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FCCLA STUDENTS ARE NATIONAL CHAMPS!

Penta Career Center is happy to celebrate the accomplishments of our satellite Family and Consumer Sciences students in the Anthony Wayne Local School District. They earned first place awards at the 2023 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference. Congratulations to **Grant Hubley**, **Fiona Freeman**, **Aradhya Muthumula**, and **Lauren Anders** who competed in July in Denver, Colorado and were honored as FCCLA National Champions!

Hubley, who earned top awards at the regional and state FCCLA competitions, received the national award for the National Programs in Action contest on the topic of "Making our Communities Safer." Freeman and Anders were top award winners at the regional and state FCCLA contests and earned first place at nationals in the Nutrition and Wellness competition. Muthumula, competed in the Instructional Video Design contest on the topic of "Cooking with Spices" and earned first place at nationals in the same competition for the second year in a row.

The students were accompanied to the national competition by their FCCLA advisors Amanda Valdez, instructor of Penta's Family and Consumer Sciences programs at Anthony Wayne High School and Kay-Lynne Schaller, instructor of Penta's Family and Consumer Sciences programs at Anthony Wayne Junior High.



Grant Hubley



Aradhya Muthumula



Fiona Freeman



Lauren Anders

CREATING EARLY CAREER AWARENESS & CAREER CONNECTIONS



Penta Career Center has enhanced its college and career readiness activities for all students within its 16-member school districts by offering a new career awareness curriculum. Based on the Ohio Department of Education's Career Connections initiative, two Penta staff members coordinate career awareness opportunities through collaborative efforts with the member school districts. Missy Emerine and Amy Carey both serve as career awareness coordinators, and they offer a variety of activities and lessons for classroom teachers. This past school year, 38 classrooms participated in the career awareness activities.

"Career awareness is all about early exposure to a multitude of careers," says Missy Emerine. "Through lessons and activities aligned to Ohio's grade level standards, we work with teachers in elementary and middle schools to help students explore their career interests."

Penta's career awareness coordinators also use innovative programming called YouScience® Aptitude & Career Discovery for students in grades 7-12. Through YouScience® activities, students engage in aptitude tests to identify and connect their natural talents with real-world careers. The ultimate goal is to help students create success plans, which they can use as guides for course selection, career exploration and future planning.

Career awareness curriculum has also been developed in the Otsego School District. Christine May has been working as Penta's career connection instructor at Otsego Junior High since fall 2022. Students are exposed to a variety of activities including guest speakers, field trips, and engaging lessons about career fields and pathways to the future.

The Career Awareness programs are so popular that the first semester schedule for the 2023-2024 school year is already booked. The coordinators are working to provide additional opportunities for member school classrooms the second half of the year. For more information, classroom teachers can contact Penta's career awareness coordinators at 419-666-1120 Ext. 6488 or Ext. 6468.

Superintendent's Message



It's been another successful school year at Penta Career Center and we are ready to begin the 2023-2024 school year!

Students and staff, both on our main campus and through our satellite programs, have accomplished a great deal this past year. Thanks to the

dedication and commitment of the Penta staff, our students have benefited immensely. We are proud of the many successes of our students through their involvement in career-technical student organizations and through participating in work-based learning activities, earning industry credentials and taking advantage of college credit options.

A very special congratulations to **Grant Hubley, Aradhya Muthumula, Fiona Freeman, and Lauren Anders**, students from Penta Career Center's satellite Family and Consumer Sciences programs at Anthony Wayne, who were recently honored as national champions at the 2023 FCCLA National Leadership Conference.

Penta Career Center was once again recognized in July with our fourth Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The 2023 award was presented for the outstanding work of our academic and career-technical teachers who collaborated together to increase work-based learning experiences for our students.

As we look to the future and as our enrollment continues to grow, we have started master planning work which will help us achieve many of our district goals. Recently, we have expanded and added new programs. Some of the highlights include: a new location at Bowling Green State University for the Teaching Professions program; the addition of new Construction and Phlebotomy programs at Springfield Schools; and creating a second on-campus program for Construction Electricity. Our Adult Education area is also seeing growth. New short-term programs have been developed so that adult students can quickly earn industry credentials for in-demand jobs in Northwest Ohio.

Other master planning work includes: a space analysis to determine areas for potential growth; opportunities to improve teaching and learning; space to enhance community engagement and workforce development; remodeling of existing space; and building of new flexible lab spaces. We will share more details with you in the near future as this process continues.

We are ready for the new school year to begin and look forward to helping students become #SuccessReady.

Sincerely,
Edward Ewers
Superintendent

PENTA EARNS 2023 PACESETTER SCHOOL AWARD



For the fourth time since 2018, Penta Career Center has once again been honored with the Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Penta was recognized on July 18 during the Making Schools Work Conference in Orlando, Florida. During the conference, Tonya Kessinger, assistant director of career instruction, accepted the award on behalf of all classroom teachers.

