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NEW TRAINING FACILITY BUILT BY STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS

This past school year students and staff in Penta Career Center's Construction programs began building a full-size house on campus that will be used as a training facility for several of our programs. The house is still under construction, but it should be ready for use by the end of the year.

The Public Safety – Firefighter program will use the house for many training exercises such as search and rescue, ladder training, emergency bail-outs for firefighters, and command training. In addition, the program will use smoke simulation in many of their exercises. Instructors from the Bowling Green State University State Fire School assisted with planning and preparation of the training facility and the activities that will take place.

The Public Safety – Criminal Justice programs will also conduct training at the house. The students will participate in crime scene investigations, simulate hostage situations, and conduct room entry and clear out exercises.

The interior and exterior of the house will be used by the Construction programs for skill training in areas such as drywall, flooring and masonry work.

STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL CONTESTS!



This spring, two Penta Career Center students, **Destinique Conley** (Anthony Wayne) and **Alex Mitov** (Bowling Green), competed in national competitions through their career-technical student organizations and earned first place awards.

Conley, a sophomore in the Medical Technologies program, competed in the Speaking Skills contest at the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida on June 21. She qualified for the national competition by earning first place in the same contest at the Ohio HOSA Leadership Conference.

Alex Mitov, a senior in the Information Technologies Academy, earned first place in the Computer Security competition at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. In addition, Mitov received third place in the Virtual Cybersecurity presentation at the contest. Mitov qualified for nationals by earning second place in the Ohio BPA competition earlier in the year. The fact that Mitov placed first in the nation in a computer-technology contest is especially impressive because he is blind.



Penta Hosts SkillsUSA Ohio Northwest Regional Competition

Penta was proud to be the host site of the 2019 SkillsUSA Ohio Northwest Regional Competition on February 15, 2019. This was the first time in more than 20 years that Penta has hosted a regional event for SkillsUSA. Penta staff worked for a year to organize the event, and nearly every staff member helped in some way. More than 500 area high school students, who study career-technical education programs, participated. The competition was the largest Regional SkillsUSA event in Ohio.

The event featured 38 competitions with student competitors from nearly 22 schools in

Northwest Ohio. Penta had 100 students compete, and 39 students earned either a gold, silver or bronze medal and qualified for the Ohio SkillsUSA Championships.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. The organization provides quality educational experiences such as leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development skills.



SIGNING DAY GENERATES EXCITEMENT



This spring, Penta held its first-ever Signing Day events for new students to introduce them to career-technical education and their Penta programs. The new students attended Signing Day ceremonies on April 30 and May 2, where they signed letters of intent indicating their official commitment to attend Penta. The events were similar in format to signing day activities that high school athletes and their families participate in with colleges.

The energetic and fast-paced Signing Day activities created excitement and memories for our new students. After signing their letters of intent, the students received a baseball hat and pen and took photos with their families, friends and future classmates. The students also received a congratulatory letter from Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted. At the end of the event, students participated in an orientation activity in their career-technical program.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING PENTA

Industry Credentials – Penta students earned 1,471 Industry Credentials during the 2018-2019 school year.

College Credit Plus (CCP) – During the 2018-2019 school year 550 Penta students (both on campus and through satellite programs) participated in CCP courses through either Owens Community College, The University of Toledo or Bowling Green State University. These students had the ability to earn 3,123 CCP credits through their participation. CCP gives students the opportunity to take college level course work while attending high school.

Advanced Career - Penta continues to enhance its Advanced Career curricular offerings. By fusing a rigorous academic core with challenging project work and advanced technology in a career pathway program of study, Advanced Career courses give students a greater depth of knowledge and skills to prepare them for more options after high school. New for the 2019-2020 school year is the addition of Advanced Career: Clean Energy Technology, which includes the Clean Energy Systems course. Any student has the opportunity to take this course and earn simultaneous Math and Science credit. Penta continues to offer Advanced Career training and simultaneous credit opportunities through the Construction Electricity and Computer-Aided Design programs.

Simultaneous Credits - Continuing this school year, students can earn simultaneous credits in four other career-technical programs. Students in the Welding program (junior year) will earn simultaneous credit in Math. Additionally, senior students in the Medical Technologies Academy, Dental Assistant and Exercise Science & Sports Medicine programs will receive simultaneous credit in English.

PENTA-BOWLING GREEN SITE NOW OPEN

In January, Penta Career Center opened a new 7,200-square-foot building at 760 West Newton Road in Bowling Green. The building includes two classrooms for 11th and 12th grade students who are enrolled in Career Based Intervention (CBI) classes from the Bowling Green and Otsego Schools. In addition, the new facility has lab space for several Adult Education classes that will be offered beginning in October 2019.

