## Joy (Rabbitt) DuShane

Allen Eckel



Ron Lenz







Joshua B. Torres



Molly (Frey) Wilson

# 2016

Outstanding Alumni



Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

2016 represents our 24th year since we first initiated the Outstanding Alumni Award event at Penta Career Center. Since 1993, we are pleased to have recognized 138 former students with this honor. We are happy to celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni with representatives from our 16 member schools who are equally proud of our Outstanding Alumni Award recipients.

This year we are pleased to honor seven former students who have demonstrated excellence and success in their careers. Each recipient has their own unique story to share about how their career-technical education at Penta helped them reach their personal and professional goals.



**Ronald W. Matter** 

Our alumni frequently mention how their Penta training provided them with a strong foundation to build a successful career. They recognize the caring nature of the Penta staff who helped launch them on a career path to be productive and successful in life.

Our Outstanding Alumni recipients believe in the importance of pursuing additional training and education beyond high school in order to be competitive in today's global economy. We are always happy to see our former students build on the foundation they received at Penta.

Many of the Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients are involved in volunteer experiences that benefit their communities. They enjoy giving back by volunteering with professional associations, youth groups and non-profit organizations.

At Penta, we are always happy to see our alumni achieve excellence. Their success validates the goal of our institution that we do make a difference in the lives of our students.

Congratulations to our 2016 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Sincerely,

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Ronald W. Matter Superintendent Penta Career Center

## Joy (Rabbitt) DuShane

As an executive assistant at the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, Joy DuShane has used her communication and organizational skills to effectively support the president's office for the past 21 years. She credits Penta Career Center for helping set the foundation for her career success.

"My career-technical education at Penta prepared me for a career path that gave me the skills and confidence for advancement throughout the years," says Joy.

Soon after completing the High Skill Stenography program and graduating from Lake High School in 1966, Joy began her career at Penta. She worked as a secretary for several months and then obtained a job at a local company.

In 1969, Joy moved to Baltimore to be close to her husband, a Vietnam veteran. While in Maryland, Joy continued to work as a secretary at various companies. Joy returned to Toledo in 1973 when her family circumstances changed. Upon her return, she obtained a job with Owens-Illinois where she worked for 10 years in various secretarial positions for managers and personnel directors.

Joy also has spent time in the insurance industry. In 1983 when she worked as an office manager for a group of financial planners, they suggested she pursue her license as an insurance agent. Joy accepted the challenge and participated in an intense training program in Hartford, Connecticut. Joy worked as a self-employed, independent insurance agent for nine years in Toledo.

In 1995, she went back to her original career and accepted a job as the executive assistant to the president of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has worked under two presidents while at the Chamber. In her role, she is responsible for all administrative support to the president which includes scheduling and working with the Chamber Board of Trustees. While at the Chamber she has provided support to the Military Affairs Committee.

Joy is a very active member of Ashland Church. Joy enjoys singing in the choir and playing the digital piano during worship services. She also enjoys giving back to others in need and often prepares meals for people who are ill.

Joy is very proud of her family. She has a daughter Kimberly and three adult grandchildren, Kayleigh, Ashlynn and Zachary. She also has one step-granddaughter, Rachel. Joy recently lost her husband of 16 years, Charlie.



## [ Class of 1966 ]

Career Program High Skill Stenography

> Member Schoo Lake

Current Occupation Executive Assistant

#### **Drganization**

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce 300 Madison Ave., Suite 200 Toledo, Ohio 43604 419.243.8191



## [ Class of 1986 ]

Career Program Data Processing

Member School Springfield

Current Occupation Database Administrator

#### Company

ProMedica 3103 Executive Pkwy. Toledo, Ohio 43606 419.291.0014

## Allen Eckel

When Allen Eckel first completed his Data Processing training at Penta Career Center and graduated from Springfield High School in 1986, information technologies was an emerging field with limited educational and employment opportunities.

Allen pursued other career options immediately after high school and waited several years for the right opportunity to develop in the industry. While still in high school, Allen joined the Ohio Air National Guard. He devoted 14 years of service to the military and worked in security positions at the base in Toledo. Allen also spent six months of active military duty at the base during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Early in his career, Allen worked in various IT positions with area real estate firms and the Credit Bureau of Toledo. He also worked in military security for the State of Ohio at the base from 1991-1996.

