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Outstanding ALUMNI



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

Welcome to Penta Career Center's Outstanding Alumni Awards. We are pleased to be able to hold this event in person again after taking a year off due to the pandemic.

Since 1993, we have recognized 168 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 both the 2020 and 2021 Outstanding Alumni recipients. These former students 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.

Our Outstanding Alumni are 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 build skills and self-confidence to be successful in life.

Another common trait among our Outstanding Alumni recipients is the pride they have demonstrated in their careers. This year's recipients have achieved many professional and personal accomplishments.

The Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients enjoy giving back to the community. They participate in organizations through their employers and through their family activities.

We are always happy to see our former students accomplish their goals after leaving high school. Their success validates the mission of Penta Career Center to provide high quality career-technical training.

Congratulations to our 2020 and 2021 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Sincerely,

Edward Ewers
Superintendent

Penta Career Center



FOWARD EWERS

2020 Outstanding ALUMNI

CHRISTOPHER GUNDERMAN

CLASS OF 1998

CAREER PROGRAM Carpentry

MEMBER SCHOOL Anthony Wayne



Chris (of Delta) is a general superintendent at OCP Contractors in Holland. He has worked at this company since completing his training at Penta. Chris is a graduate of the Carpenters Local 248 apprenticeship training program. Over the years, Chris has worked at OCP as a carpenter apprentice and then moved into roles as a foreman and project manager. In his current position, as general superintendent, he organizes up to 150 employees and 20 projects.

RYAN JONES CLASS OF 1998

CAREER PROGRAM Security & Law Enforcement

MEMBER SCHOOL Anthony Wayne



Ryan (of Weston) is a staff training officer at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)-Toledo Correctional Institution (TOCI). He has an associate's degree in applied science criminal justice from Owens Community College (2003) where he also completed the OPOTC police academy. Ryan has worked as a correction officer at the TOCI for 10 years and in 2016 was promoted to staff training officer at the facility.

ALICIA (GORSUCH) HOLDREN

CLASS OF 2007

as executive secretary since 2019.

CAREER PROGRAM Administrative Assistant

MEMBER SCHOOL Lake



secretary to the superintendent for the Wood County Educational Service Center (WCESC). She earned an associate's degree in applied business from Owens Community College in 2011. Alicia has also earned certifications from the Ohio State Auditor's office and the Ohio Association of EMIS professionals. She has been employed with the WCESC since 2006 when she was hired, during her senior year of high school, as a student secretary assistant. Alicia has held various positions including student secretary, student service secretary/AESOP, and personnel secretary/EMIS coordinator. Alicia has been in her current position **CHRYSTAL (MOORE) SHANAHAN**

CLASS OF 1998

CAREER PROGRAM Marketing Education (at Maumee)

MEMBER SCHOOL Maumee



Chrystal (of Orient, OH) is a marketing education and accounting teacher and is also a real estate agent. She has post-secondary degrees from Bowling Green State University, Franklin University, Hondros College of Business, and Concordia University. Chrystal has been a teacher with Olentangy Orange High School since 2010 and has been a real estate agent with Carleton Realty since 2012.



CAREER PROGRAM
Construction Remodeling

MEMBER SCHOOL
Woodmore

CURRENT OCCUPATION
Project Superintendent

COMPANY ARCO National Construction 900 N. Rock Hill Road St. Louis, Missouri 63119 314-963-0715

Brad Buchanan is proud of the training he received as a high school student at Penta Career Center. Brad believes the skills and real-world experience he learned at Penta has helped him excel in the construction industry.

"I took my experience at Penta, built upon that, and now, I have an extremely successful career in the construction industry," says Brad.

After completing his training in Penta's Construction Remodeling program and graduating in 2003 from Woodmore High School, Brad began framing houses for a local contractor. That same year, Brad also started working at Northwood Door in Walbridge.

Brad worked for Northwood Door for 10 years and was responsible for installation services. During his time with the company, he also supervised the training of new employees and apprentices.

In 2007, Brad joined the United States Army Reserves. He was in the military for six years which included a one-year deployment to Afghanistan where he was a team leader for Operation Enduring Freedom. Brad earned many awards and honors in the Army including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and a Combat Action Badge.

Brad accepted a new challenge in 2013, when he began working at the McCormick Equipment Company in Perrysburg. The company specializes in loading docks, storage systems, energy conservation, and safety products. Brad first worked as an installer and within a few years he became the installation manager. In this position, he managed all aspects of new equipment installation. Additionally, Brad is proud to have contributed to expanding the company's gross profit by cutting costs, improving efficiency, and boosting employee morale.

After gaining experience in management and supervision, Brad moved on to ARCO National Construction in 2019. ARCO, located in St. Louis, Missouri, is the seventh largest design/build contractors in the United States. Brad is a project superintendent and oversees multi-million dollar commercial and industrial construction sites. Some of his duties include: quality control inspection; regular job site observation; building and maintaining construction schedules; and establishing cooperative environments for trade contractors.

