro.

Daniel Wood III '72, business management, is retired and resides in Erie. He and his wife of 30 years have two daughters, a son and five grandsons.

William C. Lechler '73, civil engineering technology, is retired and resides in Galeton.

Tom R. Sands '73, nursery management, retired from UPS Freight after 10 years as a delivery driver. He was a machinery repairman second class in the U.S. Navy from 1979-83, serving on the USS LaSalle in the Persian Gulf 1980-83, and he owned Sands Plants Landscape Design for over 20 years. He resides in Grand Junction, Colo.

Michael F. Haussener '74, electrical construction, is retired and resides in Jersey Shore.

Ernest J. Irvin '74, business management and accounting, is retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (then the Department Public Welfare) and served in the U.S. Air Force and Army Reserves. He resides in New Berlin.

Robert W. Nolter '74, electrical technology, retired after 42.5 years as an electrical design engineer. He resides in Catasauqua with his wife. They have two sons and three grandchildren. He welcomes contact from classmates.

Gregory B. Metzger '76, automotive technology, retired after 39 years as a senior engineer designing natural gas facilities. After graduating from WACC, he worked in General Motors dealerships for three years before gaining a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Penn State and a Professional Engineer license. He resides in Cranberry Township.

Dave Ploss '78, construction carpentry, is a facilities manager for the Redevelopment Authority of Corry. He resides in Corry and recently celebrated his 45th wedding anniversary.

1980s

Frank L. Bardo III '81, welding, is director of fabrication for Canam Bridges. He resides in Conestoga.

Michael Leiter '81, machinist general, is a journeyman mold maker for Prototab Technologies, where he builds and maintains plastic injection molds. He completed federal apprenticeship programs in both machinist and mold making. He resides in Tower City.

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Stephen Cunningham '82, general studies, retired from SUNY Cortland as director emeritus of institutional research and analysis. He held similar roles at Roanoke Chowan Community College and Penn College/WACC, where he worked 1985-2001. He holds an associate degree in computer information systems from Penn College (1990) and a bachelor's in mathematics: statistics emphasis from Penn State (1984). He completed graduate study in higher education at Penn State (all but dissertation).

Terri L. (Neufer) Brewer '83, computer information systems, is the assistant director of advancement operations and data management for Lycoming College. She resides in South Williamsport.

John W. Adams '84, building construction technology, owns John Adams Building & Remodeling LLC. He resides in Schuylkill Haven.

Timothy Hayes '84, machine tool technology, is a journeyman electrician for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 654. He resides in Coatesville.

Curtis Dall '85, engineering drafting technology, is a sales and operations manager for Pack Pro Technologies. He resides in Lancaster.

Jill (Dosh) Hazenstab '85, dental hygiene, is the director of the dental hygiene program at HACC. She earned a bachelor's in dental hygiene: health policy and administration from Penn College in 2002. She resides in Middletown.

Eric H. Wagner '87, electronics technology, retired from Penn State's Applied Research Laboratory as an engineering project manager level 4. He resides in Mingoville.

William C. Calvert '88, electrical technology, is a field operations coordinator for Altoona Water Authority. For most of his 34 years with the authority, he has supervised the distribution, instrumentation and controls department. He resides in Hollidaysburg with his wife of 32 years. They have two grown sons.

Georgiann M. (Coleman) Knight '88, culinary arts, is a lead cook for Juniper Village. She resides in State College.

Diane Shaheen '88, individual studies, completed a bachelor's in interdisciplinary studies: business and leadership from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in August 2023 – two days before her 64th birthday. She resides in Pittsfield, Mass.

1990s

Thomas Hughes '90, landscape/nursery technology, was recently promoted to associate principal, senior landscape architect in HDR's New York City architecture and engineering office. He manages and designs landscapes in the U.S. and worldwide. He holds a bachelor's in landscape architecture from Temple University (1997). He resides in Somerville, N.J.

Julie M. (Bower) Mong '91, computer information systems, is a systems analyst-senior for UPMC. She resides in Watsontown.

Michael S. Miller '92, toolmaking technology, is a toolmaker for Lycoming Engines. He resides in Linden.

Chad S. Chelius '93, graphic communication, is the principal owner of Chax Training and Consulting. He specializes in creating PDF files that can be read by people who are blind, visually impaired, or have a cognitive or other disability. He resides in Shillington.

Timothy Courtot '94, machinist general, is the department chair of manufacturing for Guilford Technical Community College. He teaches CNC machining and is the department lead for the welding, computer integrated machining and mechatronics departments. He holds a doctorate in strategic leadership, a Master of Business Administration, and a bachelor's in computer systems management, business and organizational leadership. He resides in High Point, N.C.

Kevin D. Fry '94, industrial drafting technology, is an engineering and quality manager for Andritz. He resides in Montoursville.

John "Eric" Larson '94, building construction technology, is self-employed as a residential construction contractor. He resides in Williamsport.

Daniel McCauley '94, architectural technology, is a partner in The Martin Architectural Group. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Drexel University (2002) and is a licensed architect in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. He is involved with the Urban Land Institute and is a 20-year volunteer with Chester County Habitat for Humanity's Build a House Build a Dream contest for fifth graders. He resides in Philadelphia.

