

# PENTA CAREER CENTER OUTSTANDING ALUMNI 2006

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



**Fred Susor**

Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

It's hard to believe that 13 years have passed since we initiated the Penta Career Center Outstanding Alumni Award. This special awards program has been an important means of recognizing excellence and success of our alumni. We are proud that since 1993, 78 former students have been chosen for this award.

This year we are recognizing seven former students. Each has a unique story to share about how their education and training at Penta helped them reach their personal and professional goals. As you review this booklet, you will notice how our outstanding alumni recipients mention that education is a lifelong process. They acknowledge that additional training such as college, the military, certifications, and other continuing education programs have been important to achieving success in their careers.

This year's outstanding alumni recipients also recognize how the caring attitude of their Penta instructors made a positive impact in their career preparation. Our outstanding alumni frequently mention that because of the encouraging atmosphere at Penta, they gained self-confidence to enter the workforce or to continue their education.

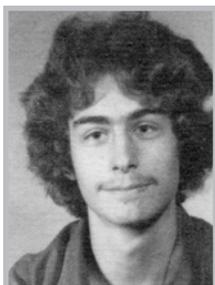
Community involvement is another common characteristic of our outstanding alumni recipients. Many are involved in professional and community groups and participate in volunteer activities. Our alumni enjoy giving back to their communities.

As educators, we are always pleased to see our former students achieve success. Their accomplishments validate our belief that we make a difference in the lives of our students.

Congratulations to the 2006 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Susor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box.

Fred Susor  
Superintendent  
Penta Career Center



**Thomas Berkebile**

As an Automotive Technology student at Penta, Tom Berkebile was unlike most of his fellow classmates. Instead of enjoying the engine repair aspect of the automotive program, Tom preferred learning about and working on the electrical systems of vehicles.

“Penta helped prepare me for my current career as an electrical systems engineer,” says Tom. “Because of the firm understanding of the fundamentals I learned at Penta, I’m a rare find in Detroit. I know complete vehicles bumper-to-bumper and I understand the effects of one system on another.”

In 1985, Tom continued to pursue his interest in electronics when he joined the United States Army. Tom studied electronics at a satellite ground receiving station while in the service. He served in Landstuhl, Germany for four years.

When Tom was discharged from the service, he returned to the Toledo area and worked for a few years for a copier company. At the same time he began taking classes at The University of Toledo toward a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering technology.

While still in college in 1992, Tom was hired by the Ford Motor Company as an electrical systems technician where he was responsible for many functions including technical support and creating truck prototype CAD drawings of vehicle electronic/electrical systems. His experiences at Ford also included managing the EESE breadboard lab facilities and testing and prototyping electrical/electronic truck systems.

In 1998, Tom became an EDS systems engineer at Alcoa-Fujikura, LTD in Allen Park, Michigan where he worked as the lead engineer on the electrical distribution systems for vehicles such as the 1999-2001 Lincoln Navigator/Ford Expedition and the 2002 Lincoln Blackwood.

Tom’s success at Alcoa, provided him the opportunity to advance to his dream job. In 2000, Tom accepted an engineering position at Magna International in the company’s Intier Automotive Interiors Division located in Novi, Michigan. Magna, the most diversified automotive supplier in the world, designs, develops and manufactures automotive systems for sale to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of cars and light trucks in North America, Asia and South America.

In just six short years at Magna, Tom has accomplished a great deal. He has been the lead electronic/electrical systems and program engineer for the Ford power running board system. Tom was issued a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in 2005 for his work on the pneumatic version for the power running board system.

Due to his busy career, Tom barely has time for relaxation. When he does have spare time, he enjoys radio-controlled airplanes, downhill skiing (he has skied in the Alps), and home repair projects. Tom lives in Perrysburg with his wife, Lisa Hoverson. He has a son, Austin and stepchildren, John and Amanda.

Class of **1981**  
Career Program  
**Automotive Technology**  
Member School  
**Perrysburg**  
Current Occupation  
**Electrical/Electronics Systems Engineer**  
Company  
**Magna International**  
**39600 Lewis Drive**  
**Novi, Michigan 48377**  
**248.567.5355**



**Patrick O. Curtin**



Class of **1977**  
Career Program  
**Carpentry**  
Member School  
**Maumee**  
Current Occupation  
**Outside Sales Representative Contractor Sales**  
Company  
**The Gordon Lumber Company**  
**6433 Monclova Road**  
**Maumee, Ohio 43537**  
**419.893.0704**

For Pat Curtin, Penta's Carpentry program helped direct him along a career path that he still enjoys doing today – almost 30 years later.

Pat says his Penta training provided him with confidence to enter the workforce directly out of high school. "The Penta staff helped me make the right choices and they taught me to become a problem solver," says Pat.