Penta, in conjunction with the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, plans to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new building on October 15.



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2019!

The 54th senior class at Penta Career Center was honored May 14-16, 2019 during six separate ceremonies in the Susor Auditorium on the Penta campus. This year, 803 seniors from Penta Career Center's main campus and satellite programs completed career-technical programs and received Career Passports.

The following seniors were recognized with the Outstanding Student Award based on performance and excellence in their individual career-technical program:

Tilena Agoston (Oak Harbor), Medical Technologies	Sydney Goetz (Genoa), Cosmetology	Samantha Prephan (Rossford), Early Childhood Education
Tibor Agoston III (Oak Harbor), Construction Trades	Tyler Gomer (Springfield), Automotive Collision Repair	Seth Rains (Swanton), Accounting
Hermينيا Alvarado (Eastwood), Hair Design	Ashley Gundrum (Perrysburg), Marketing Education	Casey Reno (Rossford), Medical Office Management
Justin Amborski (Lake), Welding	Sera Ilgin (Anthony Wayne), Marketing Education	Derrick Roseman (Elmwood), Construction Remodeling
Alana Bankston (Genoa), Culinary Arts	Christian Karszewski (Lake), Construction Concepts	Sergio Salas (Northwood), Welding
Cassidy Behnfeldt (Otsego), Small Animal Care	Desiree Keeran (North Baltimore), Project SEARCH	Spencer Seggaard (Oak Harbor), Marketing Education
Gabriella Benington (Perrysburg), Teaching Professions	Allison Kiss (Anthony Wayne), Teaching Professions	Isaac Smith (Genoa), Heating & Air Conditioning Technology
Brett Bettinger (Swanton), Interactive Media	Breanna Lawson (Genoa), Public Safety - Criminal Justice	Tyler Smith (Otsego), Construction Carpentry
Carson Burns (Perrysburg), Culinary Arts	Jordan Manders (Maumee), Automotive Technology	Mitchell Smith (Otsego), Digital Video Production
Emilia Christoff (Rossford), Interactive Media	Lilly Maxwell (Maumee), Marketing Education	Cole Sonner (Bowling Green), Marketing Education
Jonah Clevenger (Springfield), Automotive Technology	Lauren Meadows (Otsego), Small Animal Care	Jillian Stancart (Bowling Green), Cosmetology
Daniel Conklin (Lake), Information Technologies Academy	Joan Medina (Bowling Green), Powersports & Engine Systems	Alexa Stevens (Maumee), Marketing Education
Grace Craig (Elmwood), Public Safety - Firefighter	Yarin Mercer (Bowling Green), Computer-Aided Design	Tyler Stockwell (Perrysburg), Advanced Manufacturing Technologies
Cole Detrick (Swanton), Advanced Manufacturing Technologies	Devin Merritt (Elmwood), Digital Video Production	Dalton Strickland (Lake), Dental Assistant
Aura Dougherty (Northwood), Floral Design/Greenhouse Production	Jacob Myers (Rossford), Information Technologies Academy	Kurtis Sutter (Otsego), Construction Masonry
Haleigh DuChene (Genoa), Medical Technologies	Adam Nour (Perrysburg), Culinary Arts	Erik Wadsworth (Oak Harbor), Landscape & Turfgrass Management
Arianna DuPont (Rossford), Marketing Education		
Raeanna Duty (Oak Harbor), Medical Technologies		
William Evans (Otsego), Construction Electricity		
Taylor Fox (Rossford), Medical Technologies		

2019 Outstanding Alumni Award

Penta Career Center is seeking nominations for our 2019 Outstanding Alumni Awards. Since 1993, Penta has recognized 157 former students with this award. Potential candidates should demonstrate excellence and success in their careers with evidence of professional accomplishments and community involvement.

Nominees must have completed a high school or adult education program at Penta prior to 2009. Applications will be available beginning August 12 by calling 419-661-6351 or by visiting pentacareer-center.org (click on "Alumni"). Completed applications are due September 16, 2019.

2018 Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients included (L-R): Michele (Miller) Rose-Sprunk, Class of 1972; Paula (McKenzie) Thomas, Class of 1971; Frederick Greive, Class of 1967; David Daniels, Class of 1995; Kristi Leigh Foreman, Class of 2000; Christina Hammer-Atkins, Class of 1980; and Ronald Matter, superintendent.



Adam Nour (Perrysburg), who completed the Culinary Arts program, was recognized on May 15 with the 2019 Edwina Biel Award of Merit. This special award was created in memory of Edwina Biel, an academic instructor, who passed away in 2011. Adam was recognized for demonstrating strong traits like dependability, positive attitude, caring and respect for others, and a strong work ethic. Adam, (center) is pictured with Chef Sarah Sadtler (left), instructor of Culinary Arts and Ryan Biel (right), son of Edwina Biel, who presented the award.