Frances R. (Sommerfeld) McMahon '94, office administration-executive, is an administrative assistant for the Law & Public Safety Department at Sinclair Community College. She resides in Waynesville, Ohio, and recently welcomed her sixth grandchild.

Tiffanie J. (Myers) Pantaleo '95, industrial drafting technology, is the mechanical design manager for XP Power's high voltage high power division. She resides in Bethlehem.

Clint Wessner '95, electrical occupations, is an electrical technician, troubleshooting and repairing equipment for Hershey Foods. He resides in Pine Grove.

Brian K. Barner '96, business management, is a sales order lead for Cargill Protein, a supplier of textured soy protein. He resides in Harrisburg.

Kathy Thompson '96, legal assistant-paralegal studies, is a senior corporate recruiter for First Quality Enterprises. She resides in Howard.

Sheree (Lucas) Smales '97, practical nursing, is a warehouse manager/safety specialist for Proconex. She's also been an emergency medical technician and emergency medical services captain for more than 25 years. She is a CPR/First Aid instructor and a past EMT instructor. She resides in Springville.

Robert Warble Jr. '97, electronics technology: communications/fiber optics, is a locomotive engineer/freight conductor for Norfolk Southern Corp. He chairs the West Hanover Township Parks and Recreation board and is a member of the West Hanover Lions Club. He resides in Harrisburg with his wife and their teen son, a potential future Wildcat.

John M. Christman '98, electronics technology: electronics engineering technology emphasis, is a software architect for Exida. He resides in Hatfield.

Stephen R. Hill '98, architectural technology, is a project manager for Sun Precast. Several of his projects have won awards from the Cast Stone Institute and the Architectural Precast Association. He's the co-founder of the Down Syndrome Society of the Susquehanna Valley. He's been married to his high school sweetheart for 23 years. They have two children and reside in Beavertown.

Steve Kurian '98, forest technology, is CEO of Kurian Enterprises LLC, overseeing the five businesses he and his wife have built over the past 22 years: Wild For Salmon Inc., Kurian Fisheries LLC., Susquehanna Tree Care LLC, Pride of Bristol Bay LLC and Green Hornet Aviation. He holds a bachelor's in forest management from Penn State. He resides in Bloomsburg.

Marc S. Larson '98, civil engineering technology and surveying technology, owns Minuteman Supply LLC. After 25 years in land surveying, he started a small business dealing in collectible firearms and militaria. He is a fully licensed federal firearms dealer and resides in Pottstown.

Sheree Snyder '98, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist for Douglas Evans, DDS. She resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Bill Metz '99, microcomputer specialist, is head of quality assurance/DevOps/release management for IBM's SevOne Network Performance Management software. He holds a bachelor's from Immaculata University. He has been married for 21 years, has four children and resides in Downingtown.

2000s

Ryan Buckwalter '00, landscape/nursery technology, is owner/president of Buckwalter Landscape Services. He resides in Douglassville.

Barbara (Brown) Downs '00, computer applications technology, plans to retire in November from Spartronics. She resides in Williamsport and recently became a great-grandmother.

Paula (Lebiedzewski) Fetterolf '00, occupational therapy assistant, is a certified occupational therapy assistant for North Schuylkill School District. She resides in Gordon. ►►

David E. Resh '01, computer aided drafting technology, is a project manager for Consolidated Engineers. He resides in Reading.

Steven Dodge '02, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is a wealth coach for Citigroup. He resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

Lee R. Gable '02, construction management and electrical technology, is a pastor for Fredsville Lutheran Church. He holds a certificate for education in spiritual direction from Oasis Ministries and serves on the Northwestern Iowa Candidacy Committee. He resides in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Judi L. Jessick '02, occupational therapy assistant, retired from her career as an occupational therapy assistant in 2016. She authored a children's book, "Agatha Livermore and the Magic Cookie Spoon," published by Pegasus Publishers in January 2024. She resides in Shamokin Dam.

Joan M. Barnickel '03, manufacturing engineering technology, is a production engineer for Fibox. She resides in Linthicum Heights, Md.

Michael Nau '86, welding; '03, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a welding instructor for Penn College. He resides in Jersey Shore.

Brian Romberger '03, building construction technology, is a senior construction manager for Sheetz Inc. He oversees new store builds as well as rebuilds and remodels. He resides in Duncannon.

Stacy (Womer) Centi '04, culinary arts technology and dietary manager technology, is an insurance agent for Jeff Boudier Insurance Agency. She's also a Girl Scout leader. She resides in Carlisle with her husband, **Michael J. '04**, civil engineering technology and surveying technology. They have two children.

Kristin (Mahaffey) Fornwald '04, radiography, is a diagnostic technologist-advanced for UPMC of North Central Pennsylvania. She served on the college's Radiography Advisory Committee and is a clinical preceptor for radiography students. She is married, has a child and resides in Muncy.

Phillip Murphy '04, electronics engineering technology, is an electronics technician for the Army. He resides in Aberdeen, Md.

