



KEN BIALECKI



JOHN COGER

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

2024



ALYSSA (BASHAM) JOHNSON



LAURA (LUCKEY) KING



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

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

Welcome to Penta Career Center's Outstanding Alumni Awards.

We are pleased to celebrate this occasion with representatives from our 16-member school districts who are equally proud of the Outstanding Alumni Award recipients.

Since 1993, we have recognized 183 former students with this honor. This year we are proud to recognize four alumni 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.

It is humbling to see how our 2024 Outstanding Alumni Award recipients are great advocates of career-technical education. They 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 develop leadership skills, build self-confidence, and prepare for further education and/or employment.

Another common trait among our Outstanding Alumni recipients is their strong work ethic. Each have worked hard to achieve professional and personal success.

Giving back is another positive characteristic of our Outstanding Alumni recipients. They are involved in volunteer activities on both a professional and personal level.

As educators, 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 options and opportunities.

Congratulations to our 2024 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Sincerely,



Edward Ewers

Superintendent

Penta Career Center

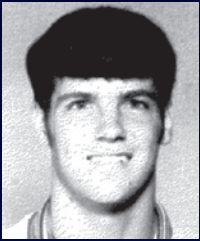


EDWARD EWERS





KEN BIALECKI



CLASS OF
1982

CAREER PROGRAM

Construction
Electricity

MEMBER SCHOOL

Anthony Wayne

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Business Owner

COMPANY

A E Electric Inc.

10483 Henry Lucas County Road
Grand Rapids, OH 43522
419.832.4924

KEN BIALECKI

Ken Bialecki is proud of the training he received at Penta Career Center. He believes the education and skills he obtained while at Penta ultimately led him to a successful career as an electrician and business owner.

Although Ken didn't begin working in the electrical industry immediately after high school, he never stopped pursuing employment in this field when job opportunities were more readily available.

"I first worked in the restaurant industry, then was a propane delivery driver for a few years," says Ken. "I started working as an electrician in 1990 and opened my own electrical business out of my house in 1994."

Ken's experience working for area electrical contractors motivated him to pursue business ownership. When Ken formed A E Electric Inc. he worked mainly as an electrician. As his business grew, he was able to hire more employees.

Ken is a big supporter of Penta and career-technical education. He is a member of the ABC adult apprenticeship organization. Ken takes pride in hiring employees that are Penta and Anthony Wayne alumni.

Ken's company has seen substantial growth over the years. The majority of his business is residential work with 30 percent commercial projects. Ken and A E Electric provide electrical services for 20 area builders. As a 30-year business owner with 24 employees, he now focuses on the day-to-day operations of his company. Ken's major duties entail bidding, ordering and financial operations. He leaves the hands-on work to his electricians.

In addition to the electrical industry, Ken often works as a consultant in the travel industry. He enjoys traveling and helps people plan their vacation destinations. Ken is most knowledgeable about tropical destinations like Jamaica, Bahamas, Cancun, and the Dominican Republic.

Ken enjoys giving back to the community. A E Electric donates electrical services through Buckeye Real Estate Group for the annual St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway. He also supports Charity Blessings in Disguise, Folds of Honor, the livestock auction at the Lucas County Fair, and the Northwest Ohio Rib-Off. As an avid golfer, Ken also provides support to the boys' golf team at Anthony Wayne High School.

Ken has been married to Dawn for 37 years. They have three adult children – Joshua, Chad and Kendall – and four grandchildren.

JOHN COGER

John Coger believes the training he received at Penta Career Center provided the foundation for a successful career in the manufacturing industry.

John initially started out in Penta's Computer-Aided Design program, but soon learned that he preferred machining. During his senior year, he was able to switch to the Applied Manufacturing program and landed an early placement job as a machine operator for the GL Heller Co. in Whitehouse.

After graduating from Eastwood High School and completing Penta's Applied Manufacturing program in 2011, John pursued high goals. That same year, he obtained an operator job and participated in the apprenticeship training program at Hammill Medical in Maumee. The company is a manufacturer of orthopedic implants, spinal implants and implantable medical devices. During John's tenure at this company, he also worked as a programmer in the research and development department. John is proud to have earned his journeyman's card while working at Hammill Medical.

John moved to a new job in 2016, when he accepted a programmer position with GS Engineering in Maumee. The company specializes in the manufacture of molds for domestic and international automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). After about two years as a programmer, John moved into management with the company. John manages 15 employees where he coordinates CNC work, tool design, production, and design.

Even with John's busy schedule, he takes time to support Penta with job placement opportunities for students and any other employment support students may need. He is a member of the Precision Machining Advisory Board.

"I enjoy getting involved in activities that support Penta and its students," says John. "Our company has hired several Penta students over the years and we're always here to help."

John and his fiancée, Hannah, live in Maumee. They have three children – Oliver, age 8; Cecilia, age 4; and Victoria, 8 months. Hannah also attended Penta and completed the Cosmetology program in 2012. John and his family enjoy area activities like attending hockey games and, when he has spare time, he likes to hunt.



