PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Monday Schedule Offers Work-Based Learning Opportunities

The 2021-2022 school year will be an exciting year for staff and students as Penta Career Center further develops its Work-Based Learning (WBL) objectives. The goal of WBL is to equip students with the necessary foundational skills for workplace entry by connecting them with personalized experiences such as internships, paid lab-related work experiences, and community service activities.

“On most Mondays, our students will be engaged in experiences that will not only benefit them personally, but our hope is that these opportunities can also assist local employers as well as community organizations and local school districts,” says Ryan Lee, director of career-technical education. “Through these activities our students will be out in the real-world gaining experience.”

Over the years, Penta has built a solid tradition of connecting and applying what students learn in the classroom to the world of work. Now, even more opportunities will be available for them. However, past challenges like transportation and scheduling have prevented some students from gaining this valuable experience.

“With our WBL initiative, we are committed to removing as many barriers as possible, so students have the ability to add these valuable experiences to their resume,” adds Lee.

Penta is proud to have built many successful partnerships with area business and industry and hopes to expand those opportunities through its new WBL initiative. Representatives from business and industry are encouraged to work with Penta to further develop opportunities for the students. For additional information, please visit pentacareercenter.org or call 419-666-1120.

DECA & SkillsUSA National Champions!

Congratulations to Two Teams of Students who Placed First in the Nation through DECA & SkillsUSA Competitions!

In May, Kolin Atwood and Thomas Rigel, from Penta’s Marketing Education program at Bowling Green High School, earned first place at the 2021 DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC). The students competed virtually in the Finance Operations Research contest through presentations and meetings with judges. They qualified for the ICDC by earning second place in the state through the virtual Ohio DECA Career Development Conference. To prepare for the competition, the students received guidance from Cara Paulete-Maxey, instructor of Marketing Education. Atwood and Rigel received a glass trophy for their achievement.

A team of four students from the Digital Video Production program earned first place at the virtual 2021 SkillsUSA Championships. Isaac Ely (Bowling Green), Christian Herrig (Eastwood), Garrick Patton (Otsego), and Lena Funk (Anthony Wayne) competed virtually against more than a dozen teams from across the nation to earn the top award for the Broadcast News Production contest. The team produced and conducted a mock news broadcast. The contest was videotaped and evaluated by industry judges from SkillsUSA. Russ Grzyca, instructor of Digital Video Production, helped the students prepare. Each student received a gold medal and certificate for their outstanding accomplishment.

Gabrielle Janes (Oak Harbor), from the Welding program, worked at Northern Manufacturing as a welder during the 2020-2021 school year.

Sklar Knitz (Perrysburg), from the Automotive Technology program, worked as an apprentice diesel technician at Nagel Trucking during the 2020-2021 school year.
We are excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year at Penta Career Center! Although there are still some challenges related to COVID, we are confident that our ongoing safety precautions will allow students to experience a high-quality career and technical education.

As many of you are aware, last school year we began working on our goal of growing Work Based Learning (WBL) experiences for students by establishing a four-day model with Mondays set aside for remote learning activities. This year our students will be following a similar model, but they are required to be at school on Mondays unless they are involved in an approved WBL activity such as internships, paid lab-related work experiences, or community service activities.

WBL is a trending initiative that many career-technical schools are implementing across Ohio. It is designed to promote career awareness, career exploration, career preparation, and career training. We are eager to provide more WBL opportunities for students this year, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

Another initiative that Penta and other Northwest Ohio school districts (Toledo Public Schools, Oregon City Schools, Sylvania City Schools, and Washington Local) have been involved with recently is “CTE Connects.” The goal of CTE Connects is to educate the community and area employers about the benefits of career-technical education. Not only does CTE Connects raise awareness of the value of Career-Technical Education (CTE) in our region, it also serves as a resource to help business and industry grow its talent pool of skilled workers. We invite you to check out the CTE Connects website to learn more at www.cteconnects.org.

Once again, we are ready for the new school year to begin and look forward to helping students become “Success Ready” in preparation for the next stage of their lives.

Sincerely,
Edward Ewers
Superintendent

In July, seven Penta Career Center staff members were chosen as featured presenters for the Making Schools Work national conference sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board. The presenters were among 130 live and on-demand sessions offered during the week-long virtual conference.

