In 2007, 623 students graduated from PTI.

For more PTI fun facts, see page 5!

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 J acobs 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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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.
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 myspace 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, MCSA2003 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.

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.
- 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.
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.

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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

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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
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.
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.
Change of Address/Information

Name  First  Middle  Last  Maiden

Address

City           State           Zip

Home Phone ( )           Cell ( )

E-Mail

Program of Study

Date of Graduation

Current Employer

Your Position

Work Phone ( )

Work Address

City           State           Zip

Work E-Mail

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 ( )