PENTA OUTSTANDING CAREER CENTER ALLUMINE



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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

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

Welcome to Penta Career Center's Outstanding Alumni Awards. Since 1993, we have recognized 173 former students with this honor. We are happy to celebrate this occasion with representatives from our 16-member schools who are equally proud of our Outstanding Alumni Award recipients.

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

Our 2022 Outstanding Alumni, frequently mention how their Penta training provided them with a strong foundation to prepare for their careers. They also recognize the support and guidance of the Penta staff who helped them build skills and self-confidence to be successful in life.

A common trait among our Outstanding Alumni recipients is the pride they have demonstrated in their careers. This year's recipients have a strong work ethic that has helped them achieve many professional and personal accomplishments.

The Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients enjoy helping others by giving back to the community. They often mention how they participate in community organizations and in family volunteer activities.

At Penta, we are always happy to see our alumni achieve excellence. Their success validates the mission of Penta Career Center to provide high quality career-technical training.

Congratulations to our 2022 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Sincerely,

Edward Ewers
Superintendent

Penta Career Center



EDWARD EWERS

2022 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



CAREER PROGRAM
Marketing Education/
Job Training

MEMBER SCHOOL
Perrysburg

CURRENT OCCUPATIONHead Teacher

COMPANY
Hand In Hand
Early Learning Center
412 Illinois Ave
Maumee, OH 43537
419.893.0623

CHRISTY L. ARMSTRONG

Living with a disability has never held Christy Armstrong back from pursuing her interests and dreams. Even before she was in high school, Christy knew she wanted to work in a career caring for children. Christy completed Penta's Marketing Education/Job Training program and graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1991.

"My job placement instructor found a position for me at Hand in Hand Early Learning Center in Maumee during my senior year at Penta," says Christy. "I was hired right out of high school at this same child care center and I've been working there for 31 years."

During high school, Christy was active in DECA, an association of Marketing Education students. She competed in DECA contests and also served in officer positions. Christy learned many skills through DECA that helped her prepare for a child care career.

After spending two years working as a teacher's aide in the preschool at Hand in Hand Early Learning Center, Christy was promoted to head teacher for school age children. Since 1993 she has been working full-time in this position. Christy has many job responsibilities. She creates developmentally appropriate lesson plans and assures that children are in a physical and emotionally safe environment. She also conducts child assessments, writes individual goals for each child, and participates in after-hours activities with the staff and families.

Christy keeps current in the child care field by completing 10 hours per year of professional development courses through the Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association. She is also certified in CPR, First Aid, Communicable Diseases, and Child Abuse Recognition and Prevention.

Christy enjoys giving back to the community and is proud of her volunteer activities. She has been involved for 10 years as a fund-raiser for the MS Bike to the Bay. Christy's uncle has MS and together they have raised over \$20,000 for MS. In 2021, Christy and her uncle were recognized as one of the top 10 fund-raisers. Christy also volunteers for the Komen Race for the Cure and Habitat for Humanity.

During her career with Hand in Hand Early Learning Center, Christy and a colleague became role models for potential teachers with disabilities, for a partnership project with the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. In 2019, Peggy Hartbarger, owner of Hand in Hand Early Learning Center, received a Community Partner Award from the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and dedicated it to Christy.

In her spare time, Christy loves to swim at her home pool and enjoys rooting for The Ohio State University football team. Christy and her family enjoy traveling and they have visited Italy, Alaska, Jamaica, and Florida.

Christy lives with her parents, Tom and Peggy Armstrong in Perrysburg. She also has a brother, Tom.

STEVEN BRUBAKER

Steven Brubaker believes the training and education he received through Penta Career Center gave him a jump-start in his chosen career field. Steven completed Penta's EMT-Fire Science program and graduated from Anthony Wayne High School in 2011.

"Since a very young age, I always wanted to be a Firefighter and EMT," says Steven. "Attending Penta allowed me to save money because I was able to earn the EMT certification at no cost while in high school."