In 1998, Allen worked as an analyst for a company called Inacom Corporation in Toledo. In this position he was a web developer and also was responsible for Microsoft training and Y2K remediation. During his years at this company, Allen earned an associate degree in information technology from Owens Community College in 1999.

For the past 15 years, Allen has worked in the field of database administration for two major health systems in the Toledo area. He spent three years working for the Mercy Health System and is currently working as a database administrator for ProMedica. In his role with ProMedica, Allen supervises a team of five people and provides support to over 300 servers. His other responsibilities are vast which includes managing migrations, new implementations, set up and maintenance of security architecture, and disaster recovery.

Throughout his career, Allen has continued his education by earning numerous IT certifications. He is most proud of earning the Epic 2014 – Cache on Unix System Manager certification which was a three-week process. In addition, Allen has traveled to conferences all over the United States including San Francisco, Orlando and Chicago.

In his spare time, Allen enjoys playing golf and taking vacations to Europe. He is married to Amy and they have two sons, Jacob, a senior in Penta's Construction Electricity program and Joshua, age 16. Allen and his family reside in Perrysburg.

## Ron Lenz

Ron Lenz is proud of the training he received in high school at Penta Career Center. He credits his education, as well as his instructors, for helping him build skills and confidence to pursue his career interests.

"The training at Penta provided me with the skills to succeed," says Ron. "The teachers were unconditionally committed to providing training and self-confidence."

After completing the Construction Electricity program and graduating from Genoa High School in 1994, Ron obtained an entry-level position with a local electrical contractor. During this time he attended classes at Owens Community College.

In 1997, Ron began working for Alcoa Automotive Structures. Not only did he complete a four-year electrical apprenticeship program through UAW Local 12 while working at Alcoa, but he also continued taking classes at Owens. Ron has two associate degrees in applied science in the area of skilled trades technology and mechanical. As a maintenance electrician for Alcoa for eight years he also earned several certificates in applied science industrial technologies in the areas of electronics, mechanical and electrical.

Ron worked briefly as a maintenance electrician for Frensenius Medical Care in 2005. That same year, he accepted a similar position with KUKA Toledo Production Operations (KTPO), the manufacturer of the body for the Jeep Wrangler. Ron has been with KTPO for 11 years and has many responsibilities including installation and maintenance on a variety of manual and automated systems, controls, and electrical/ electronic equipment. His job also involves working with KUKA robots.

Ron has also enjoyed helping his employers with safety. He has been a safety representative at each company and has been a part of the first responder/safety lead team at KTPO.

Ron has a very busy work schedule, often working seven days per week. He also makes time to help with his family's grain farm. When Ron has time to relax, he enjoys off-road vehicles, motorsports, tractor pulling, and NASCAR.

Ron is married to Stephanie and they have two children, David, age 9 and Laura, age 5. Ron is active with his family in scouting, ice skating, baseball, and soccer.



## [ Class of 1994 ]

Career Program Construction Electricity

> Member Schoo Genoa

Current Occupation Industrial Electrician

#### Company

Kuka Toledo Production Operations (KTPO) 3770 Stickney Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43608 419.727.5500

# PENTA CAREER CENTER OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS 2016



## [ Class of 1982 ]

Career Program Construction Carpentry

> lember School Maumee

Current Occupation Co-Owner/Project Manager

#### Company

North Point Remodeling 26963 Eckel Rd., Suite 104 Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 419.849.3300

## Jay Mauter

Jay Mauter has great memories of his Construction Carpentry training at Penta Career Center. He believes the patience and caring nature of his teachers helped him develop a passion for his career that led to becoming a successful business owner.

"The staff took a personal approach to each student," says Jay. "Because of the skills I learned at Penta, I felt confident walking into a job site."

After completing the Construction Carpentry program at Penta in 1982 and graduating from Maumee High School, Jay worked for eight years as a framing carpenter for two area home builders. In 1990, he obtained a job with a custom home builder and during that time, he became friends with Penta alumnus, Doug Schmidt.

In 1995, Jay took a giant leap forward in his career. He left his job and formed a remodeling company with his friend and co-worker Doug. Together they created North Point Remodeling.

Jay is the project manager of North Point Remodeling. His main responsibilities include keeping the crew and projects organized. Jay still works as a carpenter at job sites.

During the early years of Jay's company, much of their client work was room additions. Today, the company has grown significantly. The major focus of the company is window and entry door installation. He is proud to be a certified installer and service provider of Andersen Windows as well as Therma Tru entry doors. Jay's company is also a certified contractor for Wellborn Cabinets and works closely on projects with The Andersons.

