

# BC3 Perspectives Pioneer

Annual Update for Alumni and Friends of Butler County Community College

SUMMER 2010

## BC3 Alum Designs 9/11 Memorial



Jacob Robison, a 2005 BC3 Graphic Design graduate, stands beside the memorial he designed to honor the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency employees killed in the 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Jake was “truly humbled that his design was selected to memorialize the Defense Intelligence Agency victims.” Robison is employed at Classic Glass, a decorative and architectural glass studio in Alexandria, Virginia and is the son of John and Robin Robison of Lyndora. Jake graduated from Butler High School in 2001.

## In Memoriam Dr. Thaddeus Penar BC3's Fifth President

Dr. Ted Penar passed away February 1, 2010. He served as president from 1991 until 1994. Dr. Penar was a Butler native and attended Butler High School. He taught in the Butler Public Schools and was the track coach for Butler High. A graduate of Grove City College, he earned his Master's and Doctorate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.



Three proud graduates display their diplomas! The 2010 BC3 graduation class consisted of 377 graduates, 241 females and 136 males, ranging from age 18 to 62.

## 2010 BC3 Distinguished Alumni Nominations Sought

Do you know someone who started their path to success at BC3? Each year the BC3 Alumni Association seeks to honor past students whose achievements reflect the quality education and experiences received at BC3. The Butler County Community College Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2010 BC3 Distinguished Alumni Awards. These awards recognize former BC3 students who have made significant contributions in their professions and communities.

Awardees are selected based on the following criteria. The individuals must: be nominated by another person using the appropriate nomination process; have completed a minimum of 30 credits

at BC3; have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions and as volunteers in their community. Nominees must also be able to attend the award ceremony, Saturday, October 16, 2010. Current BC3 employees and board members are not eligible.

Nominations will be accepted online from the alumni page of [bc3.edu](http://bc3.edu) or may be printed and mailed. Nominations are also available by calling the Alumni office at 724-287-8711 Ext. 8235. Nominations must be received by July 15, 2010. The 2010 BC3 Distinguished Alumni will be announced at the Oak Hills Legacy Dinner on Saturday, October 16, 2010 in Founders Hall.

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# 2009 Distinguished Alumni Honorees



### **Dr. Daniel R. Black, Jr. DO Class of 1978**

Daniel R. Black, Jr. earned an Associate Degree in Biology at BC3 in 1978. While at BC3, Dan was voted 'Student Senator of the Year' and was a member

of Phi Theta Kappa. He completed a Philosophical Baccalaureate in Biochemistry/Nutrition/Horticulture in 1980 at Penn State University. Dan attended the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, earning his doctorate in 1985. Dan is a clinical rotation mentor for Ohio University students, interns and residents and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Ohio University, College of Osteopathic Medicine. Since 1989, Dr. Black has served as the Medical Director for the Sports, Industrial and Rehabilitation Medicine Department and the Inpatient Rehabilitation Department at Holzer Clinic in Gallipolis, Ohio. Dan served in the United States Navy from 1972-1976. Dan and his wife, Michele, live in Gallipolis with their children, Dane, Lauren, and Logan.



### **Dr. Kathleen M. Brown, DNP Class of 1983**

Kathleen M. Brown graduated from BC3 in 1983 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She continued her education at UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing,

graduating in 1989. Kathleen went on to Carlow University, graduating in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Kathleen earned a Master's of Science in Health Services Administration in 2002 from the University of St. Francis in Joliet,

Illinois. She earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice in 2008 from Chatham University. In November, 2008, Kathleen received the Gartner Award – Healthcare IT Summit's Innovation Award in the category of Best Case Study Presentation. Kathleen is currently the Director of Care and Resource Management at the Carlisle Regional Medical Center and an adjunct professor at Carlow University. She has been a "Hope for Tomorrow - Race for the Cure" team organizer since 1998 and volunteered with Pennsylvania State Police Troop D Camp Cadet as a camp nurse and board member from 1985 through 2005. Kathleen lives in Carlisle, PA and is the youngest of six. Her parents are Robert and Catherine Brown of Chicora.



### **Attorney Joseph E. Kubit Class of 1984**

Joe Kubit earned an Associate's degree in Secondary Education at BC3 in 1984. He received his Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor degrees

from the University of Pittsburgh. Following law school, Joe served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Zoran Popovich of the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Upon his completion of the clerkship, Joe joined the Butler law firm of Kirkpatrick, Montgomery and Crissman as an associate attorney. In 1998, Joe became a partner in the firm, now known as Montgomery, Crissman, Montgomery, Kubit & Petrancosta, L.L.P. Joe is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tri-City Life Center, located in Lower Burrell. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh East Community Church in Monroeville and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Butler County Bar Association. Joe is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Abstract title insurance company in Butler. He and his wife, Sue, live in Lower Burrell with their daughter, Julie.



