

# THE TOWER

WINTER 2009-10

SERVING ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY



Members of Student Congress and everyone at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology wish you

*Happy Holidays!*



President William E. Griscom

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Alumni & Friends:

In a previous issue of *The Tower*, I informed you of an economic impact study the College was having conducted and promised you information on the results when it was completed. I recently received the report and will devote this column to summarizing its major findings. Much of this information is taken verbatim from the report.

The study was conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI) who uses a model that has been field-tested to generate more than eight-hundred studies in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. The model is designed to quantify the economic benefits of a community or technical college and translate these into common sense benefit/cost and investment terms. The study included two major analyses: 1) Economic Growth Analysis which measures added income in the State due to the College's operations and the accumulated skills of past and present students in the workforce; and 2) Investment Analysis which calculates measurable returns and compares them to costs from the perspective of the student, taxpayer and society as a whole.

With respect to the Economic Growth Analysis, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology affects the State economy in two ways: 1) through its purchases, including wages paid to faculty and staff; and 2) through the increase in the skill base of the State workforce. In terms of spending, after factoring out State support (approximately \$10 million), Pennsylvania received an additional net gain of nearly \$6 million due to the College's operations. However, by far the greatest contribution to the economy was the capacity to provide technical education and career enhancement to State residents. Unlike the annual benefit from operations, the benefit from skills accumulates over time as newly educated students enter the workforce year after year. Based on historical enrollment at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology over a thirty year period it was estimated that there were 212,900 credits of instruction. The skills resulting from this instruction translate into higher earnings for the graduates and greater output for businesses that employ them. The total annual impact was estimated at \$52.4 million.

From the Investment Analysis there are two perspectives: the student perspective and the social perspective. In regard to the student investment, the study found that for every credit completed at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology students earn on average \$325 more per year. Over a lifetime, compared to a high school graduate, an associate's degree graduate will see an increase in income of approximately \$1 million. From an investment standpoint, a Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology student receives a seventeen percent rate of return on their investment of time and money.

The societal benefit of a Stevens' education is much more difficult to estimate and consequently, in my opinion, was not captured by the study. Currently, one-half of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology's enrollment comes from poverty. In many cases, this is generational poverty (three or more generations living in poverty) versus situational poverty, which results from a catastrophic event in the family and lasts for less than a generation. Poverty has a direct link to crime, which can be easily seen in its concentration in urban environments and reciprocal high crime rates. It is more than a coincidence that over seventy percent of today's incarcerated population come from poverty. In Pennsylvania, the direct annual cost of incarceration is approximately \$30,000 per year. The social costs on the members of the family, welfare, and lost taxes are impossible to calculate. Consequently, so is the investment value of a Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology education that breaks the cycle of generational poverty and produces a graduate that gets a job or starts a business and buys a home, raises a family, pays taxes, and gives back to their community.

Although I do not believe the EMSI study captured all of the economic impact Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology provides to the Commonwealth, it does document significant aspects of the impact. As a result, the findings of this report represent an important element in the College's measurement of its institutional effectiveness. Along with its performance measures that include: progression; graduation rate; placement rate in Pennsylvania; and employer satisfaction, these economic impact measurements make a compelling case for investing in Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William E. Griscom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

# GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH STEVENS COLLEGE

BY ALEX B. MUNRO



L-R: Dr. Thompson, Dr. Griscom, Tom Corbett and Alex Munro

We're proud and honored to have such an elite group of visitors coming to the campus of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Our first guest was Attorney General Tom Corbett. After receiving a presidential briefing and interacting with students in a Q&A session, he toured the campus and was extremely impressed with the College. He sincerely embraced the expert technical training that our students receive in the varied majors of their choice. He identified with the worthiness of our mission in serving the young men and women of our Commonwealth.

It was pure enjoyment to speak with a man like Attorney General Corbett whose values and integrity are the indelible imprints of his character. His shared vision of building self-esteem and helping lift the economically disadvantaged young people from poverty through education is a bulls-eye statement of understanding the critical needs facing Pennsylvania. He acknowledged that Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is a tremendous asset to the Commonwealth, with its illustrious 105-year track record of excellence in providing cutting-edge technical training to young men and women of our great State.