Penta Staff Recognitions

2019 Teacher of the Year

Katina Pattay, VOSE coordinator, was selected as the 2019 Penta Career Center Teacher of the Year. Pattay, who has worked at Penta since 2000, was nominated by her peers for her professionalism, compassion, and dedication to her students. Pattay has taught all over the world including Morocco and South Korea. She has a bachelor's degree from Ohio University (1995) and earned her master's degree in 2008 from Bowling Green State University.

Auditor Award for Treasurer's Office

Penta Career Center and Treasurer **Carrie Herringshaw** were recently recognized with an Ohio Auditor of State Award for excellence in financial reporting for fiscal year 2018. Only eight percent of districts in Ohio qualify for this award. **Lori Brodie**, Northwest Regional Liaison for the Auditor of State, presented the award during the Penta Board of Education meeting on June 5.



*At the Auditor of State certificate presentation were (from L-R): **Adrienne Drake**, assistant to the treasurer; **Lori Brodie**, Northwest Regional Liaison for Keith Faber, Auditor of State; **Carrie Herringshaw**, treasurer; and **Amy Seibel**, assistant to the treasurer.*

Students & Staff Give Back

Students and staff at Penta Career Center always enjoy giving back to the community. One of the largest fund raisers was the Bowl-A-Thon. Students in Penta's Business and Health programs organized this event and raised over \$3,900 for Wood County Special Olympics.

Some of the other charities Penta students and staff supported this school year included: Cops & Kids, the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio, and Compassionate Village Animal Rescue Response & Outreach.

Scholarship Dinner Raises \$30,000

The Culinary Arts programs held a Scholarship Dinner & Silent Auction - "Bring on the Southern Charm" - on December 6. Nearly 400 people were in attendance. The event featured an array of appetizers, entrees and desserts native to the Southern United States. Ticket sales, combined with a silent auction, raised over \$30,000 for the Culinary Scholarship, the Hirzel Family Scholarship and Penta's General Scholarship.



STUDENTS EARN STATE & NATIONAL AWARDS

Business Professionals of America (BPA)

In addition to Alex Mitov, who earned first place in the nation at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, **Dan Conklin** (Lake), from the Information Technologies Academy, earned third place in the Computer Network Technology contest. Conklin placed third in the same contest at the Ohio BPA competition.

Several on campus students earned top awards at the Ohio BPA competition this spring. They included: **Adriana Caballero** (Otsego) – Advanced Word Processing Skills; **Joshua Clark** (Rossford) – Legal Office Procedures; **Jordan Leasor** (Maumee), **Jacob Martinez** (Bowling Green), **Jack Schreiner** (Elmwood), and **Mitchell Smith** (Otsego) – all for the Broadcast News Production Team; and **Brian Waldeck** (Anthony Wayne) – Virtual Media & Promotion.

Satellite students who earned awards at the Ohio BPA competition included: **Isaiah Bolyard** and **Natnicha Vayavong** (both from Northwood) and **Tristan Gelske**, **Haiden Gombash** and **Seth Rains** (all from Swanton).



Penta-Maumee DECA students (L-R): Lilly Maxwell, Jack McGuire and Parris Hurt were among several Marketing Education students who were recognized as finalists at the 2019 DECA ICDC in Orlando.

DECA

More than 70 Penta Marketing Education students from the satellite programs competed at the 2019 DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida this past spring. Two students, **Sean O'Donnell** and **Jake Stucker**, both from the Penta - Bowling Green DECA chapter, were third in the nation for the Independent Business Plan contest. Last year, O'Donnell and Stucker were second in the nation for the Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan contest. Other students (all from the from the Penta-Maumee DECA chapter) who were recognized as finalists at the ICDC included: **Elijah Augustyniak**, **Parker Darah** and **Samuel LaChapelle**, all for Buying/Merchandising Research; and **Parris Hurt**, **Jack McGuire** and **Lilly Maxwell**, all for Hospitality & Tourism Research.



(L-R): Mara O'Connor and Nevaeh Wojnowski earned gold medals at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference.

FCCLA

In July, 16 students attended the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. Gold award winners from the Penta – Anthony Wayne High School FCCLA chapter included **Albert Zhu** for the Teach and Train contest, and **Haley Reid** for the Focus on Children contest. **Shelby Tupciauskas**, from the Penta - Anthony Wayne Junior High FCCLA chapter, also earned a gold medal in the Advocacy contest. In addition, **Nevaeh Wojnowski** and **Mara O'Connor** (both from Northwood), earned a gold award in the Illustrated Talk competition.

