

THE TOWER

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





President William E. Griscom

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The essence of the strategic planning process is to critically assess the performance of the College in respect to the fulfillment of its mission and identify key areas of opportunity for improvement. Goal Four in the College's strategic plan is to increase the success of under-resourced students. "Under-resourced" is used in place of "poor" because it better describes the full range of needs that must be addressed for "poor" students to be successful. Students who are poor or financially disadvantaged are at the core of the College's purpose and the reason Thaddeus Stevens sought to establish the school almost 150 years ago. Obviously the enrollment, progression, graduation and placement of these students are the College's most significant performance measures of its effectiveness at fulfilling its mission. The fact that this was identified as a goal in the strategic planning process is evidence that performance in this area is not viewed as acceptable by the College community.

I have stated previously in this column that the College's overall performance in terms of progression, graduation and placement is approximately three to four times greater than the 30 colleges it is benchmarked against. This is also true for under-resourced students but only because the performance of the other colleges is so abysmal in this area. For analysis and assessment purposes we break down under-resourced students into a number of categories including race and gender. For example, while the College's overall graduation rate is approximately 60 percent in two years, that of African-American males who are under-resourced is only 25 percent. By comparison the College's benchmark colleges only graduate approximately five percent of their students in this category.

The College's goal is to ensure all of its various student cohorts are distributed equally across its programs and progress, graduate and are placed at similar percentages. To achieve this, the Committee working on Strategic Goal Four is:

1. Obtaining an overview of statistical data regarding the various student populations
2. Reviewing recommended best practices in the field
3. Determining if sufficient resources are allotted to best practices currently in effect at TSCT
4. Evaluating best practices currently not in effect at TSCT to determine which ones should be recommended for adoption
5. Identifying what resources (human & financial) would be required to implement these new best practices
6. Creating a timeline for implementation of the recommended best practices and their ongoing assessment

This is going to be a long and difficult process that will require the best efforts and support of everyone associated with the College. In her book, *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, Dr. Ruby Payne defines poverty as "the extent to which an individual does without resources." Furthermore she identifies these resources as: financial; emotional; mental; spiritual; physical; support systems; relationships/role models; and knowledge of the hidden rules of the middle class. To compensate for these deficiencies we must address more than a student's academic progress and provide supports and interventions that deal with the "whole" individual.

As I stated, this is an enormous goal, but in my opinion the most critical one facing the institution, because it is at the core of our legacy and mission. I am optimistic our faculty, staff, alumni, friends and supporters will rise to this challenge over the months and years ahead, as we implement the recommendations of the Goal Four committee and continue striving to ensure our performance matches our purpose.

Sincerely,

CAREER FAIR

BY LAURIE GROVE, DIRECTOR CAREER SERVICES

On February 18, 2010 Stevens hosted nearly 200 employers representing more than 80 companies from across the state at our 19th annual Career Fair held in the MAC gym. Hundreds of students and alumni turned out to network and hand out resumes. WGAL covered the event highlighting the fact that even in this difficult economy our students are still in demand. We even had students who were interviewed the day of the Fair and hired on the spot! As you can see from the picture, several of our alumni returned to Stevens as employers to recruit our graduates.



Pictured (l-r): Tim Witcoskie, Ashland Technologies; Sean Parrish, MGS; Rodney Althoff, Tri-M; Bryan Muth, Tri-M; Don Shoemaker, Tri-M; Leslie Weible, BAC, Local #5; **Jonah Lake** ('08 Masonry), BAC, Local #5; Ron Weible, BAC, Local #5; **Scott Mease** ('95 PLMB), Zimmerman Plumbing & Heating; and **Mike Pearson** ('00 HVAC), UGI.



Faculty, students, families and friends filled the MAC for the commencement ceremonies.

COMMENCEMENT MAY 15, 2010



Dr. Ronaldo Archer

The College was fortunate to have Dr. Ronaldo Archer as its keynote speaker. Dr. Archer has been nicknamed “The Maestro of Motivation” by the National Speakers Association for his ability to educate, energize and empower his audience. Dr. Archer has an amazing 20-year professional career as a best-selling author, an award winning keynote speaker, and a sought after international business strategist. Dr. Archer was raised by a single mother who taught him that with faith in God, a good education and lots of hard work, the American Dream could be achieved by anyone. She taught him that it is not where you begin in life, but it is where you believe you can go, if you are willing to be a climber and not a quitter. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to hear this inspiring speaker. His words were met with great enthusiasm by all in attendance.



DISTINGUISHED HONOREES



Pictured (l-r): J. Roger Moyer, Jr.; G. Yale Eastman; Thomas R. Young; and Terry L. Kauffman

The following received Honorary Doctorates at the Commencement:

J. ROGER MOYER, JR.

Mr. Moyer enjoyed a long career in banking and finance and was employed by the same financial institution from 1978 to his retirement in 2008, serving through corporate name changes and mergers. He is currently a member of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology’s Community Advisory Council and Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

G. YALE EASTMAN

Mr. Eastman has spent his remarkable career as an engineer, engaged in the development of devices and systems for the transfer of heat and the conversion of energy. Active in community organizations, Mr. Eastman serves on the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology’s Community Advisory Council.