Even though Stevens welcomes all visitors to our fine institution, the affirmation of Attorney General Tom Corbett that Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is a sustainable institution most worthy of economic investment by the Commonwealth, was a rewarding statement of confidence in our institutional leadership and their advancing initiatives for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

We were also happy to have had the Honorable State Representative William Adolph Jr. from the 165th District of Delaware County stop in for a morning visit. Rep. Adolph had a first hand opportunity to check out just what the Stevens training experience was all about. He outwardly recognized the importance and benefits for a financially disadvantaged youth to receive a technical college education,

acknowledging it's not only a life changing asset to the student but to the entire State's economy. He found our mission of service to the Commonwealth to be of immeasurable value. President Griscom's presidential briefing was highly informative, pointing out the magnitude of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology's contribution to the critical skilled workforce needs of Pennsylvania industries. As a member of the State Legislature, Rep. Adolph clearly understands Stevens' immediate need for infrastructure funding at our Branch Campus. His advocacy and support for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is and will continue to be most welcome. We look forward to his willingness to work together in the future.



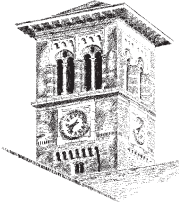
L-R: Alex Munro, Rep. Adolph, Dr. Griscom

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In response to our invitation, the Honorable State Representative Jake Wheatley of the 19th District of Pittsburgh came to the City of Lancaster. Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology had the pleasure of receiving the presence of both him and Dr. Julia Stewart on campus for an absolutely delightful late morning visit. It's easy to see that Representative Wheatley is a man of great physical stature and it wasn't long in conversation that we saw a man with an enormous heart to match, reflecting his passion for young people, especially those who are economically disadvantaged. Student testimonies and interviews presented overwhelming affirmation that Stevens can take one from the depths of poverty and elevate them to a very successful lifestyle through technical training. The beauty of it all is that we have 105 years of outstanding success to document our efforts. With Representative Wheatley's help, it won't be long before Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology will have a sizeable contingency of students from the city of Pittsburgh. It's encouraging to know that we have another friend and Representative in the Capitol who understands the funding requirements to operate a college like Stevens. His sensitivity to giving opportunities to the disadvantaged youth of our great Commonwealth was most impressive. We found Rep. Wheatley to be a man of profound wisdom for the betterment of life for all people. We sincerely look forward to working with Rep. Wheatley in advancing the Stevens mission. Our meeting ended with optimism on both sides.



L-R Row 1: Dr. Griscom, Dr. Julia Stewart; Row 2: Dr. Thompson, Angela Mike; Row 3: Paul Culbreth, Alex Munro, Rep. Wheatley



## FROM THE TOWER

### 1962

Chris Malocu wrote to us with corrected telephone numbers. Friends may call Chris at home at (570) 462-9732 or cell phone (570) 233-6430.

### 2010 REUNIONS

Class of 1960 - 50th Reunion

Class of 1985 - 25th Reunion

Class of 1995 - 15th Reunion

Check out our website for current information on reunions: [www.stevenscollege.edu/alumni](http://www.stevenscollege.edu/alumni)

### 1978



Pete Rios '78, Architecture, stopped by the College recently with his van that shows his Stevens Spirit. Now that's a proud Stevens grad!

### 1994

LeRoy Kromer '94, Cabinetry, stopped by the office in October. He is fulltime with the National Guard. He just returned home after serving two tours of duty; one in Iraq and the other in Afghanistan.

### 1997

Congratulations to Melissa Mohr Malek '97, Architecture, on the birth of new daughter McKaylie Sierra Malek on October 13, 2009. Melissa and husband Peter live in Forest Lake, Minnesota.

## STEVENS STUDENTS ADOPT A HIGHWAY



On a Saturday in September, members of Phi Theta Kappa picked up trash along Lincoln Highway East. This was done through the Lancaster Young Professionals group. The students had a great time. A passerby was so impressed with our students and what they were doing that he gave them a donation for a treat at Dunkin Donuts!

## NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY IS IN THE WORKS

Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association is working with Harris Connect to produce an updated alumni directory scheduled for publication in 2010. Over the next several months, you may receive postcards, e-mails or phone calls from Harris asking for updated contact information. We would appreciate your cooperation in updating your contact information. All updates are returned to Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association so that our database remains current. Harris Connect is only collecting information for purposes of the directory. Your information will not be released to any third parties. You decide whether or not your personal information is published in the directory – just make your wishes clear to the representative with whom you speak.

The new directory is a great way to stay connected to the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology alumni community!



Brian Scott, sophomore Cabinetry student from Pittsburgh, displays his beautiful mahogany "Seymour" desk with holly inlays. This piece, as well as other completed fine furniture projects, are on display in the Learning Resource Center on campus.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO INTELLIGENCER PRINTING

We sincerely thank Intelligencer Printing, Lancaster, for their generous commitment to printing our Alumni Newsletter. Their ongoing service, professionalism and philanthropic spirit is much appreciated.

### *IN MEMORIAM*

Philip P. Mitchell  
Class of 1938 - Electric  
September 8, 2009

Paul J. Fagley  
Class of 1945 - Carpentry  
October 4, 2009

Richard Long  
Class of 1954 - Drafting  
September 25, 2009

David Gerber  
Class of 1960 - Machine  
October 28, 2009

Fred Martin  
Class of 1965 - Carpentry  
September 28, 2009

Lucas Woy  
Class of 2002 - HVAC  
April 13, 2009

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## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Dear Alumni:

Here we are at year's end, right in the midst of the holiday season. Even though we're all very busy it's necessary to take the time to pause and reflect on where we've been, where we're at and where we're going.

In the broad view of things, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology has experienced one of the most challenging years in the history of our institution. Operating the College months on end, without knowing when the State budget would be passed or what the final appropriation would be, is a devastating circumstance to be confronted with. All these perils of operation had to be dealt with, as the college administration proceeded ahead in preparation for fall's incoming class. The Stevens Alumni and the Commonwealth at large can be thankful that under the astute leadership of President William Griscom we have been led through these most trying and difficult times, while still maintaining an advancing

vision for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

Categorically Stevens College competes with the best and still ranks as one of the finest two-year trade and technical institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. With the nation's economic downturn at hand and unemployment at an all time high, Stevens enjoys a record enrollment of nearly 900 students. Our good name of "excellence in training" precedes us; young men and women from across the state from north to south and east to west are declaring their intention and desire to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in the fall of 2010.

It is evident that there is a massive shortage of skilled labor across our nation and it's reaching epidemic proportions. Fortunately Stevens is on the cusp in advanced training, and will continue to make its contribution of skilled graduates to Pennsylvania's critically diminished skilled work force. I've said numerous times, if you want your son or daughter to have a job after graduation then they should come to Stevens. With 105 years of success in changing lives through technical training, you know it's not by chance - it's a tradition at Stevens.

It's with perseverance and optimism that Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology will be able to offer an expanse of career training opportunities to more of the young people in our great Commonwealth. Even though Stevens has positioned itself for such advancement, it's all relevant in securing the release of \$7,000,000 in capital funding from the State, to address the critical infrastructure renovations in our Branch Campus facility. We currently have about 150 resident students living in the building along with six career programs and laboratories. To obtain the release of the needed funding we will require diligent help from our State Legislature accompanied by engaging enthusiastic alumni who are willing to support and petition our State's Administration for the release of capital monies for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

The future is now and the wave of student interest in technical training is growing rapidly day by day. It's your alma mater but, in actuality Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is a two-year degree-granting state-owned technical college, and we belong to every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Let your voice of concern be heard in Harrisburg by phone, e-mail, written form or by a personal visit. No young person should be denied the opportunity to obtain the Stevens experience, because we failed to speak out on their behalf. I trust each one of you will address this matter with the utmost integrity to the cause. Thank you, and have the happiest of holidays.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex B. Munro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alex B. Munro

## WHAT A SURPRISE!



Through the helping hands of DGS Secretary James Creedon and State Representative Mike Sturla, Stevens' Automotive Technology program was the beneficiary of ten state cars. Rep. Sturla learned that Automotive Technology students were using older car models, so he arranged for the State to provide its retired vehicles to the College every two semesters before the cars head to auction for state proceeds.