Recipients of silver medals in the Parliamentary Procedure contest from Penta's Early Childhood Education program included: **Cheyenne Briner** (North Baltimore), **Olivia Rhodes** (Swanton), **Brittney Schreiber** (Otsego), **Claire Sample** (Anthony Wayne), and **Lillian Echler** (Swanton). Also earning silver medals from the Penta-Anthony Wayne High School FCCLA chapter were **Ahmed Amrou** for the Teach and Train contest and **Alexandra Kanan McPhee** for the Recycle and Redesign contest.

FFA

Students in Penta's satellite FFA programs at Bowling Green, Oak Harbor, Otsego, Anthony Wayne, Woodmore, and Genoa earned several awards and recognitions this school year. Among the chapters, 18 students earned the State FFA Degree and 10 students earned the American FFA Degree. Recognized as Gold-Rated Chapters were: Penta-Genoa FFA, Penta-Bowling Green FFA and Penta-Otsego FFA.

HOSA

In addition to Destinique Conley earning first place in the nation at the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Orlando, many students earned either a first, second or third place award at the Ohio HOSA Leadership Conference this spring. Students from the Medical Technologies Academy who earned state awards included: **Abigail Bateson** (Bowling Green) - HOSA Bowl Team; **Aliveyah Frasure** (Lake) - Parliamentary Procedure Team; **Jalynn Greer** (Bowling Green) - Interviewing Skills; **Michael Harris** (Lake) - HOSA Bowl Team; **Jeneva**

Johnson (Oak Harbor) - Speaking Skills; **Ryan Lutz** (Otsego), Parliamentary Procedure Team; **Karson Millice** (Eastwood) - Parliamentary Procedure Team; **Sevyn Partin** (Northwood) - Speaking Skills; **Zion Perkins** (Eastwood) - Parliamentary Procedure Team; **Charley Siwa** (Anthony Wayne) - Parliamentary Procedure Team; **Nathon Stuckey** (Springfield) - HOSA Bowl Team; **Riley Tolson** (Anthony Wayne) - HOSA Bowl Team; and **Taylor Tyson** (Elmwood) - Parliamentary Procedure Team. **Dalton Strickland** (Lake), a Dental Assistant student, also earned a top award in the Dental Science contest at the Ohio HOSA contest.

SkillsUSA

Three Penta seniors qualified for the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky by earning first place and gold medals at the Ohio SkillsUSA Championships. These students were **Dan Flory** (Swanton), who competed in the Cabinetmaking contest; and **Mitchell Smith** (Otsego) and **Jack Schreiner** (Elmwood), who competed as a team in the Digital Cinema Production contest.

Other students who were recognized with medals at the Ohio SkillsUSA Championships included:

Second Place - Silver Medals: **Cole Detrick** (Swanton) - CNC Turning; **Madison DeGraw** (Maumee) - Culinary Arts; **Morgan Perkins** (Genoa), **Devin Krout** (Perrysburg) & **Jasmin Alejo** (Bowling Green), all for Crime Scene Investigation; **Brandon Hoile** (Perrysburg) - Technical Computer Applications; **Skye Lavelle** (Eastwood) - Barbering; **Dylan Jenkins** (Elmwood) - Cabinetmaking; and **Emilia Christoff** (Rossford) - Screen Printing Technology.

Third Place - Bronze Medals: **Rocio Hernandez** (Eastwood), **Reighann Marckel** (Maumee), **Devin Merritt** (Elmwood), and **Janae Vargo** (Otsego), all for Broadcast News Production; **Michael Harris** (Lake) - Medical Terminology; **Tyler Smith** (Otsego), **Frankie Jewel** (Anthony Wayne) and **Teagan Coyle** (Rossford), all for Career Pathways Showcase; **Yarin Mercer** (Bowling Green) - Architectural Drafting; **Keonna Smith** (Springfield) - First Aid-CPR; **Carson Burns** (Perrysburg) - Restaurant Service; and **Damien Carter** (Springfield), **Khloe Wood** (Maumee) and **Neyshka Aguilar Burgos** (Perrysburg), all for Chapter Display.



(L-R) Mitchell Smith, Jack Schreiner and Dan Flory, earned gold medals at the Ohio SkillsUSA Championships.



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IMPORTANT DATES

August 26	New Students First Day
August 27	All Students Report
September 2	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 5	Parent Night/Open House
September 25	Cruise-In (All Vehicles & Motorcycles Welcome) 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Rain date: October 2
September 27	NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development Day



NEW ROUNDABOUTS



This summer, construction took place on two roundabouts adjacent to the Penta campus. The projects began at the end of the school year and will be completed this fall. One roundabout is located at the entrance to the Penta campus on Buck Road, and the second is located at the intersection of Buck and Lime City Roads. Both roundabouts will improve traffic flow in and out of the Penta campus during arrival and dismissal times.

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