Matthew R. Price '02, diesel technology; '04, technology management, is a construction parts manager for Wengers of Myerstown. He resides in Lebanon.

Erin (Ardrey) Rae '04, advertising art, is a typesetter/designer/printer for Clare Printing. She was named Prepress Employee of the Year when working as a graphic designer for Ganett Newspaper Group. She resides in Sayre.

Anthony Rang '04, forest technology, is a forester for Pixelle Specialty Solutions, a manufacturer of specialty papers. He resides in Spring Grove.

Bruce Statler '04, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is a service desk analyst level 2 for Global Data Consultants LLC. He resides in Chambersburg.

Kelly (Poff) Bogle '05, business administration: management, is a Starbucks store manager. She resides in Milton.

Blaze Clymer '05, building automation technology, is a National Environmental Balancing Bureau professional for HT Lyons. He resides in Coplay.

Andrea (Albright) Davidson '05, nursing, is a registered nurse for Apple Hill Surgical Center, where she works in the pre-operative and post-anesthesia care unit. She resides in Dover.

Karina (Thomas) Guerrero '05, business administration: banking and finance, is a human resources manager for Ralph S. Alberts Co. She resides in Jersey Shore.

Jared M. Narber '05, graphic design, is a senior graphic designer for Sesame Workshop. He resides in New York City.

Jason D. Praster '05, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is manager of welding quality assurance for Zachry Group. He resides in San Antonio with his wife, **Sarah (Jinar) '06**, physical fitness specialist, and their son.

Bobbi Winn '05, occupational therapy assistant, is a certified occupational therapy assistant for Reliant Rehabilitation. She resides in Lock Haven.

Timothy Burger '06, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is a commercial HVAC service technician for Worth & Co. He is married and resides in White Haven.

Michael C. Weaver '06, graphic communications management, is a print operator for CCL Tube. He prints text and images on plastic tubes that are then capped and sent to customers for filling with sunscreens, shampoos, lotions, etc. He resides in Plymouth.

Joshua Young '06, computer information technology: data communications and networking, is a learning systems administrator for Penn College, teaching faculty how to use technology in the classroom and managing educational technology needs. He's also a part-time instructor and head coach of the college's esports team. He resides in Williamsport.

Shaun Bentz '07, civil engineering technology, is a senior highway engineer for Stantec Consulting Services Inc. He resides in Palmyra.

Amber (Geckle) Dreese '07, applied human services, is a supports coordinator supervisor for the Lycoming/Clinton Joinder Program. She supervises five coordinators in the joinder's intellectual disability department. She resides in Williamsport.

Emily (Sterner) Rhodes '07, occupational therapy assistant, is a certified occupational therapy assistant and a transitional case manager for Bayada Home Health Care. She resides in Abbottstown.

Derek J. Rinaldo '07, civil engineering technology, surveying technology, is a senior client representative for C.S. Davidson Inc. He resides in York.

Kate (McCall) Stepnick '07, applied human services, is executive director of the Nicholas Wolff Foundation Inc./Camp Victory and a 2024 recipient of the Penn College Alumni Humanitarian Award. She resides in Bloomsburg with her husband and their son.

John R. Yogodzinski '07, graphic communications management, owns The Graphic Hive. He resides in Turbotville.

John J. Curry '08, manufacturing engineering technology, is a senior principal engineer, manufacturing, for Northrop Grumman. He resides in Palm Bay, Fla.

Greg B. Gilliland '08, aviation maintenance technology, recently relocated from Pittsburgh to Bossier City, La., with his wife and two sons to start a new position as airworthiness manager for Metro Aviation.

Heather (Crays) Infield '08, surgical technology, is a surgical technician for UPMC Northwest. She resides in Franklin with her husband and son.

Tiffany L. (Madara) Karabin '08, HVAC technology, is a service sales account manager for Trane Technologies. She resides in Shermans Dale.

Ashley I. (Arvin) Knight '08, business administration: marketing, is a legal administrative specialist for the Social Security Administration. She resides in Fallston, Md.

Shelby L. (Seiffert) Rice '08, dental hygiene, is a registered dental hygienist and public health dental hygiene practitioner for Clinton County Community Dental Clinic. She resides in Jersey Shore.

Thomas J. Wisse '08, residential construction technology and management: architectural technology concentration, is a sales representative for Bonland Industries. He resides in Oak Ridge, N.J.

Laura (Downs) Albawab '09, early childhood education, is a nanny. She resides in Parlin, N.J.

Garrett Baker '09, electrical technology, is an electrical specialist for American Refining Group. He designs, plans and implements electrical equipment and projects for the refinery. He resides in Smethport with his wife and their two children.

Michael A. Brown '09, information technology: network specialist, is a development operations engineer/server administrator for Centroid LLC. He resides in Glen Burnie, Md.

Thomas J. Caputa '09, information technology: network specialist, is an IT architect II for TD Bank. He resides in Levittown.

Lance Lepley '09, civil engineering technology, is a civil engineer (bridges) for PennDOT. He resides in Williamsport.