Brad travels to construction sites all over the country. Some of Brad's work locations have enabled his family to join him. Brad, along with his wife Kendra, and their daughter Cassidy, age 9, have been to Arizona, Cleveland, Kentucky, and Florida.

In his spare time, Brad enjoys spending time with his family and watching his daughter play travel soccer. He is a member of the American Legion Post 279 in Elmore.



MICHAEL CRAWFORD CLASS OF 1997

CAREER PROGRAM

Marketing Education

MEMBER SCHOOL
Bowling Green

CURRENT OCCUPATION
Owner/President

COMPANY

MPC Performance Consulting 724 Champagne Avenue Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 419-575-2781 When Mike Crawford was in high school, he used his training in automotive and his business and marketing skills to create a career that he continues to enjoy today. His interest in the automotive industry afforded him the opportunity to work as an automotive technician, while still in high school and, at the same time, gain valuable professional experience.

"My training at Penta both in automotive and marketing prepared me to become a professional in the industry," says Mike.

Mike experienced the best of both worlds in career-technical education. After spending a year in the Automotive Technology program on the Penta Career Center campus, he decided to study Marketing Education during his senior year at Bowling Green High School (a Penta satellite program). Upon graduating in 1997, Mike continued to work as an automotive technician at Thayer Chevrolet in Bowling Green.

By age 20, Mike became the assistant service manager at Great Lakes Ford in Bowling Green. He soon advanced to service manager and continued to work at the dealership until 2001.

Mike accepted a new opportunity in 2001 when he became the service manager at Brondes Ford Lincoln in Maumee. While at the dealership, he held many responsibilities some of which included supervision of 30 employees, recruitment, hiring, training, and marketing. During his time at Brondes, Mike was the recipient of several Medallion and Elite Awards through Ford.

In 2014, Mike returned to Bowling Green and worked for one year at the Ford and Nissan dealerships as the parts and service director. This position helped provide him with more experience as he prepared to enter a new career in the automotive industry.

Mike achieved another career accomplishment in 2015, when he became a fixed operations consultant with MSX International, the largest automotive consultant in the world. In this role, Mike helped the service departments, at Toyota dealerships across the United States, develop key processes to help increase profits, decrease expenses, and maintain a high level of customer service.

Mike worked for MSX International for six years and decided to venture on his own as a consultant. This past year, Mike formed his own company called MPC Performance Consulting. Based in Bowling Green, Mike now has the flexibility to work from home and travel three days a week. He works with many dealerships and brands across the country to assist with process implementation and improvement.

Giving back is important to Mike. He is a member of the Automotive Technology advisory boards both at Penta and at Owens Community College. Mike is active with his church, Dayspring Assembly of God.

Mike is married to Patricia and they have three children: Monica, age 7; Theo, age 6; and Preston, age 4. He is also the father of an adult son, Jacob, age 21.



CAREER PROGRAM
Horticulture

MEMBER SCHOOL
Otsego

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Business Owner

COMPANY

Keepsake Floral 808 Phillips Street Maumee, Ohio 43537 419-891-9851 For 50 years, Linda Henry has been working as a floral designer – a career that she continues to enjoy today as a retiree. Linda has fond memories of high school and credits Penta Career Center for setting the foundation for her success in the floral industry.

"My instructors were very supportive and encouraged me to pursue a career as a floral designer," says Linda.

After completing the Horticulture program and graduating from Otsego High School in 1971, Linda began working in her field of study. A senior internship provided the opportunity to work for Lee Winters Florist. Later that year, she obtained a job as a floral designer at Pepers Flowers in Grand Rapids.

Gaining more floral design and customer service experience through each of her jobs, Linda moved on to Joe I. Cooper Florist in Toledo in 1974. She worked for this florist for 11 years and enjoyed preparing arrangements for all types of occasions.

In 1985, Linda embarked on what was perhaps her most memorable work experience when she accepted a position with Keith H. Brooks Florist in Sylvania. Known around the region as one of the most popular wedding and special event florists, Keith Brooks provided Linda the opportunity to expand her creativity. Not only did she work as a floral designer, but Linda also decorated many well-known special event venues in Toledo. Some of these events included: the Toledo Opera's Sapphire Ball; the Jamie Farr LPGA Charity Gala; the Junior League of Toledo Town Hall series; and the Toledo Museum of Art special exhibit openings.

Linda enjoyed her time working in the industry and wanted to expand her knowledge and expertise. For three years, she pursued further education by taking floral design classes with Keith Brooks, through Penta's Adult Education division. These classes, along with her job experiences, helped Linda become one of the finest floral designers in the area.

As her employer's business grew, so did Linda's work hours. She decided to pursue a slower pace work schedule. In 2000, she accepted a job with Klotz Floral & Garden Center in Bowling Green. Linda worked as a senior floral and wedding designer for 16 years with this business.

While still working for Klotz, Linda became interested in business ownership. In 2003, she started Keepsake Floral, a home-based business. Linda preserves flowers after weddings or funerals and then arranges them in shadow boxes, domed picture frames or glass domes. She has operated this business for 18 years.

Linda has been active in community musical theater and her church choir. She has been married to James for 21 years. In her spare time, Linda enjoys gardening.