Teacher collaboration is an important facet of the Making Schools Work School Improvement Initiative. The Pacesetter School Award was based on how Penta academic and career-technical teachers work together to develop increased work-based learning opportunities for students.

Throughout the years, Penta instructors have provided a strong foundation for students to become successfully employed in the community. Academic and career-technical teachers collaborate to increase work placement opportunities for students in the areas of: job shadowing or internships; community service; and pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship opportunities. As a result of this school-wide effort, students experience an enhanced work-based learning environment that enriches their overall employability success.

Helping the Community

During the 2022-2023 school year, Penta Career Center students and staff were involved in a variety of community service activities to help others in need. From daily class projects in our career-technical programs to school-wide special events, giving back is a tradition at Penta.

Last fall, students in the Automotive Collision Repair and Welding programs collaborated to create giant butterfly chairs. The chairs were welded and painted by the students and donated to the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio for their annual auction. Each chair was auctioned for \$600.

Another unique project that has benefited the community is the construction of tiny homes for Bluff Street Village in central Toledo. Students in Construction Carpentry, under the supervision of Rob Weaver, instructor, spent the past two years constructing tiny houses in collaboration with the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center. The four tiny

homes on Bluff Street are transforming this once abandoned neighborhood by providing affordable housing for those in need. Penta's Construction Carpentry program hopes to continue this project during the 2023-2024 school year.

During the school year, the Penta Career Center Pantry project provides food items and toiletries for students in need of assistance. Through generous donations from the Penta staff, the pantry served about 40 students and their families on a weekly basis. In December, staff donated gift cards, warm clothing and other gifts for the Giving Tree project which benefited students and their families who needed extra assistance for the holidays.

Penta's Medical Technologies and Medical Office Management students and staff organized several American Red Cross Blood Drives throughout the school year. Many students donated blood to help the Red Cross provide the gift of life to those in need.

The Bluff Street Village project held an Open House on May 27 to showcase the homes built by Penta's Construction Carpentry students.



Students and staff who welded and painted butterfly chairs for the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio included (L-R): Jesse Sybert (Eastwood), Carter Riggs (Perrysburg), Caden Hamby (Perrysburg), Rylee Driftmyer (Perrysburg) – all from Automotive Collision Repair; Dave Sawicki, instructor of Welding; and Sean Lashaway (Elmwood) and Carter Snyder (Eastwood), both from Welding.

PENTA CLASS OF 2023!

The 58th senior class at Penta Career Center was honored May 16 – 18 during five separate Senior Recognition ceremonies on the Penta campus. During the events, members of the Class of 2023 were recognized by Superintendent Edward Ewers, supervisors, instructors, and members of the Board of Education. Each student received a Career Passport containing a certificate of completion and other documents listing the students' accomplishments. This year, 831 seniors from Penta's career-technical programs, as well as its satellite Marketing Education, Teaching Professions, Industrial Maintenance, and Career Based Intervention programs, received Career Passports.

In addition, 50 seniors were recognized with the 2023 Penta Outstanding Student award. This special award is given by each career-technical instructor to a deserving senior based on performance and excellence in their program. The following seniors were recognized with the 2023 Outstanding Student Award:

Aaron Baker (Otsego), Job Training/TIES
Gabrielle Bengela (Lake), Dental Assistant
Hannah Betz (Elmwood), Horticulture - Floral & Greenhouse Services
Jarod Bonfiglio (Eastwood), Construction Electricity
Emma Book (Anthony Wayne), Digital Video Production
Hayden Callicotte (Swanton), Accounting
Diana Canterbury (Bowling Green), Medical Technologies Academy
Brandon Connors (Oak Harbor), Marketing Education
Robert Cooley (Bowling Green), Information Technologies Academy
Courtney Crawford (Maumee), Marketing Education
Toby Cufr (Northwood), Robotics & Automation
Tommy Curtis (Elmwood), Horticulture - Landscaping & Outdoor Systems
Bryson Davis, Jr. (Maumee), Small Animal Care
Katlyn Floyd (Swanton), Cosmetology
Seth Hart (Northwood), Powersports & Engine Systems
Paige Helmke (Woodmore), Exercise Science & Sports Medicine

Hayle Hereford (Lake), Medical Technologies Academy
Haley Hughes (Maumee), Small Animal Care
Justin Ingram (Otsego), Welding
Elainna Jones (Swanton), Interactive Media
Sophie Kepling (Otsego), Early Childhood Education
Brady Krueger (Perrysburg), Automotive Technology
Nolan LaFeir (Northwood), Marketing Education
Blake Luther (Anthony Wayne), Marketing Education
Alyssa Malanowski (Otsego), Business
Kevin McBroom (Rossford), Medical Technologies Academy
Camden McWilliams (Eastwood), Construction Remodeling
Allie Miller (Anthony Wayne), Construction Carpentry
Alivia Mysinger (Northwood), Computer-Aided Design
Kyle O'Connell (Perrysburg), Firefighter
Lukas Perry (Woodmore), Welding
Alec Ross (Bowling Green), Marketing Education
Caley Sadler (Otsego), Culinary & Hospitality Services