JOHN COGER



CLASS OF
2011

CAREER PROGRAM

Applied Manufacturing
Technologies

MEMBER SCHOOL

Eastwood

CURRENT OCCUPATION

CNC/Design Manager

COMPANY

GS Engineering
6421 Monclova Road
Maumee, OH 43537
419.806.2407



ALYSSA (BASHAM) JOHNSON



CLASS OF
2013

CAREER PROGRAM

Culinary Arts

MEMBER SCHOOL

Perrysburg

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Culinary Arts Instructor

ORGANIZATION

Penta Career Center

9301 Buck Road

Perrysburg, OH 43551

419.666.1120

ALYSSA (BASHAM) JOHNSON

When Alyssa Johnson was young, she enjoyed helping her mother with cooking and baking. This interest continued in high school and when she heard about Penta's Culinary Arts program, she jumped at the chance to experience this exciting career path.

Alyssa graduated from Perrysburg High School and completed the Culinary Arts program at Penta in 2013. While at Penta, she participated in many activities that helped her prepare for college and her career. Alyssa earned the ProStart certification and the ProStart Top Culinarian Award during her senior year. She also was active in career-technical student organizations like FCCLA and SkillsUSA where she earned top awards at regional and state competitions.

"Penta helped shape my career," says Alyssa. "My Penta education gave me a broad overview of the many opportunities that are available in my chosen field and it helped me become successful."

Alyssa attended The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, New York where she gained extensive knowledge and experience in baking and pastry. In 2014, she had an exciting opportunity to hone her skills when she participated in a five-month externship at the Grand Hotel Resort and Spa in Point Clear, Alabama. Alyssa earned an associate's degree in baking and pastry from the CIA in 2015.

After graduating from the CIA, Alyssa returned to Perrysburg and worked for Walt Churchill's Market and Element 112. In 2016, she worked as the assistant bakery manager for The Toledo Zoo & Aquarium where she gained more experience supervising hourly employees and managing the day-to-day production.

Alyssa moved to Columbus, Ohio in 2017 and gained even more experience when she worked as a pastry chef for Otterbein University. In 2018, she moved on to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and worked as a pastry chef for two years.

After several years of gaining expertise in baking and pastry arts, Alyssa decided to pursue an opportunity to work as an instructor. She was first hired at Penta as a Culinary Arts Instructional Aide in 2020. Alyssa then advanced to the Culinary Arts instructor position in 2022 when one of the instructor jobs became open.

Not only is Alyssa thoroughly enjoying her career as an instructor where she got her start, but she also spends much of her spare time as a business owner. She opened Alyssa's Cakes and Confections LLC in 2013 and creates custom cakes, desserts, and cookies for special events.

Alyssa has been married to Seth for five years. They have two children – Everett, age 4 and Oliver, 6 months. She and her family enjoy going to the zoo and Toledo Walleye hockey games.

LAURA (LUCKEY) KING

Laura King is proud of her career-technical education because, through various experiences at Penta Career Center, she discovered an interest in the field of occupational therapy.

Laura completed the Exercise Science/Sports Healthcare program and graduated from Woodmore High School in 2012. At Penta, Laura was a member of SkillsUSA, where she was the national champion in the medical math competition. Laura credits job shadowing experiences, along with encouragement from her Penta instructors, for helping her set college and career goals.

"During high school I was able to participate in job shadowing experiences at a hospital in Fremont and at Orchard Villa in Oregon," says Laura. "During college, I felt I was further ahead than most other students due to my education and training at Penta."

Laura attended the University of Findlay from 2012-2017. She earned a bachelor's degree in science in 2016 and a masters in occupational therapy in 2017. As part of her college training, Laura participated in many clinical experiences at hospitals and skilled nursing facilities to obtain the required hours and skills to become an occupational therapist. Laura also obtained more clinical experience by working as a residential aide for seniors and at Head Start in Findlay to help preschool students with their fine motor skills.

After graduating from Findlay, Laura obtained a job in her field at Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital. She has worked at the hospital since 2018 as a full-time occupational therapist in the inpatient rehabilitation unit. Laura works with patients who are recovering from strokes, trauma and surgeries to help them regain their independence. Some of her duties include helping patients with self-care skills such as showering, dressing, balance, and arm strength. On weekends from 2019-2022, Laura also worked as a part-time occupational therapist for a skilled nursing facility in Ashland.

Laura has enjoyed helping others throughout her career. She has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity to help build houses. Laura has also volunteered with Gliding Stars in Findlay, an adaptive ice skating program for children with disabilities.

In 2021, Laura continued her education and earned a credential as a Certified Stroke Rehabilitation Specialist. She has several professional memberships. These include the American Occupational Therapy Association, Ohio Occupational Therapy Association and the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy.

Laura and her husband, Tristan, live in Mansfield. They are parents of Brandon, 22 months.



LAURA (LUCKEY) KING



CLASS OF
2012

CAREER PROGRAM

Exercise Science /
Sports Healthcare

MEMBER SCHOOL

Woodmore

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Occupational Therapist

COMPANY

Ohio Health
Mansfield Hospital

335 Glessner Avenue
Mansfield, OH 44903
419.526.8000



PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI RECIPIENTS

1993

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

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

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

1996

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

1997

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

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

1999

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

2000

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

Marty Almeister – 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2011

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

2012

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

2013

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

2014

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

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

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

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

2018

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

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

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

2021

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

2022

Christy L. Armstrong - Perrysburg
Steven Brubaker - Anthony Wayne
James R. Henry - Perrysburg
Erin McKnight - Eastwood
Crystal Sloan - Rossford
Jonmorgan Smith - Anthony Wayne

2023

Nikki (Thomasson) Depner - Woodmore
Brian Dilley - Maumee
Austin Flores - Northwood
Tricia (Rahe) Germann - Eastwood



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