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PENTA EARNS 2022 PACESETTER SCHOOL AWARD

For the third 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 19 during the Making Schools Work Conference in Grapevine, Texas.

The 2022 Pacesetter School Award recognized Penta for its innovative practices in the Job Training and Transition to Independence, Employment & Success (TIES) programs. **Ryan Myers**, supervisor of special education, accepted the award that recognized the work of **Amanda Williams** and **Megan Haig**, both Job Training coordinators, and **Rebecca Knapp**, TIES coordinator.

Throughout the years, the instructors have developed successful programs for students with disabilities. The Job Training students participate in a broad range of work-based learning experiences by volunteering in the community. Students in the TIES program work as interns at various sites at The University of Toledo. As a result of these programs, students are able to set goals, live independently and gain employment.



STUDENTS ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to five students from Penta Career Center's on-campus programs and satellite programs in the Anthony Wayne Local School District, who earned first place awards at national competitions this past spring and summer.

In May, **Zach Miller** (Genoa), from the Information Technologies Academy, placed first in the nation in the C++ Programming contest at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas! Miller will be attending Owens Community College to study computer programming technology.

Meghan Rose (Lake), from the Medical Technologies program, earned first place and a gold medal in the Nursing Assisting contest at the 2022 HOSA – Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference. Rose competed against hundreds of students from across the world during the conference, which was held in Nashville, Tennessee in June. Rose plans to pursue a degree in a health-related field at either Owens Community College or Bowling Green State University.

In July, three students from Penta's Family & Consumer Sciences programs in the Anthony Wayne Local School District, earned first place in the nation at the 2022 FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Diego, California. The national winners were: **Grace Emahiser** – the Chapter Service Project contest; **Grant Hubley** – the Public Policy Advocate contest; and **Aradhya Muthumula** – the Instructional Video Design contest. Hubley also earned a \$1,000 grant for FCCLA Stand Up, a national peer education program and a Franklin Covey Leadership Award.



Grace Emahiser



Grant Hubley



Zach Miller



Meghan Rose



Aradhya Muthumula

Superintendent's Message



Another successful school year has been completed at Penta Career Center and while staff were able to enjoy some much-needed rest and time to recharge, we are ready to begin the 2022-2023 school year!

This past year our students and staff have enjoyed many

successes. We are proud of the accomplishments our students achieved through their career-technical student organizations by participating in conferences and competitions at the state and national levels.

A very special congratulations to the following students who were recently honored as national champions in their career-technical student organizations: **Zach Miller** - BPA and **Meghan Rose** - HOSA; and **Grace Emahiser**, **Grant Hubley**, and **Aradhya Muthumula** (all from our programs in the Anthony Wayne Local School District) - FCCLA.

Penta was also honored this summer with our third Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The 2022 award was presented on behalf of the outstanding work of the Job Training and Transition to Independence, Employment & Success programs and their volunteer and internship experiences for students with disabilities.

Another accomplishment this past year was our Work-Based Learning (WBL) initiative. Our students were actively engaged in WBL activities through organized efforts of our staff and the involvement of business and industry. WBL allows students to gain the necessary foundational skills for work-place entry through career awareness, career exploration, career preparation, and career training activities. Through activities like a student professional development day, a mock interview day, and several community service days, our students were able to experience excellent career training skills.

We are looking forward to further expanding our WBL activities, and we invite additional business and industry representatives to become involved. We are always looking for job placement and internship experiences for our students.

We are ready for the new school year to begin and look forward to helping students become successful and productive citizens.

Sincerely,
Edward Ewers
Superintendent



NEW STUDENTS ENJOY 2022 SIGNING DAY

This past April, new students had the opportunity to participate in Penta Career Center's 2022 Signing Day events. About 328 students and their families attended Signing Day to formally sign letters of intent indicating their official commitment to attend Penta. The students enjoyed meeting their teachers and fellow classmates prior to the ceremony. After the ceremony, they celebrated with their teachers and families. The energetic and fast-paced Signing Day activities generated excitement and memories for the new students.

Professional Development Day A Hit With Students

Penta Career Center provided a unique opportunity this past school year for high school students to gain a competitive advantage. The first-ever Career Readiness Day, held in October 2021, offered all current students the chance to learn more about careers, participate in mock interviews, and listen to presentations about employability skills, adult responsibilities and healthy living skills. A college fair was also held during the event with 50 post-secondary institutions in attendance.

The event, organized by a team of Penta staff members, challenged the entire staff to submit speaker ideas from a variety of topics that would help prepare students for the future. Staff contacted advisory committee members, career professionals, alumni, and community agencies to find presenters for Career Readiness Day.

