



2023 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



OUR MISSION

Penta Career Center is a high-performing school that provides:

- Options and opportunities
- Real-world learning
- Partnerships with business and industry
- Productive citizens

OUR COMMITMENT

The staff at Penta Career Center is committed to:

- Achieving excellence
- Delivering results
- Responding to our communities
- Creating an environment for success

A photograph of the Penta Career Center building, a modern structure with a large glass facade and red brick accents. The word "PENTA" is visible on the glass. In the foreground, there is a pond with a large fountain spraying water. The sky is overcast with soft light.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI 2023

FROM THE **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

Welcome to Penta Career Center's Outstanding Alumni Awards. We are pleased to celebrate this occasion with representatives from our 16-member school districts who are equally proud of the Outstanding Alumni recipients.

Since 1993, we have recognized 179 former students with this honor. This year we are proud to recognize four former students who have demonstrated excellence and success in their careers. Each recipient has their own unique story to share about how their career-technical education at Penta helped them reach their personal and professional goals.

Our Outstanding Alumni are advocates of career-technical education. They frequently mention how their Penta training provided them with a strong foundation to prepare for their careers. They also recognize the support and guidance of the Penta staff who helped them build skills and self-confidence to be successful in life.

Another common trait among our Outstanding Alumni recipients is the pride they have demonstrated in their careers. This year's recipients have achieved many professional and personal accomplishments.

Community service is another common characteristic of our Outstanding Alumni recipients. They are involved in volunteer activities on both a professional and personal level.

As educators, we are always happy to see our former students become successful in life. Their professional and personal achievements confirm that Penta Career Center makes a difference in the lives of our students.

Congratulations to our 2023 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Sincerely,



Edward Ewers
Superintendent
Penta Career Center



EDWARD EWERS

NIKKI (THOMASSON) DEPNER



CLASS
OF 1996



CAREER PROGRAM

Administrative
Office Technology

MEMBER SCHOOL

Woodmore

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Marketing Director

COMPANY

Gallon, Takacs &
Boissoneault Co. LPA

1450 Arrowhead Dr
Maumee, OH 43537
419.843.6464

A 25-year career in marketing management, public relations, graphic design, and more has provided Nikki Depner with many diverse experiences. She believes the education and skills from Penta Career Center helped her achieve success and satisfaction in the business world.

Even before graduating from Woodmore High School in 1996 and completing Penta's Administrative Office Technology program, Nikki was already working in an early job placement position for a real estate company.

"Our class at Penta was one of the first to learn the Microsoft® programs," said Nikki.

"These skills I obtained in high school were in demand which helped prepare me for immediate employment."

Early in her career, Nikki also learned Adobe® software which piqued her interest in graphic design. During this time, she worked in sales, marketing and graphic design positions with Epco Machinery in Fremont and TolTest in Toledo.

In 2002, Nikki began an 11-year career with Style Crest Inc. as a marketing specialist. In this role, she had numerous responsibilities. She coordinated nationwide trade shows from conception through completion; managed transportation logistics; and implemented many marketing strategies.

Nikki moved on to another marketing job in 2014 when she joined Webster Industries in Tiffin. As a marketing assistant, she gained valuable experience in the area of corporate identity strategy through branding and messaging across various channels.

Nikki accepted the marketing coordinator position with The Douglas Company in 2016 and obtained even more valuable experience. She managed and executed a wide range of marketing activities and projects for the company. During her time with this company, she was involved in website development, photography, social media, and many important projects.

In 2022-2023, Nikki worked for a brief time with the Creative Solutions Group as an account executive. She coordinated projects for clients and traveled to trade shows and special events.

Earlier this year, Nikki became marketing director at Gallon, Takacs & Boissoneault, a law firm in Maumee. Her responsibilities are vast as she collaborates, implements, coordinates, and manages all aspects of marketing for the law firm. From creating budgets, to managing media, to providing strategic guidance, Nikki uses her wealth of experience to help the firm reach its marketing goals.