Angela (Charcas) Lorimer '09, graphic design, is an art director for The Cigna Group/Evernorth. She resides in Charleston, S.C.

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Nikolas Kadenas '10, business administration: human resource management, is vice president of operations for HydroEdge Solutions. He resides in Montoursville.

Jenna (Eichner) Knepp '10, emergency medical services, is a paramedic for Hanover Area Fire & Rescue and received three lifesaver awards in 2023. She resides in Hanover.

Ashley (McGee) Smith '10, health information technology, is a provider enrollment manager for Brault. She resides in Perkasio, where she recently purchased a house.

Megan (Pennington) Asbeck '11, graphic design, is the assistant director for web design for State University of New York at Brockport. In 2023, she received a Master of Fine Arts in visual studies from SUNY Brockport & Visual Studies Workshop. She is also an adjunct instructor of web design at the university. She resides in Akron, N.Y.

Ashlyn M. (Hershberger) Benicewicz '11, graphic communications management, is a debit card disputes specialist for Navy Federal Credit Union. She resides in Martinsburg, W.V.

Kimberly (Mickle) Curiale '11, baking and pastry arts, is a distribution center staff planner for H&M. She works as a liaison with temp agencies, planning staffing capacity. She received H&M Burlington's Top Talent award in 2023. She resides in Burlington, N.J.

Brittany (Meade) Gansel '11, surgical technology, is the director of MERC (Musculoskeletal Education and Research Center) & INR (imaging, navigation, robotics) education for Globus Medical. The company named her INR Impact Player of the Year in 2021. She is married and resides in Phoenixville.

Andrew Goodwin '11, individual studies, is a health, safety and environment manager for Michels Power Inc. He resides in Le Raysville.

Michel (Sloan) Hansotte '11, collision repair technology; '13, automotive technology management, works at the parts counter for Phil Fitts Ford. She resides in New Castle.

Ryan Intihar '11, hospitality management, is an Amazon warehouse employee. He resides in McKees Rocks.

Nathan F. Lott '11, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is an application engineer for ESAB Welding and Cutting. He runs the application engineering lab in Hanover, developing procedures for end users. He is married, has two children and resides in Parkton, Md.

Sandra (Angstadt) Reichard '11, ornamental horticulture: landscape technology, is a loan analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency. She resides in Kutztown.

Shea O. Reiley '08, heavy construction equipment technology; '11, technology management, is an operating engineer for Mascaro Construction of Pittsburgh. He resides in Oakdale.

John "Chuck" Sattizahn '11, building construction technology, is a general contractor. He owns Chuck's Custom Woodwork. He is married, has two daughters and resides in Shoemakersville.

Gregory J. Solyak '09, collision repair technology; '11, automotive technology management, is a body shop director for Preston Automotive Group. He resides in Berlin, Md.

Joshua Wilson '11, accounting, is a senior tax accountant for Shaner Hotel Group. He is married, has two children and resides in Pleasant Gap.

Ashley M. Beatty-Heist '12, building science and sustainable design, is a lead field assessor for the County of Lycoming. She became a certified Pennsylvania evaluator through the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers in 2023. She resides in Montoursville.

Frank M. Daugherty '12, electronics and computer engineering technology: robotics and automation, manages the program operations and parts and service departments for Farason Corp. He resides in Morgantown.

Shane Knauber '10, information technology: technical support; '12, technology management, is an IT assistant for Hermance Machine Co., a division of Wurth Baer Supply Co. He resides in Montoursville.

Alisha (Howell) Summa '12, baking and party arts, owns Lynn Sandy's Bakery, rated Best Wedding Cakes and Best Bakery in the Scranton Times-Tribune. She was featured in Penn College's 2023 Visiting Chef Series and resides in Waymart. ▶▶

Luke R. Waltman '12, forest technology, is a forester for the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry (Bald Eagle State Forest). He is a member of the state wildfire suppression program and has participated in wildland fire crew trips to California, Washington, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Montana and Minnesota, along with numerous fire suppression details in Pennsylvania. He resides in Watsontown.

Kelli Allen '13, applied human services, is a neurologic counselor for Lakeside Educational Network. She provides services in the Exeter Township junior and senior high schools. She holds a master's in clinical mental health counseling with a specialization in counseling children/adolescents. She resides in Womelsdorf with her husband and their daughter.

Alexa R. (Moore) Boatman '13, business management, is a senior program specialist for Workforce Development at Penn College. She resides in Williamsport.

Ryan M. Enders '12, aviation technology; **'13**, technology management, is an aviation accident investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board. He holds a Master of Science in aeronautics and a Master of Business Administration, both from Embry-Riddle. He resides in Mifflinburg.

Katrina N. Grado '13, culinary arts technology, is an assistant food service administrator for the Bureau of Prisons. She was named Correctional Worker of the Quarter and resides in Montoursville.

Corinna (Cortright) Harman '13, baking and pastry arts, is a certified medical assistant for UPMC. She resides in Williamsport.

Ian D. Hoffman '13, ornamental horticulture: landscape technology, works for Hoffman Landscape and Fence. He resides in Bradford.