"It was a very successful event for us," says Phil

Stockwell, supervisor of workforce development at Penta. "Our students were able to choose to attend sessions from more than 300 options throughout the day."

The presenters offered sessions about interviewing, buying a car, professional skills, money management, healthy relationships, and more. Post-secondary institutions were also on hand during the college fair to speak with students about financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

As Penta looks forward to the 2022-2023 school year, plans are already underway for the next Career Readiness Day which will take place on October 7, 2022. Employers and community agencies interested in presenting on a specific topic at the upcoming Career Readiness Day are asked to contact Phil Stockwell at pstockwell@pentacc.org or call 419-661-6358.



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!

The 57th senior class at Penta Career Center was honored May 17 – 19 during five separate Senior Recognition ceremonies on the Penta campus. During the events, members of the Class of 2022 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, 801 seniors from Penta's career-technical programs, as well as its satellite Marketing Education and Career Based Intervention programs, received Career Passports.

In addition, 52 seniors were recognized with the 2022 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 2022 Outstanding Student Award:

KeMya Abernathy (Maumee), Computer-Aided Design
Alexander Agee (Maumee), Criminal Justice
Alexandria Bell (Swanton), Medical Office Management
Timothy Boonie (Maumee), Construction Masonry
Griffin Carlson (Perrysburg), Information Technologies Academy
Corey Channell (Springfield), Digital Video Production
Elsa Concannon (Bowling Green), Marketing Education
Zoe Cuellar (Rossford), Marketing Education
Christian Dennis (Springfield), Culinary Arts
Dale Dewey (Elmwood), Job Training/TIES
Kyle Downard (Elmwood), Welding
Joseph Dzierwa (Otsego), Business
Abigail Effner (Perrysburg), Marketing Education
Landon Emch (Woodmore), Firefighter
Kayleigh Goff (Anthony Wayne), Digital Arts & Design
Mason Gradel (Oak Harbor), Marketing Education
Katelyn Hawker (Perrysburg), Culinary Arts
John Heckert (Swanton), Accounting
Thaddeus Hopkins-Fawcett (Elmwood), Information Technologies Academy

Emerson Howard (Lake), Exercise Science & Sports Medicine
Connor Howell (Northwood), Automotive Technology
Bradley Hoyt (Anthony Wayne), Powersports & Engine Systems
Kristen Isley (Eastwood), Small Animal Care
Chloe Kohler (Woodmore), Cosmetology
Taylor Lenke (Oak Harbor), Cosmetology
Cadence Luce (Otsego), Automotive Collision Repair
Garrett Malone (Elmwood), Welding
Aiden Moffitt (Perrysburg), Heating & Air Conditioning Technology
Hayden Momberg (Perrysburg), Automotive Technology
Jacob Nagel (North Baltimore), Construction Carpentry
Evan Ray (Anthony Wayne), Construction Electricity
Thomas Rieman (Bowling Green), Robotics & Automation
Malayna Rios (Rossford), Medical Technologies Academy
Cody Robinson (Elmwood), Horticulture - Landscaping & Outdoor Systems
Shelby Roe (Perrysburg), Early Childhood Education

Anika Rood (Anthony Wayne), Marketing Education
Savanna Samu (Eastwood), Medical Technologies
Devin Schumann (Rossford), Precision Machining
Payton Simpson (Bowling Green), Small Animal Care
Brandonn Smith (Rossford), Inventory & Warehouse Operations
Alienaann Smith (Swanton), Interactive Media
Jaycee Snyder (Oak Harbor), Dental Assistant
Ashton Steele (Rossford), Marketing Education
Dale Stevens (Northwood), Business
Lily Tolbert (Maumee), Marketing Education
Anna Umbel (Northwood), Horticulture - Floral & Greenhouse Services
Caylee Warren (Anthony Wayne), Construction & Building Maintenance
Cole Weidner (Oak Harbor), Welding
Anna Wellons (Woodmore), Medical Technologies Academy
Tayvon Williams (Rossford), Job Training/TIES
Andres Ybarra, Jr. (Rossford), Criminal Justice
Max Yonker (Perrysburg), Construction Remodeling

Amir Horani, instructor of Computer-Aided Design congratulates his student, KeMya Abernathy, for earning the Outstanding Student Award after the Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 18.