Throughout Nikki's career, she has made an impact on many businesses because of the solid foundation and skills she obtained at Penta as well as from on-the-job experiences. Nikki attended Terra State Community College to further her training in the areas of marketing and graphic design.

Nikki is a member of the Maumee Chamber of Commerce, the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce and is an active volunteer with Women of Toledo. She has an adult son, Antonio Lopez and has been married to Dan Depner since 2020.

BRIAN DILLEY

Brian Dilley is enjoying a successful career in the electrical industry and credits Penta Career Center for providing a firm foundation.

"The Penta staff was always so supportive of me," said Brian. "The skills and experiences I obtained prepared me to begin work as an apprentice, right after high school."

As a senior in high school, Brian participated in early job placement and worked as a pre-apprentice with Transtar Electric. After graduating from Maumee High School and completing Penta's Construction Electricity program in 2005, he continued working with this same company until 2008. While working as an apprentice, he received training in both the residential and commercial electrical industries. Brian worked briefly for Regent Electric and Retzke Snyder Electric as an inside apprentice.

Since 2009, Brian has been employed at Lake Erie Electric, one of the leading electrical contractors in Ohio and Michigan. He has worked as an inside apprentice, inside wireman and foreman. As a foreman, Brian has supervised crews on projects and ordered materials for major projects. He is a member of IBEW and received his journeyman's card in 2012.

Brian's career has been on the fast track. Soon after working as a shop foreman, his title quickly evolved into that of a prefabrication manager. In this role, Brian supervises the fabrication shop and crew. This department fabricates components using AutoCAD and Revit software. Brian and his crew coordinate projects between all the mechanical, electrical and plumbing contractors.

Throughout his career, Brian is proud of several large projects he has worked on including the Woodmore Elementary building, GM Powertrain, Libbey Glass, and the Wood County Justice Center. Recently he has been working on projects for the \$1.9 billion inpatient hospital for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Brian is active in work committees and leadership development. He is a member of the Young Leaders Group and the Safety Council at his workplace. In addition, Brian has previously served as chairperson of the Safety Committee and currently serves as secretary. Brian is also proud of his participation in professional development at the Advancing Prefabrication leadership conference where he recently was a speaker. During this conference, he was honored as one of the Top 5 for the Innovator of the Year award.

Brian and his family enjoy vacations to Walt Disney World and local attractions like Cedar Point and The Toledo Zoo. He is married to Ashley and they have two children, Claire, age 11 and Charles, age 7.



**CLASS
OF 2005**



CAREER PROGRAM

Construction Electricity

MEMBER SCHOOL

Maumee

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Prefabrication Manager

COMPANY

Lake Erie Electric

12763 Middleton Pike

Bowling Green, OH 43402

419.352.7141

**2023 OUTSTANDING
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AUSTIN FLORES



CLASS
OF 2011



CAREER PROGRAM

Culinary Arts

MEMBER SCHOOL

Northwood

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Business Owner

COMPANY

Flores Food Group

1659 Route 9

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

845.243.0479

Attending Penta Career Center was a big stepping stone that helped Austin Flores pursue his educational and professional goals. Through his high school experiences and with the support of the Penta staff, Austin developed important personal qualities.

"The education and skills from Penta prepared me for my entire career," said Austin.

"Chef Rhegness took me under his wings and has been a tremendous mentor ever since."

In 2011, after completing the Culinary Arts program at Penta and graduating from Northwood High School, Austin attended The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, New York. He not only earned a hospitality management degree from the CIA, but he also received a joint degree from Cornell University.

Austin's professional career is impressive. He has managed and led several kitchens and restaurants for Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels. Austin was part of developing the standard operating procedures for the Dorado Beach resort, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve property, when it opened in Puerto Rico. He is also proud of his work to flip an entire program at The Westin in Maui, Hawaii.

After six years working for the luxury resorts, Austin left to pursue his personal goals and dreams. He returned to the Hudson Valley area of New York state and created Flores Food Truck and Catering.

