

# PENTA PERSPECTIVES

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## STUDENT PROJECTS WITH THE METROPARKS

This past school year students in Penta Career Center's Construction programs had the opportunity to construct camping platforms and a rustic cabin on Granger Island in the Maumee River for the Metroparks Toledo.

Construction Carpentry students built a two-story primitive cabin that includes a living room and sleeping area. The project was unique because the only way to access the island was to walk across the river from a Waterville parking area. Students and staff would often wear waders to get to the island when the water levels were low enough to cross.

"Getting to the island was one of our greatest challenges of this project," says Rob Weaver, instructor of Construction Carpentry. "The students not only came away from the project with better skills in carpentry, but they also learned great lessons in overcoming adversity," adds Weaver.

In the fall, Construction Remodeling students, under the supervision of instructor Jason Vida, built two camping platforms on the island. These camping platforms are multi-level with areas to hang hammocks, secure tents and set up coolers for primitive camping experiences.

The students and staff enjoyed this project with the Metroparks Toledo and look forward to future projects.



## PENTA EARNS PACESETTER AWARD

Penta Career Center is proud to announce that it is the recipient of a Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Teachers and administrators were on hand in July to accept the award during SREB's Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. Penta was recognized for using key practices to transform teaching and learning and motivating students to succeed in college, careers and life. The school adopted an individualized, teacher-led approach to professional development. Penta was one of only seven school districts across the United States, and the only school in Ohio, to earn this award.





# More Options with Advanced Career & Simultaneous Credits

The workforce of today and tomorrow demands a higher level of skill -- individuals who grasp complex problems, understand technology and troubleshoot solutions. Penta Career Center prepares students for a wide array of post-secondary and career options through our Advanced Career curriculum. By fusing a rigorous academic core with challenging project work and advanced technology in a career pathway program of study, Advanced Career courses give students a greater depth of knowledge and skills to prepare them for more options after high school.

Current Advanced Career courses offered at Penta include Automated Materials Joining Technology (new for 2018-19) through the Computer-Aided Design program and Energy and Power through the Construction Electricity program. Students also earn simultaneous academic credit through these courses. Computer-Aided Design juniors earn Advanced Math credit and Construction Electricity juniors earn Advanced Science credit.

## Advanced Career provides:

- rigorous and relevant blend of college-ready, technical and academic skills in authentic, hands-on projects
- ready-to-implement course work for students
- comprehensive training for teachers
- access to tools and technology for project-based learning
- end-of-course assessments
- opportunity for industry certification and/or dual credit

Another initiative that will begin this school year is simultaneous credits in three other career-technical programs. Students in the Welding program (junior year) will earn simultaneous credit in Math. Additionally, senior students in the Medical Technologies Academy and Dental Assistant programs will receive simultaneous credit in English.



Claire Sample

## SAMPLE ELECTED OHIO FCCLA PRESIDENT

Congratulations to **Claire Sample** (Anthony Wayne), from Penta Career Center's Early Childhood Education program, who was elected as the Ohio Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) president for the 2018-2019 school year. This past spring, Sample competed for office of president against 10 other students during the Ohio FCCLA Leadership Conference in Columbus. Sample has several duties as the state president including speaking opportunities and assisting with the FCCLA Fall Leadership Camp.

# 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award

Penta Career Center is seeking nominations for the 2018 Outstanding Alumni Awards. Since 1993, Penta has recognized 151 former students with this award. Potential candidates should demonstrate excellence and success in their careers with evidence of professional accomplishments and community involvement.

Nominees must have completed a high school or adult education program at Penta prior to 2008. Applications will be available beginning August 13 by calling 419-661-6351 or by visiting [pentacareercenter.org](http://pentacareercenter.org) (click on "Alumni"). Completed applications are due September 17, 2018.