Kevin Maunz (Bowling Green), from the Construction & Building Maintenance program, is recognized by Ryan Myers, supervisor of special education, with the 2022 Edwina Biel Award of Merit during the Senior Recognition Ceremony. This special award was created in memory of Edwina Biel, an academic instructor, who passed away in 2011. Kevin was recognized for demonstrating the following traits: dependability, positive attitude, caring and respect for others, and a strong work ethic.



Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to **Alicia Shier**, intervention specialist, who was selected as the 2021-2022 Penta Career Center Teacher of the Year! This award recognizes instructors who are dedicated to not only educating their students but going above and beyond to inspire them. Shier, who has worked at Penta for seven years, was nominated by staff members.

THANKS RETIREES!

Congratulations to the following Penta Career Center staff members who recently retired. We appreciate their many years of dedication and commitment to our students and career-technical education.

Randy Abramczyk (21 years at Penta)

Karen Bonner (14 years at Penta), instructor of Sophomore Exploratory – Health

Michele Flick (41 years at Penta), intervention specialist

Grace Phillips (17 years at Penta), instructor of Cosmetology Theory

Patricia Weindel (26 years at Penta), instructor of Math



Alicia Shier celebrated receiving the Penta Career Center Teacher of the Year award with her father, Don Shimek and her husband, Chuck Shier.

(L-R) Penta retirees who attended the 2022 Retirement Ceremony on May 16 included Grace Phillips, Randy Abramczyk and Michele Flick.

Welcome Dr. Pogliano!



Mark Pogliano, Ed.D.

During the June 29 Penta Career Center Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the hiring of **Mark Pogliano, Ed.D.** as its new assistant superintendent. Pogliano, who was most recently the principal of Jackson Area Career Center in Jackson, Michigan, began his duties at Penta on July 11.

Prior to his nine years at Jackson Area Career Center, Pogliano was the associate dean of occupational programs at Schoolcraft College from 2011-2013. He also worked as an engineering and computer-aided design teacher with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for five years and served as an assistant principal and career-technical education director from 2005-2011.

"We are pleased to have Mark Pogliano join Penta Career Center," says Edward Ewers, superintendent. "He brings a wealth of experience and leadership in career-technical education, at the both the high school and post-secondary level, which will benefit Penta Career Center as we prepare for the future."

Pogliano earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University. He has a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Phoenix. In addition, Pogliano has served on Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's 21st Century Talent Creation Subcommittee; served two terms as the career-technical education representative for the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals; and was previously chair of Michigan's Career Education and Planning Districts.

2022 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Penta Career Center is seeking nominations for the 2022 Outstanding Alumni Awards. Since 1993, Penta has recognized 173 former students with this award. Potential candidates 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 2012. Applications are available by calling 419-661-6351 or by visiting pentacareercenter.org (click on "Alumni"). Completed applications are due September 30, 2022. Alumni selected as 2022 Outstanding Alumni recipients will be honored at a special banquet at Penta on November 10, 2022.



*2021 Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients included (L-R): **Bradley Buchanan** (Woodmore, '03); **William Martin Self, Jr.** (Springfield, '04); **Linda (Whitney) Henry** (Otsego, '71); **Michael Crauford** (Bowling Green, '97); and **Don (Patrick) Przysiecki** (Rossford, '73).*

STUDENTS EARN AWARDS

Business Professionals of America (BPA)

This past May, several Penta seniors placed in the Top 10 in the nation at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas. They included: **Kayleigh Goff** (Anthony Wayne), from Digital Arts & Design - 2nd place in the Fundamental Desktop Publishing contest; **Andrew Maenle** (Rossford), from Information Technologies Academy - 2nd place in the Linux Operating System contest; **Marcus Hovatter** (Oak Harbor), from Information Technologies Academy - 3rd place in the Cybersecurity/Digital Forensics contest; and **Victoria Leu** (Genoa), from Digital Arts & Design - 7th place in the Fundamental Desktop Publishing contest.



Shay Hall and Katelyn Hawker - FCCLA

FCCLA

Many students from Penta's on campus and satellite programs earned top awards at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference this summer in San Diego, California.

Second place award winners included: **Shay Hall** (Northwood) and **Katelyn Hawker** (Perrysburg) from Culinary Arts for Culinary Math; and **Olivia Knapinski** (Anthony Wayne - Family & Consumer Sciences) for Event Management.

Earning a third place award was **Hannah Rizzo** (Anthony Wayne - Family & Consumer Sciences) for Nutrition & Wellness.

