

# THE *Penta* APPRENTICES



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# From the Superintendent



Fred Susor

## Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

**W**e are proud that this is Penta Career Center's 12th year of honoring our alumni. Since the inception of the Penta Outstanding Alumni Award we have honored 64 former students who represent excellence and success in their chosen careers.

This year we honor eight former students. Each has his or her own unique story to share about how their education and training at Penta helped them achieve personal and professional success.

Our outstanding alumni recognize that education is a lifelong process. They often mention how important it is to continue to improve and upgrade their workplace skills through additional training leading to a certificate, a license, or a college degree.

This year's recipients also mention how their Penta training and guidance from their instructors made a positive impact on their careers. Not only did they acquire skills for a specific career, but they gained self-confidence and motivation to succeed.

Community service is another common characteristic of our outstanding alumni recipients. By participating in professional and community organizations, volunteering and serving on boards, our alumni enjoy getting involved to help make a difference in the community. As educators, we are always pleased to see the accomplishments of our alumni. Their success validates our belief that we make a difference in the lives of our students.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding alumni!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Susor".

Fred Susor  
Superintendent  
Penta Career Center

# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004



**Lynne (Mullen) Burch**

By combining her love of learning with the desire to help people, Lynne Burch has established a successful career in the graphics industry. Lynne has worked in the graphics industry for more than 30 years. She attributes her success to her high school training at Penta.

"Penta's faculty taught me how to learn; a skill that has been invaluable throughout my career," says Lynne. "Thanks to the Penta faculty, I also gained self-confidence which has been a vital link to my success."

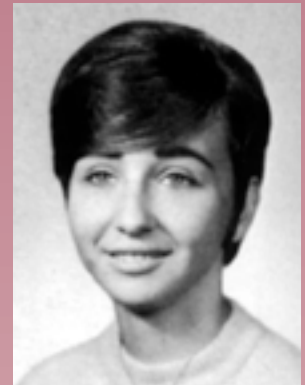
Lynne began working in the graphics industry after completing her training at Penta. She worked as a press operator and then as a commercial artist at Teledyne CAE in Toledo. She entered the arena of print shop management when she worked for the Greater Toledo Community Chest and then for the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments.

Lynne continued to learn more about the graphics industry when she worked for The Ink Well, a private printing business. She then worked for the A & J Print Shop in Waterville. From these work experiences, she gained the knowledge and experience to own and operate a printing business.

In 1992, Lynne accepted a great challenge and purchased the A & J Print Shop. Since becoming the owner of the company she has assisted over 500 businesses with printing projects.

Lynne is involved in her community and has earned several achievements in her profession. She is currently a member of the Graphics Advisory Board at Penta Career Center. In addition, she has served as the past president of the Anthony Wayne Area Exchange Club and past board member of the Waterville Chamber of Commerce. She is a recipient of the Gallery of Superb Printing Award from The Toledo Club of Printing House Craftsmen, Inc. and is a graduate of the National Institute of Technology in Toledo in the area of Basic Electronics/Computer Service and Repair.

In her spare time, Lynne teaches knitting and enjoys painting, sculpting and playing pool. She has two adult daughters and six grandchildren.



**Graduated**

1970

**Career Program**

Graphic Communications

**Member School**

Maumee

**Current Occupation**

President/Owner

**Company**

A & J Print Shop

38 John Street

Waterville, OH 43566

419-878-3306



# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004

**Graduated**

1980

**Career Program**

Dental Assistant

**Member School**

Lake

**Current Occupation**

Marketing/Management  
Consultant

**Company**

Peak Performers  
34020 W. Seven Mile Rd.,  
Suite 102  
Livonia, MI 48152  
888-477-PEAK

**C**arole Brennan's career in the dental industry has included a variety of experiences leading to her success. Carole began her career as a dental assistant working in several offices. She then expanded her career interests working as a patient coordinator, financial treatment coordinator, recall coordinator, and finally, as a dental practice administrator. Carole enjoyed the administration aspect of dentistry and so she began working as a senior regional practice manager for Dental Care Partners that served 11 dental practices in Detroit and Toledo.

Recently, Carole accepted a new challenge and now works as a marketing/management consultant for Peak Performers, a dental practice consulting firm in Livonia, Michigan. In this position, she consults with dentists and office administrators to assist them with staffing, placement and other administrative needs.

"Penta gave me the foundation I needed in the dental field to build upon a career," says Carole. "The dental assistant program was complete and the on-the-job training led the way to obtaining my first job."

Carole enjoys helping in the community. She has been a volunteer for David's House where she assisted with the care of patients with AIDS. She is also proud of the Ottawa County Migrant Dental Program, which she helped develop in 1998 to provide care to children of migrant workers from Mexico. The program assists about 100 migrant children with their dental needs each year.