Jonah Shafer (Rossford), Marketing Education
Nikales Shanteau (Oak Harbor), Heating & Air Conditioning Technology
Andrew Smith (Anthony Wayne), Medical Technologies
Russell Snyder (Swanton), Criminal Justice
Nadyah Stone (Eastwood), Precision Machining
Joey Tammerine (Northwood), Construction & Building Maintenance
Christy Thompson (Otsego), Information Technologies Academy
Carlos Valerio Aguero (Perrysburg), Digital Arts & Design
Hunter Warr (Perrysburg), Inventory & Warehouse Operations
Logan Wauford (Rossford), Culinary Arts
Jack Weisenburger (Perrysburg), Marketing Education
Abraham Weldon (Bowling Green), Automotive Technology
Jade Wiley (Northwood), Business
Savannah Williams (Otsego), Cosmetology
Shelby Wishon (Northwood), Culinary Arts
Elijah Wolph (Woodmore), Construction Masonry
Clay Zaborowski (Swanton), Welding



*Seniors holding their 2023 Outstanding Student Awards (L-R): **Bryson Davis, Jr.**, Small Animal Care and **Katlyn Floyd**, Cosmetology.*



*(L-R): **Brenda Strauss**, Dental Assistant instructor, with seniors **Taylor Schwegler** (Perrysburg), **Tessa Norman** (Otsego) and **Olivia Courtney** (Elmwood), after the 2023 Penta Career Center Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 16.*

Robinson Selected Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to **Bruce Robinson**, instructor of Construction & Building Maintenance, who was recognized in May as the 2022-2023 Penta Career Center Teacher of the Year! Robinson, who has been a staff member for seven years, first started out as an instructor in Adult Education and then moved to the high school as a career-technical instructor. The Teacher of the Year recognition is awarded at the end of each school year to an instructor who demonstrates outstanding dedication and commitment to students at Penta.



Award-Winning Aspire Program

In June, Penta Career Center's Aspire program was recognized with The Chancellor's Award from the Ohio Department of Higher Education for outstanding student performance. The Aspire program has exceeded the state minimum performance measure by more than 15 percent and is among the top-performing programs in Ohio. Aspire provides GED® preparation classes at flexible locations in Lucas and Wood counties. Other services offered through Aspire include: ESOL, integrated and education training for post-secondary credentials, life/employment skills, and distance education.

(L-R) **Judith Paredes**, Penta Board of Education member from the Wood County ESC; **William Green**, Penta Board of Education member from the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center; **Kathy Limes**, Penta Board of Education member from the Wood County ESC; **Debra Morris**, former supervisor of Aspire; **Jessica Arbuckle**, supervisor of Aspire; and **Edward Ewers**, superintendent.



2023 RETIREES

Congratulations to five Penta staff members who recently retired. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to our students and career-technical education. This year's retirees included:

Bonnie Crim, academic instructor (32 years at Penta)
Ron Kauffman, satellite instructor of Accounting/Business (19 years at Penta)
Debra Morris, supervisor of Aspire (14 years at Penta)
Joyce Shenefield, secretary in Student Services (8 years at Penta)
Dan Weirich, supervisor of Arts, Business & Health Services (21 years at Penta)



Retirees who attended the retirement ceremony on May 23 included (L-R): Dan Weirich, Joyce Shenefield, Debra Morris, and Ron Kauffman.

2023 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Are you an alumnus of Penta Career Center, or do you have a family member or friend that has been successful in their career after attending Penta? Consider applying for the 2023 Penta Outstanding Alumni Award. Since 1993, 179 former students have been recognized with this award.

Potential candidates for the Outstanding Alumni Award should demonstrate excellence and success in their careers with evidence of professional accomplishments and community involvement. Nominees must have completed a high school or adult education program at Penta prior to 2013. Applications are available by calling 419-661-6351 or by visiting pentacareercenter.org (click on District, then "Alumni"). Completed applications are due September 29, 2023. Alumni selected for the award will be honored at a special banquet at Penta on November 9, 2023.

2022 Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients included: (L-R, front row) – **Steven Brubaker** (Anthony Wayne, '11); **Erin McKnight** (Eastwood, '00); **Christy Armstrong** (Perrysburg, '91); (L-R, back row) – **Crystal Sloan** (Rossford, '06); **Jonmorgan Smith** (Anthony Wayne, '11); and **James Henry** (Perrysburg, '71).