These late model automobiles will allow our students the opportunity to work on the most current electrical systems, diagnose faults and replace computer chips and much more in the cars of today. The students are ecstatic and the instructors are deeply appreciative that the State is willing to share Commonwealth property for training students.

Rep. Sturla also helped secure a \$150,000 grant for the College to serve as a state weatherization training provider that will develop a workforce of weatherization installers, crew chiefs and auditors. Prospective students should contact

the PA CareerLink Lancaster County at 299-7631 for enrollment information.

Owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Thaddeus Stevens also provides full scholarships based on financial need. A Stevens Grant is available from the College to cover the remaining costs after applying for other grants and scholarships to the student's account. For an application or more details, call 1-800-842-3832 or go to [www.stevenscollege.edu](http://www.stevenscollege.edu)

## NEWEST ALUMNI CHAPTER: STATE COLLEGE



Wayne "Red" Deibler and his wife, Jan, graciously opened their home in Bellefonte to host the first gathering of the State College Alumni Chapter



Members of the newly-formed State College Alumni Chapter in attendance were: L-R (seated): Alex Munro, Red Deibler, Whitey Noll and Ward Whitehill. Standing: Jack Peck, Don Alexander, Charles Gates and Denis Anderson.

## HAPPENINGS IN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### DR. WILLIAM THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT

Many exciting things are happening in Academic Affairs at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. The College is about to adopt formal guidelines for the creation of new Diploma, Certificate, and Associate degree programs. The Diploma will be a short term, job entry training program; the Certificate will be a one-year program; and the Associate degree is a two year program. These sequential programs form stepping stones for learners to progress at their own pace. As a result of these adoptions, it is anticipated that new versions of current programs may emerge.

To entice the nontraditional student back to college, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is embracing a statewide initiative called Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). A few years ago, Governor Rendell called upon the state's colleges to adopt procedures that would provide "credit" for skills and knowledge learned through life/work experiences. To that end, the College is looking to adopt several opportunities that will allow experienced students to get advanced placement into many of our technical programs. These opportunities include credit-by-examination, credit by portfolio assessment, credit for military training, and credit for apprenticeship training. These opportunities will make it easier for non-traditional students to obtain the training they need to reenter the world of work.

In order to integrate new programs and PLA opportunities into the existing College structure, several new initiatives are being pursued. Beginning fall 2010, some of the technical courses will be taught in the evening hours so they can be more convenient to the schedules of local employees. It is proposed that an entire program, such as a Diploma, might ultimately be available at night. Studies have shown that a significant number of students can be best served during these hours.

A second initiative for consideration is the admission of a first semester cohort of students during the spring, with a second semester schedule during the summer. Such scheduling would allow a number of students to enroll who were not served during the regular academic year. It also provides the "golden parachute" for those who failed their first semester course(s) during the fall, thus allowing them to enroll in those courses during the spring. Finally, the off-sequence cohort of students will combine with those of the regular schedule to form a large second year class. The net result is the ability to serve a larger number of students, and to better serve those who are enrolled.

## STUDENTS MIND THEIR MANNERS



*Sheryl Trower*

Stevens students participated in a course entitled, "Business Etiquette and the Art of the Business Meal," taught by Sheryl Trower of Lancaster. Ms. Trower is Founder and President of the Etiquette School of Central Pennsylvania, which is committed to excellence in teaching business etiquette, dining, and personal grooming skills to those just beginning their career. These skills build self-confidence and allow students to skillfully overcome anxiety while dining with potential employers, clients and other business associates.

Twenty-two students participated in the program, which included a five-course meal with a formal place setting. Various role playing situations were conducted, as well as a basic tutorial on utensils and their proper usage. Ms. Trower commented, "I was impressed with the professionalism of the students and their interest in the subject. They were very respectful, asked pertinent questions, and were very engaged in the process. Many of the students personally thanked me for the presentation, noting how much this would help them in the future."





# CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES: A PERSONAL INCOME OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE

By **VINCENT J. LATTANZIO, CFP® '78**  
**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, MANAGER OF CHARITABLE & ENDOWMENT SERVICES**  
**FULTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS**  
**MEMBER OF THE THADDEUS STEVENS FOUNDATION & ALUMNI BOARD**

If low interest rates have affected your fixed income, maybe you should investigate a Charitable Gift Annuity provided through the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation which could pay you between 5-9 % annually and at the same time provides future support for the College.

A Charitable Gift Annuity provides a fixed income for a lifetime or a period of years to one or more persons, an immediate charitable income tax deduction, provides estate tax savings, and, when created with appreciative assets, softens the effect on capital gains taxes.

The Charitable Gift Annuity is an irrevocable transfer of money or property to The Thaddeus Stevens Foundation in return for its promise to pay the donor fixed or guaranteed payments for life. Upon the annuitant's death, payments cease and the remainder of the annuity is absorbed by the Stevens Foundation for its use in supporting the College. The remaining annuity funds can be used for an endowment, support the general fund, a naming opportunity, scholarships or various other student and program support needs. These can also be designated by the annuitant.

Charitable Gift Annuities are an excellent method of achieving your philanthropic goals and gaining substantial tax benefits. You can choose to receive you annuity payments yearly, quarterly, or monthly, although most people choose quarterly payments.

Charitable Gift Annuities are subject to state and federal guidelines. The American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA) sets uniform gift annuity rates for use by charitable organizations. Rates are determined by the age of the annuitant and when the withdrawal period for the annuity begins.

A Charitable Gift Annuity works similarly to other annuities you might purchase through your insurance company or financial advisor, but in this case you will receive an annuity payment directly from the Stevens Foundation and be eligible for a tax deduction.

## Two Case Studies:

**Mrs. Smith** is 76 years old and has a \$25,000 Certificate of Deposit maturing this month. She has a philanthropic interest in the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, and would also like to increase her current income. How can she do both?

By purchasing a Charitable Gift Annuity she can benefit Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, and increase her current income.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a simple contract between Mrs. Smith and the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. In exchange for her irrevocable gift of cash, the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology agrees to pay Mrs. Smith a fixed sum each year for life (an annuity). The older the annuitant is at the time of the gift, the greater the fixed sum the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation, can agree to pay. At Mrs. Smith's age, the rate is 6.4% of the gift per year.

The other benefits for Mrs. Smith are:

- she may qualify for a federal income tax deduction.
- part of each payment is tax-free.
- she will receive fixed income for life.
- her estate may enjoy reduced probate costs and estate taxes.
- she has provided generous support to the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

**Mr. Jones** is also 76 years old and has \$25,000 in appreciated stocks with a current income yield of 2%. As with Mrs. Smith, he has a philanthropic interest in the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, and wishes to increase his current income.

In exchange for his irrevocable gift of the appreciated stocks, Mr. Jones will receive a fixed sum each year (6.4% of the market value of the donated stocks at the time of the gift).

In addition to the benefits listed above for Mrs. Smith, Mr. Jones will have the advantage of paying capital gains tax on only a part of the appreciation of the donated stock. Furthermore, the capital gains tax will be spread out over a number of years rather than all be due in the year of the gift.

If you wish to the support the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and obtain significant financial benefits for yourself, please contact Allen Tate, Director of Development, at (717)391-7285 for more information concerning Charitable Gift Annuities.

# MARKETING NEWS

## BY CHAD BAKER

### MARKETING COORDINATOR/RECRUITER

Over the past year and a half, we have been working hard to ensure that prospective students, community members and the general public know what Thaddeus Stevens College has to offer. Just a few of the things we have been doing to improve our name recognition and marketing include:

- Sponsorship of WGAL's Play of the Week. This includes some television air time, as well as advertisements on wgal.com
- Sponsorship of the morning and afternoon traffic announcements on WLAN-FM (96.9 FM in Lancaster)
- In addition to the radio sponsorship, we have a 3-month ad campaign on WLAN and WRFY (102 FM in Reading)
- We will also be running 30-second ads in the Harrisburg region on Hot 92-FM, ESPN 1400-AM, and WTPA-FM.
- We are running quarterly advertisements in MOTIVOS, a magazine geared toward Latino students. The publication is unique in that it is designed, written, and edited by Latino students for Latino students.
- This fall we advertised in numerous newspapers' education supplements, spanning Pennsylvania from Beaver County in the west to Wayne County in the north and many points in between.
- Thaddeus Stevens' website will be undergoing some major cosmetic and functional changes in the next few months. Keep an eye out for these improvements.
- The College also has a Facebook, MySpace and Twitter page online. Addresses for these sites are:
  - o Facebook – Main page: [www.facebook.com/thaddeusstevenscollege](http://www.facebook.com/thaddeusstevenscollege)
  - o Twitter: [twitter.com/thaddeusstevens](http://twitter.com/thaddeusstevens)
  - o MySpace: [myspace.com/thaddeusstevens](http://myspace.com/thaddeusstevens)
- We have updated our marketing publications including the Program of Study, Viewbook, Stevens Grant brochure plus several others.

If you have any questions or comments regarding any of these items or if you would like to share some ideas for the marketing of the College, please feel free to contact [baker@stevenscollege.edu](mailto:baker@stevenscollege.edu) or call 717-299-7702.

## ELECTRICAL STUDENTS INVESTIGATE POWER SAVER



On Wednesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 5, the students of the Electrical Technology program at Thaddeus Stevens College became television stars!

As part of its "8 On Your Side" consumer report series, WGAL Channel 8 used Thaddeus Stevens' Electrical Technology students and instructor Ray Buckwalter as experts to disprove the claims of a device called the "Power Saver." The company that created the device claims that with electricity rates rising, they could save the consumer up to 40% on their energy bills each month.

Stevens was selected as a third party, neutral site to test the claims of the device. In the end, the students were able to disclaim the statements and were able to provide solid evidence as to why this product was not effective. In fact, the students in the program made a prediction and provided the math to disprove the claims before any tests were even run. The tests verified they were right on target with their predictions.

The College was originally contacted by Lapp Electric to serve as the third party site for this test. Links to these stories can be found on wgal.com at: <http://www.wgal.com/money/21521463/detail.html> and <http://www.wgal.com/money/21531826/detail.html>



Please join us for our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair! As you know, we have created a unique Career Fair concept, by bringing Stevens students, graduates, and the work force together under one roof. Last year we had a record number of exhibitors and are looking forward to an even bigger and better Fair this year. As an Alumni of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, if you are currently looking for work, please bring your resumes on February 18<sup>th</sup> and check out the jobs being offered. For a complete listing of Exhibitors, visit our website at [www.stevenscollege.edu/careerfair](http://www.stevenscollege.edu/careerfair) in the weeks leading up to the Fair. This is a free service to all current Thaddeus

Stevens College of Technology students and alumni.

If you are a business owner and would like to set up a table at the fair, please visit our website to register. There is no charge to exhibit at the Career Fair.

For more information, contact Laurie Grove in the Career Services Department at 717-396-7188 or [grove@stevenscollege.edu](mailto:grove@stevenscollege.edu). We look forward to seeing you there!

## STEVENS COLLEGE RECEIVES WEATHERIZATION GRANT

Thaddeus Stevens College has been awarded a \$150,000 PA Weatherization Grant by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. The College will be one of seven institutions in Pennsylvania to conduct this training. As part of this initiative, faculty applied under a separate application to become a certified weatherization trainer. The “train the trainer” course is sponsored by Penn College of Technology who is the developer and owner of the curriculum. With their newly acquired certification, instructors will provide courses to out-of-work Pennsylvanians to help them get back into the workforce.

In addition to benefiting out-of-work Pennsylvanians, certified technicians will become a part of the 1,000 technicians currently needed to weatherize 27,000 low-income homes across the State. The long range economic impact of this training initiative is aligned with the mission of the College.