Top 10 team award winners included: **Julie Brazzil** (Springfield), **Gretchen Germann** (Bowling Green), **Raja Green** (Anthony Wayne), **Sophie Kepling** (Otsego), **Jorja Mackey** (Maumee), **Isabella Riffle** (Bowling Green), and **Shelby Roe** (Perrysburg) – all from Early Childhood Education for the Parliamentary Procedure Team.

Other individual Top 10 award winners were: **Amelia Cappel** (Anthony Wayne Junior High - Family & Consumer Sciences) for Career Investigation; **Christian Dennis** (Springfield) from Culinary Arts for Baking & Pastry; and **Summer Link** (Anthony Wayne - Family & Consumer Sciences) for Recycle & Redesign.

FFA

Students from Penta's satellite FFA programs at Anthony Wayne, Bowling Green, Genoa, Oak Harbor, Otsego, and Woodmore had another successful year with 14 students earning their American FFA Degree and 26 students achieving the State FFA Degree. In addition, the Penta-Bowling Green FFA was recognized as a Gold Medal Chapter and the Penta-Oak Harbor FFA earned a Bronze

Medal Chapter award.

Students from Penta's Small Animal Care program also earned honors through State FFA competitions. The following students placed in the Top 10 in Ohio FFA contests: **Olivia Carpenter** (Perrysburg) – Animal Management; **Kelsey Glanzman** (Maumee) – Grooming 1; **Allurin Hummel** (Swanton) – Grooming 2; **Aurora Jordan** (Elmwood) – Grooming 1; **Payton Simpson** (Swanton) – Grooming 2; **Tille Tufts** (Swanton) – Grooming 1; **Ava Bleau** (Maumee) – Grooming 1; and **Abigail Markin** (Lake) – Grooming 1.

HOSA-Future Health Professionals

Students from Penta's health services programs had a very successful year in competitions through HOSA this past spring and summer. Earning a Top 10 award for the Speaking Skills contest at the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee was **Summer Johnston** (Anthony Wayne) from the Medical Technologies program.

During the Ohio HOSA conference held in the spring, 45 students earned Top 10 awards. Three students from the Medical Technologies Academy earned first place awards at the state competition. They include: **Kalecia Billiot** (Bowling Green) for CPR/First Aid; **Kevin McBroom** (Rossford) for CPR/First Aid; and **Jayden Mills** (Swanton) for ATC Leadership.

SkillsUSA

This past spring, 19 students earned either first, second or third place at the SkillsUSA Ohio Championships in Columbus. Penta's first place team from Digital Video Production, advanced to the 2022 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia and placed 10th in the nation. **Adam Crofts** (Lake), **Tucker Brooks** (Otsego), **Emma Book** (Anthony Wayne) and **Jack Price** (Perrysburg) competed in the Broadcast News Production contest to earn this top national award.



Adam Crofts, Jack Price, Tucker Brooks, and Emma Book - SkillsUSA



Abigail Effner and Parker Smith - DECA

DECA

Several students from Penta's Marketing Education programs at satellite schools earned top awards at DECA state and international competitions. During the 2022 Ohio DECA Career Development Conference held in Columbus in March, the following students earned first place awards: **Bisi Arowolo** (Maumee) – Principles of Business Management & Administration; **Isabelle Whitehurst** and **Zoe Zesing** (both from Anthony Wayne) – Hospitality Services Team; **Elsa Concannon** and **Isa Herrera** (both from Bowling Green) – Business Law & Ethics Team; **Ashton Steele** (Rossford) – Accounting Applications; **Easton Wagner** and **Max Heltzel** (both from Perrysburg) – Start-Up Business Plan; **Kennedy Rowley** and **Carah Kessler** (both from Perrysburg) – Sports & Entertainment Research Project; and **Zac Harris**, **Ethan Kujawa** and **Brenden Myerholtz** (all from Maumee) for the Finance Operations Research Event.

In April, two seniors from the Penta-Perrysburg Marketing Education program, **Abigail Effner** and **Parker Smith**, competed at the 2022 DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. They earned a Top 10 award in the Business Services Research Project competition.



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IMPORTANT DATES

August 16	Open House 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
August 18	New Students First Day
August 19	All Students Report
September 5	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 19	NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Day
September 28	Cruise-In Car Show 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Register Now for Adult Post-Secondary 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. Adult training at Penta is fast with flexible options offered in skilled trades, healthcare and manufacturing. Short term programs are available in areas such as welding, HVAC, building maintenance, dental assisting, CNC programming, and information technologies. Full time courses include automotive technician and welding. Penta also partners with business and industry to provide customized workforce development training programs. For more information, visit www.pentacareercenter.org/Programs.aspx or call 419-661-6555.

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