James J. Jimenez '13, applied health studies, is a perioperative services business operations manager for Dignity Health-Mercy San Juan Medical Center. He is pursuing a Master of Business Administration in health care management from Western Governors University. He resides in Sacramento, Calif.

Jennifer L. (Karchner) Kershner '13, health information technology, is a nationally registered certified medical assistant for Geisinger. She resides in Williamsport.

Christine M. Reed '13, culinary arts and systems, is a program manager for the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency. She resides in Brookline, Mass.

Michelle Runkle '13, human services, is a social development director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Keystone Job Corps Center. She oversees the counseling, residential living, recreation, student government, transportation and security departments. She resides in Watsontown.

Scott A. Bitting '14, computer aided drafting technology, is an engineering designer for Penn State's Applied Research Laboratory. He resides in Lewistown.

Christopher P. Brennan '14, residential construction technology and management, a member of the Wildcat Athletics Hall of Fame for his Penn College soccer career, is a construction manager for Toll Brothers. He resides in Doylestown with his wife, **Jade (Rhody) '17**, business administration: marketing.

Nolan T. Hansen '14, building construction technology, is a corrosion control technician for UGI. He resides in Coplay.

Holly (Hartsock) Hassler '14, legal assistant-paralegal, is an office assistant for American Health Holdings. She resides in Newmanstown.

Alison Rhoads '14, early childhood education, is a driver for Albright Life Center. She resides in Williamsport and welcomed her first grandchild in 2023.

Oana Stingu '14, physician assistant, is an emergency medicine PA for United Health Services Hospitals. She resides in Binghamton, N.Y.

April M. (Brought) Bryer '15, nursing, is a resource intensive care RN for UPMC Williamsport. She holds Critical Care Registered Nurse certification. She resides in Milton.

Glenn Gerbrick '15, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a welding engineer for Philly Shipyard, a leading U.S. shipbuilder. He resides in Colledgeville.

Ashleigh Lazor '15, radiography, is a radiologic technologist for St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital. She resides in Weatherly.

Rachael A. (Byerly) Miner '15, web and interactive media, is a lead designer for MXTR Automation. She resides in Bayville, N.J.

Ben Richardson '15, engineering design technology, is a manufacturing engineer II for Phoenix Contact. He resides in Mechanicsburg.

James Ayers '16, manufacturing engineering technology, is a technical services manager for Chelsea Building Products. He resides in Evans City.

Michael A. Betz '16, heating, ventilation & air conditioning design technology, is a plumbing engineer for James Posey Associates. He designs commercial and institutional plumbing infrastructure and oversees installation. He resides in Owings Mills, Md.

Steven Birkmire '16, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is a pipe fitter for Amtrak in Bear, Del. He resides in Croydon with his wife, **Amanda Brodecki '21, 23**, dental hygiene.

Courtney (Brown) Bloom '16, baking and pastry arts, is the head chef for Children in Bloom, a child care center. She resides in McSherrystown.

Kenneth H. Bloom '16, information technology: network specialist, is a consultant for CGI Federal. He is the main help desk contact on one of its Environmental Protection Agency contracts. He resides in McSherrystown.

Aaron L. Burson '16, surveying technology, is a utility locate technician for USIC, which provides underground utility location and damage prevention. He is married and resides in Williamsport.

Ryan K. Fisher '14, electronics and computer engineering technology: robotics and automation; **'16**, engineering design technology, is a mechanical design engineer for Reading Bakery Systems. He designs custom machinery for the food industry. He resides in Newmanstown.

Jessica K. (McCloskey) Guenet '16, surgical technology, is a certified surgical technologist for Mount Nittany Medical Center. She resides in Bellefonte and returned to Penn College in Fall 2023 to pursue a degree in nursing.

Clayton Gummo '16, electrical occupations, is a maintenance supervisor for SSC Services for Education. He oversees maintenance across Texas A&M University athletics and recreation facilities. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in sports management from Lock Haven University. He resides in College Station, Texas.

Bronsen J. Kunz '16, on-site power generation, is a technician for Foley Inc., maintaining and repairing generators and industrial equipment. He resides in Boyertown.

Joshua Nadonley '16, information technology: information assurance and security, is an IT security analyst for Sheetz. He resides in Pittsburgh.

Caleb G. Schirmer '14, landscape/horticulture technology: landscape emphasis; **'16**, applied management, is pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration from Bradley University. He is a coordinator of student success for Mid-America Christian University and resides in Moore, Okla.

Erin L. Sullivan '16, applied human services, is a licensed professional counselor for Pathways for Change LLC. She holds a master's in clinical mental health counseling from Southern New Hampshire University. She lives in Whitehall.

Emily (Lenhart) Boltz '17, emergency management technology, is a workforce safety specialist for Lehigh Valley Health Network. She resides in Lenhartsville.

Dustin Houck '17, surveying technology and civil engineering technology, is a surveyor/engineering technician for Kerry A. Uhler & Associates. He resides in Petersburg.

Zachary D. Warren '17, automotive technology: Mopar CAP, is a service manager for Total Offroad & More. He resides in Alabaster, Ala.