The first presentation, Work Readiness Reality Check – Getting Students Prepared for Life and Graduation, was organized and presented by Amanda Williams, Rebecca Knapp and Megan Haig, all special education instructors. Their presentation was pre-recorded at Penta and the instructors were available to answer questions for conference attendees who joined the virtual event.

Another presentation, Improving the Quality of CTE Programming Using Data Analytics: A Continuous Improvement Model, was coordinated by staff members Christina Kerns, curriculum supervisor; Nicole Costello, instructor of Small Animal Care; Jeff Miller, instructor of Heating & Air Conditioning Technology; and Jennifer Rigali, instructor of Small Animal Care. The staff presented their topic live at Penta and those in attendance at the conference could join virtually.

### HELPING THE COMMUNITY

#### Penta Hosts Vaccine Clinics

In February and March, Penta Career Center was one of several sites in Wood County for COVID-19 vaccine clinics for school employees from area school districts. The clinics were held on February 19 and March 12. During the first clinic, 850 school personnel received their first dose of the vaccine with extras given to more than 300 community members. Penta was also the site of additional vaccine clinics in the spring sponsored by the Wood County Health Department for any eligible community members. Penta was proud to be able to host these clinics as part of its ongoing assistance to the health department.

### Cops & Kids

In the fall of 2020, students in the Criminal Justice program, with the assistance of the Culinary Arts program, organized a fund-raiser to benefit the Wood County F.O.P.’s Cops & Kids program. Students and staff from Culinary Arts prepared Thanksgiving desserts and sold the items to staff and the community. Items for purchase included: rolls, pies and cheesecakes. The items were packaged and delivered in a drive-through pick up for customers near Penta’s main entrance. The students raised $2,500 for Cops & Kids. Members of the F.O.P. used the dollars raised to take needy children in Wood County on a holiday shopping trip to Meijer.
CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2021!

The 56th senior class at Penta Career Center was honored May 18 – 20 during five separate recognition activities in the Susan Auditorium on the Penta campus. Due to the continued restrictions of large indoor gatherings because of the COVID-19 situation, the seniors did not participate in a lengthy ceremony. Instead, the students received their Career Passports individually on stage as parents and family members walked through the auditorium. During the events, members of the Class of 2021 were recognized by Superintendent Edward Ewers, Director Ryan Lee, and members of the Board of Education. Each student also had a professional photo taken with their instructor. This year, 730 seniors from Penta on campus and satellite programs completed career-technical programs and received Career Passports through Penta.

In addition, 42 seniors were recognized with the 2021 Outstanding Student Award based on performance and excellence in their individual career-technical program. They are:

- Brett Birt (Maumee), Construction Carpentry Trades
- Egan Bolander (Oak Harbor), Welding
- Elliott Bonnough (Otsego), Construction Trades
- Gabrielle Bowers (Swanton), Dental Assistant
- Karlie Britton (Anthony Wayne), Project SEARCH
- Abigail Brown (Otsego), Digital Arts & Design
- Jacob Chonko (Swanton), Construction Masonry
- Olivia Cook (Woodmore), Cosmetology
- Nathan Dauer (Springfield), Advanced Manufacturing Technologies
- Sarah Davis (Springfield), Culinary & Hospitality Services
- Kiera Dixon (Rossford), Culinary Arts
- Justin Duvve (Rossford), Automotive Technology
- Walker Evans (Otsego), Exercise Science & Sports Medicine
- Isabella Eye (Lake), Automotive Collision Repair
- Lena Funk (Anthony Wayne), Digital Video Production
- Coine Gao (Maumee), Small Animal Care
- Austin Greene (Lake), Information Technologies Academy
- Hailey Guhn (Woodmore), Marketing Education
- Jasmine Harkness (Oak Harbor), Horticulture - Floral & Greenhouse Services
- Nathan Hart (Bowling Green), Computer-Aided Design
- Keaton Heckman (Lake), Construction Electricity
- Tanner Hoffman (Lake), Horticulture - Landscape & Outdoor Systems
- Khloey Hutton (Otsego), Business Office Technologies
- Jeneva Johnson (Oak Harbor), Medical Technologies
- Karrah Klinger (Bowling Green), Information Technologies Academy
- Skylar Knitz (Perrysburg), Automotive Technology
- Jonathan Kutz (Perrysburg), Criminal Justice
- Lydia Lanzerotti (Maumee), Heating & Air Conditioning Technology
- Abbey Mackay (Eastwood), Firefighter
- Lilly Madden (Rossford), Criminal Justice
- Andrew McEwen (North Baltimore), Welding
- Samantha Mena (Maumee), Early Childhood Education
- Madelyn Peterson (Anthony Wayne), Cosmetology
- Rylee Ramsey (North Baltimore), Small Animal Care
- Karen Skiver (Eastwood), Medical Office Management
- Casey Smith (Otsego), Welding
- Grace Stanfield (North Baltimore), Medical Technologies Academy
- William Tofafjian (Rossford), Construction Concepts
- Nathaniel Warfel (Northwood), Welding
- James Winters (Anthony Wayne), Powersports & Engine Systems
- Dustin Young (Springfield), Construction Remodeling
- Julia Zieber (Maumee), Medical Technologies Academy

