



Jennifer E. Glassford



Deborah S. (Tober) James



Bonny (Peske) LaPoint



Synthia L. (Cox) Mahler



Kathy (Woodruff) Powers



Scott Sevenish

... before
they were
Stars



Outstanding Alumni 2002

Our Mission

Penta Career Center's mission is to educate high school and adult students in their chosen occupational programs to:

- Make informed career decisions.
- Transition successfully from school to work.
- Advance in the changing world of work.
- Recognize the necessity of continuous education.

Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

As we enter our ninth year of honoring our outstanding alumni, we at Penta Career Center are proud that 51 former students have been recognized since the award was first initiated in 1993. These alumni represent excellence and success in their chosen careers.



Six outstanding alumni are recognized this year. Each has chosen different career paths in life, however they all share a common belief that their education and training at Penta helped them attain personal and professional success.

It is clear from speaking with our outstanding alumni recipients that their experiences at Penta were positive. By attending Penta, they learned a skill that prepared them for a lifelong career or helped them further their education. The alumni often mention that Penta provided outstanding hands-on training, strong academic programs, and personalized attention from faculty and staff. Through these experiences, our Penta alumni built a solid foundation for their future.

One of the most distinguishing characteristics of the Penta outstanding alumni is their dedication to their professional career. These alumni have a strong work ethic that has contributed to their success. In addition, each recipient is involved in the community indicating their commitment to helping others.

Our successful alumni are the best affirmations that we as teachers and administrators can receive. As our Penta graduates advance in their personal and professional lives, it's satisfying to see that we helped make a difference.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding alumni!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Susor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fred Susor
Superintendent
Penta Career Center

Previous Outstanding Penta Alumni



2001 Recipients (*l to r*): Mike Chiarelli – Perrysburg, Marty Almester – Rossford, Duane Roach – Bowling Green, Teri Lynn (Gearig) Murphy – Swanton, William E. Harris – Bowling Green, Barbara Ceculski – Genoa, and Wayne R. Nault – Northwood

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



Jennifer Glassford is a true “school-to-work” success story. After graduating from high school, Jennifer continued to devote her life to the career program she studied at Penta – Security and Law Enforcement.

While still in high school, Jennifer worked as a security officer for Hills Department Store, a job that led to similar positions with Owens Community College and the Woodville Mall. In order to expand on the skills she obtained as a student at Penta, Jennifer attended Owens Community College and earned an associate’s degree in Law Enforcement Technology. While attending college full-time, she was able to further develop her skills in law enforcement through her work experiences as a security officer and emergency dispatcher for St. Charles Hospital.

After graduating from Owens, Jennifer worked as a crisis team leader for Lutheran Youth and Family Services. Her job entailed counseling youth at group homes. “This was the most challenging job of my career and it taught me to have great patience in dealing with people in any setting,” says Jennifer.

As she continued along her successful career path, Jennifer obtained a position with Detroit Edison’s Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant in 1999. She began her career there as response force member and has recently been promoted to senior nuclear security officer. She has received extensive training at Fermi 2 including defense planning, weapons and tactical training and will soon receive additional training as a Central Alarm Station(CAS)/ Secondary Alarm Station(SAS) operator. Once trained in CAS/SAS, she will be responsible for dispatching the response forces during the day-to-day operations or in the event of an attack.

Jennifer serves on Penta’s Security and Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and is an enthusiastic supporter of career-technical education. She is grateful for the career training she obtained as a high school student. “The structure of the Penta Security and Law classes gave me the confidence and skills needed to be successful in my career,” says Jennifer. “Penta gave me a head start in my life as a security professional, and without this training I would not be in the leadership role that I am in today.”



Jennifer E. Glassford



Graduated
1990

Career Program
Security and Law Enforcement

Member School
Woodmore

Current Occupation
Senior Nuclear Security Officer

Company
Detroit Edison
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Outstanding Alumnus 2002



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When Deborah (Tober) James attended Penta in 1968, business was not the most popular career path for female students. However for Deborah, a non-traditional career like business was the right direction for her to follow.

After completing her Accounting program at Penta and graduating from Rossford, Deborah enrolled at Penta Technical College (now Owens Community College) and earned an associate's degree in applied business (accounting) in 1970. After graduating from college she accepted a full-time position with the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). She worked for NCUA for 12 years in various positions from accounting clerk to liquidation specialist. Deborah is proud of the fact that she was the agency's first female liquidation specialist.