Maria Berrios '18, baking and pastry arts, is a Wegmans bakery team leader. She resides in Fountain Hill.

Lauren D. Bitting '18, nursing, is a nursing professional development practitioner for Geisinger Lewistown Hospital. She is pursuing a Master of Science in nursing. She resides in Lewistown.

Johnathan Capps '16, mechatronics engineering technology; **'18**, applied technology studies, is an application engineer for Automation Distribution Inc. He designs and programs automation and robotics systems and provides training to operate them. He resides in Chalfont, where he races and works on cars.

Rebeca L. Chapman '18, culinary arts technology, is a line cook for Bear Creek Mountain Resort. She resides in Lyon Station.

Cheyenne (Lynch) Hill '18, early childhood education, is a special education paraprofessional for the Montgomery Area School District. She resides in Muncy.

Kelly L. Kurtz '18, dental hygiene: health policy and administration, is a dental hygienist for the Clinton County Community Dental Clinic. She resides in Cogan Station.

Paul M. Lasell '18, plastics and polymer engineering technology, is a production and engineering supervisor for GAF Inc. He resides in Williamsport.

Madison (Januchowski) Lewis '18, emergency management technology, is an enterprise buyer for RS Integrated Supply. She is a recipient of the company's 2023 Rising Star Award. She resides in Montoursville.

Haylie Shaffer '18, health information technology, is a clinical laboratory assistant II for Atrium Health. She completed a certificate in phlebotomy from Carolinas College of Health Sciences and passed the board exam in May. She is prepping for the Registered Health Information Technician exam. She has a son and resides in Charlotte, N.C.

Troy A. Stair '16, automotive restoration technology; **'19**, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a welding applications engineer for Fronius USA. He resides in Statesville, N.C.

2020s

Dan Gerard '20, automated manufacturing technology and metal fabrication technology, is a fabricator for Ringbrothers, where he is part of the team building some of the world's best custom hot rods, including the Specialty Equipment Market Association's 2022 "Battle of the Builders" winner, a 1948 Chevrolet pickup dubbed "ENYO." He resides in Dodgeville, Wis.

Elena L. Girio '20, applied human services, is a case manager for The GEO Group. She resides in Williamsport.

Nate J. Lavalley '20, building automation technology: heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is an HVAC/electrical/plumbing maintenance mechanic for Penn College. He resides in Loganton.

Nathaniel Lyon '20, welding and fabrication engineering technology, is a welding trades teacher for Milton Hershey School. He resides in York.

Kate Ruggiero '20, aviation technology, is an airframe structures technician for Duncan Aviation. She's also a part-time horse trainer, volunteers to recruit for Duncan at Penn College and Western Michigan University, and is a Women in Aviation Symposium volunteer. She resides in Battle Creek, Mich.

Ben Sosa '20, business administration: sport and event management, is a branch manager for Chadwell Supply. He resides in Northville, Mich.

Antonio Frank Tuason '20, business administration: sport and event management and business administration: marketing, is a lead gameday entertainment representative for the Las Vegas Raiders and a stage manager for the Las Vegas Golden Knights. He holds a 2023 Stanley Cup NHL Championship ring and worked Super Bowl LVIII. He resides in Henderson, Nev.

Alexis (Ashby) Weinrich '18, surgical technology; **'20**, applied health studies, is an endocrinology physician assistant for Walla Walla Clinic and Surgery Center. She resides in College Place, Wash., with her husband, **Austin '20**, residential construction technology and management.

Holly J. Wilson '20, business administration: marketing, is a digital experience manager for Strong Spas, responsible for social media management, website content, data analysis, digital risk management, and ad creation and management. She resides in Lewisburg.

Mark E. Altmyer '21, building automation engineering technology, is a field technician for Chesapeake Controls. He resides in Evans City. ▶▶

Amanda Brodecki '21, dental hygiene, works as a dental hygienist in Bensalem. She earned a bachelor's in dental hygiene from the college in 2023 and resides in Croydon with her husband, **Steven Birkmire '16**.

Madison Clark '21, early childhood education, is an assistant child care teacher in the Dunham Children's Learning Center at Penn College. She resides in Ralston.

Caitlin Karolyi '21, emergency management & homeland security, is a foster care case manager for Families United Network. She resides in South Williamsport.

Kirstin Klopp '21, dental hygiene, is a registered dental hygienist for Robert E. Chianelli, DMD. She resides in Jersey Shore.

Barb J. LeGeyt '21, welding & fabrication engineering technology, is a welding engineer for John Deere. She resides in Davenport, Iowa.

Tessa Shutt '21, nursing, is a registered nurse in UPMC Harrisburg's neonatal intensive care unit. She resides in Pine Grove, where she recently bought her first home.

Danielle R. Wesneski '19, baking and pastry arts; **'21**, applied management, is a restaurant manager for Olive Garden. She resides in Williamsport.

Alex Cassada '22, network administration & engineering technology, is an items analyst for Lockheed Martin, handling logistics and operations for the Apache helicopter program. He resides in Gilbert, Ariz.

