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PENTA CAREER CENTER • OUTSTANDING ALUMNI 2008



Fred Susor

Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

It's hard to believe that 2008 represents the 16th year that we have recognized former students of Penta Career Center with our Outstanding Alumni Award. Over the years, this program has been an important community relations activity for Penta as well as for our member school districts. We are pleased to note that 91 former students have been honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award.

This year's event is a milestone for us because it represents the final year the ceremony will take place at our facility at 30095 Oregon Road. As you know we will be moving into our new facility for the start of the 2008/2009 school year. We hope you will continue to join us for future Outstanding Alumni ceremonies at our new facility at 9301 Buck Road.

Each year, applicants for the award present exemplary credentials making the selection process a difficult decision. This year we are proud to recognize seven former students who have displayed excellence and success in their chosen career. 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 encouragement and support from 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 volunteer activities on a professional and/or personal level. 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 2008 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Fred Susor
Superintendent
Penta Career Center

Tony J. Anteau

Tony Anteau is proud of his Penta education. Tony credits Penta for providing the foundation that has led to a successful career in the emergency medical field. Not only did Tony complete the Diversified Cooperative Health Occupations program as a high school student in 1985, but that same year he completed the Emergency Medical Technician program through Penta's Adult Education Division.

At Penta, Tony was very active in student activities. He served as a VICA ambassador and a tour guide. He also earned the Outstanding Student Award in his career program during his senior recognition ceremony.

Tony advocates preparedness and advises current students to be assertive and strive to learn as many skills as possible as they begin their life after high school. "Remember that the key to success is to be ready for an opportunity when it arises," offers Tony. "Seize that opportunity and run with it."

Tony advanced quickly in his career after completing his Penta education. For the past 23 years, he has worked in positions such as emergency medical technician (EMT), firefighter, chief of fire/EMS, and management positions for ambulance services. Throughout his career he has worked in several northwest Ohio and southern Michigan communities.

Currently Tony is the executive vice president of MedCorp, Inc., Ohio's largest ambulance and ambulette operation spanning 100 communities in Ohio with 52 locations. He is directly responsible for 1,200 employees and a fleet of over 400 vehicles.

Tony has extensive training in the areas of EMT, medical dispatching, firefighting, paramedic, and emergency medical technology. He has earned certifications through Penta, The University of Toledo Medical Center (formerly the Medical College of Ohio), St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, and the Taylor Fire Department in Michigan.

Tony's career achievements are impressive. He has been appointed by Governor Ted Strickland as a board member of the Ohio Medical Transportation Board which oversees the licensure of Emergency Medical Services in Ohio. In addition, Tony will be recognized in May by the American Ambulance Association with the Star of Life Award. The award will be presented to Tony in Washington D.C. by President George Bush.

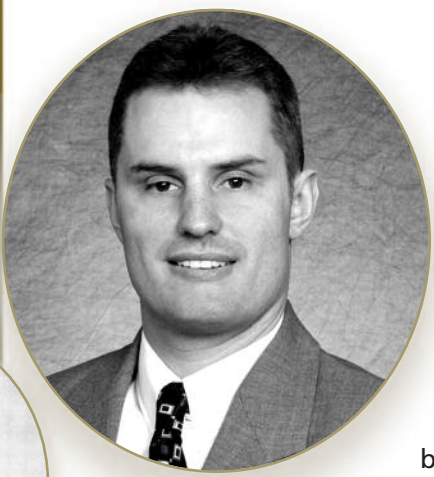
Even with a busy career, Tony still has time to enjoy time with his family. He is married to Kelli and they have two children, Trevor, age 9 and Morgan, age 8. Tony and his family live in Pemberville and enjoy camping and spending time at The Toledo Zoo and The Toledo Museum of Art.



Class of **1985**
Career Program
**Diversified Cooperative
Health Occupations**
Member School
Rossford
Current Occupation
Executive Vice President
Company
MedCorp, Inc.
745 MedCorp Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43608
419.727.7000

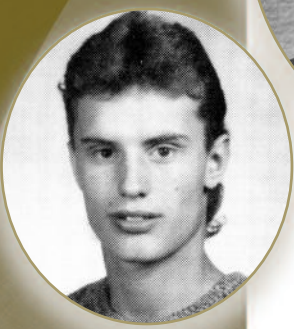


George C. Byington Jr.



George Byington believes Penta provided him with a solid foundation to help launch his career in the military and law enforcement.