TERRY L. KAUFFMAN

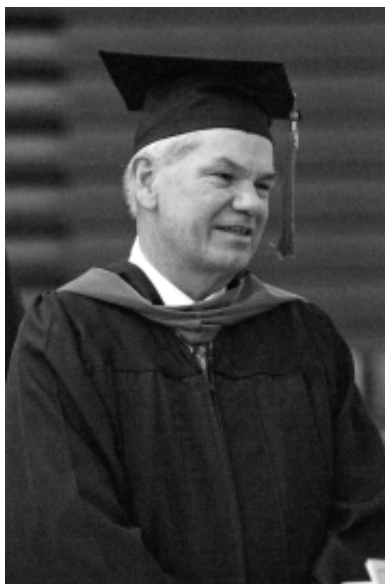
Mr. Kauffman is the Administrator of the Mount Joy, PA Borough Authority. He received a bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Business from Penn State University in 1970. From 1982-1989 he owned and served as President of Reinholds Lumber and Supply.

THOMAS R. YOUNG

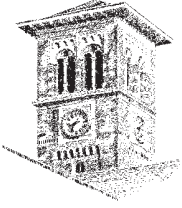
Mr. Young received the Distinguished Service Award. He has provided his photographic skills to Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology for more than 20 years, recording for posterity countless commencement ceremonies, alumni events, awards banquets and student activities. An enthusiastic supporter of the College, he has used his expertise to promote the College to the Commonwealth it serves.



Incoming Student Congress President, Ashley Risser



College Board of Trustees
Chairman, Richard A. Watson, Jr.



FROM THE TOWER

"Not what we get, but what we give, measures the worth of the life we live." - Benjamin R. DeJong

1955

The Stevens **Class of 1955** hosted its fifth annual Western Reunion at Harrah's Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada the first week of March. Twelve grads attended, with guests bringing the total to twenty-three. We gathered each afternoon to socialize and reminisce prior to heading out to the evening's entertainment. Highlights of the week were the Diamond Rio performance, dinner at Harrah's Mexican restaurant, and the always popular dinner cruise on the Colorado River aboard a replica of an old-fashioned paddle-wheel river boat. The golf outing resulted in more turf damage and laughs than birdies and pars. Although we bill this event as a "Western Reunion," we do so only to refer to its location, and we hope to see our old buddies from wherever they may be enjoying life these days. Also, we encourage all Stevens alumni to join us; and this year more than half of the grads were from classes other than ours. Newcomers this year were **Ivan Wilt**, **Harry** and **Bonita Barron**, and **Dr. Mike Gerfin** (Director of Workforce Development & Continuing Education at Stevens) and his wife Mary Alice. We thank Mike for bringing Stevens logo T-shirts to share with the group. If you wish to be included in e-mail (or snail-mail) announcements concerning plans for next year's reunion, please send your information to Max Frye, 1923 Brushwood Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-5772 or e-mail mfrye6@cox.net or phone (520) 803 6966.



Pictured: Front (l-r): Bruce Elsasser '63, Harry Barron '58, Bill Walker '59, Andy Herman '58, Max Frye '55. Rear (l-r): Mickey Shriver '55, Ron Whisel '59, Joe Vida '55, Mike Gerfin '64, Don Yost '55, Don Hopkins '55, Ivan Wilt '53

1935

Tom Cence recently moved into his new home at Brethren Village in Lititz, PA. We wish him good health, good times, and good friends in his new residence.

1964

Doug Fochtman (Electrical), Chestnut Ridge wrestler, was inducted into the Bedford County, PA Sports Hall of Fame. He was a three-time District 5 champion (1959, 1960 and 1961) and a Northwestern Regional runner-up in 1959. While at Stevens he had a career record of 35-1-4. He also lettered in football for three years and was co-captain in his senior year. Congrats to Doug on this special honor.

1965

The **Class of 1965** will hold its reunion on Saturday, July 17th at the Brown Jug in Tower City, PA from Noon to 4:30 p.m.

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STEVENS FOUNDATION SPONSORS ESSAY CONTEST

The Foundation sponsored its annual Thaddeus Stevens Essay Contest for fifth-grade students in the School District of Lancaster. First place winners of the contest are pictured here with Trustee Ron Ford and Foundation Director Alex Munro.



1968

J.C. Hale, founder of J.C. Hale Construction, Inc. is the originator of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Truck Convoy, the longest truck convoy in the world, which had its first run in 1990. The annual Mother's Day event has drawn 7,003 big rigs and raised nearly \$3.8 million over the past 20 years. Children with life-threatening illnesses ride along with the truckers. This year 348 truckers helped the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia and Susquehanna Valley raise an estimated \$300,000.

1986

Tom Matroni is one lucky guy! He is the 1,000th friend on the Stevens Facebook page. He will be receiving a gift from the College Store. Be sure to check out our page - ("*Thaddeus Stevens*")

2002

Congratulations to **Kyle Kerlavage** (Plumbing) on his marriage to Aimee Banaszewski. Kyle is employed by Zola's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Hazleton, PA.

2006

Joseph Wysock (Carpentry) has been named Assistant Project Manager by Benchmark Construction Co. of Brownstown, PA. He will be responsible for assisting the Project Executives and Project Managers, managing smaller jobs and helping to negotiate facility management contracts.

PHI THETA KAPPA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, March 20th, **Mike DeGroft '03** - Director of Financial Aid and Registrar, and nine Phi Theta Kappa students had the opportunity to participate in a *Keep America Beautiful* project at the Millport Conservancy in Lititz, PA. Millport Conservancy is a non-profit membership organization that is a just under 100-acre refuge for native wildlife and plant species. Students assisted in cleaning up along the waterways, as well as along the roads. **Senator Michael Brubaker** was also there to assist with the project. Our students had the opportunity to meet and speak with Sen. Brubaker. For many of the students this was their first ever interaction with a legislator, so it was a good experience for them. Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society at Stevens. Part of the mission of Phi Theta Kappa is for students to be involved in civic engagements. In addition to the Millport Conservancy project, the students have also assisted with the annual Lancaster CROP walk, serving food at Water Street Rescue Mission, and the Adopt-a-Highway project along Route 462.

