

Annual Alumni Newsletter 2007



Gregg S. Calhoun

In 2007, 623 students graduated from PTI.

For more PTI fun facts, see page 5!



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Distinguished Alumni Make Their Mark

Gregg S. Calhoun

October 2007 Award Winner

Gregg Calhoun is a 1970 Electronics Engineering Technology graduate of PTI. Since then he has been living and working in Ohio, proud of the fact that, even after 36 years, he is doing exactly what he learned at PTI and enjoying it everyday.

Upon graduating from PTI, Gregg had many job offers and spent the next 20 years working on analytical instrumentation and instrumentation/process control for Sohio Research – a company that eventually became known as BP America.

Gregg's work at BP as an Instrumentation/Controls Engineer involved designing and supervising programmable logic control systems used in research and development of the petro-chemical refining industry. He also developed an on-stream gas analysis system using gas chromatography in which volatile elements of the gas are separated.

While with Sohio, Gregg was voted his division's most valuable employee – an honor especially valuable because he was chosen by his peers. He received numerous other awards and recognitions including the Outstanding Performance Award, which he earned 16 of his 20 years with the company.

For the past seven years, Gregg has been employed by Jacobs Engineering (formerly Jacobs Sverdrup) where he is contracted to work on instrumentation and controls systems for NASA. He has designed and built analog and digital control systems that are useful for both the aerospace and chemical refining industries.

In addition to the electronics aspects of his job, Gregg has written and maintained software programs for graphic user interfaces and programmable logic control, as well as authoring the accompanying startup and operating manuals.

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Distinguished Alumni Make Their Mark

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Michael L. McKissick *July 2007 Award Winner*

Every day at PTI we can appreciate the work initiated by this man. He was instrumental in bringing computers to campus and developing the Computer Aided Drafting and Systems Management programs. His work has continued to influence CAD students and professionals to this day.

Michael McKissick, a 1979 Drafting Technology graduate of PTI, has worked and taught in the drafting and CADD fields for his entire career.

As a student at PTI, Michael was president of the Student Council and editor of the school newspaper, the Technical Times. With extra funds in the Student Council budget, he purchased PTI's first computer – a TRS 80 from Radio Shack with an overwhelming 16 kilobytes of memory!

Upon graduation, Michael worked for Marlin Rockwell Corporation as a bearing designer and then Blaw Knox Foundry and Mill Machinery Corporation as a proposal engineer.

In 1980, PTI lured him back and for the next five years, Michael was a teacher and was instrumental in developing new programs. He also helped PTI become one of the first schools in the state to offer computer-based drafting training.

Since returning to the field, Michael has been working in various capacities for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Initially hired as a consultant and CADD trainer, Michael also worked as a CADD Support Analyst, providing application support to CADD users throughout Pennsylvania. In 1993, he earned the title of Licensed Professional Engineer. Michael was promoted to his current position as CADD Manager at PennDOT in 1999. He manages 10 analysts and supervisors and is responsible for the department's 800-user, 750-seat CADD system.

Michael continues to be dedicated to the education of future CAD users. He has written two textbooks for Prentice-Hall Publishers along with numerous articles in trade publications. He also sits on the Civil Technologies advisory board at Penn College of Technology in north-central Pennsylvania where he teaches Engineering Mechanics to third-year engineering students.



Michael L. McKissick

Graduate Award Winners

January 2007

Karla S. Diamond, IT–Network Security and Computer Forensics
Caliguiri Award

Megan E. Eannarino, Graphic Design, *Caliguiri Award*

Ryan P. McDonald, Electronics Engineering Technology
Caliguiri Award

Daniel L. Puglisi, Multimedia Technologies, *Caliguiri Award*

Raelynn N. Vanord, Computer Aided Drafting
Caliguiri Award and JR McCartan Award

Jacob W. Was, Safety and Security Administration, *Caliguiri Award*

July 2007

Linnea M. Blandford, Travel and Tourism Administration
Caliguiri Award

Aaron A. Caldwell, Multimedia Technologies, *Caliguiri Award*

Jeremy A. Fleisher, Electronics Engineering Technology
Caliguiri Award

Erin M. Halley, Graphic Design, *Caliguiri Award*

Angela R. Koontz, Marketing, *Caliguiri Award*

Josephine Mengel, Accounting Administration, *Caliguiri Award*

Camden M. Olsen, Computer Aided Drafting, *Caliguiri Award*

Ronald E. Schnelzer, Business Administration, *Caliguiri Award*

Anthony W. Sidari, IT–Network Administration
JR McCartan Award

Holly Stiteler, Medical Office Administration, *Caliguiri Award*

David E. Stumph, IT–Network Security and Computer Forensics
Caliguiri Award

Joseph M. Was, Hospitality Management Administration
Caliguiri Award

Steven R. White, Safety and Security Administration
Caliguiri Award

October 2007

Lisa M. Chambers, Computer Aided Drafting, *Caliguiri Award*

Marie A. Emmi, Surgical Technology, *Community Service Award*

Rebecca N. Lightner, Surgical Technology
Caliguiri Award and Community Service Award