After completing his training at Penta, Steven continued to pursue additional certifications and training. He spent his freshman year at Hocking College where he earned his Firefighter 1 certification. Steven also studied at Owens Community College to earn his Firefighter 2 certification and attended Four County Career Center where he earned his Paramedic certificate.

Steven worked part-time at the Waterville Fire Department from 2011 – 2016 as a firefighter and paramedic. Although he enjoyed working in his community, Steven was interested in taking his career to a southern state. He had always enjoyed South Carolina so he applied for positions near ocean communities.

In 2016, Steven obtained a job as firefighter/paramedic for the Midway Fire Rescue located in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. In this position, Steven's duties included fire prevention and suppression, emergency medical services, and advanced life support. He was also trained in river and ocean rescue.

While working at Midway, Steven took on a part-time paramedic position in 2019 with the Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District. As a paramedic, he was able to use his skills in the areas of patient assessment, patient care, vital signs, IVs, and EKGs.

After five years with Midway, Steven accepted a job in 2021 with the City of Charleston Fire Department. He works as a firefighter/paramedic for the oldest fire house in South Carolina – Engine Company 2, located in Charleston's historic district.

Steven also enjoys giving back to the community through various service projects with his colleagues in the fire department. He regularly helps with the Fill the Boot campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Steven also is an active member of the IAFF Local 61, a professional firefighters organization.

Steven thoroughly enjoys his career and keeps very busy. In his spare time, he likes to play golf, beach activities, and boating. He lives in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with several friends.



CAREER PROGRAM EMT – Fire Science

MEMBER SCHOOL
Anthony Wayne

CURRENT OCCUPATION Firefighter/Paramedic

ORGANIZATION
City of Charleston
Fire Department
1451 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403
843.720.1981

2022 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



CAREER PROGRAM
Horticulture

MEMBER SCHOOL Perrysburg

CURRENT OCCUPATION Business Owner

COMPANY

GreenLawn Lawn & Garden Service LLC 10961½ Reitz Road Perrysburg, OH 43551 419.467.3341

JAMES R. HENRY

Landscaping careers have been in James Henry's family for generations. In fact, his grandparents began hauling dirt and doing landscaping jobs in the late 1930s.

Plus, his parents, Bob and Dell Henry, started their own landscape business in 1952 and Jim helped them out. As a teen, Jim mowed lawns and often would pull his lawn mower behind his bike to get to his customers.

With all of this experience in landscaping prior to high school, it was easy for Jim to choose a program at Penta. Jim completed Penta's Horticulture program and graduated from Perrysburg High School in 1971. While at Penta he was active in FFA. He credits his Penta teachers for providing him with support and encouragement as he studied Horticulture.

"The staff taught me everything about horticulture and how to put it to work after graduation," says Jim. "I kept in touch with Mr. Lucal over the years and considered him to be my mentor and friend."

In 1974, Jim started his own business called GreenLawn Lawn and Garden Service, LLC. located in Perrysburg. His business services included landscaping, planting trees and shrubs, and installing new lawns. Jim has been in the landscaping business for over 50 years and he continues to operate GreenLawn Lawn and Garden Service today. At one time he managed 13 employees.

Jim has enjoyed a successful career working with multiple contractors and builders over the years. Many area landscapes of apartments, condominiums and office buildings have been designed and installed by GreenLawn Lawn and Garden Service. In addition, for many years, Jim and his company have designed and landscaped new home projects for the Toledo Parade of Homes as well as the Parade of Homes near Dayton, Ohio. One year, Jim says he earned first place in the Toledo Parade of Homes for design and lawn construction.

Since 2005, the majority of Jim's work has been residential landscaping and new lawn projects for Saba Home Builders. He is proud to have provided his services to over 100 new homes constructed by Saba.

Jim also has donated his services to the St. Rose Catholic Church. Over the years he has seeded many gravesites for the St. Rose Cemetery.

Jim doesn't have a lot of spare time, but when time allows, he enjoys ballroom dancing. One year, he won first place in a ballroom dancing competition in Perrysburg. He also enjoys traveling to Nashville, Tennessee and spending time at the Grand Ole Opry.