Phi Theta Kappa members also planned and ran the Annual Easter Egg Hunt here on campus. The event brought out about 100 children and their parents. Students hid approximately 1,200 eggs and handed out ten prize baskets they created. The children really seemed to enjoy themselves. This was the first year Phi Theta Kappa was in charge of the event, and it was fun for all.

Thanks to **Chad Baker** for being the Easter Bunny; **Amber Greenleaf, Lina Zamora** and **Jen Petri** for being the face painters for the children. Thanks also to all of the Phi Theta Kappa students who assisted with stuffing the eggs with candy, hiding the eggs, set-up and clean-up of the event. Most importantly thanks to **Brittani Jenkins**, Secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, for planning and running the event.



Pictured left: Students with Senator Mike Brubaker (far right)



Pictured right: Easter Bunny Chad Baker with one of the happy Easter egg hunters.

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

Merle L. Cain

Class of 1960 - Printing
2002

Frederick Martin

Class of 1965 - Carpentry

Bill Price

Class of 1965 - Printing
August 1, 2009

Glenn L. Figard

Class of 1952 - Drafting
May 6, 2010

Frank Trakes

Class of 1957 - Machine
May 6, 2010

Enrico Tambasco

Class of 1959 - Printing
May 11, 2010

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Alex Munro

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Alumni:

Most of our 2010 graduates who number about 300, in most cases have now entered the Pennsylvania workforce. Some are planning to continue their education, others are getting married or starting their careers and a few are looking forward to a short summer vacation after completing a challenging but rewarding two years at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

It's really an exciting year to be at Stevens. There are so many advancing and interesting initiatives happening here it's hard to track them all. We make a serious effort to keep you informed about the present changes and future plans of the College. That's why our Tower publication is just packed full with information and interesting articles for your reading pleasure. We want you to be an informed and participating partner step by step, in

all of the advancing progress of your College.

Faculty members Andy Tompos, John Berkheimer and Greg Ott have officially relinquished their teaching positions, in exchange for the relaxing life of retirement. Stevens is currently conducting a search to fill the open positions. We sincerely thank them for their many years of outstanding service to the College and for the many students' lives they've changed through their expert and dedicated instruction. To say that they will be greatly missed would be putting it mildly. We hope that their rewards in life will be equal to what they have given to others.

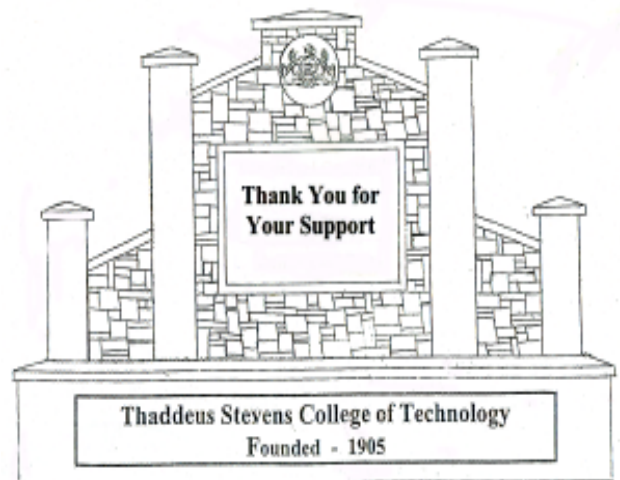
In another eventful happening, Stevens has just added a new staff member in the hiring of Mr. Mark Borger and, in addition, Dr. Patricia McKinney has been added to our faculty. Upon completion of our national search, Stevens will soon be appointing a new Vice President for Academic Affairs. We're also happy to report that our grant writing department has experienced a strong measure of success in bringing designated funds to Stevens for specific programs and projects.

The Governor's recent release of \$7,000,000 in capital funding for the infrastructure work at our Branch Campus has generated a plethora of planning activities for our administration. President Griscom recently met with the architect, to establish the earliest of preliminary priorities and plans. Even though this project has been long in coming, it undoubtedly carries the greatest of importance to the future of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. The construction itself mandates a massive coordination effort by our administration in the movement of students, labs and services in preparation for the actual infrastructure work to be performed, perhaps by the early spring of 2011 or sooner. In considering the task at hand you can see that it will be an extremely busy summer for everyone at Stevens this year.

We're about to undertake another much needed and wonderful project at your beloved alma mater, and hopefully you'll be as excited about it as we are at the College. In response to our many discussions with our State Representatives and Pennsylvania businesses and industries about the necessity for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology to increase their public awareness both locally and statewide, we first addressed the local demographics. After analyzing a municipal traffic study, we found that over 40,000 cars cross the intersection of East King and Broad Streets at the northeast corner of our campus every day.

One aspect of our awareness marketing plan is to inform the young men and women of our Commonwealth about the outstanding technical majors being offered at Stevens College. The story of our mission and our stellar 105-year history of excellence in technical training has to be told on a continuous basis, and we need your help to do it.