Carole lives in Genoa with her husband Scott and three children: Kristen, a student at Ohio University; Justin, a senior in Penta's Construction Carpentry program; and Jordan, age 7. In her spare time she enjoys reading, tennis and playing the piano.



**Carole A. (Hughes) Brennan**

# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004



**Chris Cufr**

**C**hris Cufr had a vision for his future as a young adult in high school. After spending two years at Northwood High School and being very involved in activities, Chris decided to enroll in Penta's Drafting program. While attending Penta, Chris didn't worry about missing his friends, because he stayed involved in sports and other activities at Northwood. Chris chose Penta so he could prepare for his future career. Through Penta's Drafting program and with the guidance of his instructors, Chris gained the basic skills, job experience, and familiarity with an office atmosphere allowing

him to obtain an entry-level job in the Drafting industry. To continue working toward his vision, Chris furthered his education and earned both an associate's and bachelor's degrees in Engineering Technology (Mechanical) from The University of Toledo.

"If you desire to do great things in your field, then you need to set goals and plan for them," says Chris. "I believe it is your responsibility to decide where you want to go."

After completing his Penta training, Chris worked for T.L. Design Service and at the same time attended college at The University of Toledo. In 1992, he accepted a position as a machine designer with Libbey Inc. The company's tuition reimbursement program enabled Chris to obtain his bachelor's degree. Upon completing his second degree in 1997, Chris was promoted to the Corporate Engineering Department.

In his current position with Libbey Inc., Chris has traveled all over the world to work on projects for the company. He has traveled to countries such as Brazil, Columbia and Germany to coordinate the installation of large machine projects.

Chris is grateful for his education and training at Penta and mentions that he enjoyed staying involved in extracurricular activities at Northwood High School. "Penta gave me direction and the opportunity to learn a trade that I love doing," says Chris. "I still participated in my home school activities like sports, dances and pep rallies."

Chris is active in his community and church. He has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America for over 21 years and currently serves as an assistant scoutmaster. He also is a 29-year member of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America and enjoys restoring antique cars. Chris has been elected to the deacon board of his church.

Chris is married to Deborah and they have two children, Payton, age 7 and Daniel, age 2.



**Graduated**

1990

**Career Program**

Drafting

**Member School**

Northwood

**Current Occupation**

Design Engineer

**Company**

Libbey Inc.

940 Ash St.

Toledo, OH 43697

419-727-2550

# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004

## Graduated

1985 Adult Education

## Career Program

Building Services

## Current Occupation

H.Q.S. Inspector –  
Section 8 Program

## Company

Lucas Metropolitan  
Housing Authority  
435 Nebraska Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43602  
419-259-9400

**E**d Gonzales is not only a dedicated employee of the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) he is also a caring individual who gives back to his community through his volunteer efforts. In 1985 Ed completed the Building Services program in Penta's Adult Education Division which has led him to success in a career he enjoys.

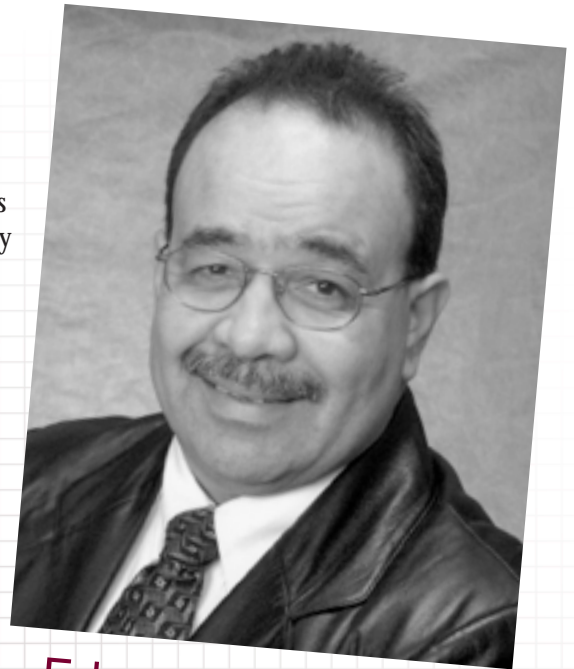
"My education at Penta was the important first step toward obtaining employment in a field I've always enjoyed," says Ed. "Penta helped me gain the confidence needed for self improvement and self motivation."

Ed has worked for LMHA since 1986. He has advanced through all levels as a maintenance mechanic and also worked in the inspection department as well as the HVAC division. He is currently an H.Q.S. inspector of the Section 8 program where he inspects rental properties and single-family residences. Ed is also active in the AFSCME Local 2916 union where he has been a steward, executive board member, and vice president.