Jay and his company enjoy giving back to the community. In 2002, North Point Remodeling was the general contractor for a Habitat of Humanity house in Ottawa County. The company donated hundreds of hours to the project.

Other community involvement that Jay has been involved with is through his church and his children's activities at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in South Toledo. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America for 12 years. Jay also coached softball for five years and volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Jay is married to Sue and they have two adult children Kyle, age 22 and Samantha, age 21. In his spare time he and his wife enjoy outdoor activities.

## **Doug Schmidt**

For 25 years, Doug Schmidt has been working in a career he enjoys and credits Penta Career Center for helping launch his career.

"The skills I gained through Penta have remained with me during my entire career in the construction industry," says Doug.

When Doug was still in high school, he began working for a home builder. After completing Construction Carpentry training at Penta in 1991 and graduating from Genoa, Doug worked as a framing carpenter with the same builder.

This early job experience enabled Doug to meet and develop a friendship with another Penta alumnus, Jay Mauter. In 1995, Doug and Jay left their jobs and ventured into business ownership. Together they formed a company called North Point Remodeling.

As a co-owner of the company, Doug is responsible for office management including scheduling, sales and estimating. The company has evolved significantly over the years. For 21 years, North Point Remodeling was operated from a building on Doug's property. This year, the company moved to a location on Eckel Road in Perrysburg.

Today, the focus of Doug's company is window and entry door installation. North Point also does bath and kitchen remodeling projects. Doug and his company are proud to be certified installers and service providers of Andersen Windows as well as Therma Tru entry doors. They also work closely with The Andersons as certified contractors to install Wellborn Cabinets.

Doug enjoys being involved in many activities outside of his business. He was a volunteer firefighter from 1997 - 2007 for the Harris-Elmore Fire Department. Doug has also been very active with the Boy Scouts of America, serving as treasurer of his local troop in Elmore. In addition, he and his family are active supporters of the Woodmore Band.

Doug has been married for 22 years to Jenny who has been very supportive to him and North Point Remodeling. Together they have three children, Dustin, age 19, Riley, age 17, and Julia, age 16, a current student in the Culinary Arts program at Penta.



## [ Class of 1991 ]

Career Program Construction Carpentry

> Member Schoo Genoa

Current Occupation Co-Owner & Sales/Estimator

#### Company

North Point Remodeling 26963 Eckel Rd. Suite 104 Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 419.849.3300



## [ Class of 1998 ]

Career Program Marketing Education

> Member School Anthony Wayne

#### **Current Occupation**

President & CEO and Franchisee-Owner

#### **Organization & Company**

The Chamber Partnership 10802 Waterville St. Whitehouse, Ohio 43571 419.877.2747

SUBWAY 5903 Weckerly Rd. Whitehouse, Ohio 43571 419.877.9473

## Joshua B. Torres

Enthusiastic, optimistic and goal-oriented are some of the best words to describe Josh Torres. Even as a teenager, Josh was thinking of ways to be successful in life. He credits his career-technical education for providing him with many opportunities.

"I developed a positive attitude, strong team building skills and best practices through my education," says Josh.

Josh graduated from Anthony Wayne High School and completed the Penta/Anthony Wayne Marketing Education program in 1998. He was active in DECA where he developed skills such as marketing and customer service that have helped him become a successful business owner and association management executive.

While still in high school, Josh worked his way up to a management position with SUBWAY<sup>®</sup>. By 1997, he completed the licensed franchisee program through University of SUBWAY. With a very ambitious goal in mind, Josh became a franchisee-owner of a SUBWAY in Whitehouse in 2001.

Josh also has a second career. He has been active in area Chamber of Commerce organizations for 13 years and currently serves as the president and CEO of The Chamber Partnership. This organization is a strategic alliance of the Anthony Wayne Regional, Holland Springfield and the Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, the Northwest Business Council, and the DRIVE Group.

Josh previously served as the president and CEO of both the Holland-Springfield and Anthony Wayne Chambers of Commerce. He was instrumental in merging the two organizations in 2014. With the merger and the ultimate formation of The Chamber Partnership, the alliance is proud to serve over 2,700 businesses and organizations in the region.

Throughout his career, Josh has always been interested in furthering his education. He has completed training through Trump University and the Wellstone Institute. In addition, he completed training in 2014 for the CCEO-AP designation with the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio.