Ryan DiRienzo '22, plastics & polymer engineering technology, is a technical service process engineer for Solvay-Cytec Group. He resides in Ridgefield, Conn.

Nick W. Henning '22, human services & restorative justice, is a reentry coordinator for GEO Reentry Services. He meets with individuals facing incarceration to set them up with resources and appointments for a successful transition back into the community. He resides in Williamsport.

Patrick E. Hufnagle '22, applied management and baking & pastry arts, is a full-time pastry chef for Penn College's Le Jeune Chef Restaurant. He is an American Culinary Federation-recognized certified pastry culinarian. He resides in Jersey Shore.

Asher E. Sutton '22, mechatronics technology, is an engineering technician for Datacolor. He resides in Willow Grove.

Nathan Tabon '22, construction management, is an assistant project manager for Power Services Inc. He resides in Baltimore.

Rosey Thomas '22, nursing, is a registered nurse for Olean General Hospital. She resides in Port Allegany.

Kayla Billheim '18, health arts: practical nursing; **'23**, nursing LPN-RN, is an RN for Geisinger Medical Center in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She resides in Allenwood.

Jessica A. Davis '23, dental hygiene, is pursuing graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University. She resides in East Stroudsburg.

Helena Floyd '07, individual studies; **'23**, applied management, is a student affairs specialist for Penn College. She resides in Williamsport.

TJ Gilbert '23, residential construction technology & management, is an emergency medical technician for UPMC. He bought a house in October 2023 and resides in Williamsport.

Justin R. Guthrie '23, graphic design, is a graphic designer for Fresh Roasted Coffee LLC. His current projects include overhauling the coffee roaster's website and designing its first QRC bag for Walmart and Weis Markets. He resides in Mifflinburg.

Grace Hollister '23, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist for Sprout Dental. She resides in Waymart.

Jerry Kepich '23, automotive technology management, is a secondary vocational teacher for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. He resides in Chesapeake Beach, Md.

Joshua M. Koons '23, apprenticeship technology, is an electrician for Penn College, where he is pursuing a bachelor's in applied management. He is a youth soccer coach and resides in Hughesville.

Aaron C. Kough '23, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is a plumber for Myco Mechanical. He resides in Three Springs.

Danielle E. Malesky '23, construction management, is a field engineer for Turner Construction Co. She resides in Norristown.

Faith Myers '23, nursing, is a staff nurse for UPMC. She resides in Pittsburgh.

Corrine R. Rinehimer '23, nursing LPN-RN, is a nurse for Geisinger Medical Center. She resides in Mifflinville.

Elijah R. Rush '23, engineering design technology, is a design engineer for Great Coasters International. He resides in Elysburg.

Jordan Specht '23, nursing, is a registered nurse for Frederick Health. She resides in Frederick, Md.

Brandon M. Spencer '23, engineering design technology, is a mechanical design engineer for CNHI. He resides in North Wales, Pa.

Jack E. Stahley '23, residential construction technology & management, is a project manager for Erwin Forrester Builders. He resides in Allentown.

Lisa M. Vollman '23, business administration: management, is a senior manager for CleanSlate Centers. She manages daily operations of three Pennsylvania locations. She resides in Williamsport.

Zach Bennett '23, electrical construction; **'24**, electrical technology, is a system protection technician for Dominion Energy. He resides in Patton.

Avery Book '24, heating, ventilation & air conditioning technology, is an HVAC technician for Ressler & Mateer. He resides in Elizabethtown.

Monica I. Boone '24, nursing, is a nurse for UPMC. She resides in South Williamsport.

Jon D. Chedester '24, aviation technology, is a structure repair technician for Duncan Aviation. He resides in Easton.

Preston W. Cleaver '24, heavy construction equipment technology: operator, is a delivery person for Flick Bros. Electric, installing new appliances. He resides in Nescopeck.

Mandy Dietrich '24, nursing, is a nurse for Evangelical Community Hospital. She resides in Mifflinburg.

Tyler Ewanciw '24, heavy construction equipment technology: technician emphasis, is a heavy equipment mechanic for H.O. Penn. He resides in Port Jervis, N.Y.

Shane Gelsinger '24, automation engineering technology: mechatronics, is a manufacturing engineer for JLG Industries. He resides in Shippensburg.

Nikolas Harnish '24, welding & fabrication engineering technology, is a weld engineer for Johnson Controls Navy Systems. He resides in Myerstown.

Sadie V. Kerstetter '24, nursing, is a registered nurse for UPMC Williamsport. She resides in Loganton.

Shelby Miller '24, manufacturing engineering technology, is a manufacturing engineer for Lockheed Martin. She resides in Jessup.

David J. Moore '24, automotive technology, is a service technician for P&W BMW. He resides in Rural Valley.

Eyan Oliveira '24, automotive technology, is a technician for Penske. He resides in Phillipsburg, N.J.

Frank A. Orzechoski '24, building automation engineering technology, is a technician for Delaware Valley Automation. He resides in Warminster.

Palmer Simpson III '22, automotive technology; **'24**, applied management, is a Quick Lane manager for Selinsgrove Ford. A retired Marine who spent 20 years in active duty, he resides in Selinsgrove.