"Penta gave me a head start and the confidence to help prepare me for life after high school," says George. "I believe I was able to succeed in my career at a faster pace because of my training and education at Penta."



Soon after completing the Security and Law Enforcement program at Penta and graduating from Oak Harbor High School, George enlisted in the United States Navy. He spent nine years in the Navy and during his last five years he earned impressive qualifications that helped advance his career. George was qualified as a Navy Deep Sea Diver and was a nationally registered EMT-Basic. George also was Airborne qualified and was an instructor of Aviation Water Survival.

George's Navy career enabled him to experience life in several foreign countries including Japan, Bali and Panama. He also spent time in Hawaii during his military career. George worked in unique armed and unarmed security assignments including an assignment of providing security for nuclear vessels.

George accomplished a great deal in the Navy and was recognized with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and earned several letters of commendations and citations.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy in 2002, George lived in California and worked as a juvenile corrections officer for a short time. During his time in California, George also worked for the Lemoore Police Department while he was enrolled in the police academy at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California. He graduated second in his class from the police academy and also earned the Leadership Award.

In 2005, George decided to return to his roots in Northwest Ohio and began working for the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. His first job was a corrections deputy. In 2007, after he earned his Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certification through Owens Community College, George was promoted to his current position as a road patrol deputy. In this position, he is responsible for road patrol, accident investigations, report writing, arrests, bookings, and interviewing suspects, victims and witnesses.

George has continued his interest in teaching. Recently, George earned his substitute teaching license for law enforcement training. George often substitute teaches in Penta's Public Safety/Criminal Justice program. In addition, he is an instructor for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

In his spare time, George enjoys camping and traveling with his family. He and his wife Laurel live in Oak Harbor and they have two children, Serena, age 11 and Taylor, age 9.

Class of **1992**

Career Program
Security & Law Enforcement

Member School
Oak Harbor

Current Occupation
Patrol Deputy

Company
Ottawa County Sheriff's Office
315 Madison Street
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452
419.734.4404

Benjamin L. Croley

For Ben Croley, Penta provided him with the ability to obtain immediate employment in the accounting field and at the same time attend college to continue his education. Ben says that Penta gave him an edge in college. He was much further ahead than other students, plus while attending Penta, he had already earned credits toward his degree.

For Ben, education has been a lifelong process. In 1995, he graduated from Owens Community College with a degree in accounting, but his educational journey did not end there. Ben wanted to pursue more education and training so he began working on his bachelor's degree. In 2006, he completed his degree in accounting with a minor in business law from The University of Toledo (UT). Ben is still not completely done with college and is currently a graduate student in accounting at UT.

Since 1993, Ben has been employed as an accountant by a variety of businesses and organizations in the Toledo area. He has worked for the Cousino Construction Company, Holiday Inn, T. Gray Automotive, and Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio. Ben also worked in Michigan for two years for O.J. Transport at the Ford Woodhaven Stamping Plant as a field logistics supervisor.

Seven years ago, when Ben noticed a job posting for an account examiner for the State of Ohio, Bureau of Workers' Compensation, he applied for the position and was hired. He has continued working in the public sector and recently achieved yet another career milestone when he was promoted to the position of auditor.

Ben is very active in the community. He spends much of his time with the Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio, the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. He has served as an officer for his organization for nine years. Ben has been involved in many of the group's volunteer initiatives including the 32 Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children and the Special Olympics.

In addition to the Freemasons, Ben has begun volunteering with the Miracle League of Northwest Ohio, an organization that was founded by two of his friends from Northwood High School. The organization's goal is to raise enough money to construct a rubberized baseball field for kids with disabilities.

Ben also continues to keep involved at Penta. He is a member of the Business & Financial Services Advisory Committee and often volunteers his time to proctor the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) exam for students at Penta.

In his spare time, Ben enjoys The University of Michigan football and the Cleveland Browns, where he has been a season ticket holder since 2001.



Class of **1993**

Career Program

Accounting & Computing

Member School

Northwood

Current Occupation

External Auditor

Organization

State of Ohio

30 W. Spring Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

1.800.644.6292



David Gillette



As a young boy, Dave Gillette had a keen interest in home building and remodeling. He liked to help his father with construction work and those practical experiences helped him make the decision to attend Penta and study carpentry.

Dave has fond memories of Penta. He always remembers advice from his instructor, Don Black, who frequently reminded Dave and his fellow classmates that carpenters are problem-solvers. This advice is something Dave has taken to heart because solving problems is something he does daily as a business owner.