In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin's business helped the community when it was most in need. The company, along with Valley Christian Church and the community, raised \$170,000 and created the Spread Hope Initiative. More than 20,000 meals were served to those in need and those working on the front lines. In addition, groceries, PPE, blankets, and more were donated through this important project.

In 2021, Austin's business was growing which enabled him to open his first restaurant — Flores Tapas Bar in Wappingers Falls, New York. Austin's business continues to expand. Recently, he has partnered with Aramark, a hospitality services company. Flores Food Truck & Catering, through the partnership, provides permanent food trucks at several Ford Motor Company manufacturing facilities in Buffalo, Cleveland, Lima, and Kentucky.

Austin and his company have earned several awards. He has received the EDCO Community Service award in 2022 and a recognition award from Hudson River Housing. Flores Tapas Bar has earned: Hudson Valley Best Small Plates in 2021 and Hudson Valley Best Tapas in 2023.

Austin has been married for 10 years to Danielle. They have three children, Liam, age 7; Caris, age 5; and Aurora, age 3.

TRICIA (RAHE) GERMANN

When Tricia Germann was a child, she knew Cosmetology was a career that she would like to pursue one day. Tricia has fond memories of playing with Barbies and creating beautiful hair styles. This interest carried over to Tricia's education when her family and instructors provided encouragement to follow her passion.

Tricia, from Eastwood High School, decided to study Cosmetology at Penta Career Center and successfully completed the program in 1991. She credits the Penta staff for providing support and confidence during her educational journey.

"My education and skills at Penta helped prepare me for an amazing career," said Tricia. "I was ready for work the day I left Penta and I never looked back."

Tricia has been a successful cosmetologist for 32 years. Her first job as a beautician was with Uhlman's Department Store in Bowling Green. Within that same year, she moved on to Hairways Beauty Salon where she became an independent contractor for the next 10 years.

Another opportunity became available in 2011 and Tricia moved to the Mini Mall Beauty Salon in downtown Bowling Green. Tricia has worked at this salon for the past 12 years. In her full-time career, she provides many different hair and nail services such as cutting, highlights, permanents, and manicures. Since 2020, Tricia also works with the Hanneman Family Funeral Homes to assist them when needed.

Tricia actively participates in professional development opportunities in Cosmetology. Every two years she enjoys attending hair shows in Columbus, Mount Pleasant, Michigan and other locations.

Tricia, and her husband, Jody, are business owners. They own and operate Germann Landscape Services LLC and Germann Family Enterprises LLC. At one time the company specialized in landscape installation, construction and seasonal property maintenance. Today the company mainly provides mowing services. Germann Family Enterprises is a property management company specializing in single family residential housing.

Tricia has been active in the community for many years. She is a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church where she has devoted hours to activities such as chicken barbeques, golf outings and ushering services. She was also previously involved with the BSA Troop 345 through her church and has helped many young men earn their Eagle Scout Rank. She also volunteered for activities and events with the Bowling Green Swim Club for more than 15 years.

Tricia is married to Jody and they have two adult children, Garrett, age 21 and Gretchen age, 19 who both are alumni of Penta Career Center.



**CLASS
OF 1991**



CAREER PROGRAM
Cosmetology

MEMBER SCHOOL
Eastwood

CURRENT OCCUPATION
Cosmetologist

COMPANY
Mini Mall Beauty Salon
190 South Main St
Bowling Green, OH 43402
419.352.7658

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PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

1993 RECIPIENTS

Dianne (Steindam) Bochi – Oak Harbor
Major Constance Gaiser-Phillips –
Anthony Wayne
Joseph Murray, Jr. – Lake
Gary J. Muswick – Springfield
Wanda (Gentry) Snyder – Woodmore
Randy Wax – Woodmore

1994 RECIPIENTS

Nicholas Espinoza, D.O. – Springfield
Jim Kasch – Eastwood
Peter Kolan – Bowling Green
Thomas Kretz – North Baltimore
Suzanne (Boyer) Myers – Anthony Wayne
James Lennox – Lake
Major Daniel Tack – Oak Harbor