CAREER PROGRAM
Welding

MEMBER SCHOOL
Rossford

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Retired Welder, Business Owner & Professional Magician

COMPANY

Pattrick the Magician & Patt's Matts 1408 Wilderness Drive Maumee, Ohio 43537 419-297-3037 When Pattrick Przysiecki attended Penta Career Center he, along with his brother and friend, wanted to form their own construction company, that never happened, but some other "amazing" things did.

As a Welding student, Pattrick worked 40 hours a week at the same time he was finishing his senior year of high school. After completing his Welding training and graduating from Rossford High School in 1973, Pattrick passed a Welding test and obtained a job at the Jeep Corporation.

Pattrick is an advocate of the trades. He believes his experience as a welder taught him many life lessons.

"I learned to work hard, efficiently, and with purpose," says Pattrick.

Pattrick worked at Jeep for 30 years. During his time at Jeep, he worked as a welder in the body shop and also held other positions in the factory. He believes a combination of working and dealing with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, provided him with many valuable life skills. Pattrick retired from Jeep at age 47 and moved into another exciting chapter of his life.

While still working at Jeep, Pattrick became fascinated with magic. In 1974, he began to practice and pursued magic as a hobby.

Pattrick performed magic shows at restaurants four nights a week for 11 years and worked at Jeep at the same time. Pattrick specializes in close-up/sleight-of-hand magic and when he retired, Pattrick began to enter magic competitions. In 2003, he earned his first award at a magic convention in Columbus, Ohio. Later that year, Pattrick entered and won first place in two of the largest national magic competitions in the United States.

Pattrick's magic career has been remarkable. He has been invited to perform three times at the prestigious Magic Castle in Hollywood and for magic conventions at major cities across the country.

Pattrick has also competed internationally. In 2007, he earned a runner-up award in London, England in the McMillian's International competition. Pattrick's biggest accomplishment occurred in 2012 when he competed in the FISM in Europe and placed ninth among 25 of the best magicians in the world.

Since 1995, Pattrick has owned a company called Patt's Matts. Pattrick manufactures all mats by hand. The mats are used by magicians for close-up work. Patt's Matts are in demand by magicians all over the world and have appeared in top professional magic shows and on the television program *America's Got Talent*.

Pattrick served for 10 years as president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians #68 Toledo Society of Magicians. During the past 12 years, he has been the house magician at Loma Linda restaurant.

Patrick has been married to Rita for 23 years. They enjoy traveling and spending time with their grandchildren.



CAREER PROGRAM
A+ Computer Technology

MEMBER SCHOOL
Springfield

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Business Owner and Instructional Media Specialist

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION

PC Arena 7332 Angola Road Holland, Ohio 43528 419-343-9185

The University of Toledo Medical Center 3100 Transverse Drive Toledo, Ohio 43614 419-530-2656 Experiencing two career-technical programs at Penta Career Center was not what Marty Self originally planned to do while in high school. However, his strong interest in fixing computers convinced him to change his career path while at Penta.

"I tried out Interactive Media for one year, but I was drawn to A+ Computer Technology and was proud to be able to complete this two-year program in one year," says Marty.

Marty graduated from Springfield High School and completed his Penta program in 2004. He credits Penta and instructor, Dan Wyandt, for providing guidance and a firm foundation for his success in the information technology industry.

School was challenging for Marty because of dyslexia, but once he found a program he loved, he became a whiz in school. It was unheard of for a student to finish A+ Computer Technology in one year, but Marty did, and he also earned all A's in the program.

While in high school, Marty worked for a local web site company as a web site developer. At the same time, he also started his own business called PC Arena. Marty's company buys, sells and fixes computers and other electronics. He still operates this company today and often hires Penta students.

A few months after graduation, Marty was hired by Aktion Associates, a leading IT consulting company in the Toledo area. He worked as a computer/LAN technician and was responsible for set up, maintenance, and troubleshooting of Windows workstations and all programs.

While working at this company, Marty's job provided him with the flexibility to also work for the National Security Agency, a government agency and a key member of the Intelligence Community. As a sub-contractor computer technician, Marty assisted the agency when they needed extra help with many confidential assignments.

In 2015, Marty accepted another opportunity when he was hired by The University of Toledo. He works as an instructional media specialist at the UT Medical Center campus and provides computer, electronic and classroom support for the medical staff.

Marty is very dedicated to helping charities. Income he raises through PC Arena, is donated to local charities like the Cherry Street Mission and Vision Ministries. In 2011, Marty donated money and his time to a mission in Guatemala. The company also builds computers for senior citizens.

Marty has furthered his education and received an associate degree in Technology from Information Technologies Tech in Canton, Michigan. He also gives back to Penta by offering job shadowing opportunities for students and often visits as a guest speaker. Marty serves as an advisory board member for Penta's Information Technologies Academy.

In his spare time, Marty is a professional gamer and especially enjoys Starcraft, Quake and World of Tanks. He is married to Crystal and they have sons Emmett, age 9 and Xander, age 16; and daughter Amber, age 13.

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 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 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 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

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



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