After completing Penta's Carpentry program in 1973 and graduating from Springfield, Dave continued to work for his father's business for a few months and then decided to pursue employment with a local roofing company. Dave worked for five years for Ohio Roofing and gained much experience.

In 1981, Dave was ready to accept a new challenge so he decided to start his own business – Gillette Roofing in Holland, Ohio. In the beginning, Dave and his crews did more than just roofing. The company accepted painting, remodeling and home addition jobs in order to give the business a boost. As the company's positive reputation grew, so did his business. Dave now oversees 13 employees and handles the managerial and sales aspects of his business.

Dave takes pride in his company by offering quality workmanship, excellent customer service and honest business practices. He often receives letters from customers who compliment the company and its employees for a job well done.

In addition, Dave and his company have been recognized by the Better Business Bureau, the Safety Council of Northwest Ohio and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The company is also an Owens Corning Preferred Contractor and a member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

As an extremely busy business owner, Dave still devotes time to giving back. He is a big supporter of Springfield Schools and the Holland business community. He also is quite active in the Kairos Prison Ministry, a church-affiliated volunteer program that ministers to inmates at the Toledo Correctional Facility in north Toledo. Dave has also been active in the Boy Scouts of America as a den leader and is currently an assistant scoutmaster.

In his spare time, Dave enjoys camping. He has taken camping trips to Alaska and the Smoky Mountains. He also enjoys downhill skiing, canoeing, biking, and spending time with his family. Dave lives in Holland with his wife Melinda and their children, Audrey, age 17, Amelia, age 15 and Nathan, age 12.

Class of **1973**
Career Program
Carpentry
Member School
Springfield
Current Occupation
Business Owner
Company
Gillette Roofing LLC
1774 Sudbury Drive
Holland, Ohio 43528
419.865.4520

Diane S. (Asmus) Hemminger

The voice and sunshine of the Wood County Educational Service Center" is how Superintendent Douglas Garman describes Penta Outstanding Alumnus Diane Hemminger. Many Wood County ESC staff members concur with Garman and say that Diane is a shining example of what career-technical education is all about.



Diane completed Penta's High Skill Stenography program and graduated from Otsego High School in 1967. She immediately was employed in her field of study and began working for Bowling Green State University (BGSU). After one year at BGSU, she was promoted as the receptionist/secretary to the office of President Dr. William Jerome III. When Dr. Hollis Moore was appointed the new BGSU president in 1970, Diane continued her work for the office.

After leaving the workforce for a few years to spend time with her children, Diane returned to work as the office manager for Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist in North Baltimore. Not only was Diane employed by the church, she also became a very active volunteer in the church through their education, worship and nominating committees. She continues to volunteer at her church as a Sunday school teacher.

After nearly 10 years with her church employer, Diane decided to take on another challenge and accepted the job of receptionist/office manager for the Wood County Educational Service Center in Bowling Green. Since 1996, Diane has managed her duties in a professional and efficient manner. Her responsibilities are numerous and she performs her job with a smile and pleasant personality. Some of Diane's duties include: greeting visitors, answering phones, routing phone calls, mentoring new employees, providing secretarial back-up, scheduling conference rooms, and ordering office supplies.

Diane is an accomplished pianist. Her talent has allowed her play for church services, weddings and funerals. She also is an accompanist for junior high and high school students when they participate in solo and ensemble contests through the Ohio Music Education Association.

Diane and her husband of 35 years, Beryl, have two adult daughters, Kelly and Kim. They also have one granddaughter, Mia, age 4. In her spare time, Diane enjoys reading, playing the piano and traveling to the Smoky Mountains.

Class of **1967**
Career Program
High Skill Stenography

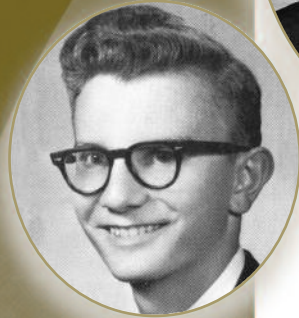
Member School
Otsego

Current Occupation
Office Manager

Organization
**Wood County Educational
Service Center**
1867 N. Research Drive
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
419.354.9010



Robert J. Osstifin



Bob Osstifin is proud of his training at Penta and is eager to give back to the school that gave him a jump-start to his career. In 1966, Bob began his career by completing Penta's Electronics program. He then furthered his education by earning a degree in electrical engineering technology at the Penta Technical Institute (now known as Owens Community College). Today, after enjoying a very successful career, he has returned to Penta and is currently working part-time as a diversified industrial trainer in the Adult Education Division.