1995 RECIPIENTS

Brent Bomer – Bowling Green
Brenda (Carrol) Hoot – Perrysburg
Michael K. Ott – Otsego
Susan (Vidra) Reamsnyder – Rossford

1996 RECIPIENTS

Joe W. Gargac – Genoa
Nicholas B. Getzinger – Otsego
Jason Romer – Anthony Wayne
David Sawicki – Anthony Wayne
Robert Torres – Swanton

1997 RECIPIENTS

James L. Barnes – Bowling Green
Craig A. Bauer – Anthony Wayne
Claudette R. Davis – Perrysburg
Cindy Goodman-Eckel – Eastwood
Paul R. Grimm – Otsego
Christopher S. McIntire – Woodmore
Ben Richmond – Lake

1998 RECIPIENTS

Tony E. Castillo, Sr. – Perrysburg
John R. Colley – Maumee
Cheryl L. (Hirzel) Fitzpatrick – Rossford
Sharon Roman – Rossford
Nicholas K. Shultz – Lake

1999 RECIPIENTS

Tina (Etchison) Dowling – Anthony Wayne
Jonathan Hart – Clay
Martin Sniadecki – Maumee
Robert Steinline – Perrysburg

2000 RECIPIENTS

Rhonda (Delphous) Bliss – Genoa
Pamela (Recker) Buck – Eastwood
James R. Dahms –
Adult & Continuing Education
Cynthia (Hart) Millinger – Maumee
John F. Spilker – Anthony Wayne
Richard Young – Lake

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2001 RECIPIENTS

Marty Almeister – Rossford
Barbara Ceculski – Genoa
Mike Chiarelli – Perrysburg
William E. Harris – Bowling Green
Teri Lynn (Gearig) Murphy – Swanton
Wayne R. Nault – Northwood
Duane Roach – Bowling Green

2002 RECIPIENTS

Jennifer E. Glassford – Woodmore
Deborah S. (Tober) James – Rossford
Bonny (Peske) LaPoint – Anthony Wayne
Synthia L. (Cox) Mahler – Elmwood
Kathy (Woodruff) Powers – Maumee
Scott Sevenish – Rossford

2003 RECIPIENTS

Nancy J. Gerwin – Woodmore
Richard Gross – Perrysburg
John K. Hughes – Lake
Robert E. Landolt – Rossford
Lee Powell – Perrysburg
Mary J. (Pfaff) Schroeder – Swanton
Frank I. Zygala – Anthony Wayne

2004 RECIPIENTS

Carole A. (Hughes) Brennan – Lake
Lynne (Mullen) Burch – Maumee
Chris Cufr – Northwood
Edward J. Gonzales –
Adult & Continuing Education
Jeffery W. Hamons – Woodmore
Gerald O. Herman – Northwood
Thomas G. Overmyer – Grand Rapids
(Otsego)
Mike Smith – Otsego

2005 RECIPIENTS

Bryan A. Christy – Bowling Green
Yvonne M. (Kieswether) Fey –
Maumee
Fredrick L. Kubitz – Maumee
Rose Mock Scott – Springfield
Wayne A. Strayer – Anthony Wayne
Rebecca L. (Cooper) Stutz –
Anthony Wayne

2006 RECIPIENTS

Thomas Berkebile – Perrysburg
Patrick O. Curtin – Maumee
Steven W. Curtis – Otsego
Jarrad C. Egert – Woodmore
Patricia K. Hyland – Perrysburg
Lisa (Ackley) Mattin – Maumee
Danilynn M. Miller – Anthony
Wayne

2007 RECIPIENTS

Deric C. Frisch – Perrysburg
Matthew E. Herrig – Elmwood
Frederick C. Lange – Perrysburg
Edward J. Stribrny – Lake
David W. Terry – Rossford
Kewyn Louis Williams – Springfield

2008 RECIPIENTS

Tony J. Anteau – Rossford
George C. Byington Jr. – Oak
Harbor
Benjamin L. Croley – Northwood
David Gillette – Springfield
Diane S. (Asmus) Hemminger –
Otsego
Robert J. Osstifin – Anthony Wayne
Jennifer L. (Byington) Wilkins –
Oak Harbor