Lisa A. Lovic, Travel and Tourism Administration, *Caliguiri Award*

Joseph G. Maiocco, Graphic Design, *Caliguiri Award*

Pete A. Pezzella, Travel and Tourism Administration
JR McCartan Award

Charles G. Sakaluk, Electronics Engineering Technology
Caliguiri Award

Stephen R. Saunier, Safety and Security Administration
Caliguiri Award

Brittany M. Shumar, Hospitality Management Administration
Caliguiri Award

Haylee W. Thomas, Multimedia Technologies, *Caliguiri Award*

Tyler J. Wilson, IT–Network Security and Computer Forensics
Caliguiri Award

Where are they Now?

Catch up with fellow PTI grads and their latest employment adventures. Want to be featured in a future issue of the alumni newsletter? Contact Christine Ioli at ioli.christine@pti.edu.

Danica Boas

October 2005, Marketing

Danica is a Multi-Store General Manager for Bruster's Ice Cream stores. She is in charge of two stores with a total of 80 employees. Hiring, training, ordering, and marketing are just a few of Danica's responsibilities.

Lisa Bowland

October 2007, Medical Office Administration

Lisa is a Medical Record Training Support Specialist with Virtual OfficeWare in Pittsburgh, PA. Working with clients who have purchased her company's medical software, Lisa trains office personnel and troubleshoots related issues.

Brian McDade

January 2004, Computer Networking Systems

Brian has started his own company, Leisure Computers, providing remote PC support. Check out his website at www.leisurecomputers.com to learn more about his exciting new venture.

Kathryn McGinnis

July 2005, Multimedia Technologies

Katie is an Instructional Media Developer with Education Management Corporation in Pittsburgh, PA. This move was made after working for two years as a Multimedia Designer for Learning Sciences International in Blairsville, PA.

Eric Pastorek

October 2001, Graphic Design

In 2006, Eric took over the task of developing and designing Bible Presbyterian's website. Since then he has continued to make website updates to properly reflect its mission. Take a moment to check out his work at www.bpc.org.

Alan Sciulli

April 1996, Graphic Design

Alan is a Vice President with Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide overseeing all facets of print production. He also has founded and presides over the Production Club of Washington (PCDC), a non-profit organization dedicated to bridging the communication gap between design and manufacturing. Check out his organization at www.productionclubdc.org for more details.

Matthew Seibel

July 2005, Graphic Design

Matt is a Marketing Coordinator with RB Control Systems designing products, packaging and corporate identity packages. He has also found success as a freelance artist – including a commercial that plays on the Jumbotron scoreboard during Steeler games.

// I love my job. It's always changing, no two days are the same; it's challenging and most of all fun! //

Danica Boas,
Bruster's Ice Cream, Inc.



PTI Alumnus Builds Local Creative Outlet

Literally built from the ground up, the Creative Treehouse is a shared studio as well as an art and music meeting place for artists of all mediums to work, collaborate and grow professionally. Created and owned by Jesse Hambley, a July 2006 Multimedia Technologies graduate, the Treehouse is operated by a group of volunteers and members many of whom are PTI grads and instructors. In addition to providing a workplace and gallery for members, special events like art shows and workshops are hosted for the public. Jesse says the Treehouse is "like mspace in a building."

Features include a dark room, photography studio, educational center, meeting cubicles and a lounge area all located in the second floor of an 1870s building in Bellevue, a northern suburb of Pittsburgh, PA.

For more information about the Creative Treehouse and its events, visit www.creativetreehousepgh.com.

Leaving the Light on for Evening Students

The evening division at PTI is growing by leaps and bounds. Now evening students can select from a menu of seven associate degree programs:

Business – Management
 Business – Accounting
 Information Technology – Network Administration
 Information Technology – Network Security and Computer Forensics
 Electronics Engineering Technology
 Computer Aided Drafting
 Surgical Technology

In addition, the following certificate programs are available in the evening:

Medical Coding
 Therapeutic Massage Practitioner
 Microsoft Network Professional Plus (*A+ Service Technician, MCSE2003 and CISCO Certified Networking Associate*)

Many programs are offered at both the North Fayette Campus and the Cranberry Center at the Regional Learning Alliance. Some evening associate degree classes are offered as distance education courses so that working adults need only come to campus two or three evenings per week to complete their programs.

Upcoming Events

February 20, 2008
 PTI's Career Fair,
 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
 (Article on page 5.)