For several years, Ed has volunteered his time with Boy Scout troops in Toledo's central city. He is proud of his role in organizing the effort to provide scouting opportunities for youth in Toledo. Ed's pioneering efforts with the Boy Scouts has encouraged participation from individuals, companies and organizations. He has advised local unions and other organizations in the community to sponsor troops in the central city. His efforts have enabled hundreds of youth in Toledo's central city to experience everything from tying knots, to first aid, to camping. His leadership in scouting has received national attention from the Boy Scouts of America.

Ed's volunteer efforts have been recognized by several community organizations. He has earned the local JCPenney Golden Rule award for outstanding volunteer service and has earned the national George Meany Award for outstanding service to youth from the AFL-CIO.

Ed is most proud of his personal accomplishment of marriage and family. He has been married for 34 years and has raised three children.



**Edward J. Gonzales**



# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004



**Jeffery W. Hamons**

**O**n the Web site for Computol, Inc., Jeff Hamons mentions the pride his company takes in its commitment to education and training that contributes to better client service. That pride has carried over from the days when Jeff was a student in the Electronics program at Penta. Jeff says his Penta training not only provided him with the skills to succeed, but it also helped him develop a good attitude and discipline in preparation for the electronics industry.

For more than 20 years, Jeff has served as the president, general manager and sales manager for Computol, a technology integration company he founded while working at NCR Corporation. The company sells professional information technology services and equipment to businesses. Jeff has grown the company from a one-person operation to nine full-time employees with annual sales in excess of a \$1 million. Jeff's company has served several hundred local and nationally-known businesses.

Jeff's belief in the importance of education is evident through the professional certifications and training programs he has completed over the past 24 years. Even his participation in the Penta Adult Education Small Business Management program in 1982 contributed a strong knowledge base for the establishment of his own business.

Jeff offers the following advice to students, "Take ownership of yourself and set ideas into motion and get going. Education is a never-ending process... become a lifetime student of learning."

In his spare time, Jeff gives back to his community in the numerous organizations that he has served. Some of the organizations in which Jeff holds memberships include: the Woodville Jaycees, Toledo Rotary Club, TRIAD Masonic Lodge, Zenobia Shrine, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Jeff's favorite hobby is flying airplanes. He is an instrument-rated private pilot and owns a Beechcraft Bonanza A-36 plane for personal and business use.

Jeff is married to Joani and they have a 14-year-old daughter, Jordan.



## **Graduated**

1979 (High School)

1982 (Adult Education)

## **Career Program**

Electronics  
(High School)  
Small Business  
Management  
(Adult Education)

## **Member School**

Woodmore

## **Current Occupation**

President

## **Company**

Computol, Inc.  
118 E. Third St. Suite C  
Perrysburg, OH 43551  
419-874-2280

# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004



**Graduated**  
1977

**Career Program**  
Radio & TV

**Member School**  
Northwood

**Current Occupation**  
Chief of Police

**Company**  
City of Northwood  
6000 Wales Rd.  
Northwood, OH 43619  
419-691-5053

**W**hen you picture someone who is dedicated to his or her career both professionally and personally, you should think of Penta alumnus Jerry Herman. In his 20-year career in law enforcement, Jerry has achieved a remarkable resume.

Jerry completed his Penta training in Radio & TV Technology in 1977. His training enabled him to begin a career in the Marine Corps where he was an A-6E intruder plane captain.

During his last few years in the military, Jerry made a life-changing decision that set the course for his career. He decided to pursue the field of law enforcement. In 1984, upon his return to Northwest Ohio, he accepted his first job as a patrolman in the Northwood Police Department.

In 1986 Jerry decided to explore a new challenge and took a position as a police officer for the City of Sylvania. Jerry worked in Sylvania for 14 years where he served as a patrolman, in community affairs and as police sergeant.

Jerry earned his associate's degree from Owens Community College. He has also earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration from The University of Toledo.

Perhaps the most rewarding job that Jerry has experienced is his current position as chief of police for the City of Northwood. He is the administrator for a staff of 31 people and manages an operating budget of \$1.8 million. Jerry has served in this position since 2000.

Jerry continues to stay involved with educational initiatives. For 10 years, he has been an instructor of criminal investigation courses at Lourdes College in Sylvania. In addition, he has been involved with Ohio Reads at Lark Elementary in Northwood and the Continuous Improvement Planning Committee with Rossford Schools.

Jerry is appreciative of his training at Penta and offers advice for current students. "Learn as much as you can about the career you are seeking and stay active in extra-curricular activities," says Jerry. "Work hard at everything you do because hard work is always recognized by family members, teachers and employers."