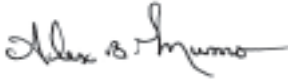
We feel this can be best accomplished locally by constructing an attractive brick and stone masonry monument with a large full-color electronic informational sign with programmable capabilities recessed in the upper middle of the base. The high visibility will allow Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology to advertise their offering of over 20 technical career majors, evening programs, seminars, special events, conferences and much more. We're looking at an estimated cost of \$84,000, which excludes the much needed donated materials and labor for the project. This is another most worthy project that our alumni can underwrite for our alma mater. I think we all agree funding special projects for the College is a most meaningful and gratifying way to give back to the institution that has given so much to all of us.



We did it before with special projects bigger than this and we can do it again. When we're working together there is nothing we can't accomplish. Your personal participation is sincerely needed, if we're to meet our goal. If each one of us were to give a monetary gift in relation to the prosperity we've enjoyed, we could have the monument and sign project completed by Homecoming in the fall. I've included a sketch of the proposed project for your review. It's going to be a beautiful addition to our campus, and you'll be proud that you were a supporting partner in our 2010 alumni gift to our alma mater. Please make all gifts payable to the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation earmarked for the "INFORMATION SIGN".

Thank you for your consideration, and have a wonderful summer. I look forward to hearing from you real soon. (*Editor's Note: As we go to press, Dr. Griscom announced that Dr. William R. Thompson has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs.*)

Respectfully,



Alex B. Munro

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

By CHAD BAKER, RECRUITER ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology held its annual Spring Open House on Saturday, March 27th. Nearly 920 potential students and their friends and families were on campus to visit. This was a record attendance, surpassing the previous number by more than 250 people! The Open House featured a 90-minute open session in the MAC providing guests the opportunity to speak with the various programs, representatives from the administrative offices, students and coaches from the many organizations and athletic teams on campus. The MAC session is followed by an open campus tour, allowing guests to freely visit the areas in which they are most interested. Residence halls, the housing project and various other campus facilities are toured as well. A free lunch was hosted on the front lawn of the campus. Dining Services was able to adjust their plans for the meal in the early part of the week, and did a great job feeding nearly 800 of the guests. Overall, the day was a huge success and truly helped to highlight the many benefits Stevens has to offer.



GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS & PRINTING TECHNOLOGY LAB MOVES TO DIGITAL COLOR PRINT

By DENNIS DOUGHERTY, PRINTING TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR



Sophomore students **Alexandra Lare** and **Alex Southard** at the controls of the new Konica Minolta LD-5100 Digital Printer in the digital output lab.

Through the efforts of **Dennis Dougherty** and representatives of G. E. Richards Graphic Supplies, the Printing Technology program was able to acquire a Konica Minolta LD-5100 digital printer. The digital printer was a model "leftover." Konica Minolta launched a new model and still had a few of the previous model available at a very significant price reduction. The savings to the College was over \$30,000. "Although the digital printer is a model year behind, students will have the experience of producing a printed product that goes direct to print. By the end of the semester students will have produced several products including their capstone project, which is a 24-page booklet. This year will be the first time that the inside text will have full color.

The digital printer is capable of producing variable data. Variable data printing uses software and data files that will allow each print to be an original and has information generated for a specific person. Variable data printing is one of the expanding markets in the printing field. Although the digital printer looks like a copier, it is much more than the standard copier. The printer is controlled by a Raster Image Processor (RIP) through a computer. A job must be sent to the RIP and then it is configured so the printer understands the requirements of the job much like an interpreter translates a language so you can understand what was said. The printer is capable of printing on both sides of a sheet in one pass, producing a booklet including gathering the pages, stitching and folding in one pass.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

WE'RE OVER HALFWAY THERE

BY ALLEN E. TATE, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Although the campus has quieted down and a majority of the students have left for the summer, there are still many needs that must be addressed through our ongoing advancement activities. Raising funds is a continuing responsibility in our ability to operate the College and meet its ongoing needs, as we anticipate and prepare for an even larger student body in the fall.

Our fundraising efforts to purchase a Wire EDM for the Machine Technology Department have surpassed the half-way point and we are climbing toward the \$80,000 goal. Today, \$50,000 has been pledged or donated to the campaign. We are very appreciative of the numerous alumni, friends and companies that have committed to this project today. *There is still time to help push us over the goal.*

We still need to secure \$30,000 by mid-summer. If you haven't yet made a gift to help us meet our Machine Tech Challenge Grant, we invite you to consider a gift today. You can make a pledge, send a check, call us with a credit card or request a proposal to your Foundation. Contact Allen Tate in the Development Office at 717-391-7285 or visit the College's Website, www.stevenscollege.edu and access the "Giving" tab. Then make a donation online. Don't forget to tell us that your gift is designated for the Machine Tech Challenge.

DUAL ENROLLMENT – EDUCATION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This year 15 high school seniors are taking their first year of college here at Thaddeus Stevens College while they are still high school students. How? Through the College's Dual Enrollment program. The students represent four schools - Lancaster's JP McCaskey High School and La Academia schools, Penn Manor High School and Solanco High School. All area school districts have the opportunity to participate in this program. Students must enroll and be accepted like any other student attending the College. Their school district, together with Thaddeus Stevens College (*through Business EITC Tax Credits*) provides the financial support to participate in this program.

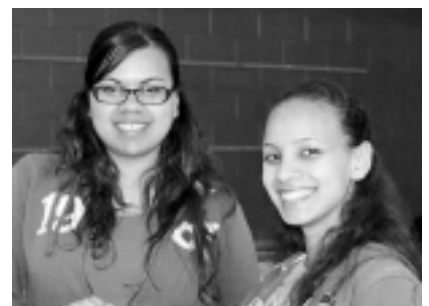
If accepted, students may select to enter the first year of any of the College's 23 degree or certificate programs. Nine of these programs attracted the 15 dual enrollment students during the 2009-2010 school year. These included Collision Repair (1), CADT (3), Auto Tech. (2), Computer Network (1), Construction Electrician (3), Graphics (2), Architecture (1) Electronics (1), and Carpentry (1).

