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From the Superintendent



Dear Outstanding Alumni and Friends of Penta:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Penta Career Center's 19th Outstanding Alumni ceremony. We are honored to celebrate this event with representatives from our member schools who are equally proud of the 2011 Outstanding Alumni recipients.

As always, we are pleased to recognize successful former students who completed programs at Penta. In 1993 we first initiated this event and we are proud to have honored 111 former students with this award.

This year we recognize three 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.

As you review this booklet you will see how our alumni share similar perspectives about how their Penta training provided them with a firm foundation to prepare for their future. Our alumni frequently mention that their Penta instructors demonstrated a strong passion for teaching. This important quality of the Penta teachers helped our alumni build self-confidence and leadership skills to become successful in a career and in life.

Our alumni believe in the importance of pursuing additional training and education beyond their high school education. They recognize that in order to keep pace with the global economy, education needs to be a life-long process.

Another common characteristic of our outstanding alumni recipients is their commitment to volunteerism. Many are involved in volunteer experiences that benefit their communities and others enjoy helping area organizations and charities.

At Penta, we are always happy to see our alumni achieve excellence. Their success validates the goal of our institution that we do make a difference in the lives of our students.

Congratulations to the 2011 Penta Outstanding Alumni!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Matter'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ronald Matter
Superintendent
Penta Career Center

Class of 2000

Career Program – **Culinary Arts**

Member School – **Lake**

Occupation – **Culinary Arts Instructor**

Organization
Penta Career Center
9301 Buck Road
Perrysburg, OH 43551
419.666.1120



Janea Makowski

When Janea Makowski was in sixth grade, she discovered her first real interest in cooking when she prepared an anniversary dinner for her parents.

“I remember making veal parmesan, spaghetti and garlic bread,” says Janea. “From a young age, my parents were always supportive of my interest in cooking.”

Not only were Janea’s parents providing encouragement, but her teachers in sixth and seventh grade also helped by giving her food-related assignments in class. As a result of her early interest in culinary, Janea was a step ahead of most other students.

At Penta, Janea was the top student in the Culinary Arts program when she completed her training in 2000. Her instructors saw her as a natural leader with a passion for cooking.

“Janea created food that was ahead of her time,” says Denise Schaefer, retired instructor of Culinary Arts at Penta. “Her culinary performance earned her medals and scholarships that proved to be the foundation for her growth in the industry.”

After Penta, Janea studied at the top culinary college in the country – The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, New York. She completed her training at CIA in 2002 and earned an associate degree in Culinary Arts.

Throughout her career, Janea has been privileged to have worked in a variety of restaurant venues. During her senior year of high school, she began an impressive career with Main Street Ventures (MSV), a company that owns restaurants in Toledo, Ann Arbor, West Virginia, Maryland, and Florida.

Janea quickly worked her way up in the company. In 2003 she was offered the opportunity to assist in opening new restaurants in Florida. She worked as a sous chef for MSV restaurants in Fort Myers and Naples. In 2004 she worked as the executive chef for the new Carson’s American Bistro in Fort Myers.

In 2005, Janea decided to return to Ohio to gain more experience working in fine dining establishments. She worked for a short time as a line cook for two restaurants in Cleveland. Janea returned to the MSV restaurants in 2006 when she was offered the position of executive chef for Carson’s American Bistro in Ann Arbor.

After many successful years in the culinary industry, Janea wanted to share her knowledge with students and decided to pursue teaching. Since 2009, Janea has been an instructor of Culinary Arts at Penta. She works with senior students in the restaurant lab to help them become successful in their everyday lives as well as in their careers.

In her spare time, Janea enjoys participating in activities that revolve around cooking. However, she does manage to take in a game or two of basketball with her friends. Janea lives in Walbridge and has two cats and a dog.



Class of 1989

Career Program – **Accounting & Computing**

Member School – **Eastwood**

Occupation – **Director of Programming & Promotions**

Company
WTVG, Inc.
4247 Dorr Street
Toledo, OH 43607
419.531.1313

Tamara (Shiffert) Rost

For Tamara Rost, the Accounting and Computing program at Penta Career Center provided a firm foundation that helped build her career with WTVG, Inc.

Even before Tamara left high school, she was setting career goals and juggling work and school commitments. During her senior year of high school, Tamara took night classes at Owens Community College to get a jump-start on her post-secondary training.

“After completing my training at Penta, I was already ahead of others who were entering the workforce because I had learned practical skills,” says Tamara.

Tamara graduated from Owens in 1991 with an associate degree in Applied Business – Accounting. That same year, she was offered an accounting position with WTVG and in 1992 was promoted to accounting assistant. In this position, Tamara had several impressive responsibilities including human resources, payroll, management of staff, and coordination of the student worker program.

In 1994, Tamara was promoted to office manager and accepted new duties in the areas of Federal Communications Commission compliance and programming. In this position, she also worked directly with WTVG’s general manager.