This grant is funded by The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

## STUDENT CONGRESS ACTIVE AT STEVENS BY DAVID HARNLY '11

Student Congress offers eager minds a coming-of-age chance to experience a new level of involvement in their lives. Being a part of something like Student Congress gives a person a sense of accomplishment and responsibility, not just for their own careers but for that of their fellow students. Planning activities, allotting allocations to all the clubs, setting standards and practices; virtually every matter of business conceivable with regards to Thaddeus Stevens passes through the hands and minds of the Student Congress where it is discussed and debated with the fervent articulation of a political campaign. Finally, the matter may be brought to motion where, in a democratic fashion, the business is voted upon. These bi-monthly meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order, providing a true professionalism for the proceedings. This type of environment is conducive to the development of maturity, responsibility, and pride within its members.



*Current Student Congress Officers L-R: Gary Donan, Jeff Naab, Ashley Ressler and Josh Himes*

# HOME COMING 2009

## A WEEKEND FILLED WITH SPECIAL PEOPLE AND EVENTS!



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## STEVENS HOSTS FIRST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER



Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology hosted its first Scholarship Awards Recognition Dinner on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, in Jones Conference Room on campus. The purpose of the event was to give students and their respective scholarship donors an opportunity to meet one another. Nineteen students were pleased to be able to express their appreciation personally to their benefactors for the investment in their education and interest in their success. We anticipate this will be an ongoing event every fall at the College.

For more information on setting up a scholarship at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, please contact Allen Tate, Director of Development, at 717-391-7285.



*Thomas J. Cence '35 (above left) made a generous surprise donation at the beginning of the evening to endow a new scholarship in his name.*



## 2009-2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Alcoa Scholarship - *William Weik*
- Barley Family Scholarship - *Brendan House-Swope & Joseph Pasternacki*
- Michael Bartone Scholarship - *Karl Stevens*
- Freddy Bustaque Scholarship - *Hector DeJesus*
- Earl Hagy Scholarship - *Ryan Foltz*
- Greg T. Kissinger Scholarship - *James Sekul*
- E. Ann Klein Scholarship - *Caitlyn Cornell & Alexander Truitt*
- Walter Lorenz Scholarship - *Brian Kochan*
- McAlister Foundation Scholarship - *Michael Kozack & Joshua Slawecki*
- Pryor Neuber Scholarship - *Shane Keller*
- PCMA Scholarship - *Kasey Pelchy*
- Earl F. "Kelly" Rebman III Scholarship - *James Stauffer*
- Shea Roofing Scholarship - *Taylor Grier*
- Willis Shenk Scholarship - *Paul LeVan*
- Francis & Beatrice Thompson Scholarship - *Tyler Sep*
- Williams Gas Pipeline Scholarship - *Andrew Rowe*

## A CLOSING NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



*Sophia E. Weibel*

As the holiday season approaches, the spirit of giving is everywhere at Stevens. Students, faculty and staff participate in gathering donations for the residents of Conestoga View, Student Congress members decorate Memorial Park with festive lights, and generous donations from many alumni, friends and corporations arrive to support the Annual Fund. It's a great time of year to reflect on the many people who have touched our lives and to count our blessings.

Another hallmark of the holidays is keeping in touch with friends from the past. Have you thought about your former classmates from Stevens and wondered what they're doing now? The Alumni Office is currently in the process of initiating a new state-of-the-art database that will greatly enhance our communications. Our website is also being upgraded with new features and information. Please take a moment to visit [www.stevenscollege.edu/alumni](http://www.stevenscollege.edu/alumni) and send in your updated information and include your e-mail address.

As the new year approaches, we encourage you take time to keep in touch with Stevens in the coming year. Happy Holidays!



The 2009 Homecoming King and Queen selected the Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County to be the recipient of the money raised during the Homecoming court voting process. Pictured above are Homecoming King Rob Curtis and Homecoming Queen Vanessa Collazo presenting a check to Bonnie Glover, Director of Domestic Violence Services. Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting, which allowed us to raise nearly \$200 to help out a great local organization.



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# Upcoming Events

**2010:**

February 18

Thaddeus Stevens Job Fair - MAC

April 23-24

Alumni Reunions/Alumni Banquet

May 15

Commencement

June 18

Stevens Scramble Golf Outing