The BC3 Student Success Center opened in August, 2009. The first floor of the 33,000 square foot building houses Admissions, Registration, Financial Aid, Tutoring, Counseling Services and the Campus Police. The Bookstore, student lounge, and club offices comprise the second floor.

## Metrology Program 30th Anniversary Gathering Planned

The Metrology Program is planning a 30th Anniversary Gathering on Saturday, October 16, 2010, in conjunction with the BC3 Oak Hills Legacy Dinner. The Metrology Gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Science and Technology Building. Hors d'oeuvres will follow at 6:00 p.m. in Founders Hall and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each.

If you would like to attend the Metrology Reunion, please contact Michelle Jamieson at 724-287-8711 ext. 8235 or [michelle.jamieson@bc3.edu](mailto:michelle.jamieson@bc3.edu).



## Show Your Support for Community Colleges

Pennsylvania needs its community colleges to educate and prepare students with skills for today's jobs and a better state economy. Please show your support of community colleges and visit [www.advancepa.org](http://www.advancepa.org) and sign the petition. Thank you!

## 2010-2011 Annual Campaign Kicks Off July 1

Rising costs and growing enrollment increases the urgent need for private giving. BC3 is supported by the local sponsorship of Butler County, state funding, and student tuition, however the costs of providing quality programs and maintaining essential technology far exceeds current funding. We need your help more than ever to keep tuition affordable for our students.

Each year, the Foundation requests financial support from our BC3 alumni, employees, and friends through the Annual Campaign. Your annual gifts are used to:

- Purchase educational technology
- Update labs and classrooms
- Provide faculty enhancement awards
- Initiate innovative programs

Your gift makes a difference. Please make your gift payable to the BC3 Education Foundation. You may visit [bc3.edu](http://bc3.edu) and make your gift on line by clicking on the Make a Gift button. The BC3 Annual Campaign begins July 1 and continues until June 30, 2011. Please contact Michelle Jamieson at 724-287-8711 ext. 8235 or via email at [michelle.jamieson@bc3.edu](mailto:michelle.jamieson@bc3.edu) to learn more about supporting BC3 and our students.



## The President's Perspective

Welcome to another edition of Pioneer Perspectives. Much has occurred since I last wrote. But one constant remains – our College is vibrant as a leader in higher education.

The BC3 Foundation, Inc. has a new Director. Ruth Purcell came to us from Slippery Rock University. Starting in January of 2010, Ruth already spearheaded a major gift initiative and helped finalize our LindenPointe expansion in Mercer County.

The Foundation exerted its leadership by agreeing to purchase the existing LindenPointe location, adding an additional 12,000 square feet to the facility and purchasing additional acreage for future expansion. The move is already paying dividends. Enrollment for the fall indicates a 45 percent increase in Mercer County.

The College actually enjoyed the largest enrollment growth of any Pennsylvania public institution. Headcount grew by 14.7% while credits increased by 17.3%. As Butler County's community college, about one in every four county high school graduates attends BC3. Overall, enrollment in Butler County grew by 15.9% during 2009-10.

Proud of our local roots, the College's Board of Trustees adopted a bold vision – to become a regional institution of higher education. Not only have we enjoyed success in Butler and Mercer Counties, Lawrence County enrollment increased by 29% while students from other Pennsylvania counties grew by 25.2.

Regionalization is also one of four new strategic initiatives. Others include: Campus Beautification, Academic Enhancement and Student Centeredness.

Speaking of success, our new, 33,000 square foot Student Success Center opened its doors with a ribbon cutting in August of 2009. The "one-stop-shop" houses various student services.

Enjoy this edition. Hope to see you at one of our campus locations.

# Funding Dreams through Scholarships

For many BC3 students, paying for tuition, fees, and books is tough, sometimes impossible. Some students have to make difficult decisions about whether they can continue their education. The goal of the BC3 Education Foundation is to make that decision easier by providing scholarships to academically successful students. The BC3 Foundation awards over \$100,000 annually in scholarships.

These scholarships are funded through private gifts from generous alumni, retirees, and friends of BC3. Unfortunately, the Foundation is unable to meet the financial needs of all the qualified students. Michelle Jamieson, the Associate Director of the BC3 Foundation, says, "It's so difficult to tell a scholarship applicant, with a grade point average of 3.5, that we just don't have any more funds. \$100,000 in scholarship awards sounds like a lot, but it isn't enough. We were unable to fund over 100 deserving scholarship applications last year."