When WTVG was purchased by The Walt Disney Company (TWDC) in 1995, Tamara was asked to choose job responsibilities. During this time of transition, Tamara decided to pursue the exciting area of programming and became the program manager.

Tamara advanced quickly in this area and has been the director of programming and promotion with WTVG since 2003. She has coordinated virtually all aspects of the programming needs of the television station. Some of her duties over the past 16 years have include: liaison with the ABC network, contractual compliance, station negotiations, management of the production and public affairs departments, and budgeting.

In her current position, Tamara oversees the creative department and coordinates station marketing activities. She is responsible for the analysis and negotiating for WTVG’s syndicated programming (e.g., *The Ellen Degeneres Show*, *Live with Regis and Kelly*, *Entertainment Tonight*, etc.). Tamara’s job also involves coordinating public service campaigns for area charities such as the American Heart Association, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Alzheimer’s Association.

With her multitude of responsibilities, Tamara still makes time to give back to the community. She has served as vice president of the Luckey Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and has volunteered as a Sunday school teacher. She has been a youth soccer coach for both the Eastwood youth leagues and The Edge Soccer Club. Tamara has also been recognized by TWDC with the Presidential Community Service Award.

Tamara is married to Jerry Rost, a 1988 alumnus of Penta. They have four children: Brianna, age 14; Morgan, age 11; Samantha, age 9; and Paige, age 7.

Penta Career Center - Outstanding Alumnus 2011

Class of 1983

Career Program – **Building Services & Repair**

Member School – **Anthony Wayne**

Occupation – **Regional Manager**

Company

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries

5178 Monroe Street

Toledo, OH 43623

419.882.8082



Matthew Simpson

For Matthew Simpson, hard work and dedication helped lead him to a successful career path after high school. After completing Penta's Building Services and Repair program and graduating from Anthony Wayne High School in 1983, Matthew worked various jobs until he found a company that offered him many opportunities.

Matthew joined La-Z-Boy Furniture in 1986 as a part-time delivery driver. He quickly worked his way up the ladder at the company in the areas of sales, computers and management. Matthew is proud to have worked for La-Z-Boy for 25 years.

At the beginning of his career with La-Z-Boy in Toledo, Matthew worked in various positions including store management. In 1993, he moved to Columbus where he worked as the store manager. Matthew lived in Columbus for three years and gained additional career experiences with the company. During this time, Matthew attended several professional development conferences in San Diego that enabled him to work for La-Z-Boy as a retail systems administrator.

Matthew returned to northwest Ohio in 1996 and was promoted to regional manager of the three La-Z-Boy stores in the Toledo market. He has served in this role for 15 years and has many responsibilities. Some of Matthew's job duties include supervising 40 employees, tracking sales data, coordinating merchandise, product selection, and advertising.

Throughout his career, Matthew has earned top sales awards which has enabled him to travel all over the world. He has enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Australia, Hong Kong, and Cancun. In addition, he has completed numerous sales, management and design courses through the company and has presented at a national conference.

Matthew has been active in his community through his children's activities and through 4-H in Lucas County. He has coached soccer and has been involved in many activities in the Sylvania Schools. Matthew and his family have been dedicated volunteers at the Lucas County Fair in the 4-H kitchen. He also enjoys participating in activities through the Sylvania Moose Lodge where he is a member.

Matthew views the Penta Outstanding Alumni Award as a validation of all the hard work that he has accomplished over the years. He offers the following advice to current Penta students who may be struggling to find their direction in life. "Keep working hard and you'll eventually find your path in life," says Matthew. "Always remember, if you find a job you love, you'll never work another day."

Matthew is married to Rhonda and together they have three adult children: Alexander, age 24; Andrew, age 21; and Adam, age 19. He and Rhonda recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Previous Penta Outstanding 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

Lynne (Mullen) Burch - Maumee
Carole A. (Hughes) Brennan - Lake
Chris Cufur - 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
Frederick 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

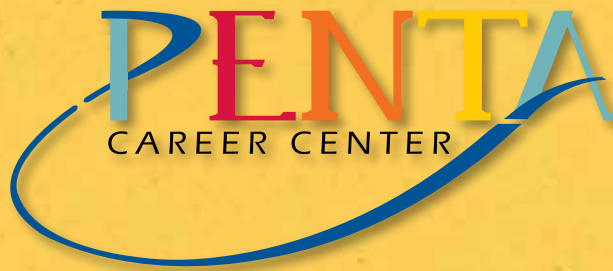
Tony J. Anteau - Rossford
George C. Byington Jr. - Oak Harbor
Benjamin L. Croley - Northwood
David Gillette - Springfield
Diane S. (Asmus) Hemminger - Otsego
Robert J. Osstifin - Anthony Wayne
Jennifer L. (Byington) Wilkins - Oak Harbor

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
Mathew Gilbert - Perrysburg
Kimberly Morelock - Rossford
Jeffery Pettit - Lake
Brent Thielen - Lake



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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
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