ERIN McKNIGHT

Caring for others is a true passion for Erin McKnight. Erin says that her career-technical training, obtaining her STNA certification and her strong drive to succeed, helped her achieve success in her career.

"My grandfather, pushed me to succeed and always provided encouragement in my professional journey," says Erin. "The staff at Penta helped me realize that I had skills and determination to purse a healthcare career."

Erin completed the Nurse Aide/Health & Community Services program at Penta and graduated from Eastwood High School in 2000. Immediately after high school and until 2007, Erin worked in the hospitality industry. She worked in housekeeping and also in hotel management.

In 2007, Erin began working as an STNA at Genacross Lutheran Services in Toledo, a senior living facility. It was during this time that she decided to pursue further education in the nursing profession.

Erin studied at the Athena Career Academy where she earned her LPN degree in 2015 and continued on to earn her RN degree in 2019. As a result of her additional education and training, Erin continued her employment with Genacross and worked as an LPN at the facility until 2017.

As Erin pursued her education to become a registered nurse, she left Genacross and formed her own cleaning business for two years. In 2019, after becoming an RN, Erin accepted a position as a staff nurse with The Gardens of St. Francis in Oregon. She also worked at the same time as an RN at St. Charles Hospital in the medical surgery/progressive care unit.

In 2020, Erin accepted a new job with The Gardens of St. Francis, as the assistant director of nursing. In one year, Erin was promoted to director of nursing at the same facility. Her responsibilities are immense. As director of nursing, she is on call 24/7. However, Erin believes her career is an important part of her life because she is dedicated to caring for others in need. Not only does Erin manage the entire nursing staff, but she also reviews new admissions, completes care plans, helps with assessments, implements infection and quality control, and performs wound care treatments.

Erin is most proud of raising her daughter, Kyleigh, age 15, a current student at Penta. In her spare time, Erin enjoys spending time at her family cottage in Traverse City. She is a member of Grace Point Church in Northwood and has a fiancé, Jay Allen.



CAREER PROGRAM
Nurse Aide/Health &
Community Services

MEMBER SCHOOL Eastwood

CURRENT OCCUPATION
Director of Nursing

ORGANIZATION
Gardens of St. Francis
930 S. Wynn Road
Oregon, OH 43616
419.698.4331

2022 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



CAREER PROGRAMCosmetology

MEMBER SCHOOLRossford

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Business Owner/ Hair Stylist

COMPANY

CrysStyles Hair Salon 5122 Heatherdowns Blvd. Suite 2

Toledo, OH 43614 419.466.3000

CRYSTAL SLOAN

For Crystal Sloan, keeping focused on her career goals in high school and college, helped her achieve success as an athlete, in the cosmetology field and as a business owner.

Crystal completed Penta's Cosmetology program and graduated from Rossford High School in 2006. She attended Bowling Green State University for one year, then moved to Owens Community College where she earned an associate's degree in Pre-Business Administration in 2010. During college she also worked as a stylist at a local salon.

"After Owens, I decided to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima so that I could play basketball and earn another degree," says Crystal. "I was a walk-on basketball player and during the 2010-2011 season, I was co-captain of the team."

Crystal received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2011. She worked in salon management for five years for the Regis Corporation. During this time, Crystal also was an assistant basketball coach at Northwood High School and a college admissions representative for Brown Mackie College in Findlay. From 2014 – 2016, she gained accounting and leadership experience when she worked as a team lead in the accounts payable department for Anita Lopez, Lucas County Auditor.

Crystal was working as a stylist in 2017 at Fringe in Toledo, when she discovered that the owner was going to be leaving the business. With a strong desire to become an independent salon owner, Crystal accepted the challenge of taking over the business to make it her own. Crystal named the salon CrysStyles and has enjoyed much success over the past five years.

Throughout her career, Crystal has enjoyed volunteering and being involved in several community organizations to help others. She is a current advisory board member for Ternion Training and Education Center and is a captain for The Movement Team Lucas County. She also has been an intern for Friendship New Vision Inc. Crystal is proud to have participated and completed the Assets Toledo program in 2018, a non-profit organization that offers experience-based training for those starting or expanding a small business.