The Dual Enrollment program not only counts toward their high school graduation, but also toward completion of their first year at Thaddeus Stevens College.

Alejandro Pena, a senior from Lancaster's McCaskey High School, is one of the 13 high school seniors from the Lancaster School District participating in the College's Dual Enrollment Program this year. "I entered the Stevens College Dual Enrollment program for the challenge," Alejandro commented. "Entering my final year at McCaskey, I had fulfilled all of my required courses with the exception of an English class. The rest of my schedule would have been filled with electives. Instead of wasting a year on electives, I opted to enter the College's Dual Enrollment program, which gave me the free opportunity to secure one year toward an Associates Degree in Electronics Technology. I will graduate this June from McCaskey with a 3.6 GPA; and in the fall enter Thaddeus Stevens College as a second-year student. "When I graduate next May, I will be the first in my family to graduate from college. My family could not have afforded this opportunity, so I appreciate the support that has been given to me." On his way to realizing his dream, Alejandro says, "The Stevens Dual Enrollment program gave me a better start on my vocational goal as an Electronics Engineer and allowed me to enrich my final year in high school by attending the College. I appreciate the guidance that both my high school and college supporters have provided. Mr. Evans at Stevens is a great teacher."



The Dual Enrollment program also had two sisters participating in the program. **Daphne and Stephanie Santos**, are both seniors from McCaskey. Both are graduating from high school with one year of college credits in Graphic Communications and Printing Technology. "We had some doubts about skipping our senior year in high school for a chance to take early college courses. This was an experience that changed our lives. We wish more students could have the opportunity to participate." After graduating from Stevens next year both Daphne and Stephanie want to enroll at Millersville to secure a Bachelors degree in Graphic Arts. Companies in Pennsylvania can make a difference by supporting the College's Dual Enrollment program through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC). Thaddeus Stevens College and Foundation is an approved Educational Improvement Organization (EIO). There is more information about the EITC Tax Credit Program and how you can make a difference on our web site at www.stevenscollege.edu. You will find the information under the GIVING – EITC Tax Credits Section.



PRESERVATION TRADES

The Workforce Development Continuing Education Department now offers the following courses: Building Maintenance Certificate Program; Construction 101; Construction 201; Print 101; Basic Machining Techniques; Auto Emissions Recertification; 2009 Plumbing and Gas Code; Building Energy Technology 210; Building Energy Technology 220 and the series of courses in Preservation Trades Technology. For information on these courses contact: The Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at 717-391-3598.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Todd Hardy** (Business Administration '11), winner of the first annual "Why Black History Month?" essay contest. The **Dr. Vincent E. Miles** African American Collection and the LRC sponsored this contest, which was open to all students. Students were asked to give their original thoughts on why Black History Month is important in approximately 1,000 words and the prize was one item of the winner's choice from the College's Alumni Store.



*Dr. Vincent Miles presenting the prize to **Todd Hardy**, winner of the first annual "Why is Black History Month Important?" essay contest*



NEW STUDENT CONGRESS PRESIDENT

*Congratulations to **Ashley Ressler** ('11), newly-elected Student Congress President for the 2010-11 academic year*

RESIDENCE LIFE

Dr. Bob Cooper, Director of Residence Life, recently published the first issue of the online newsletter [Residence Life Journal](#). **Ali Franklin**, a soon-to-be grad in the Graphics Program at Stevens assisted with the layout. The Resident Spotlight section featured **Cait Cornell**, a student in Collision Repair. Students and staff alike look forward to seeing this paper blossom in future editions, including some serious animation. Kudos to both Dr. Cooper and Ali for a job well done!

BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER

The importance of bridging the past to the future has not been entirely lost on the present generation nor on those generations that preceded it. The **Student Congress** of Thaddeus Stevens College was happy to work together with the Alumni Association recently in co-hosting a Bowling fundraiser at Garden Spot Bowl in Strasburg, PA. This event was held to not only benefit the efforts of Student Congress in securing a space of their own on the Stevens campus, but also to nurture the relationship between the Alumni who continue to work for the benefit of their alma mater and those that will continue their work in the future. We look forward to holding similar events in the near future. Special thanks to **Alex Munro** and Garden Spot Bowl for their assistance in making this event a success.

*Pictured (l-r): Winners
Zach Baldwin (2nd Place)
Jeff Long (1st Place)
Braden Ozella (3rd Place)*



STEVENS STUDENTS GOOD NEIGHBORS



At a ceremony organized by Friends of Reservoir Park and held in Lancaster's Reservoir Park, Stevens students unveiled the antique swing glider they restored. This glider was one of several that sat in the park in years past. The ceremony, held on May 8, 2010 as part of a community day organized by Friends of Reservoir Park, saw the unveiling and placement of the glider at its permanent resting place on a concrete slab surrounded by a wrought iron fence. The display also includes a permanent plaque recognizing the work of the Thaddeus Stevens College students. **Greg Ott** was the instructor who aided in this endeavor. Commendations to all who participated in the restoration work and in their show of support for the community.