Isabella Eye (Lake), Automotive Collision Repair, proudly displays her Career Passport and Outstanding Student Award after the Senior Recognition Ceremony.

Rob Weaver, instructor of Construction Carpentry, with Brett Birt (Maumee), 2021 Outstanding Student in Construction Carpentry.
Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Nicole Costello, instructor of Small Animal Care, who was recognized in May as the Penta Career Center Teacher of the Year. Costello was nominated by her peers and was selected for her dedication to her students and for her work outside the classroom with key stakeholders like the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, the Wood County Humane Society, and the Hellbender Partnership. Costello completed her bachelor’s degree in Biology in 1999 from The University of Toledo and earned a master’s degree in career-technical education in 2015 from The University of Toledo. She has worked at Penta since 2009.

Nominate A Penta Alumnus!

Penta Career Center is seeking nominations for the 2021 Outstanding Alumni Awards. Since 1993, Penta has recognized 168 former students with this award. Potential candidates should demonstrate excellence and success in their careers with evidence of professional accomplishments and community involvement.

Thank You, Retirees!

Congratulations to the following Penta staff members who recently retired. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to our students and to career-technical education.

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Penta retirees from 2020 and 2021 who attended the retirement ceremony on May 11 included: Mary Schultz, school counselor (2020 retiree), Richard Rose, Adrienne Drake, Rose Szczepanski, Mary Chris Rehard, and Robert Rine.

Nominees must have completed a high school or adult education program at Penta prior to 2011. Applications will be available beginning August 16 by calling 419-661-6360 or by visiting www.pentacareercenter.org (click on “Alumni”). Completed applications are due September 20, 2021. Those alumni selected as 2021 Outstanding Alumni recipients will be honored at a special banquet at Penta on November 11, 2021.

2020 Penta Outstanding Alumni recipients

- Christopher Gunderman (Anthony Wayne), Class of 1998
- Alicia (Gorsuch) Holden (Lake), Class of 2007
- Ryan Jones (Anthony Wayne), Class of 1998
- Chrystal (Moore) Shonahan (Maumee), Class of 1998

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Business Professionals of America (BPA)  
Jonathan Schramm (Perrysburg), from the Information Technologies Academy, competed in the Cybersecurity/Digital Forensics contest at the virtual BPA National Leadership conference and earned 10th place in the country for the Teach and Train contest. She received a $20,000 scholarship to Sullivan University.  
Gretchen Germann and Isabella Riffle (both from Bowling Green), from the Early Childhood Education program, earned third place in the country for the Promote and Publicize FCCLA contest. They each received a $20,000 scholarship to Sullivan University.  
Allen Zhu, from the Penta-Anthony Wayne Junior High Family & Consumer Sciences program, placed first in the country for the Promote and Publicize FCCLA contest. The students had previously earned top scores in the Ohio FCCLA competition to qualify for the national event.