After completing his career-training at Penta and graduating from Maumee High School, Pat worked as a carpenter for a short time with his brother at Thomas Curtin Builders. Since Pat had previously worked at a lumberyard during high school and because he enjoyed that experience, he decided to pursue a career in the lumber business. From 1979 to 1989, he worked for several companies including S & S Building Supply, Georgia Pacific and Lumbermens. He worked in various capacities for these companies from in-house carpentry work, to sales, to management.

Pat's background in carpentry and lumberyards motivated him to own and operate his own business. In 1989, he purchased Bucher Lumber. The experience of business ownership provided many learning experiences in management and retail sales.

After 12 years of managing his own lumber business, Pat decided to become an employee again. He joined The Gordon Lumber Company in 2001 as an outside sales representative. In his current position he is responsible for selling building products.

Pat is dedicated to serving his community. As a business owner, he was active in the Swanton Rotary Club and the Swanton Chamber of Commerce. In 2000, he began serving as a board member with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and was also appointed to the Penta Career Center Board of Education in August 2000. He is also active member of Waterville Community Church.

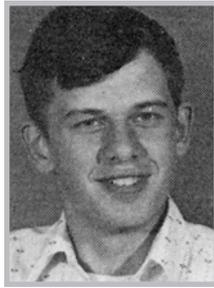
Pat's tenure on the Penta Board of Education has made history. He has served as the vice president in 2004 and 2005 and in January 2006 was selected president of the Board. Pat is the first alumnus of Penta Career Center to serve on the Board and also as president of the Board.

In his spare time, Pat enjoys outdoor recreation such as golfing, hunting and camping. He and his wife, Roxanne (also a Penta alumnus), have three grown children, Joshua, age 28, Cassie, age 25, and Chase, age 22. He and his wife are also grandparents.

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**Steven W. Curtis**



Steven Curtis began his successful career in drafting when he interviewed and was hired as a draftsman by Doehler-Jarvis, soon after graduating from high school. He credits Penta for helping jump-start his career in the highly competitive drafting industry.

"The skills I learned at Penta have helped me in every stage of my career," says Steven. "The staff members at Penta were very caring... they went above and beyond the call of duty to help me prepare for my career."

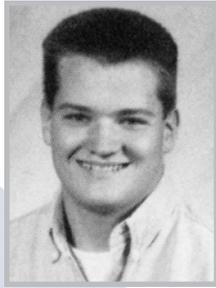
After working at Doehler-Jarvis for two years, Steven obtained a drafting position at the Detroit Stoker Company in Monroe, Michigan. The company is a leading supplier of stokers and related combustion equipment for the production of steam used in heating, industrial processing and electrical power generation around the world.

Steven has worked for the Detroit Stoker Company for 25 years. Throughout his career he has an impressive employment record. Steven has been a draftsman, CADD operator, CADD System Manager, pattern keeper, and quality assurance technician. Steven has also completed five courses in UNIX training and has received CMM training for quality assurance. He also helps train other employees at his company by serving as a CADD trainer.

Steven enjoys helping in his community. He has been an advisory board member for Penta's Computer-Aided Design program and has volunteered his time for Career Night/Open House at Penta. Steven has also been a little league baseball coach in Toledo and Millbury and is active on his church council.

Steven and his wife, Joyce, are the parents of two grown children, Elizabeth and Jenny (who both completed programs at Penta). In his spare time he enjoys all types of sports especially golf, NASCAR and football.

Class of **1979**  
Career Program  
**Drafting**  
Member School  
**Otsego**  
Current Occupation  
**Quality Assurance Technician**  
Company  
**Detroit Stoker Company**  
1510 E. First Street  
Monroe, Michigan 48161  
734.241.9500



**Jarrad C. Egert**

As a young child growing up in Elmore, Ohio, Jarrad Egert always loved cars. Jarrad was intrigued by the cars his father Doug worked on in the family garage. Jarrad also liked watching the sprint car races with his father. These positive experiences with automobiles ultimately inspired Jarrad to choose an automotive career.

As a high school student in the Penta Automotive Technology program, Jarrad excelled in his studies and obtained a job as a technician at BP Procure in Toledo. Jarrad is proud of the automotive training he received at Penta. He believes Penta provided the skills he needed to excel in his career.

"Penta provided a very solid mechanical background which has helped elevate myself to where I am today," says Jarrad. "It's been a great experience this far and it all started because of my training at Penta."