GRANTS ENHANCE COLLEGE ACADEMICS

Thaddeus Stevens College was recently awarded two grants that will enhance the College's academic programs. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection awarded a \$7,500 Environmental Education grant to replicate a commercial residential solar photovoltaic system that is scaled to fit the laboratory. The portable laboratory will train electronic, electrical and other building trades students and professionals to design, build, install and maintain renewable energy technologies and systems. The College partnered with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU-13 and was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to fund the development of a distance education pilot project that will allow high school juniors or seniors to take college courses taught by Stevens' faculty in their high school through the use of video conferencing technology.

HAPPENINGS IN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

BY DR. WILLIAM THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT



Dr. William Thompson

Academic Affairs is a happening place at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Just when you think that things are quieting down, there is more fun in store for faculty and students.

In the Winter 2009 issue of *The Tower*, it was reported that several technical disciplines would be moving to new locations around the College. Graphic Communications and Printing Technology, Metals Fabrication and Welding Technology, and Plumbing would be housed in new or expanded facilities. Things change quickly. Though nothing is final, it is hoped that the College will be granted a large sum of money to complete the renovations to the Branch Campus. In anticipation of such an event, contingency plans are underway to vacate that site for construction.

If funded, all existing programs and resident students will need to be relocated for the duration of construction. This might require that programs such as Mechanical Engineering Technology, Masonry, Construction Electrical Technology, Carpentry, Computer-Aided Drafting, Respiratory Care, and Workforce Development will need to find new temporary homes. This may also mean that the previously named programs will not be able to occupy their new or expanded facilities. In short, we may need to squeeze all programs and students back onto the Main Campus for a period of time. Who said that Academic Affairs wasn't fun?

Curriculum development and upgrading continues to be a high priority of the College. The faculty and related staff recently completed a Professional Development Day in which the theme was "Improving the Quality of our Educational Programs". A presentation on learning outcomes introduced the concepts of learning styles, course planning, and the delineation of objectives. This was followed by a presentation on the assessment of student progress as it relates to the specific objectives of the course. Faculty finished the day with small group discussions on topics such as "Reducing Attrition," "Improving the Chances for Student Success," and "Improving Faculty Involvement in College Activities." These discussions pave the way for continued improvement of the College's courses, programs, and services.

At this time of year, many of the technical programs at the College are holding their industrial advisory committee meetings. These are forums for representatives from local industry to provide input in the development of the curriculum, the purchase of supplies and equipment, and the modification of laboratories. They also afford opportunities to review employment criteria, recruitment goals, and retention activities.

The College is always looking for individuals from industry to serve on these industrial advisory committees. If you or someone you know is interested in working with the technical faculty on the improvement of education, contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs at (717) 299-7793. (*Editor's Note: On May 3, 2010 Governor Rendell announced that \$7 million would be released for Branch Campus renovations.*)

ACADEMIC AWARDS BANQUET

On May 4, 2010 the College recognized various students and faculty members for their outstanding achievements over the past academic year at the annual awards banquet. Students and faculty were recognized in all of the College's 19 major programs, and several were additionally recognized for individual achievements. Congratulations go out to the many students who were honored, as well as these instructors:

Human Relations Winner: Greg Ott, Plumbing Instructor

This annual award is given through the Human Relations Committee, to honor and recognize outstanding campus achievements in championing diversity in areas of leadership, human rights and individual self-worth, and fostering a climate of respect and inclusion throughout the campus community. This award honors and recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated mastery in his/her field with superior ability in communicating that mastery to others.

Excellence in Teaching Award: Jeff Deascenti, Automotive Instructor

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IMPROVEMENTS TO THADDEUS STEVENS BURIAL SITE

Shreiner-Concord Cemetery Foundation began its collaborated effort with James Street Improvement District and neighbors of the West End of the City of Lancaster in 2005. Their goal was to secure funds to improve historic Shreiner-Concord Cemetery, the burial place of U.S. Congressman **Thaddeus Stevens** (1792-1868).

Realizing the national significance of the property, and the unfortunate fact that this cemetery did not have a functioning owner nor an ongoing maintenance plan, representatives of **Thaddeus Stevens College**, **State Rep. Mike Sturla** and community members developed a preservation and improvement plan with the help of a landscape architect and secured grant funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to implement some elements of that plan.

These improvements included new sidewalks, brick banding, removal of old, diseased trees and planting of new trees, along with ground cover plants. Funds from DCED were also available for a limited amount of preservation work on some of the damaged and deteriorated gravestones. This funding was supplemented in 2009 with an Urban Enhancement Grant of \$38,000 with the approval of the Lancaster County Commissioners and the staff of the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

Funds from the two government sources have been supplemented by private donations and the donation of labor to various elements of the improvement to the interior burial grounds. The Cemetery Foundation hired Professor Robert Mosko of Hanover, York County to take on the bulk of the gravestone repair and restoration work and to teach basic gravestone repair to Foundation Board members, community volunteers and faculty and students of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Work is progressing and is expected to be done by September when nearly all damaged or deteriorated gravestones will be repaired. In addition, the project will include the installation of a two-sided kiosk near the West Chestnut Street gate of the Cemetery. One side of the kiosk will describe the role of cemetery founder, Martin Shreiner (1767-1866) and the other the life and death of **Thaddeus Stevens** (1792-1868). The kiosk stand will be identical to others installed around the City that describe historical sites and themes of Lancaster.



Pictured: (l-r) Khoa Nguyen, Joseph Welch, Michael Lallman, Efran Cruz and Dennis Cowen with Prof. Mosko.