Over the course of her successful career, Crystal has always demonstrated a strong work ethic. She was determined to achieve her goals through her many experiences in hiring, training, accounting, and business planning.

In her spare time, Crystal enjoys relaxing with her family and her dog, Kobe. She lives in Rossford with her parents, Patricia and Claude Sloan.

JONMORGAN D. SMITH

Working as a chef on yachts and visiting 32 countries in 10 years is not what Jonmorgan Smith expected when he completed his Culinary Arts training at Penta and graduated from Anthony Wayne High School in 2011. In fact, Jonmorgan really did not know what environment he would be working in when he graduated from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in 2013.

While at Penta, Jonmorgan developed a strong work ethic by volunteering at The Culinary Vegetable Institute at the Chef's Garden in Milan, Ohio. Through this experience, he learned the essentials of food production in fine dining settings and the importance of farm-to-table foods. Jonmorgan also had the unique opportunity to work with renowned national chefs.

Just two weeks after high school ended, Jonmorgan began attending classes at the CIA in Hyde Park, New York. By August 2013, he started working as a line cook at the Apple Pie Bakery Café, one of the student-run, faculty-led restaurants at the CIA. During his time at this famous culinary college, Jonmorgan was selected for an intensive, paid externship at the Waldorf Astoria's Boca Raton Resort and Spa in Boca Raton, Florida.

In 2013, after earning his Associate of Science degree – Culinary Arts certification, he obtained his very first yacht job in Spain.

"I started in yachting when I was 19 and I've been doing it ever since," says Jonmorgan.
"I work for multi-billionaires on motor yachts and super yachts feeding guests and crew."

Jonmorgan's first job after college was as a sous chef on the 52m Legend super yacht based in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. As a sous chef, he worked under the head chef serving 12 guest and 14 crew during sailing excursions. This incredible career experience, enabled Jonmorgan to pursue many other culinary positions on yachts over the next nine years.

Working on a yacht has been very rewarding for Jonmorgan. He has very much enjoyed experiencing the culture, food and people in many international locations including Europe, the Caribbean, Scandinavia, Central America, and St. Petersburg, Russia. Jonmorgan has worked in various culinary positions on yachts from 52m to 96m in size. He has met many famous celebrity billionaires.

Currently, Jonmorgan is the sole chef on the Motor Yacht Ice Bear located in Seattle, Washington. His sailing excursions include Alaska, Mexico and Seattle. Although Jonmorgan spends most of his time in Seattle, his official residence is in Toledo.

Jonmorgan's busy work life gives him little spare time. He enjoys doing renovations at his 100-year-old home in Toledo. Jonmorgan also likes to travel to Florida and Chicago. He was recently married in October to Kyle McCormick-Smith.



CAREER PROGRAM
Culinary Arts

MEMBER SCHOOL
Anthony Wayne

CURRENT OCCUPATION
Head Chef

ORGANIZATION
Motor Yacht Ice Bear
2157 N. NorthLake Way
Seattle, WA 98103
402.403.1326

PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING PENTA ALUMNI

1993 RECIPIENTS

Dianne (Steindam) Bochi — Oak Harbor Major Constance Gaiser-Phillips — Anthony Wayne Joseph Murray, Jr. — Lake Gary J. Muswick — Springfield Wanda (Gentry) Snyder — Woodmore Randy Wax — Woodmore

1994 RECIPIENTS

Nicholas Espinoza, D.O. — Springfield Jim Kasch — Eastwood Peter Kolan — Bowling Green Thomas Kretz — North Baltimore Suzanne (Boyer) Myers — Anthony Wayne James Lennox — Lake Major Daniel Tack — Oak Harbor

1995 RECIPIENTS

Brent Bomer – Bowling Green
Brenda (Carrol) Hoot – Perrysburg
Michael K. Ott – Otsego
Susan (Vidra) Reamsnyder – Rossford