After four years with BP Procure, Jarrad decided to pursue his real career interest – the exciting sport of auto racing. He began his journey in the auto racing business when he worked for Jerry Cook who raced in the Iceman Super Late Model Series. Soon after working for Jerry Cook, Jarrad became an automotive technician for Sealmaster Racing. He worked on the #88 truck driven by Terry Cook (Jerry's brother) which raced in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. In 2000, Jarrad took another step along his journey and became the engine tuner for Impact Motorsports. That same year he landed a job with Joe Gibbs Racing, one of the biggest names in NASCAR.

Class of **1995**  
Career Program  
**Automotive Technology**  
Member School  
**Woodmore**  
Current Occupation  
**Engine Tuner for #20 (Tony Stewart)**  
**NEXTEL Cup Car**  
Company  
**Joe Gibbs Racing**  
**13415 Reese Boulevard West**  
**Huntersville, North Carolina 28078**  
**704.944.5000**

Upon accepting the job with Joe Gibbs Racing, Jarrad moved from Ohio to the heart of NASCAR racing – Charlotte, North Carolina. He has lived in Charlotte for the past six years and continues to work for Joe Gibbs Racing. From 2000 to 2003, he worked as the engine tuner with Coy Gibbs in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and the NASCAR Busch Series.

Jarrad is currently working his dream job with Joe Gibbs Racing. He is the head engine tuner for Tony Stewart and the #20 Home Depot racing team, the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champions. Jarrad is proud to be a member this famous racing team because he is experiencing more than he ever imagined.

Jarrad's fast-paced life in NASCAR gives him little time for relaxation. However, he still manages to visit his family in Elmore a few times a year. He also has three days off a week during racing season when he enjoys restoring his 1973 Plymouth Roadrunner, boating and riding his 2005 Harley-Davidson motorcycle.



**Patricia K. Hyland**

For Patricia Hyland, the Early Childhood Education program at Penta Career Center helped her make a decision to pursue a career in education.

Tricia's experiences working with preschoolers in the Penta Early Learning Center allowed her to observe the exciting and rewarding aspects of employment in education. Tricia believes Penta was an important stepping stone toward a successful career in education.

"By the time I graduated from Perrysburg and completed my training at Penta I knew that working with students was the profession for me," says Tricia. "If it weren't for my education at Penta and the positive guidance of my instructor Linda Borton, I would not have developed the confidence to go onto college, take risks and attempt all of life's hurdles."

After Penta, Tricia worked in area child care centers and for the Head Start program. In 1983 she earned a bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University (BGSU). She has also earned a master's degree in education from BGSU and an administration/principal certificate from the University of Findlay.

Tricia began her career in education by working as a classroom teacher in the Toledo Public Schools for nine years. She was a 7th and 8th grade math instructor and also an after-school tutor for disadvantaged students.

Since 1996 Tricia has been a school psychologist for the Maumee City Schools, a position in which she has multiple responsibilities. Not only does she manage the development and implementation of procedures and policies mandated by the state and federal government, but she also supervises method students and high school senior career projects at Maumee.

Tricia has extensive experience working with students with disabilities. She has played a pivotal role in the development of an Intervention Based Assessment Program and a special education resource handbook. Tricia has been honored by the Northwest Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center with an Excellence in Education Award.

Tricia enjoys participating in several professional and volunteer activities. She is a member of the Ohio Education Association where she has served as a state representative. She has also served as the special education representative for the Maumee Educators' Association and the Maumee chairperson of the Fund for Children. Tricia volunteers as an Ohio Reads Tutor and literature provider for the Juvenile Detention Center.

In her spare time, Tricia likes to read fiction and non-fiction books and enjoys exercising in spinning classes. She is the mother of two grown children.

Class of 1976  
Career Program  
Early Childhood Education  
Member School  
Perrysburg  
Current Occupation  
School Psychologist  
Company  
Maumee City Schools  
1147 Saco Drive  
Maumee, Ohio 43537  
419.893.1801



**Lisa (Ackley) Mattin**

Lisa Mattin is a motivated individual. She is a successful secretary/word processor at the Medical University of Ohio (MUO) and co-owner of three businesses.

Lisa owes much of her success in life to her education at Penta. "Not only did Penta provide me with skills to excel in my career, but it helped me develop confidence to further my education and open my own businesses," says Lisa. "I always recommend Penta to others because it provides the experience and skills you need for a job and for life."

After completing secretarial and word processing training at Penta and graduating from Maumee High School, Lisa worked as an assistant manager at a restaurant and in a clerical position with a local department store. She began her career with MUO in 1992.

While at MUO, Lisa has held several important positions with the organization. She has been a technical typist, a secretary, an administrative secretary, and word processing specialist in various departments. She is currently working in two capacities – as a secretary for the Division of Gastroenterology and as a word processing specialist for the Department of Medicine.

