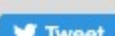


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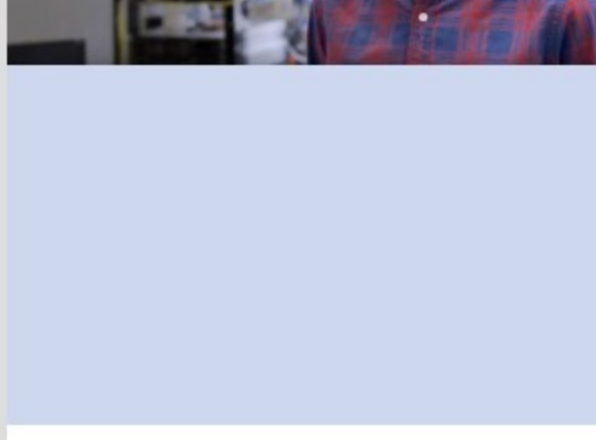
South Hills Holds Spring Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations to the June 2017 Graduating Class! The Spring Commencement Ceremony was held on June 19th in State College. Specialized Associate Degrees were awarded to graduates in the following programs: **Business Administration—Accounting (BAA)**, **Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS)**, **Health Information Technology (HIT)** and **Information Technology (IT)**.

[View our 2017 Spring Commencement Photo Album on Facebook \(85 images\)...](#)



South Hills Spring 2017 Graduates



"I am South Hills." - Meet IT Instructor, Guido Santella

Guido Santella is an **Information Technology** instructor at the Altoona campus of South Hills. In 2013, he was named Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Private School Administrators (PAPSA). Learn more about his teaching style and outside interests in the third installment of our **#IamSouthHills** video series.

[Watch the video...](#)

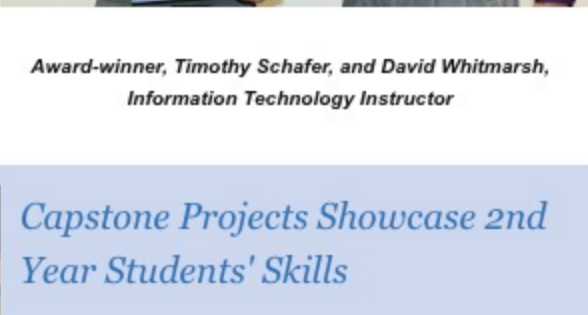
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Miss the first two episodes? [Watch them here.](#)

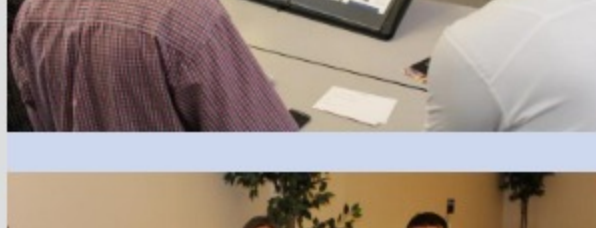
Bruce Ta Memorial Award Recipient Selected

Second-year **Information Technology (IT)** student, Timothy Schafer of State College, was presented with the Bruce Ta Memorial Award by the IT faculty of South Hills School of Business & Technology. The award is given each year to an outstanding IT student who demonstrates exceptional aptitude and interest in the computer field and exhibits a positive influence at South Hills' State College campus.

[Read more...](#)



Award-winner, Timothy Schafer, and David Whitmarsh, Information Technology Instructor



Capstone Projects Showcase 2nd Year Students' Skills

At South Hills, our students are required to complete an internship before they can graduate and receive their Specialized Associate Degrees. Before they can embark on their internships, they complete capstone projects, which are final projects that require students to use all of the skills they've learned during their two-year programs.

Graphic Arts (GA) students' capstone project is to assemble a portfolio of the cumulative works they have created throughout their two years of study at South Hills and present it to fellow students, invited guests, staff, and faculty. GA students graduate with a "body of work" that illustrates many types of design assignments completed during the two-year program.

Engineering Technology (ET) students build working remote-controlled robots that must navigate through an obstacle course. This project showcases skills gained in Mechanical Design and other key classes. ET students also must demonstrate their knowledge by presenting solutions to problems presented to them by local businesses.

Business Administration—Management & Marketing (BAMM) students must create and present detailed business plans to an assembly of faculty, students, and staff who act as potential investors.

Our **Criminal Justice (CJ)** students are given a case to solve in which they must demonstrate their crime scene investigation skills and understanding of law enforcement procedures and requirements.



O*NET Bright Outlook Occupations & Hot Technologies



We're shining a spotlight on the Bright Outlook Occupations and Hot Technologies that relate to the programs we offer here at South Hills. June's featured Bright Outlook Occupation is Accountant.

Bright Outlook Occupations are job fields that, according to O*Net, the nation's primary source of occupational information, are expected to grow rapidly in the next several years, will need large numbers of new job openings, or are new and emerging occupations.