"I want to pass on my experiences in the electrical field and treat students as individuals who have great possibilities in the real world," says Bob.

Bob served in the United States Army Reserves and gained additional experience in the area of electronics. He was stationed at The University of Toledo and worked as a battalion communication chief. He was responsible for the maintenance of radio and telephone networks.

Bob's high school, college and military training, prepared him well for his job with Lucas County. In 1972, he began working at the Maumee River Wastewater Treatment Plant. He first worked as a maintenance operator and then advanced to plant electrician in which he supervised the entire electrical department.

Bob worked for Lucas County for 31 years. During his last few years, he worked as a safety trainer for the County as well as for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). He has provided training to AFSCME members all over the country.

Bob's experience as a trainer has also provided him with the opportunity to teach part-time at Owens Community College in the areas of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training, electrical training and skilled trades instruction.

Bob believes training and skills play a tremendous role in his life. He has earned dozens of certifications in the areas of electrical, wastewater, safety and health. Even today, as a part-time retiree, Bob continues his education by keeping current with his certifications.

Over the years, Bob has been active in the community and in professional organizations. He is a past member of the Maumee Jaycees and coached baseball for more than 10 years in the Maumee Pony Colt Division. Professionally, Bob has served as chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the Northwest Section of the Ohio Water Pollution Control Federation.

Bob has been married to Rita for 36 years. They have three adult children and two grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys fishing.

Class of **1966**

Career Program
Electronics

Member School
Anthony Wayne

Current Occupation
Trainer

Organizations
Penta Career Center

**30095 Oregon Road
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551
419.661.6555**

**Owens Community College
P.O. Box 10,000
Toledo, Ohio 43699-1947
567.661.7357**

Jennifer L. (Byington) Wilkins

For Jennifer Wilkins, Penta has provided her with the skills and training for excellent job opportunities.

Jennifer is proud of her Penta education and believes her training has helped her achieve success in her career. "If it wasn't for Penta, I would not have received the opportunities and the financial gain in my early career," says Jennifer.

After completing the Word Processing program at Penta and graduating from Oak Harbor in 1991, Jennifer attended Terra Community College and at the same time worked as a records manager for First Energy at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant.

In 1993, Jennifer accepted a new position with Challenger Motor Freight in the area of accounting. In this position she gained extensive experience processing, collecting and coding data for a company with over 200 employees.

After leaving Challenger Motor Freight due to the closure of the company, Jennifer pursued a career in the public sector. In 1999, she began working for the Ottawa County Clerk of Courts where she gained a wealth of experience in the management of the court system.

In 2001, Jennifer was hired by the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court and became the assistant court administrator/assignment commissioner for Judges Moon and Giesler and Magistrate Winters. Jennifer's eight-year experience in the Common Pleas Court provided a solid foundation in preparation for her current position. In 2007, after advancing to the level of chief deputy/office administrator, Jennifer was appointed by Governor Ted Strickland as the Clerk of Courts, one of the top level government positions in Ottawa County.

With the excitement and challenges of a new position, Jennifer still has time to further her education. She is currently enrolled in the court management program through the Ohio Judicial College. Jennifer is one of 40 people to be accepted into this program.

In addition, Jennifer is involved in the community and is a member of several professional organizations. She is involved with the Ottawa County Chamber of Commerce, the Save Our Homes initiative in Ottawa County and Joyful Connections, a supervised exchange/visitation facility for families. Jennifer holds memberships in: the Ohio Association of Court Administrators, Ohio Clerk of Courts Association and the Ohio Jury Management Association.

Jennifer is married to Ted and they have two children, Shelby, age 13 and Gage, age 11. In her spare time, she enjoys camping and traveling.



Class of **1991**

Career Program
Word Processing

Member School
Oak Harbor

Current Occupation
Clerk of Courts

Organization
**Ottawa County Clerk
of Common Pleas Court
315 Madison Street, Room 304
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452
419.734.6755**

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 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

PENTA CAREER CENTER



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Service Center

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Operations Director

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Member Schools

Anthony Wayne Local

Benton-Carroll-Salem Local

Bowling Green City

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

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

PENTA CAREER CENTER
Touching Lives – Building Futures

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