When NCUA relocated its office to Chicago, Deborah was not able to move with the agency, so she took some time off. In 1983, she accepted a new position as an administrative assistant to the principal at Rossford High School. She worked at Rossford for six years and then decided to get back into the business world. She worked at a company in Rossford for two years as an executive assistant, but was not completely satisfied. While still working full-time, Deborah considered becoming an entrepreneur. In 1997, through the encouragement of her nephew, Jon St. Julian (a 1992 Penta graduate), Deborah opened her own résumé business called "A Hire Image" (now known as Leading-Edge Résumés and Career Services).

Deborah's accomplishments as a résumé business owner are impressive. In 2001 she earned the Certified Professional Résumé Writer (CPRW) credential, an important industry standard of excellence. In addition she is a member of several organizations including: Résumé Assessment Team serving Execunet in Norwalk, Connecticut; Professional Association of Résumé Writers; and the Women's Entrepreneurial Network.

"My business has far exceeded my expectations," adds Deborah. In fact, she recently launched another business called "Critique My Résumé," a virtual business on the Internet that evaluates résumés.

Deborah is married to Wendell and they have a daughter Jennifer, age 26 and son Matt, age 24. In addition, she is proud to have raised her niece Erin, age 20.



Deborah S. (Tober) James



Graduated
1968

Career Program
Accounting

Member School
Rossford

Current Occupation
Business Owner

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Leading-Edge Résumés
& Career Services
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At first it was a difficult decision for Bonny (Peske) LaPoint to attend Penta because she was worried about leaving behind her friends and familiar surroundings at Anthony Wayne. However, within a few weeks, Bonny knew she made the right decision. She made new friends immediately, enjoyed her program of study, and became involved in several clubs and activities. "I surprised myself when I discovered that Penta was a wonderful school with so much to offer," says Bonny. "I also knew that Penta could help me pursue a career in the business world."



Bonny (Peske) LaPoint

After completing the Word Processing Specialist program at Penta and graduating from high school, Bonny obtained a position with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio. She worked for this organization for 13 years in various positions including: secretary, administrative assistant, and contract administrator. In 1993 Bonny accepted a new position with the King Insurance Agency. She worked as an executive secretary and became the office manager of the 25-employee company. The insurance agency was a good experience for Bonny, but another opportunity surfaced and she decided to take on a new endeavor.

Bonny worked as an administrative assistant for three years at the ProMedica Physician Corporation. In 1997 she was promoted to operations coordinator where she was responsible for many functions including: facilitator/instructor for customer service workshops and coordinator of educational seminars and meetings. In addition, she managed the clinical and clerical associates at 35 ProMedica physician practice sites.

Yet another professional opportunity surfaced in 2000 and Bonny decided to make a career move to the Dana Corporation. She is currently the administrative assistant of the Dana Quality Leadership Process (DQLP), which is a mirror image of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Her responsibilities include: administering/facilitating the DQLP process; conference and event planning; supervision; and maintaining all historical records for the department.

Bonny is married to Paul and they have four children: Ian, age 19; Lauren, age 17; Ashley, age 15; and Kendra, age 11. Bonny is also working toward a degree in business administration at Lourdes College. She offers the following advice to students, "Never stop learning... learn for life, not just for the test."



Graduated
1980

Career Program
Word Processing Specialist

Member School
Anthony Wayne

Current Occupation
Administrative Assistant,
Global DQLP

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Dana Corporation
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Outstanding Alumnus 2002



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When Synthia (Cox) Mahler graduated from high school and completed her career training at Penta in 1981, she was eager to begin her career as a dental assistant. "I graduated knowing and feeling that I was prepared to fulfill the duties of a dental assistant," says Synthia.

During her senior year at Penta, Synthia began working in job placement with Dr. William Carroll in Wayne, Ohio. Upon graduation, she was hired by Dr. Carroll as a dental assistant. Over the course of the next 13 years, she worked for several area dentists but was not completely satisfied with her career. Synthia set new goals and decided to become a dental hygienist. She enrolled at Owens Community College in the dental hygiene program and graduated at the top of her class in 1993. Synthia says that one of the shining moments of her college experience was when she was asked to be the graduation speaker at Owens' Commencement Ceremony.

Synthia enjoyed her educational experiences so much that she wanted to give something back. In 1995, she joined the faculty at Owens Community College as a part-time clinical instructor. In addition, she continues to work as a hygienist at the dental offices of Dr. Robert Morason in Toledo and Dr. John Strawman in Bowling Green.