Max-Elias E. Sites '24, collision repair technology, is an apprentice for H&H Chevrolet. He resides in Walnut Bottom.

Drew R. Thomas '24, network administration & engineering technology, is an IT infrastructure intern for Penn College. As a student, he held leadership positions on the college's esports team. He resides in State College.

Marriages & Births

Ryan Buckwalter '00, landscape/nursery technology, welcomed a son, Benjamin Ryan, in April 2023. They reside in Douglassville.

Thomas J. Wisse '08, residential construction technology and management: architectural technology, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their second son, Jack, in August 2023. They reside in Oak Ridge, N.J.

Jenna (Eichner) Knepp '10, emergency medical services, and her husband welcomed a son in August 2022, making them a family of seven. They reside in Hanover.

Ashlyn M. (Hershberger) Benicewicz '11, graphic communications management, welcomed a daughter, Rosabelle, in October 2023. They reside in Martinsburg, W.V.

Kimberly (Mickle) Curiale '11, baking and pastry arts, and her husband, Brian, welcomed their second son, Tanner, in 2021. They reside in Burlington, N.J.

Sandra (Angstadt) Reichard '11, ornamental horticulture: landscape technology, welcomed her third daughter, Cora, in September 2023. They reside in Kutztown.

Ashley M. Beatty '12, building science and sustainable design, married John Heist in July 2022. They reside in Montoursville.

Shane Knauber '10, information technology: technical support; **'12**, technology management, welcomed a daughter, Nora, in March 2023. They reside in Montoursville.

Corinna (Cortright) Harman '13, baking and pastry arts, married Anthony Harmon in September 2023. They reside in Williamsport.

Jennifer L. Karchner '13, health information technology, married Patrick Kershner in August 2023. They reside in Williamsport.

Holly (Hartsock) Hassler '14, legal assistant-paralegal, and her husband welcomed their first child, son Anakin, in 2022. They reside in Newmanstown.

April M. (Brought) Bryer '15, nursing, resides in Milton and welcomed her second son, Pierce, in February 2023.

Jessica K. (McCloskey) Guenot '16, surgical technology, and her husband welcomed their second child, daughter Jenna, in March 2023. They reside in Bellefonte.

Zachary D. Warren '17, automotive technology: Mopar CAP, and his wife, Kristen, welcomed their second child, son Miles, in October 2023. They reside in Alabaster, Ala.

Shelby (Lyter) Bitting '18, nursing, and her husband, **Scott A. '14**, computer aided drafting technology, welcomed their second child, Parker, in October 2022. They reside in Lewistown.

Johnathan Capps '16, mechatronics engineering technology; **'18**, applied technology studies, married his wife, Christine, in April 2022. They reside in Chalfont.

Kirstin Klopp '21, dental hygiene, married Jasiah Bower in October 2023 in Jamaica. They reside in Jersey Shore.

Izabel Ramer '21, business management, married **Ryan DiRienzo '22**, plastics & polymer engineering technology, on Oct. 14, 2023. They reside in Ridgefield, Conn.

Amanda Ritter '23, building science and sustainable design: architectural technology, married Eli Zimmerman on June 3, 2023. They reside in Macungie.

Gregory Neal '24, building construction technology, and his wife welcomed their firstborn, Danielle, in April 2024. They reside in McAlisterville.

In Memory

Thomas W. Dempsey Sr., former member, Penn College Board of Directors, age 93, on March 7

Laura M. Dickinson, associate professor of English-composition, age 61, on April 18

Richard L. Druckenmiller, retired assistant professor of building construction technology, age 72, on July 18

Henry G. Hager III, former state senator and CEO, Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, for whom the college's Hager Lifelong Education Center is named, age 90, on June 27

Lyman "Bub" Milroy, retired associate professor of mathematics, age 89, on Feb. 9

John J. Cahir, director emeritus, Penn College Board of Directors, on June 6

William E. Mack, retired special assistant to the provost and former dean of industrial, computing & engineering technologies, age 67, on July 19

Lester L. Murray, former member, WACC Board of Trustees, age 96, on July 13

Francesca Troutman, retired assistant dean of business and computer technologies, age 75, on July 26

William P. "Scott" Welch, retired instructor of aviation, diesel technology and heavy construction equipment technology, age 65, on July 19

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Brian Lutz: Full Circle

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Sept. 27-29

Wildcat Weekend

for alumni, parents, families and friends | www.pct.edu/wildcatweekend

Oct. 1-2

Career Fair

for Penn College alumni and students

Oct. 5

Open House

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Oct. 17-20

Fall Break

Oct. 22-Nov. 26

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Visiting Chef Dinner

Featuring Chef George Logue '10 | www.pct.edu/visitingchef

Nov. 3

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Dec. 21

Commencement

Jan. 13

Spring 2025 classes begin

Jan. 14-March 5

Re-Writing the Streets: The International Language of Stickers

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Feb. 22

Open House

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March 4-5

Career Fair

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March 9-15

Spring Break

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- ◇ students
- ◇ alumni
- ◇ family members
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