February 23, 2008
 Visions & Voices High
 School Student Show
 Opening Reception,
 11 am to 1 pm

February 23, 2008
 Art Careers Exploration Day,
 11 am to 1 pm

March 27, 2008
 Continuing Education Day,
 11 am to 4 pm
 (Article on page 7.)

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008
 Alumni Brush Up Classes
 (Article on page 5.)

July 10, 2008
 Female Futures in
 Technology Workshop,
 1-day

July 28-August 1, 2008
 Summer Camps,
 3-days/2-nights

September 5, 2008
 2008 Alumni Show
 Opening Reception
 5 pm to 8 pm

Check www.pti.edu
 for the latest event info
 and registration forms.

Important Alumni Information



Looking for employees?

- Save time and money by interviewing PTI students on campus.
- PTI's Graduate Services department is always looking to place current students in part-time jobs and internships.
- Industry-led projects provide current students with hands-on experience and employers benefit from fresh ideas.
- Receive resumes of pre-screened candidates for interviews at your company location.

Contact Janice Welch, Employment Development Recruiter at 800.905.9985 ext. 5158 or welch.janice@pti.edu.

Have you visited
www.pti.edu
 lately? There's an entire
 section just for you!

Simply click on "Contact PTI" to access any of the following:

- Want to refer a student to your alma mater? Just use the "Refer a Student" link. You can earn a \$75 gift certificate 30 days after your referral starts class.
- Looking to hire someone with a background like yours? "Hire a Student" can get you started.
 The Alumni section of the site also features the following:
- Have new information you want to share? "Information Update" has an easy-to-complete form.
- Want to enhance your professional skills? "Brush Up Courses" can show you how.
- Continuing your education? Need a transcript? Click on "Transcript Request."
- Know someone who hasn't received this newsletter? Refer him/her to "Alumni Newsletter" to get on the mailing list and view this issue online.

Fun Facts

Did you know...?

3 programs with the highest PTI enrollment are Information Technology, Computer Aided Drafting and Graphic Design

6% of the students enrolled at PTI are 45 or older

20 associate in science degree programs are offered at PTI

22 states are represented by PTI's student enrollment including Vermont, Texas and Hawaii

33% of PTI's student enrollment is female

75% of the students enrolled at PTI are age 17-21

502 is the location of the room housing PTI's very own shooting simulator - the MILO Range Pro judgmental trainer

600+ students live in school-sponsored housing

640+ students started PTI's largest class in history on October 18, 2007

2,047 students attend PTI

Brush Up Courses

PTI offers brush up courses to all PTI alumni at the North Fayette Campus in Oakdale, PA. There is no charge to attend and a certificate of completion is provided. Brush up courses are an opportunity for you to stay current with software and skills that employers value, show your dedication to your profession and increase your marketability.

Brush up classes now can be found on our website, www.pti.edu, by clicking on events and scrolling down for upcoming course and registration information. Or, you can contact *Christine Ioli, Alumni Coordinator*, at ioli.christine@pti.edu or 412.854.1483.

Upcoming Class Dates

April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2008
9 am - 2 pm

“ The course allowed me to focus on my strengths and work on my weaknesses. I would recommend PTI Brush Up Courses to all alumni.... ”

Linnea M. Blandford,

2007 Travel & Tourism Administration graduate

Attended Fall 2007 Computer Reservations Systems course



Looking For a New Job? PTI's Career Fair

February 20, 2008
10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Meet with employers to discuss career opportunities in:

IT - Network Administration

IT - Network Security and
Computer Forensics

Computer Programming

Electronics

Business, Accounting, and Marketing

Criminal Justice/Safety and Security

Bring your resume to PTI's Gallery to meet with more than 30 potential employers. Also, Christine Ioli, Graduate Services Alumni Coordinator, is going to be available to meet with interested graduates. For more information, visit www.pti.edu and click on *Events*.

PTI Programs Available to You!

PTI continuously evaluates academic program offerings to ensure we meet the ever-changing job market. Currently PTI offers these associate in science degree and certificate programs:

Business

Accounting
Management
Marketing
Retail Management
Hospitality Management Administration–Hotel Management
Hospitality Management Administration–Restaurant Management
Travel and Tourism Administration

Criminal Justice

Safety and Security Administration

Computer/Technical

Computer Programming
Electronics Engineering Technology
Home and Commercial Systems Integration
Information Technology – Network Administration
Information Technology – Network Security and Computer Forensics

Design

Computer Aided Drafting – Architectural Drafting
Computer Aided Drafting – Mechanical Drafting
Graphic Design
Multimedia Technologies – Web/Interactive Design
Multimedia Technologies – Video/3D Design

Medical

Medical Assisting
Medical Office Administration
Surgical Technology
Therapeutic Massage Practitioner

To serve adult students, PTI offers evening programs through the Center for Certification and Adult Learning. Short-term certificates and on-line/on-site degrees blend convenience and flexibility. See page 4 for more information.