2009 RECIPIENTS

Stephen G. Hunter – Bowling
Green
Kenneth Metzger – Northwood
Becky Pegorsch – Maumee
Ronald J. Porter – Lake
Cara Ricci-Challen – Oak Harbor
William Slane – Woodmore
Mark A. Travis – Genoa

2010 RECIPIENTS

Douglas Felt – Maumee
Henry “Hank” Fowler –
Anthony Wayne
Matthew Gilbert – Perrysburg
Kimberly Morelock – Rossford
Jeffery Pettit – Lake
Brent Thielen – Lake

2011 RECIPIENTS

Janea Makowski – Lake
Tamara (Shiffert) Rost – Eastwood
Matthew Simpson – Anthony Wayne

2012 RECIPIENTS

Chad Bolander – Northwood
Brian L. Bonnough – Swanton
Cindi (Peters) Britt – Eastwood
Christina McCain – Maumee
Anne (Woyame) Noel – Lake
Terri (Phillips) Rudd – Springfield

2013 RECIPIENTS

Leslie Kay (Radabaugh) Hertzfeld –
Anthony Wayne
Scott A. Jaegly – Northwood
David Miller – Woodmore
Leonard L. Vidra II – Rossford
Patrick Young – Woodmore

2014 RECIPIENTS

Tracy (Vargo) Buder – Genoa
Robert Hernandez – Woodmore
Jennifer (Traver) Northrup –
Woodmore
Douglas Podiak – Maumee
Daniel Soviar – Rossford
John Wenzlick – Otsego
Becky (Dooley) Ziviski – Swanton

2015 RECIPIENTS

David Beckham – Lake
Jayne (Coon) Eisel – Bowling Green
William V. Niederman III – Lake
Gary L. Phipps – Swanton
Sandra L. Wiechman – Elmwood
Gregory Wyandt – Anthony Wayne

2016 RECIPIENTS

Joy (Rabbitt) DuShane – Lake
Allen Eckel – Springfield
Ron Lenz – Genoa
James Mauter – Maumee
Doug Schmidt – Genoa
Joshua Torres – Anthony Wayne
Molly (Frey) Wilson – Maumee

2017 RECIPIENTS

William Hammer – Woodmore
Kandace (Carpenter) Helbing –
Rossford
Karen (Walsh) Magrum – Otsego
Peggy McGaharan – Northwood
Daniel Morey – Bowling Green
Katelyn (Bills) Wright – Otsego

2018 RECIPIENTS

David J. Daniels – Perrysburg
Kristi Leigh Foreman – Maumee
Frederick W. Greive – Otsego
Christina Hammer-Atkins –
Woodmore
Michele (Miller) Rose-Sprunk – Lake
Paula (McKenzie) Thomas – Otsego

2019 RECIPIENTS

Elmer Dunberger – Northwood
Matthew Harvey – Genoa
April (Zitzman) Rietzke – Swanton
Diana (Escobar) Rodriguez – Genoa
Ivan “Jake” Lee Smith, Jr. – Maumee
Ryan Smith – Perrysburg
Jessica (Arnold) Spilker – Elmwood

2020 RECIPIENTS

Christopher Gunderman –
Anthony Wayne
Alicia (Gorsuch) Holdren – Lake
Ryan Jones – Anthony Wayne
Chrystal (Moore) Shanahan –
Maumee

2021 RECIPIENTS

Bradley Buchanan – Woodmore
Michael Crawford – Bowling Green
Linda (Whitney) Henry – Otsego
Don (Patrick) Przysiecki – Rossford
William Martin Self, Jr. – Springfield

2022 RECIPIENTS

Christy L. Armstrong – Perrysburg
Steven Brubaker – Anthony Wayne
James R. Henry – Perrysburg
Erin McKnight – Eastwood
Crystal Sloan – Rossford
Jonmorgan D. Smith –
Anthony Wayne



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