## NEW BUILDING IN BOWLING GREEN

In April, Penta Career Center held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 7,200-square-foot building on West Newton Road in Bowling Green. The building will include two classrooms to be used for 11th and 12th grade students from Bowling Green Schools and Otsego Schools who are enrolled in Career Based Intervention (CBI) classes. In addition, the facility will provide lab space for future Adult Education programs. The building will be a prefabricated steel construction project. The architect is Poggemeyer Design Group and the construction contractor is The Delventhal Company. The expected date of occupancy is December 2018.



*2017 Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients included (L-R, front row): Karen (Walsh) Magrum, Class of 1996; William Hammer, Class of 1982; and Katelyn (Bills) Wright, Class of 2006. And, (L-R, back row): Kandise (Carpenter) Helbing, Class of 1988; Daniel Morey, Class of 1994; Peggy McGabaran, Class of 1983; and Ronald Matter, superintendent.*

# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2018!

*The 53rd senior class at Penta Career Center was honored May 15-17, 2018 during six separate ceremonies in the Susor Auditorium on the Penta campus. This year, 787 seniors from Penta's main campus and satellite programs completed career-technical programs and received Career Passports.*

*The following seniors were recognized with the Outstanding Student Award based on performance and excellence in their individual career-technical program:*

**Tyler Baden** (Anthony Wayne), Business Office Technologies

**Joseph Bear** (North Baltimore), Automotive Technology

**Jennifer Birr** (Rossford), Culinary Arts

**Dakota Blecke** (Eastwood), Medical Technologies

**Anthony Borders** (Bowling Green), Powersports & Engine Systems

**Carl Bressler** (Bowling Green), Information Technologies Academy

**Stephanie Brockschmidt** (Eastwood), Floral Design/Greenhouse Production

**Donte Bryson Jr.** (Maumee), Public Safety/Criminal Justice

**Tyler Cade** (Maumee), Welding

**Tanner Callicotte** (Swanton), Accounting

**Analita Clark** (Rossford), Medical & Legal Office Management

**Melissa Conley** (Perrysburg), Dental Assistant

**Carolyn Croy** (Oak Harbor), Marketing Education

**Bradley DeHollander** (Swanton), Construction Carpentry

**Brooke DeSelms** (Bowling Green), Small Animal Care

**Lucia Diaz** (Eastwood), Early Childhood Education

**Jordan Domanowski** (Oak Harbor), Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

**Hunter Duby** (Maumee), Heating & Air Conditioning Technology

**Madalyn Dudek** (Springfield), Teaching Professions

**Kristen Ebert** (Rossford), Construction Masonry

**Savannah Edwards** (Maumee), Culinary Arts

**Aliciana Esquivel** (Maumee), Marketing Education

**Duncan Farschman** (Swanton), Culinary Arts

**Elizabeth Finney** (Perrysburg), Computer-Aided Design

**Colton Fugate** (Rossford), Welding

**Oscar Garcia Jr.** (Oak Harbor), Digital Video Production

**Jason Gildemeister** (Maumee), Construction Trades

**Collin Golden** (Northwood), Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

**Dakota Hahnen** (Maumee), Automotive Technology

**Isiah Harrison** (Bowling Green), Marketing Education

**Brandon Hengle** (Maumee), Public Safety/EMT-Fire Science

**Matthew Hinojosa** (Rossford), Landscape & Turfgrass Management

**Raymond Kendzierski** (Rossford), Marketing Education

**Charissa Kyer** (Lake), Hair Design

**Zachary Leahey** (Swanton), Interactive Media

**Solana Lopez** (Eastwood), Medical Technologies

**Madisen Mandell** (Perrysburg), Marketing Education

**Kaizya Menchaca** (Oak Harbor), Cosmetology

**Daniel Payne** (Eastwood), Information Technologies Academy

**Peyton Pope** (Lake), Exercise Science/Sports Health Care

**Mitchel Reisinger** (Swanton), Medical Technologies

**Chevelle Rickard** (Elmwood), Medical Technologies

**Makai Ruffin** (Bowling Green), Marketing Education

**Sadee Skaff** (Genoa), Small Animal Care

**Spencer Thompson** (Anthony Wayne), Project SEARCH

**Tyler Tucker** (Bowling Green), Construction Remodeling

**Juan Villegas** (Northwood), Interactive Media

**Chase Weber** (Lake), Automotive Collision Repair

**Alexandria Williams** (Anthony Wayne), Marketing Education

**Catherin Young** (Elmwood), Cosmetology

**Jacob Zatko** (Eastwood), Construction Electricity.

## \$2.9 Million In Scholarships

*Congratulations to 122 seniors who received scholarship offers from various post-secondary institutions, service clubs, individuals, and school organizations. This year scholarship offers totaled over \$2.9 million.*