1996 RECIPIENTS

Joe W. Gargac — Genoa Nicholas B. Getzinger — Otsego Jason Romer — Anthony Wayne David Sawicki — Anthony Wayne Robert Torres — Swanton

1997 RECIPIENTS

James L. Barnes — Bowling Green Craig A. Bauer — Anthony Wayne Claudette R. Davis — Perrysburg Cindy Goodman-Eckel — Eastwood Paul R. Grimm — Otsego Christopher S. McIntire — Woodmore Ben Richmond — Lake

1998 RECIPIENTS

Tony E. Castillo, Sr. — Perrysburg John R. Colley — Maumee Cheryl L. (Hirzel) Fitzpatrick — Rossford Sharon Roman— Rossford Nicholas K. Shultz — Lake

1999 RECIPIENTS

Tina (Etchison) Dowling — Anthony Wayne Jonathan Hart — Clay Martin Sniadecki — Maumee Robert Steinline — Perrysburg

2000 RECIPIENTS

Rhonda (Delphous) Bliss — Genoa Pamela (Recker) Buck — Eastwood James R. Dahms — Adult & Continuing Education Cynthia (Hart) Millinger — Maumee John F. Spilker — Anthony Wayne Richard Young — Lake

2001 RECIPIENTS

Marty Almester — Rossford
Barbara Ceculski — Genoa
Mike Chiarelli — Perrysburg
William E. Harris — Bowling Green
Teri Lynn (Gearig) Murphy — Swanton
Wayne R. Nault — Northwood
Duane Roach — Bowling Green

2002 RECIPIENTS

Jennifer E. Glassford — Woodmore
Deborah S. (Tober) James — Rossford
Bonny (Peske) LaPoint — Anthony Wayne
Synthia L. (Cox) Mahler — Elmwood
Kathy (Woodruff) Powers — Maumee
Scott Sevenish — Rossford

2003 RECIPIENTS

Nancy J. Gerwin — Woodmore Richard Gross — Perrysburg John K. Hughes — Lake Robert E. Landolt — Rossford Lee Powell — Perrysburg Mary J. (Pfaff) Schroeder — Swanton Frank I. Zygela — Anthony Wayne

2004 RECIPIENTS

Carole A. (Hughes) Brennan — Lake
Lynne (Mullen) Burch — Maumee
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 Matthew 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 REGIPIENTSLeslie 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

2016 RECIPIENTS

Joy (Rabbitt) DuShane – Lake Allen Eckel – Springfield Ron Lenz – Genoa James Mauter – Maumee Doug Schmidt – Genoa Joshua Torres – Anthony Wayne Molly (Frey) Wilson – Maumee

2017 RECIPIENTS

William Hammer – Woodmore Kandace (Carpenter) Helbing – Rossford Karen (Walsh) Magrum – Otsego Peggy McGaharan – Northwood Daniel Morey – Bowling Green Katelyn (Bills) Wright – Otsego

2018 RECIPIENTS

David J. Daniels – Perrysburg Kristi Leigh Foreman – Maumee Frederick W. Greive – Otsego Christina Hammer-Atkins – Woodmore Michele (Miller) Rose-Sprunk – Lake Paula (McKenzie) Thomas – Otsego

2019 RECIPIENTS

Elmer Dunberger — Northwood Matthew Harvey — Genoa April (Zitzman) Rietzke — Swanton Diana (Escobar) Rodriguez — Genoa Ivan "Jake" Lee Smith, Jr. — Maumee Ryan Smith — Perrysburg Jessica (Arnold) Spilker — Elmwood

2020 RECIPIENTS

Christopher Gunderman — Anthony Wayne Alicia (Gorsuch) Holdren — Lake Ryan Jones — Anthony Wayne Chrystal (Moore) Shanahan — Maumee

2021 RECIPIENTS

Bradley Buchanan — Woodmore Michael Crawford — Bowling Green Linda (Whitney) Henry — Otsego Don (Pattrick) Przysiecki — Rossford William Martin Self, Jr. — Springfield



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