One anonymous alumni donor recalls that several of her BC3 classmates

dropped out due to the lack of funds. Once the alumnae retired, she wanted to help keep students in school so she established an endowed scholarship. An endowed scholarship may be started with a gift of \$10,000 and will provide an annual award forever. "It's nice to know that even after I'm gone, I'll still be helping BC3 students."

Ed Long, a BC3 retiree, started an endowed scholarship in memory of his wife, Shirley, also a BC3 retiree. Shirley and Ed, both members of the business department, met at BC3 and married. Ed and Shirley's two children, Terry Zorch and John Leslie, wanted to honor Shirley's memory. They established a scholarship in Shirley's name for a business student.

These individuals stepped forward to fund the educational dreams of BC3 students. You can make a difference in a student's life, too. One time scholarships may be established with a gift of \$500. For information about starting a scholarship, please contact Michelle Jamieson at 724-287-8711 ext. 8235 or via email at michelle.jamieson@bc3.edu.



Alexandria "Lee" Gregory (Right) was honored as BC3's oldest living alumna at the Oak Hills Legacy Dinner. Lee, who is 91, is joined by her daughter, Lexie Jones, Tutor Coordinator at BC3.

  
BC3 CULTURAL CENTER  
SUCCOP THEATER

## Upcoming Shows

**Fall into Jazz**  
With Kathy Kosins and the  
Trinity Jazz Orchestra  
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010  
8:00 PM

**A Midsummer's  
Night Dream**  
Performed by  
The National Players  
Saturday, October 30, 2010  
8:00 PM

**Secret Seconds**  
The Pittsburgh Philharmonic  
Friday, November 12, 2010  
8:00 PM

**Snowflakes and  
Sleighbells**  
The Pittsburgh Philharmonic  
Friday, December 11, 2010  
8:00 PM

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Spanish Dance Theater  
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# Alumni Career Updates

## Where has BC3 Taken You?

Visit the alumni page of [bc3.edu](http://bc3.edu) and update your information under alumni quick links. We'd love to share your career update.

### The 60's

**William Moorhead '68** (Architectural Design w/ CADD) William participated in the first graduating class of BC3. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture at the University of Illinois. He currently is a Partner with Moorhead-Gruber – AIA Architects where he has been employed for the past 25 years. Bill has been involved in Architecture with the University of Illinois since 1972.

### The 70's

**Lucille Green Shapiro '73** (Secondary Education) Lucille was a member of the first class of BC3. She continued her education at Slippery Rock University earning both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Counseling. Lucille has been an ongoing supporter and advocate of BC3, serving as a member of the Act 101 Board, Lifetime Member in the Alumni Association, charter member of the BC3 Alumni Council and recently joined the BC3 Education Foundation, Inc. as a board member. She was the Alumni Representative for BC3's 40th Anniversary and spoke at the opening day ceremony.

**Michael Franko '74** (Business Administration & Education) Mike earned a Bachelor's Degree in Health & Physical Education K-12 from Slippery Rock University in 1976. He is employed by the Butler Media Group as an Advertising Sales Consultant. Mike is a Lifetime Member in the BC3 Alumni Association and has been the Master of Ceremonies for the BC3 Oak Hills Legacy Dinner for five years.

**Martin Shulik '76** (General Studies) After BC3, Marty earned a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy in 1980. He is the Director of Pharmacy for the Butler Health System. Marty is a Lifetime Member in the Alumni Association, charter member of the BC3 Alumni Council and has served as Chairman of the Alumni Council.

**Nicholas M. Toubakarlis '77** (Business Management) Nick continued his education at Slippery Rock University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He owned and operated the O.H. Nicholas Transfer and Storage from which he is now retired. He was named one of the 2005 BC3 Distinguished Alumni, is a Lifetime Member in the Alumni Association and serves on the BC3 Alumni Council.

### The 80's

**Sherri Brown Mack '82** (Computer Science) Sherri continued her education at Slippery Rock University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology. She also earned a Master's Degree in Information Technology from Regis University in Denver, CO. She is an instructor in the Business Division, Computer Information Systems at BC3. Sherri is a Lifetime Member of the BC3 Alumni Association and serves on the Alumni Council.

