

Official News Release

Penn College to Present Mentorship Awards at 2004 Summer Commencement

Pennsylvania College of Technology will present Mentorship Awards during August 7 commencement ceremonies to Anderson Construction, a Chambersburg company that assists Penn College students and graduates.

The Mentorship Award, which was established in 2002, recognizes alumni and businesses that have made significant or ongoing contributions to the education and development of Penn College students.

Accepting the award for Anderson Construction will be the firm's owner, Pam Anderson. Recently, Anderson made the keynote presentation, "Building Personal Foundations," to participants in the College's SMART Girls (Science and Math Applications in Real-World Technologies for Girls) residential workshops.

Pam Anderson also was an advisory committee participant for the development of the Residential Construction and Technology Management major. Her presentations to students in that major include "Foundation Time/Cost Comparisons" and "Supervising Women in Construction" (based on discussions with female students and professionals).

Anderson made a presentation to the Penn College Construction Association and initiated a PCCA fund-raiser to build the Anderson Construction trade-show booth for the 2003 Franklin County Builders Association Home Show. The booth earned a "Runner-Up Best of Show" designation. She also coordinated the PCCA students' booth at the 2004 Franklin County Builders Association Home Show and coordinated PCCA's winning nomination for the National Association of Home Builders' outstanding educator award. She has been a professional resource to current students and graduates, providing assistance with job searches and other activities.

A nominator said of Anderson: "With Pam as an advocate for Penn College, it's like having a branch office of Penn College with admissions, financial aid and career placement representatives in Chambersburg."