*The Perrysburg Rotary Club awarded scholarships to 14 Penta students through a program called Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education (STRIVE). Since 2001, Perrysburg Rotary has provided Penta students with over \$92,000 in STRIVE scholarships. Pictured at the Rotary Club meeting in May were (L-R, front row): **Walt Celley**, Perrysburg Rotary Club; **Elena Cuellar** (Bowling Green), Medical & Legal Office Management - \$300 scholarship; **Bryce McClair***

*(Otsego), Heating & Air Conditioning Technology - \$300 scholarship; **Taniece Temple** (Springfield), Cosmetology - \$200 scholarship; and **Cbet Welch**, Perrysburg Rotary Club. And, (L-R, back row): **Jeff Kurtz**, high school director at Penta; **Rachel Bernhard**, assistant supervisor at Penta; and **Ronald Matter**, superintendent of Penta.*



*Celebrating 2018 Penta Senior Recognition were (L-R): **Ronald Matter**, superintendent of Penta; **Mikayla Benedict** (Otsego) from the Medical Technologies program; and Mikayla's grandmother, **Kathy Limes**, a member of the Penta Board of Education from the Wood County Educational Service Center.*





# Penta Staff Recognized

## *Berger Earns State Award*

**Amanda Berger**, transition coordinator, is the recipient of the Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award for her extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities. She was selected for this award by the State Support Team Region 1. Berger has taught at Penta since 2010.

## *Boggs Recognized by The Henry Ford*

In 2017, **Joseph Boggs**, instructor of Social Studies, was one of 10 grand prize winners for The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation Teacher Innovator Award. He was selected by a team of judges for inspiring innovation, creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking in the classroom. The award was sponsored by The Henry Ford in Dearborn Michigan and Litton Entertainment.

## *Ohio ACTE Ambassador Award*

**Christina Kerns**, supervisor of curriculum and instruction, was recognized with the 2017 Ambassador Award from the Ohio Association of Career and Technical Education. She was nominated by Northwest Ohio Tech Prep for her contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of career and technical education.

## *Matter Receives Exemplary Leader Award*

**Ronald Matter**, superintendent of Penta Career Center, was recognized by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) with the 2017 Exemplary Leader Award. Matter received the award from Kirk Hamilton, executive director of BASA, during the December 2017 Penta Board of Education meeting. The award was presented to Matter for his outstanding educational leadership, which has resulted in the enhancement and improvement of educational opportunities for students in Ohio.

## *Spirit of Advising Award*

**Deva Zak**, instructor of Family & Consumer Sciences, received the Spirit of Advising Award at the 2018 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Zak has been an FCCLA advisor for 19 years. She was also recognized with the same award at the Ohio FCCLA Leadership Conference.



## *2018 Penta Teacher of the Year*

**Michele Flick**, intervention specialist, was selected as the 2018 Penta Career Center Teacher of the Year. Flick, who has worked at Penta since 1980, was nominated by her peers for her dedication to her students and for her advocacy for special education and career-technical education. She is a 1980 graduate of The University of Toledo with a degree in special education.