Jerry is dedicated to many professional and community organizations some of which include: the Wood County Law Enforcement Executives Association (which he serves as president); Ohio Association of Police Chiefs; International Association of Police Chiefs; D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio; and the Oregon/Northwood Rotary Club.

Jerry is married to Lorie and they have two children.



**Gerald O. Herman**



# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004



**Thomas G. Overmyer**

**A**s a business owner in the fire protection industry, Tom Overmyer attributes his education at Penta as a steppingstone to his career success.

“Penta prepared me for life,” says Tom. “I liked the hands-on experience and the instructors provided positive encouragement. Penta provided me with the basic tools to use throughout my life.”

After completing his Penta training in Agricultural Mechanics and brief employment at Johns Manville, Tom entered a five-year apprenticeship program with the

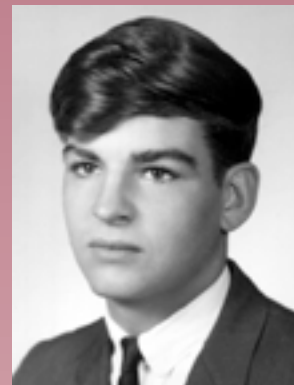
Sprinklerfitters and Pipefitters Union, sponsored through Pennsylvania State University. During his training, he worked for the National Automatic Sprinkler Corporation of America. In this position he installed fire suppression systems in commercial buildings. He is proud to have worked as the superintendent of the project for the new Owens-Illinois office building in downtown Toledo in the late 1970s.

As Tom continued his successful career in the fire protection industry, he worked for two other companies before he decided to take his career to the next level – business ownership. In 1996, he opened his own fire protection company called ACCEL Fire Systems, Inc. in Sylvania.

As the owner and president of ACCEL Fire Systems, Inc., Tom oversees the entire operation of the company from bidding jobs to ordering materials. The company has grown rapidly in less than 10 years of existence and currently has 15 full-time employees with average sales of \$2.5 million per year. Some of the area facilities where Tom and his company have completed work include: Owens Community College Fine Arts Center, Bay Park Community Hospital, and The University of Toledo. They are currently working on the new Levis Commons Shopping Complex in Perrysburg.

In addition to keeping busy as a business owner, Tom is active in the community and has several hobbies. He is a member of the Waterville Township Zoning Board and has been active in 4-H and the Lucas County Agricultural Society. Tom enjoys beekeeping and scuba diving. He is also an owner and admirer of Chevrolet Corvettes and is active in the Glass City Corvette Club.

Tom is married to Judy (who also attended Penta) and they have three adult children and three grandchildren.



**Graduated**

1968

**Career Program**

Agricultural Mechanics

**Member School**

Grand Rapids (Otsego)

**Current Occupation**

Owner/President

**Company**

ACCEL Fire Systems, Inc.

3365 Silica Road

Sylvania, OH 43560

419-843-7756

# Penta Outstanding Alumnus 2004

**Graduated**

1985

**Career Program**

Masonry

**Member School**

Otsego

**Current Occupation**

Owner

**Company**

Smith Construction

527 Putnam St.

Findlay, OH 45840

419-722-2063

**M**ike Smith credits the training he received at Penta Career Center for his success in the construction field. Mike is the owner of Smith Construction in Findlay, which specializes in cabinet building, home remodeling and home construction. In addition, he owns Mike's Painting and Refinishing, an auto body shop.

"My Penta training offered a well-balanced approach of curriculum and hands-on experience with brick, block and concrete projects," says Mike. "I still use the masonry skills I learned at Penta with the work I do today in my construction business."



**Mike Smith**

After completing Penta's Masonry program, Mike joined the Marine Corps for four years. He was honorably discharged and decided to enroll at The University of Findlay where he earned two degrees in five years. In 1995 he earned a bachelor's degree in biology and in 1996 he earned a bachelor's degree in environmental management. Mike's talent and love for hands-on work experiences have provided Mike with a satisfying and successful career in the areas of construction and auto body.

Mike is very involved with his church. He has previously served as a youth pastor and is currently a deacon at his church. Mike's expertise in construction has enabled him to help with various church projects. He has served on the building committee for his church and personally worked on many phases of the construction for another church.

Mike is married to Paula, a graduate of Penta's Cosmetology program, and they have three children.

# Penta Career Center

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Eastwood Local  
Elmwood Local  
Genoa Area Local  
Lake Local  
Maumee City  
North Baltimore Local  
Northwood Local  
Otsego Local  
Perrysburg Exempted Village  
Rossford Exempted Village  
Springfield Local  
Swanton Local  
Woodmore Local

## Previous Outstanding Penta 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

### 2001 Recipients

**Marty Almester** - 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. Zyghela** - Anthony Wayne



## **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

## **Penta Career Center**

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