**Chris Calhoun '81** (Parks/Recreation Management) Chris, a Lifetime Member in the Alumni Association, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation in 1982 and a Master's Degree in Park and Recreation Administration in 1989 from Slippery Rock University. He is employed as a Professor and Coordinator of the Park & Recreation Management Program at BC3 and a Wildlife Conservation Education Specialist for the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Chris was selected as one of BC3's Distinguished Alumni in 2007 and received the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty award in 2008.

**Cheryl Fuhrer Cavaliero '82** (Mathematics) After BC3, Cheryl earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master's Degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is a Lifetime Member in the BC3 Alumni Association and an Associate Professor of Mathematics at BC3.

**Ellen B. Hill '82** (General Studies) Ellen earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from LaRoche College in 1986. In 1988, she earned a Certificate in School Nursing at Slippery Rock University. She works as a Staff Registered Nurse at the Loving Care Agency where she has been employed for over 23 years. Ellen is a Lifetime Member of the BC3 Alumni Association.

**Brad Cavaliero '83** (Accounting) Brad went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Robert Morris University in 1985. He is the President of Logan Vending, Inc. Brad is a Lifetime Member in the BC3 Alumni Association and a charter member of the BC3 Alumni Association. Brad has served as Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-Chair of the Council.

**Kathy Sommers '85** (Computer Data Processing) Kathy earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems in 1996 from La Roche College. She serves as the Associate Director of Information Technology at BC3, where she has worked for 35 years. Kathy was recognized by BC3 for her Outstanding Service and Community Achievement. She is a charter member of the BC3 Alumni Council and a Lifetime Member of the BC3 Alumni Association. In October, 2010, Kathy will complete a Master's of Science in Organizational Leadership from Geneva College.

**William "Jake" Friel '85** (Computer Data Processing) Jake went on to Slippery Rock University to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. He earned an MBA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He currently works as BC3's Controller and is a Lifetime Member in the BC3 Alumni Association.

**Gloria Kulin Sabatelli '89** (Business Administration) Gloria was the Commencement Speaker at her Graduation in 1989. After earning her degree at BC3, she went on to Robert Morris University to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems. Gloria is currently working towards her Master's Degree in Educational Technology at Penn State World. She is a Lifetime Member of the BC3 Alumni Association and is the Vice –Chair of the BC3 Alumni Council. She currently is the Coordinator of Educational Technology at BC3.

**Brian Strobel '89** (Metrology) Brian earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Slippery Rock University and a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 15 years as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer. He resides in Florida where he is the Quality Manager for Developmental Programs for the Harris Corporation, Government Communication Systems Division.

### The 90's

**Scott Snyder '92** (Elementary Education) In addition to his degree from BC3, Scott also earned an Associate's Degree in Fire Science and Administration at the Community College of Allegheny County and attended the University of Cincinnati. He is the Executive Director of the American Red Cross, Butler County Chapter.

**Shirley Monnie Rodgers McCauley '94 & '09** (Architectural Design w/ CADD & Mathematics) Shirley earned a Bachelor's Degree in German from Grove City College and a Master's Degree in College Student Personnel from Slippery Rock University. She is employed as a Student Technical Specialist at BC3 where she has worked since 1998. Shirley is a Lifetime Member in the Alumni Association.

**Ann Calderwood Fife '96** (Executive Secretarial) Following BC3, Ann went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Communications Media in 2003 and a Master's Degree in Adult Education and Communications Technology in 2004 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is also a certified Instructional Technology Specialist. Ann is employed by BC3 as the Dean of Educational Technology and is a Lifetime Member in the BC3 Alumni Association.

**Kim Getz '99** (Computer Info-Programming Specialist) Kim, a Lifetime Member in the Alumni Association, is employed at the University of Pittsburgh as a Microsoft Certified Professional. She has a Master's Degree in Internet Information Systems from Robert Morris University and is as a part-time Instructor at BC3.



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## BC3 Night at Pullman Park Friday July 30, 2010 (Fireworks Night!!!)



The Alumni Council is sponsoring BC3 Night @ Pullman Park on Friday, July 30th. Registration is \$15 and includes a box seat and food before the game. Food will be available at the BC3 Tailgate location in the former Shop-n-

Save parking lot from 5:15-6:15pm. Bring a chair and eat with us before the game. No outside food is allowed in Pullman Park. The game begins at 6:35 p.m. and fireworks follow the game. Children in first through sixth grades will be placed in a drawing to be a batboy or batgirl for the first inning. Proceeds from the event will support the BC3 Alumni Legacy Scholarship. For information on tickets, contact Michelle Jamieson at 724-287-8711 ext 8235 or via email at michelle.jamieson@bc3.edu by July 23, 2010.

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