DECA  
More than 90 students from Penta’s satellite Marketing Education programs earned Top 10 awards at the 2021 Ohio DECA Career Development Conference that was held virtually. Those students who placed first in the state included:  
Spencer Borowski (Anthony Wayne) – Principles of Business Management & Administration;  
Heidi Gasser (Anthony Wayne) – Sports and Entertainment Series;  
Sidney Hazard and Taylor Snyder (both from Maumee) – Buying & Merchandising Operations Research; and  
Merritt Backus (Perrysburg) – Principles of Hospitality & Tourism.

FCCLA  
Four students earned top awards during the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee in June. Although the FCCLA conference was a hybrid event with many students competing virtually, several Penta students attended the conference in person.  
Students earning top awards include the following:  
Shelby Roe (Perrysburg), from the Early Childhood Education program, earned third place in the country for the Teach and Train contest. She received a $20,000 scholarship to Sullivan University.  
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HOSA-Future Health Professionals  
Students in the Penta’s health services programs competed in regional and state HOSA contests this past spring. Several students earned first place awards at the regional event and they included:  
Erin Bouk (Northwood) – Dental Terminology;  
Nolan Chuba (Woodmore) – Life Support Skills;  
Alexis Crosby (Maumee) – Epidemiology;  
Rylee Pelland (Swanton) – Interviewing Skills;  
Morgan Prater (Rossford) – Dental Science; and  
Julia Zieber (Maumee) – Medical Reading. These students along with seven other students also participated in the Ohio HOSA competition.

SkillsUSA  
In addition to the students from Digital Video Production who earned first place in the nation at the virtual 2021 SkillsUSA Championships, four students also participated in the national competition by earning first place at the Ohio SkillsUSA Championships. The students, all from the Criminal Justice program, included:  
Megan Didion (Swanton) for the Criminal Justice contest; and  
Natalie Eberly (Anthony Wayne), Dustin Guy (Lake), and Jonathan Kutz (Perrysburg) for the Crime Scene Investigation team.

FFA  
In April, Jake Zajkowski from the Penta-Anthony Wayne FFA chapter was elected as the 2021-2022 Ohio FFA president. Jake will lead a team of 10 officers and serve over 25,000 Ohio FFA members. He will spend the year visiting FFA chapters across Ohio and represent Ohio FFA in the agriculture industry.

Students in Penta’s satellite agriculture programs at Anthony Wayne, Bowling Green, Genoa, Oak Harbor, Otsego, and Woodmore earned several recognitions this past school year. Among the chapters, 10 students earned the State FFA Degree and 13 students earned the American FFA Degree. The Penta-Bowling Green FFA chapter was honored as a Gold-Rated Chapter.
STUDENTS SHINE AT COMPETITIONS

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important dates
September 2  Parent Night
September 6  NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 20  NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development Day
September 29  Cruise-In Car Show
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Penta Pantry
Students and staff were once again generous in donating
non-perishable food items, toiletries and monies throughout
the school year to the Penta Pantry. Due to the pandemic,
Penta did not have special events like food drives to assist,
however, staff donated items each week to help stock the
pantry. In addition, many staff supported the pantry through
payroll deduction which allowed the committee to purchase
items each week for students who needed assistance. This
year the Penta Pantry helped over 27 students and their
families weekly. The families were grateful for the
assistance. Those wishing to help support the Penta Pantry in the future can contact Elizabeth Wray at
e.wray@pentacc.org.

2021 Signing Day

Energy and enthusiasm were in the air
when hundreds of new students attended
Penta’s 2021 Signing Day activities on
April 27-29. The students visited their
career-technical labs to meet their instructors
and participated in an official ceremony.
During the ceremony, students were
introduced on stage with their fellow future
classmates and then signed their letters of
intent. They received a Penta baseball hat and
pen. The new students later took photos with
their families and instructors. Signing Day is
an activity that began in 2019 for new
students that generates excitement about their
decision to attend Penta.

2021 Adult Post-
Secondary Classes
Penta Adult Post-Secondary offers fast, in-demand training
in skilled trades along with Aspire/High School Equivalency
classes. Full-time programs are available in areas like
automotive, construction, HVAC, and welding. Forklift
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to provide customized workforce development training
programs. For more information, contact Penta
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