For most people, working full-time is plenty to handle in a daily schedule, but not for Lisa. In 1994 she decided to further her education and enrolled at Lourdes College. Lisa learned to balance a full-time job and at the same time attend college part-time

during the evenings and on weekends. Her hectic schedule paid off because in 2004, she graduated Cum Laude from Lourdes with a dual bachelor's degree in business administration and human resource management.

Lisa is proud of her many personal and professional accomplishments and she continues to pursue new interests. During the past few years, Lisa and her husband, Dale (also a Penta alumnus) took on some new challenges by starting three businesses. In 2003, they started The Button Factory, a company that produces buttons for political races and fund raisers. They also recently opened a portrait studio in Swanton called Snapshots Portrait Studio and started a business called Smiley's Delivery Service.

Lisa has also been active in various community projects. She is a volunteer at the Auglaize Village in Defiance (a restoration project of the Defiance County Historical Society). In addition she has given her time to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family project.

All three businesses and her full-time job at MUO keep Lisa quite busy with little time for hobbies and interests. However, when she does get time to relax, Lisa enjoys camping, playing the flute, outdoor photography, and spending time with her 14-year-old dog, Shelby.

Class of **1985**  
Career Program  
**Word Processing**  
Member School  
**Maumee**  
Current Occupation  
**Secretary/Word Processor & Business Owner**  
Company  
**Medical University of Ohio**  
Businesses  
**The Button Factory**  
**Snapshots Portrait Studio**  
**Smiley's Delivery Service**



**Danilynn M. Miller**

**D**anilynn Miller has always been goal driven throughout her life. While studying Security and Law Enforcement at Penta, Danilynn set high goals – she wanted to attend college and become a police officer. Danilynn also had high professional and personal aspirations while at Terra Community College. She had several goals in mind and they included: owning a house; purchasing a new truck; becoming a dog owner; securing employment as a full-time police officer; and earning a bachelor's degree. Danilynn accomplished all of these goals by the time she reached age 25.

Danilynn credits Penta with providing a firm foundation that enabled her to become successful in the field of law enforcement. "Penta offered many advantages," says Danilynn. "My education at Penta helped prepare me for the police academy and college courses."

In 1992, Danilynn earned two degrees from Terra and at the same time earned her state certifications in both the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council's Police Officer Academy and Corrections Academy. From 1992 to 1994 she worked as a dispatcher for the Put-In-Bay Police Department, a public safety officer at Terra Community College, and as a police officer for the City of Willard.

Danilynn continued her successful career in law enforcement when she accepted a patrolman position with the City of Sylvania in 1994. She worked as a patrolman with the City of Sylvania until 2002 when she was promoted to sergeant.

While working full-time as a patrolman in Sylvania, Danilynn returned to college to pursue a bachelor's degree. In 1997 she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lourdes College with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice.

Danilynn is proud of her position as a police sergeant. She is the first and only female sergeant in the history of the police department in the City of Sylvania. Danilynn handles the shift duty supervision for the road patrol, supervises the In-Car Video Systems, Accident Investigation Unit, Child Safety Seat Program, and the DUI Task Force. She is also a department firearms training officer and represents the Sylvania Police Department on Lucas County's DUI Task Force and the Traffic Safety Task Force.

Since 1996, Danilynn has received several employment and community service awards. She has earned Merit Commendation Awards from the City of Sylvania Police Department in 1996, 2000, 2001 and in 2003. In addition, she received the 2002 Outstanding Safety Advocate Award from the Greater Toledo Safe Kids Coalition and an Outstanding Service Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2004.

In her spare time, Danilynn enjoys riding her horse, Harley, a registered American quarter pony, and spending time with her 12-year-old dog, Mags.

Class of **1990**  
Career Program  
**Security and Law Enforcement**  
Member School  
**Anthony Wayne**  
Current Occupation  
**Sergeant**  
Company  
**City of Sylvania Police Department**  
6635 Maplewood Avenue  
Sylvania, Ohio 43560  
419.885.8902

# PREVIOUS PENTA CAREER CENTER 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*  
James Lennox – *Lake*  
Suzanne (Boyer) Myers –  
*Anthony Wayne*  
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. Zygela – *Anthony Wayne*

## **2004 Recipients**

Lynne (Mullen) Burch – *Maumee*  
Carole A. (Hughes) Brennan – *Lake*  
Chris Cufu – *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*

# PENTA CAREER CENTER

## Board of Education 2006

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Center

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Center

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Wood County Educational Service  
Center

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Center

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Center

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**Lake Local**

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**Rossford Exempted Village**

**Springfield Local**

**Swanton Local**

**Woodmore Local**

# Penta Career Center

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## 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; and**

**Recognize the necessity of continuous education.**