# Racing for Experience

Students in the Automotive Technologies and Powersports & Engine Systems programs proudly display the race cars they constructed and raced this past school year. Students in Automotive Collision Repair, Welding, Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, and Computer-Aided Design also worked on some aspect of the race car design and construction.

The Formula Student High School racing project was made possible through a generous donation from Mark Schoenlein, a former Penta Board of Education member and a matching gift from his employer, O-I and the O-I Charities Foundation. In May, the students were able to test out the cars at race tracks in New Castle, Indiana and Fremont, Ohio.





# STATE & NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS



Carl Bressler

## Business Professionals of America (BPA)

Carl Bressler (Bowling Green), from the Information Technologies program, earned first place at the 2018 Ohio BPA State Leadership Conference in the Computer Network Technology contest. Bressler advanced to the BPA National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas and won first place and is the national champion in Computer Network Technology!

Also earning a top award in Dallas was **Oscar Garcia Jr.** (Oak Harbor), from the Digital Video Production program. Garcia earned second place in the nation in the Digital Media contest. He qualified for nationals after placing third in the same contest at the Ohio BPA conference.

## HOSA-Future Health Professionals

Several Penta students earned top awards at the 2018 Ohio HOSA contest and qualified for the HOSA National Leadership competition in Dallas, Texas. Students earning top awards and who advanced to the national competition included: **Faith Berning** (Northwood) – Medical Technologies, for the Speaking Skills contest; **Jordan Rodriguez** (Lake) – Medical Technologies, for the Interviewing Skills contest; **Adrianna Watkins** (Springfield) – Dental Assistant, for the Dental Terminology contest; and **Alissa Wilson** (Bowling Green) – Dental Assistant, for the Dental Terminology contest. In addition, **Peyton Pope** (Lake) – Exercise Science/Sports Health Care, **Carley Kidd** (Lake) – Medical Technologies, **Solana Lopez** (Eastwood) – Medical Technologies, **Britney Grisez** (Maumee) – Medical Technologies, **Adrianna Watkins**, and **Alissa Wilson** qualified for nationals for their National Health Issues Exam. **Dakota Blecke** (Eastwood) – Medical Technologies, was recognized at nationals and received the Barbara James Service Award for volunteering 500 hours.

## DECA

Several Penta Marketing Education students from both our on campus and satellite programs competed at the 2018 DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Atlanta, Georgia and two students from the Penta/Bowling Green DECA chapter earned top awards. Congratulations to **Sean O'Donnell** and **Jake Stucker** who were second in the nation for the Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan contest.

Other students, who were finalists at the ICDC included: **Parker Caesar**, **Robert Caesar**, **Michael Haney**, and **Mikayla Demoe** – all from the Maumee DECA chapter; and **Trisha Stichler** – from the Bowling Green DECA chapter.



Sean O'Donnell and Jake Stucker

## Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

In July, 22 main campus and satellite students earned top awards at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Both high school and junior high students qualified for the national conference. Earning a gold award and first place in the nation was **Shelby Tupciauskas**, a 7th grader from Anthony Wayne Junior High, who competed in the Illustrated Talk contest on the topic of adverse childhood experiences.



Shelby Tupciauskas

Other winners at nationals included gold awards to: **Andrew Richardson** and **Joseph McQuillin** (both from Otsego); **Haley Reid**, **Ahmed Amrou** and **Natalie Johnston** (all from Anthony Wayne Junior High); and **Mustafa Ilgin**, **Alison Ruf**, **Deanna Armou**, and **Deniz Ilgin** (all from Anthony Wayne

High School).

Silver award winners at nationals included: **Claire Sample** (Anthony Wayne), **Jessica Benson** (Swanton), **Lucy Diaz** (Eastwood), **Lillian Echler** (Swanton), **Paige Rau** (Springfield), and **Marissa Langley** (Otsego) – all from the Early Childhood Education program; **Luke West** (Otsego), from Sophomore Exploratory; **Renee Jeffries** (Northwood) and **Lydia Reynolds** (Eastwood), both from Culinary Arts; **Donovan Ellis** (Otsego Junior High); **Alexandra Kanan-McPhee** (Anthony Wayne Junior High); and **Noor Khanafer** (Anthony Wayne Junior High).