STUDENT RECEIVES GORELICK AWARD

On April 2nd alumnus **James Wolf** ('61) (L) presented **Joseph Robuccio** ('11) (R) with the Gorelick Award at the Thaddeus Stevens birthday celebration held at Shreiner-Concord Cemetery. The award is given annually to the winner of an essay contest, the subject of which was Thaddeus Stevens and his impact on society.



INSTRUCTOR RETIRES

Mr. Greg Ott retired this year after 24 years as a plumbing instructor at Stevens. We wish him all the best in the future.

THADDEUS STEVENS TO BE HONORED

On May 24, 2010 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed a bill, introduced by State Rep. Mike Sturla (D-Lancaster), that would rename the Lititz Pike Bridge in Lancaster City as the Thaddeus Stevens Bridge. This honors his lifelong public service and his dedication to ensuring justice, equality and opportunity for all citizens.

Greg Ott

WORLD SKILLS AMERICAS COMPETITION

By **ROBERT TOBIAS, CABINETMAKING & WOOD TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR**

Stevens' faculty member **Robert Tobias** and U.S. competitor Chase Trayal recently traveled to Brazil and brought home a silver medal for Cabinetmaking in the WorldSkills Americas Competition.

The first ever WorldSkills Americas Competition was held March 8th -14th in Rio de Janeiro, in conjunction with the Brazilian National Competition. Over 600 competitors from 12 American countries competed in 41 trade areas supported by 160 international experts from 19 countries. The SkillsUSA World Team consisted of five technical experts supporting various trade skills and two student competitors, both of whom placed second in their respective areas thus awarding them a silver medal.

The US Team Members were:

Competitors:

- Chase Trayal, Meridian Community College, Mississippi – Cabinetmaking
- Daniel Lehmkuhl, Cuesta College, California – Automotive Technology

Technical Experts:

- Kelly Caudle, Stanly Community College, North Carolina - IT/PC Networking
- Ray Connolly, DRS Technologies, Illinois - Welding
- Patrick Klarecki, Ferris State University, Michigan – Graphic Design and Printing
- Scott Norman, Pittsburg State University, Kansas – Automotive Technology
- Robert Tobias, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Pennsylvania – Cabinetmaking

The Cabinetmaking competition tested the competitors' skills during the 22 hours of competition spanning four days. As the technical expert for Cabinetmaking, Robert's duties included working with the other 18 technical experts to develop the test project and scoring method. The day prior to the competition was a familiarization day in which Robert and Chase could develop a strategy and become familiar with the equipment. During the competition Robert and Chase could meet for 15 minutes at the beginning and end of that day's competition, in order to strategize and plan for the next day. Also, during the competition days Robert was teamed with other technical experts for the purpose of judging the various project elements required to be completed that day.



Pictured above (l-r): Robert Tobias, Technical Expert; Harvey Spencer, Translator; and Chase Trayal, Competitor

STEVENS STUDENTS HELPING TO REBUILD LANCASTER

The Neighborhood Assistance/Construction 201- Workforce Development Training Project has three collaborative partners including the City of Lancaster, The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. In this partnership the City of Lancaster identifies and provides the condemned houses in the neighborhoods that need revitalization. The Career Link/Workforce Investment Board (WIB) identifies the unemployed, underemployed, under-resourced and at-risk individuals who are in need of being retrained. Thaddeus Stevens College provides the educational foundation, course instructors and site supervision, skills development, assessments and project oversight. The College educates, trains or retrain these non-traditional students in preparation for reentering the workforce as contributing members of society. Hands-on-application at the home sites is interspersed with classroom instruction. During class time the student workers receive instruction on construction and equipment skills, safety, weatherization, preservation skills related to historical values in some of the properties, and numerous other skills.



Foundation Board Member Johnny Figueroa (r) supervises a crew of five students at one of the sites on Freemont Street in Lancaster.

Students also receive certification in OSHA. This 12 –16 week program is currently remodeling three abandoned or blighted homes in Lancaster City that were secured by the City for this program. The program undertakes a full reconstruction of these houses, which in some cases means demolition of the interior or portions of the exterior to be able to meet the various codes. Many of these blighted houses were totally abandoned and condemned.

There is a threefold purpose to this program: (1) To teach job skills to unemployed, at-risk adults; (2) To revitalize inner city neighborhoods; and (3) To return to the City of Lancaster's tax rolls, reconstructed homes which are capable of being sold to low income families as affordable housing. Is this program making a difference? In one of the neighborhoods, neighbors are so thrilled with what is being accomplished they periodically bring the students food for lunch and breaks.

STEPPING TO SUCCESS

STEVENS PARTNERS WITH YOUTHBUILD

BY PAUL CAMERON, VICE-PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

This past summer Stevens partnered with YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School to create the new program *Stepping to Success*, which prepares students for full-time college. Ten students were exposed to offerings such as carpentry and masonry, as well as computer and life skills through two pre-college courses. Each student constructed a stepping stone in the masonry course, to exemplify and commemorate the steps taken toward their future through the program. By living in dorms, eating in dining halls and taking advantage of recreational facilities, these young people experienced all that campus life has to offer. YouthBuild provides out-of-school youth in Philadelphia with the broadest range of tools, supports and opportunities available to become self-sufficient, responsible and productive citizens in their community. Students earn their high school diplomas while learning valuable job skills and engaging in community service projects.