Josh is married to Cindy and they have five daughters. One of his daughters, Lindsey, is a senior in the Cosmetology program at Penta. He resides in Monclova Township.

## Molly (Frey) Wilson

For Molly Wilson, the education and training she received through the Penta/Maumee Marketing Education program and DECA, a career-technical student organization, helped prepare her for two very different careers.

"I learned how to speak confidently in front of groups and to network by interacting with businesses and students all over Ohio," says Molly.

Molly was active in DECA and was elected as the Ohio DECA secretary/treasurer. She credits her instructor, Ann Hale, for helping her achieve success in all aspects of work and life.

Soon after completing the Marketing Education program and graduating from Maumee High School in 2001, Molly attended Ball State University. She graduated in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. Molly's college experiences prepared her well and she was able to obtain a job in her field soon after graduating.

Molly worked in the fast-paced world of television news from 2005 to 2011 in two different cities. Her first job was with WEYI-NBC25 in Flint, Michigan where she worked as a news producer for a two-hour morning newscast. In 2008 she accepted a job in Indianapolis, Indiana with WTHR-Channel 13. She worked as a full-time producer of a 30-minute morning newscast and also was a web producer for the station.

While producing a feature story about an environmental non-profit, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB), Molly became very interested in volunteering for the organization. Her volunteer activities and her passion for the environment led her to make a career change in 2011.

Molly decided to leave television news and went to work for KIB. She was a youth tree team director where she organized and directed the youth employment program. Molly was responsible for supervising students and maintaining 5,000 newly planted trees.

Molly became a certified arborist in 2012 after earning credentials through the International Society of Arboriculture. In 2014, Molly took a job as a community arborist with KIB. Molly's job has many interesting duties. She determines which neighborhoods are in most need of more trees. Molly often works with large neighborhood groups to organize and lead large scale plantings.

In her spare time, Molly and her family enjoy walking, biking and travel. She is married to Chris and they have a two-year-old son, Henry.



## [ Class of 2001 ]

Career Program Marketing Education

> Member Schoo Maumee

Current Occupation Community Arborist

#### Organization

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful 1029 Fletcher Ave., Suite 100 Indianapolis, Indiana 46203 317.264.7555

# [ PREVIOUS PENTA 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 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. 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

#### 2008 Recipients

Tony J. Anteau - Rossford George C. Byington Jr. -Oak Harbor Benjamin L. Croley - Northwood David Gillette - Springfield Diane S. (Asmus) Hemminger -Otsego Robert J. Osstifin -Anthony Wayne Jennifer L. (Byington) Wilkins -Oak Harbor

#### 2009 Recipients

Stephen G. Hunter -Bowling Green Kenneth Metzger - Northwood Becky Pegorsch - Maumee Ronald J. Porter - Lake Cara Ricci-Challen -Oak Harbor William Slane - Woodmore Mark A. Travis - Genoa

#### 2010 Recipients

Douglas Felt - Maumee Henry "Hank" Fowler – Anthony Wayne Mathew Gilbert - Perrysburg Kimberly Morelock - Rossford Jeffery Pettit - Lake Brent Thielen - Lake

#### 2011 Recipients

Janea Makowski - Lake Tamara (Shiffert) Rost -Eastwood Matthew Simpson -Anthony Wayne

#### 2012 Recipients

Chad Bolander – Northwood Brian L. Bonnough – Swanton Cindi (Peters) Britt – Eastwood Christina McCain – Maumee Anne (Woyame) Noel – Lake Terri (Phillips) Rudd – Springfield

#### 2013 Recipients

Leslie Kay (Radabaugh) Hertzfeld – Anthony Wayne Scott A. Jaegly – Northwood David Miller – Woodmore Leonard L. Vidra II – Rossford Patrick Young - Woodmore

#### 2014 Recipients

Tracy (Vargo) Buder – Genoa Robert Hernandez – Woodmore Jennifer (Traver) Northrup – Woodmore Douglas Podiak – Maumee Daniel Soviar – Rossford John Wenzlick – Otsego Becky (Dooley) Ziviski – Swanton

#### 2015 Recipients

David Beckham – Lake Jayne (Coon) Eisel – Bowling Green William V. Niederman III – Lake Gary L. Phipps – Swanton Sandra L. Wiechman – Elmwood Gregory Wyandt – Anthony Wayne

# [ PENTA CAREER CENTER ]

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## **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

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