## FFA

Students in Penta Career Center's satellite FFA programs at Bowling Green, Oak Harbor, Otsego, Anthony Wayne, Woodmore, and Genoa earned many awards at the various district competitions as well as at the Ohio FFA Convention. Among the six chapters, 16 students earned the American FFA Degree and 32 students earned their State FFA Degree.



*Penta Career Center FFA members who earned first place in Ohio for the Floriculture contest (from L-R): **Sade Skaff** (Genoa), from Small Animal Care; **Allison Kozina** (Rossford), from Small Animal Care; **Alyssa Baldwin** (Bowling Green), from Small Animal Care; and **Stephanie Brockschmidt** (Eastwood), from Floral Design/Greenhouse Production.*

## SkillsUSA

Sixteen students earned either gold, silver or bronze medals at the Ohio SkillsUSA Championships in April. Earning first place and a gold medal was **Nicholas Stephenson** (Bowling Green) – Construction Masonry, who competed in the Masonry contest and qualified for the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Students earning second place and silver medals were: **Blade Lee** (Maumee) – Computer-Aided Design; **Elsa Barber** (Bowling Green) – Culinary Arts; **Daniel Conklin** (Lake) – Information Technologies Academy; **Hayden Held** (Eastwood) and **Maximillian Bierhup** (Eastwood) – both from Digital Video Production; **Kristen Ebert** (Rossford) – Construction Masonry; **Kristoffer Toler-Amborski** (Anthony Wayne) – Construction Remodeling; **Tyler Tucker** (Bowling Green) – Construction Remodeling; and **Jacob Pierce** (Anthony Wayne) – Construction Electricity.

Third place and bronze medal winners included: **Joshua Lamb** (Otsego) and **Cicely Sanchez** (Swanton) – both from Digital Video Production; **Jason Miller** (Maumee) – Automotive Collision Repair; and **Jasmin Alejo** (Bowling Green), **Allie Jude** (Northwood), and **Devin Krout** (Perrysburg) – all from Public Safety/Criminal Justice.





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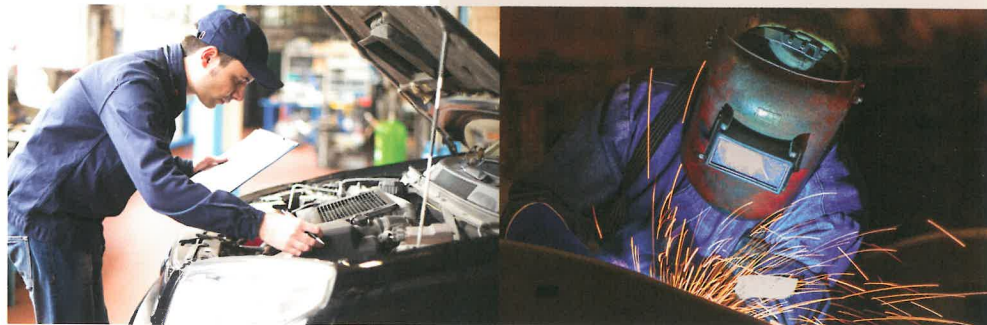
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## IMPORTANT DATES

August 23	Parent Night/Open House
September 3	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 22	Penta K – Community Wellness Day 10:00 a.m.
September 26	Cruise-In (All Vehicles & Motorcycles Welcome) 5:00 p.m.
September 28	NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development Day



*U. S. Secretary of Education **Betsy DeVos** toured Penta Career Center during a visit to northwest Ohio in July. DeVos is a proponent of Career Technical Education and visited several Penta labs including Advanced Manufacturing, Sophomore Manufacturing Exploratory, Computer-Aided Design, and Culinary Arts.*