STUDENTS SHINE AT COMPETITIONS



Business Professionals of America (BPA)

Two students earned top honors in April at the 2023 BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. **William Lynch** (Lake), Digital Arts & Design program, placed eighth in the nation in the Advanced Desktop Publishing contest. **Treyton Smith** (Northwood), Information Technologies Academy, received third place honors at the national conference in the Device Configuration & Troubleshooting contest.

DECA

In April, dozens of students from Penta's satellite Marketing Education and Business programs competed at the 2023 DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. Six students earned Top 10 awards including: **Addi Bertsch**, **Courtney Crawford**, **Avery Lewis**, **Disha Patel**, **Evelynn Schneider**, and **Skylar Janes** – all from the Penta-Maumee Marketing Education program. Two students, **Parker Camp** and **Alyssa Malanowski**, from the Penta-Otsego Business program, earned Gold awards.

FCCLA

In addition to Penta Career Center's satellite students earning first place in the nation at the 2023 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference, 18 students also earned top honors.

The following students from the main campus Culinary Arts program earned top awards: **Catherine Getz** (Bowling Green) and **Logan Wauford** (Rossford) – 2nd Place for Culinary Math; **Peyton Baumbarger** (Bowling Green) – 3rd Place for Culinary Math; and **Ryn Aldridge** (Anthony Wayne) – Gold for Fashion Construction. Also, the Early Childhood Education team of **Madelyn DoMoe** (Lake), **Krystiana Everly** (Lake) and **Jorja Mackey** (Maumee) earned a Silver award for Promote and Publicize FCCLA.

Satellite students from Penta's Family and Consumer Sciences programs in the Anthony Wayne Local School District also earned awards: **Foster Thompson** – 2nd Place for Chapter Website; **Makenna Rinehart** – Top 10 for Career

Investigation; **Amelia Bailey** – Top 10 Repurpose and Redesign; **Hannah Rizzo** – Gold for Leadership; **Makayla Tucker** – Gold for Teach or Train; **Ashlynn Jacobs** – Gold for Digital Stories for Change; and **Amelia Cappel** – Silver for Fashion Design.

In addition, satellite students from the Otsego School District earned Silver awards at nationals. They included: **Parker Camp** for Promote and Publicize FCCLA; and the team of **Kylie Kitzler**, **Casey Kuron** and **Megan Schiffer** for Event Management.

FFA

Penta's satellite FFA programs at Anthony Wayne, Bowling Green, Genoa, Oak Harbor, Otsego, and Woodmore had another successful year with 12 students earning their American FFA Degree and 24 students achieving the State FFA Degree. In addition, Penta's FFA chapters at Anthony Wayne, Bowling Green and Genoa were recognized as a Gold Medal Chapters.

HOSA

In June, 11 students from Penta's health services programs participated in contests at the 2023 HOSA International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas. The following Medical Technologies students earned Top 10 awards: **Kevin McBroom** (Rossford) and **Kalecia Billiot** (Bowling Green) both for the CPR/First Aid contest; and **Grace Herroon** (Perrysburg) for the Home Health Aide contest. **Alexis Hayward** (Genoa) was recognized at the conference with the Barbara James Service Award for completing 250 volunteer hours.



Students at the 2023 SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference included (L-R): Annabell LaGesse, Emma Book, Jewell Shropshire, Riley Jones, Diana Canterbury, and Katelynn Smith.

SkillsUSA

Six students competed at the 2023 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in June in Atlanta, Georgia. **Diana Canterbury** (Bowling Green), Medical Technologies Academy, earned 7th place in the Health Occupations Professional Portfolio contest. The Digital Video Production team, comprised of **Emma Book** (Anthony Wayne), **Riley Jones** (Rossford), **Annabell LaGesse** (Perrysburg), and **Jewell Shropshire** (Eastwood), secured 17th place in the Broadcast News Production Team contest. **Katelynn Smith** (Otsego), Culinary Arts, excelled in the Commercial Baking contest, earning 17th place.





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IMPORTANT DATES

August 17	New Students First Day
August 18	All Students Report
September 4	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 18	NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Day
September 27	Cruise-In Car Show 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Register for Adult Education Courses

Adults who want to upskill or get started in a new in-demand career, should check out courses offered by Penta Adult Post-Secondary. Training at Penta is fast with flexible options offered in skilled trades, healthcare and manufacturing. Short term programs are available in areas such as: Auto Maintenance & Light Repair; Construction Technologies; Dental Assisting; Intro to HVAC; Phlebotomy Technician; Precision Machining/CNC Programming; and Intro to Welding, Intermediate Welding and Advanced Welding. Penta also partners with business and industry to provide customized workforce development training programs. For more information, visit pentacareercenter.org/Programs.aspx or call 419-661-6555.

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