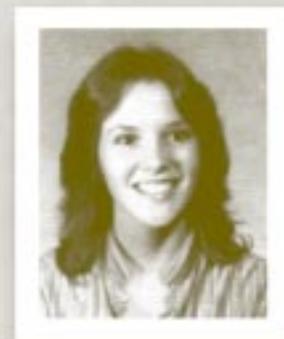
Keeping active in dental hygiene profession is a priority for Synthia. She is a member of the American Dental Hygiene Association and has obtained the Ohio Dental Hygiene License as well as the AQP License, both of which are important certifications for her career.

Synthia and her husband Ed live in Rising Sun, Ohio. They have three children, Renee, 21, a student in the College of Education at Bowling Green State University; Scott, 17, who will be a student in Penta's Construction Masonry program next fall; and Traci, 15, a freshman at Elmwood High School.

Synthia offers some advice for current students. "Give it your all... as a Penta student you have the potential and opportunity to make a difference," says Synthia. "Be proud of your school and yourself."



Synthia L. (Cox) Mahler



Graduated
1981

Career Program
Dental Assistant

Member School
Elmwood

Current Occupation
Dental Hygienist

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When recalling memories of Penta, Kathy (Woodruff) Powers likes to describe the variety of IBM equipment that she trained on during her two years in the High Skill Stenography program. From typewriters to computers (with hard-wired program boards), Kathy has fond memories of using the IBM equipment at Penta. "I grew up an IBM brat," says Kathy. "When I went to work for IBM I learned things about the equipment (even the old IBM clock) that made it even more special to me."



Kathy (Woodruff) Powers

Kathy credits Penta for providing a solid foundation to a successful career. "I have accomplished things that in my wildest dream I would never have guessed I could do," says Kathy. "I credit my education at Penta for getting me started on the right track."

After completing her training at Penta, Kathy worked two years as a legal secretary and then accepted a position with IBM in Toledo as a word processing secretary. Kathy has spent 27 years of her professional career with IBM and has enjoyed tremendous opportunities with the company. Career opportunities have taken her from Toledo, to Chicago, and to Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, where she currently works.

Kathy has been an employee of IBM in North Carolina since 1994. She has worked as a senior systems engineer, senior I/T specialist, and was promoted in 2001 to a program manager. In her current position, she creates sales training materials on IBM server products.

Throughout her career, Kathy has received a number of awards including two "IBM Means Service" awards for outstanding contribution on the job; "100% Club" for achieving 100 percent of assigned sales quota; and the "Quality Award" for going above and beyond to deliver a quality product.

Kathy is the mother of Lisa, age 26. In her spare time Kathy loves to spend time with her "canine kids" (Lucy, Jasmine, and Frankie). She participates in the Mid-Atlantic Hound Association and the Tarheel Whippet Association and frequently enters her dogs in lure coursing, obedience, and agility events.



Graduated
1972

Career Program
High Skill Stenography

Member School
Maumee

Current Occupation
Program Manager

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IBM Corporation
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After graduating from high school and completing his Drafting training at Penta, Scott Sevenish did not anticipate that he had 11 more years of education ahead of him. According to Scott, "Patience and persistence is how I went about achieving my educational and career goals."

While working as a mechanical drafter at Campbell Deboe & Associates in Toledo, Scott decided to take evening classes at Owens Community College where he earned an associate's degree in applied science (major: mechanical engineering) in 1986. Soon after graduating from Owens, he accepted a job with Owens Corning's Corporate Engineering division as a mechanical designer. He then aspired to earn another degree so he attended The University of Toledo where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology in 1991.

After working in a variety of engineering positions with Owens Corning including a two-year position in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Scott became a process and product development engineer at the Owens Corning Science and Technology Center in Granville, Ohio. While in Granville, Scott was interested in furthering his education again, so he attended The Ohio State University and obtained a master's in business administration in 1997.

Scott attributes his strong educational and career mission to the training he received at Penta. "I was uniquely exposed to the core math courses in the classroom setting and the hands-on drafting in a job setting on a daily basis," says Scott. "These principles were immediately applied to problems on the drawing board and allowed me to combine the textbook teachings with the practical experience to effectively solve problems."

Scott is proud of his professional and personal accomplishments. While at Owens Corning he was awarded two United States patents. In addition, he was selected as the outstanding student in his Drafting program at Penta; graduated with honors from Owens Community College; graduated cum laude from The University of Toledo; and was selected for membership in the Tau Alpha Phi National Honor Society.

Scott is married to Sheryl (a 1985 Penta graduate) and they have an 8-year-old son Zachary and 4-year-old daughter Jamie.



Scott Sevenish



Graduated
1981

Career Program
Drafting

Member School
Rossford

Current Occupation
Senior Project Manager

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