Evening certificate programs include Medical Coding, Therapeutic Massage Practitioner, Microsoft Network Professional Plus, Electronics Engineering Technology and Network Security and Computer Forensics.

Alumni Tuition Grant

PTI associate degree graduates returning for a second degree or a certificate are eligible to receive an alumni tuition grant equal to 30% of the tuition rate, adjusted for exemptions, in effect at the time of enrollment.

Contact admissions at 412.809.5100 if you'd like to return to PTI.

Student Referral Program

Reward yourself – help a friend. You are eligible to receive a non-cash gift certificate valued at \$75 when you refer a student. The Department of Education limits one award per person per year. Awards are issued 30 days after your student starts school. Submit your referral online. Visit www.pti.edu, go to "Contact PTI" for the "Refer a Student" link.

2007 – A Big Year @ PTI

It was a year of growth and change at PTI...new students, new programs and new construction around every corner.

New Programs

As a new group of students were welcomed to PTI on October 18, twelve represented the first class in the 15-month Home and Commercial Systems Integration (HCSI) certificate program. Focusing on the installation of "smart home" technology, these students were the first to drop low voltage cable wiring and test circuits in the HCSI lab, a two-room 350-square foot house complete with functioning home theater, security, surveillance and lighting systems as well as twelve training modules.



The year also marked significant change within the Business programs. All first-quarter students enroll as business majors, choosing their concentration of management, retail management, marketing or accounting in their second quarter. Heading into 2008, Safety and Security Administration is its own stand-alone associate degree program.

Multimedia Technologies students can choose to concentrate in either Web/Interactive design or Video/3D design. Construction of the A/V Suite with two video shooting studios, a control room and four recording booths is scheduled for completion in summer 2008. Also, a new lab was built for the Therapeutic Massage program in room 207.

Other significant "firsts" for 2007 include Surgical Technology graduates and a fourth-generation student (his aunt, two great-aunts and great-grandfather are graduates).

Share the PTI Experience

Spread the word to younger family and friends. During the school year, the Visions and Voices high school student show offers cash prizes while the Explorers Program presents careers in one-hour evening workshops. During the summer, high school students can attend the Female Futures in Technology one-day workshop or one of several three-day/two-night Summer Camps. Those interested should click on *Events* at www.pti.edu.

Stay in the Know

Stay in the loop by frequently checking out www.pti.edu. Photos and videos of graduates, student projects and the new labs are available at the click of your mouse.

Massage Grad Receives Honor



Only a year out from his PTI graduation, John F. Kennedy has made quite a name for himself. While the initials "JFK" have provided a certain sense of fame, his success in the workplace has taken him to greater heights.

An April 2006 graduate of the Therapeutic Massage Practitioner certificate program, John has earned his own kind of name recognition by winning back-to-back readers' choice awards.

2007 Pittsburgh Tribune Review Readers' Choice Gold Award Winner – *Best Massage Therapist in the South/West Hills of Pittsburgh*

2007 Trib PM Readers' Choice Gold Award Winner – *Best Massage Therapist in "Best of the City"*

After graduation John extended his internship with the Greater Pittsburgh Joint and Muscle Center turning it into full-time employment. Recently he moved to Dessange Paris, a full-service salon and spa in Pittsburgh's Shadyside neighborhood where he enjoys the growth of his clientele and the opportunities to increase his specialties. His repertoire now includes a unique hair-rejuvenation service.

As part of PTI's first massage class John credits his success to the faculty's dedication to helping students learn, citing Dr. Mock's Grim Reaper game as the reason he passed the anatomy exams.
Congratulations, John!

Showcasing Alumni Work

The first annual PTI Alumni Show is scheduled to open in PTI's Gallery on Friday, September 5, 2008.

All design media are welcome. Show off your skills in graphic design, multimedia, drafting, photography and fine arts...if it gets your creative juices flowing, we want to showcase it. Your entry may be featured in the alumni section of www.pti.edu.

All are welcome to attend an opening reception from 5 to 8 pm on Friday, September 5, 2008.

For more information and to register, visit www.pti.edu and click on Events. Deadline for submissions is Saturday, August 23, 2008.

Sixth Annual Continuing Education Day

Join us for PTI's Sixth Annual Continuing Education Day
Thursday, March 27, 2008
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
in PTI's Gallery.

Take advantage of this opportunity to speak to a wide variety of colleges and universities about continuing your education and transferring your credits. No appointment needed.

For further information, contact Lainey Becker, at 412.809.5212 or becker.lainey@pti.edu.



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Company Website				
We'd love to hear from you! What's new?				

Do you know a friend, a relative, or a neighbor who might be interested in attending PTI?

Name (First and Last) Phone ()