Zurrell Toney was Valedictorian of YouthBuild's Class of 2009. He is now enrolled at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Business Administration. Zurrell graduated with a 3.8 GPA from YouthBuild, and plans to replicate the same achievements at Stevens in his accounting, public speaking and business skills courses. After he earns an Associates Degree, Zurrell intends to continue his educational path at Temple University, with the ultimate goal of starting his own business.



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Mark Borger, new Director for Workforce Development and Continuing Education. He has significant experience in workforce training at Penn State, Harrisburg Area Community College and in private industry.

Welcome to Dr. Patricia McKinney our new full time tenure track Science Faculty member. She has taught for five years on the secondary level, and has worked many years as a research scientist for industry.

Congratulations to Valdijah Brown, Director of Grants on her February 14, 2010 marriage to Anthony Brown, a licensed baptist minister. Valdijah came to Stevens in 2004 as the Director of the Women's Center, and has served as the Director of Grants for the past two years.

Steve Latta, Cabinetry and Woodworking Instructor, will be one of the presenters at the Society of American Period Furniture Makers (SAPFM) Mid-Year Conference being held at the College June 26-28, 2010.

STEVENS ALUMNUS ENGINEERS CHANGE

In May of 2000 Bernard Hershberger walked across the Stevens College commencement stage to receive his Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Little did he know that nine years later he would engineer the buyout of C.U. Stoltzfus Mfg, Inc. in Morgantown PA, becoming its Owner & President. After graduating from Thaddeus Stevens College, Hershberger enrolled at Penn State – Harrisburg where he earned both his Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering and MBA degrees. In 2002 he joined MGS Incorporated in Denver, PA, where he was the lead engineer on a new product development team. In 2004 he joined C.U. Stoltzfus Mfg., Inc. in Morgantown, where he had multiple duties including engineering, purchasing and sales, and eventually became the VP of Operations. Stoltzfus was one of the nation's pioneer design and manufacturing companies in agricultural spreading equipment. Several years before Bernard's arrival at the company Stoltzfus introduced a new line of pneumatically loaded soil stabilization spreaders that revolutionized the construction industry. In January 2009, Hershberger purchased the small but growing company and began to expand the dimension of the company's product lines under the name of Stoltz Manufacturing, LLC.

Stoltz Manufacturing has approximately \$3M in sales over half of which represent the company's commitment to equipment in the construction industry. Hershberger states, "We are very fortunate. We export our equipment internationally. Thaddeus Stevens College gave me the foundation on which to build a career. Professors Norris, Chambers and Mumma-Frank were outstanding and important in providing me with the background not only in mechanical engineering, but in problem solving and business applications. Our goals for Stoltz Manufacturing are to increase and sustain foreign markets and customize products that meet customer and new product categories. Overall, the company vision is to support a worldwide increase in the standard of living through providing equipment that helps to facilitate the production of food and the creation of infrastructure." Bernard Hershberger is successfully engineering not only products but a company that contributes to worldwide solutions. Wouldn't Thaddeus Stevens be proud of such a graduate making his mark?

ALUMNI AWARDS BRUNCH



(Seated l-r): S. Dale High, Rep. Jerry Knowles ('69-Mechanical Engineering), Franklin Greiner, Jr.
 (Standing l-r): John Yurchak, Jr., ('60-Printing), Alex Munro ('60-Masonry), Caroline S. Nunan,
 David S. Ecenrode ('84-Architectural), Rep. Scott W. Boyd, Scott Trower ('80-Printing),
 Derrick Shields ('00-Business Administration and Glenn A. Souders ('62-Masonry)

Spirit of Alumni Achievement Award

Jerry Knowles '69 Mechanical Engineering

Alumni Service to the College Award

David S. Ecenrode '84 Architectural

Corporate Partner Award

Franklin Greiner, Jr. and S. Dale High

Honorary Alumnus Award

Rep. Scott W. Boyd and Caroline Steinman Nunan

Alumni Citizenship Award

Glenn A. Souders '62 Masonry

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Derrick S. Shields '00 Business Administration

The Alumni Association seeks nominations for its annual awards for outstanding alumni and community members who contribute in significant ways to Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Awards will be presented during the annual Alumni Awards Brunch, which will be held on April 30, 2011. To nominate an individual, please use the form on our website (stevenscollege.edu/AlumniAssociation/NominationForm) or call the Alumni Association office at 717-295-9666. Submit nominations to: Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association, 740 East End Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17602. **Deadline for nominations is December 31, 2010.**

ALUMNI WEEKEND

A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



Scott Mease ('95 Plumbing) and his wife, Mandi are all smiles as they enjoy the festivities.



Class of '60 Alums Jim Scheuren, Frank Vernosky and Art Berndt talk over old times.

Three special reunions were held at the Fireside Tavern, Strasburg, PA on Friday Evening, April 23, 2010. The Classes of 1960 (50th), 1985 (25th) and 1995 (15th) enjoyed a wonderful relaxing evening reminiscing about their years at Stevens.

The Spring Alumni Banquet was held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 in the MAC gymnasium. Almost 300 alumni and guests were in attendance and had a great celebration!



Dr. Griscom presents Alumni Association and Foundation Board member Warren Taylor ('79 Automotive) with the Role Model of the Year Award.



The musical entertainment provided by Don Rhoads (above) and humorist Ken Hussar (below) was a special attraction of the evening.



Members of the Class of '60 pose for their 50th Reunion photo. What a great turnout!





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June 23	Summer Classes Begin
Aug. 15	Freshman Orientation
Aug. 23	Classes Begin
Oct. 2	Homecoming & Car Show
Oct. 7	Scholarship Awards Dinner
Nov. 6	Freshmen Open House