Hot Technologies are skill requirements frequently included in employer job postings. Some of the Hot Technologies offered in our **Business Administration—Accounting (BAA)** program include:

- Intuit QuickBooks
- Microsoft Access, Excel, Outlook, & PowerPoint
- Tax Software – TaxAct®

[Learn more about this month's Bright Outlook Occupation...](#)

South Hills Student Turns Dream into Reality Before Graduating

Tabatha Bedyon, a Lewistown **Business Administration—Management & Marketing (BAMM)** student, has already applied the skills she acquired at South Hills to open her own antique shop in Burnham, **Antiques & Vintage Finds**, before her expected graduation in September 2017.

[Read the Full Story...](#)



Tabatha Bedyon, Owner of Antiques & Vintage Finds, Burnham, PA



Award Winner, Samantha Hazel (left - pictured with her daughter) and Venture Club Member, Jill Ausherman

Lewistown's Medical Assistant Students Earn Industry Credentials

Our 2nd-year, **Medical Assistant (MA)** students from our Lewistown campus are on a roll! All passed their NHA Phlebotomy Technician certification tests.

The students also completed their certification examinations to become **Electrocardiography Technicians** through the **National Healthcare Association**. This credential demonstrates the MA students can perform the critical tasks required to administer an electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG), a test which measures the electrical activity of the heart through small electrode patches attached to the body.

Congratulations to the Lewistown MA students and faculty!



(left to right) Brooke Kinsey, Angela Henry, Barry Gibson, Janet Shirk, Holly Ippock (their instructor), and Tessa Miner.



(left to right) Casey Crosson, Tara Wertz, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Isenberg, and Allyssa Koontz!

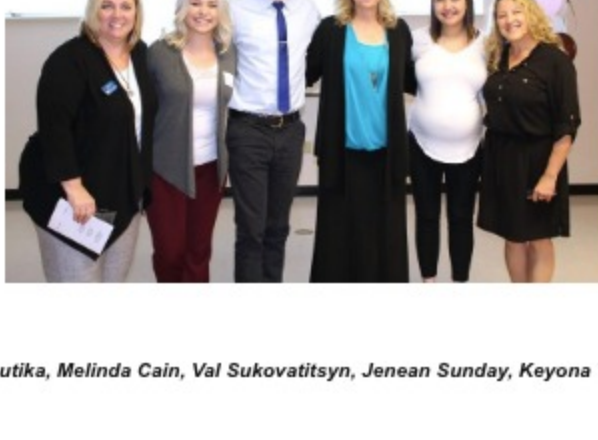
Spring Internship Appreciation Luncheons Recognize Local Businesses

We recently hosted Internship Appreciation Luncheons at our State College and Altoona campuses to express our sincere thanks to our dedicated internship sites. Business Administration-Accounting, Administrative Medical Assistant, and Health Information Technology students joined their internship supervisors for a celebratory meal.

Special Thanks to our Spring Internship Sites:

- Ambess Enterprises, Inc.
- Blair Medical Associates
- Centre Tax Agency
- Contract Hardware & Supply, Inc
- Cornerstone Family Eye Care
- Dean Patterson Chevrolet, Cadillac, Mazda, Hyundai
- Edgemate, Inc.
- Fresh Start Chiropractic
- Geisinger - Gray's Woods
- Geisinger - Lewistown
- Geisinger - Scenery Park
- Glenn O Hawbaker
- GP Cabinets
- Homewood at Martinsburg
- J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital
- James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center
- Keystone Commercial Real Estate
- The Meadows Psychiatric Hospital
- Mile Level Physical Therapy
- Mount Nittany Physician Group
- The Pennsylvania State University Office of Sponsored Programs and University Health Services
- SCI Benner Township
- SCI Rockview
- Traficante Family Chiropractic
- University Orthopedics

View more photos from the event in our [2017 Spring Internship Appreciation Luncheons Photo Album](#) on Facebook...



(left to right) Brenna Shultka, Melinda Cain, Val Sukovatsyn, Jenean Sunday, Keyona Wagner, Wendy Elsmont

Health Careers Club Secures Life-Saving Devices for Altoona Campus

Members of the Health Careers Club recently raised money to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) for our Altoona campus. Our co-founder, Maralyn Mazza, and President, S. Paul Mazza III, responded to the students' generosity by matching the amount collected to purchase a second AED for another campus building.

The inspiration for this project came from their allied health instructor, Mary Prorok, RN. In December 2015, she helped resuscitate Sam's Club employee, Norman Tucker, as he went into sudden cardiac arrest while she was shopping in the store just two days before Christmas. We were so honored to have Mr. Tucker join us for the celebration of these donations last Thursday.

[Read the Full Story...](#)



Health Careers Club Celebrate Successful Fund-raising Campaign at the Altoona Campus

Upcoming Events

Summer Music Picnic Series

This year marks the 28th year that South Hills will be hosting the annual Summer Music Picnic Series. The free music concerts, held on the north lawn at the State College campus at 480 Waupelani Drive, are open to the community. Performances are scheduled every Sunday in June through August. They are sponsored by the Mazza Foundation for Education in conjunction with South Hills School of Business & Technology. Performances will go on rain or shine – the events are always moved inside the school if it rains.

[2017 Music Picnic Series Schedule](#)



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