

# CREATING YOUR FUTURE

**PENNSYLVANIA  
FREE  
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WEEK**

**2025**

PROGRAM  
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## **Week 1**

**June 29 – July 4**  
Lycoming College

## **Week 2**

**July 6 – 11**  
Lycoming College

## **Week 3**

**July 20 – 25**  
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## **Week 4**

**July 27 – August 1**  
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College  
of Technology

# THIS WEEK can change EVERYTHING

## Welcome to Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW) 2025 – where the right elements combine to create your future.

Just like a powerful chemical reaction, PFEW brings together key ingredients – curiosity, collaboration, leadership, and innovation – to spark something life-changing. You're joining over 1,800 students from across Pennsylvania in an unforgettable experiment in growth, challenge, and discovery. And with more than 52,000 alumni in our ever-growing chain reaction, you're in great company.

This week, you'll test new ideas, bond with teammates, and apply real-world skills in our one-of-a-kind business and leadership lab. From running a company to navigating the ups and downs of decision-making to hearing inspiring and life-changing messages, every moment of PFEW will ignite your potential and build the blueprint for future success.

To our generous donors who make this program possible, **THANK YOU.**

To our volunteer mentors, educators, judges, and partners who give their time and energy, **THANK YOU.**

To our dedicated board of directors whose vision and leadership keep us moving forward, **THANK YOU.**

And to you – our student leaders – **THANK YOU** for taking this bold step into the unknown. This is your time to engage, connect, and create.

**Together, let's make PFEW 2025  
your formula for success!**

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## WEEK 1

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**JEANE M. VIDONI**  
President & CEO  
Penn Community Bank

Jeane serves as President and CEO of Penn Community Bank, eastern Pennsylvania's largest mutual financial institution, leading a team of 300+ employees. With nearly four decades of banking experience spanning community, regional, and corporate institutions, she champions the vital role of local, independent banking in fostering community growth.

Jeane has held executive roles at financial institutions of all sizes throughout the Philadelphia region, gaining insight into the workings of community, regional and corporate banks. As an active leader in the Pennsylvania business and financial community, Jeane donates her leadership talents to several industry groups, as chair of the PA Bankers Federal Policy Committee and Pennsylvania Member Director of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Pittsburgh, which supports homeownership programs throughout Delaware, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. She served as chair of the Federal Reserve of Philadelphia's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council (CDIAC) and was appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to serve as president of the national CDIAC and offer her insight on banking and lending conditions that affect the economy. She has been named to American Banker's Most Powerful Women to Watch list in both 2023 and 2024.

A graduate of Muhlenberg College and Saint Joseph's University, Jeane lives out the bank's commitment to community through numerous past and present board positions, including the Bucks County Herald Foundation. She is the mother of twin sons – Jon, who creates a YouTube show about food and tourism in South Korea with his wife, and Chris, a music teacher who lives in Philadelphia with his wife and their two sons. Jeane also enjoys golf and exercise.

## Week 1 Company Advisors

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DVL Group, Inc. (ret.)

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First Quality Enterprises (ret.)

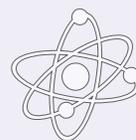
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SCORE (Service Core  
Of Retired Executives)

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PA Department of  
Environmental Protection (ret.)





## WEEK 2

PFEW Keynote Speaker  
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**GLEN T. MEAKEM**  
Founder, Chairman & CEO  
FOREVER, Inc.



Glen is the Founder, Chairman & CEO of FOREVER, Inc., the leading cloud platform for people and families to save, organize, and share their photos, videos, documents, audio files, and stories now and for generations into the future.

Glen was the Founder and Managing Partner of Meakem Becker Venture Capital (MBVC), a successful venture capital firm that executed many successful technology investments including Kiva Systems, Hotpads, Shipwire, CloudMeter, and Schoology, all of which sold to major US corporations. Glen also hosted a successful podcast and radio show called "The Glen Meakem Show." From 1995 to 2004, Glen was the Founder, Chairman & CEO of FreeMarkets – a successful B2B e-commerce company that saw a record-setting NASDAQ IPO and was later purchased by Ariba. Early in his career, Glen was a product manager at Kraft, a consultant with McKinsey & Co., and a manager at General Electric, serving on Jack Welch's staff. A former officer in the US Army Reserve, Glen served as a combat engineer platoon leader in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in the first Gulf War.

Glen's awards include the Anti-Defamation League's National American Heritage Award, Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year for Western PA, and Syracuse University's Salzberg Medallion for Exceptional Business Achievement. He was also named a Technology Pioneer by the World Economic Forum and holds an honorary Ph.D. in Business Administration from Robert Morris University. Glen earned his B.A. cum laude from Harvard, which he attended on a military scholarship, and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Glen and his wife Diane have been married for thirty-five years and have five adult children, two outstanding sons-in-law, and a growing group of young grandchildren.



## Week 2 Company Advisors

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Westinghouse Electric Company  
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Big Barker (ret.)

**Jamie Sheets**  
Reach Cyber Charter School

**Dwayne W. Waite, Jr.**  
Schell Games



## WEEK 3

PFEW Keynote Speaker  
Lycoming College

**JACK N. NEHLIG**  
Phoenix Contact, Inc. (ret.)



Jack was born and raised in Pennsylvania and earned his B.S. in Industrial Distribution from Clark University, and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. He completed a 43-year career in industrial automation and control in January 2025. Starting in sales with Honeywell, he gained priceless knowledge of customers, channel partners and the industrial and manufacturing sectors. From there he earned his MBA and began a multifaceted leadership career, culminating in being named VP and GM of Honeywell's Sensing and Control global business with over 5,000 employees. In 2001, Jack expanded his horizons from a Fortune 500 company to Phoenix Contact, a privately held, family-owned German company. As leader of their US operations, Jack grew the US business, sextupling the company's sales over 23 years. He established a Group Center of Competence by creating a separate business that developed and manufactured global products in the US. Upon his retirement, the US operations employed more than 1,000 employees, and Phoenix Contact USA has consistently been recognized within and outside the company as benchmarkable for its leadership and company culture.

During his tenure at Phoenix Contact, Jack served as a member of the Measurement Control and Automation Association (MCAA) Board of Directors. He also completed a 12-year term on the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Board of Governors where he served on its Executive Committee and as treasurer. In recognition of his leadership in the automation and control industry, Jack was awarded the Leadership Excellence award in 2021 by the International Society of Automation.

## Week 3 Company Advisors

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## WEEK 4

PFEW Keynote Speaker  
Lycoming College

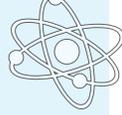
**PATRICK W. WILSON**  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Little League International

Patrick is an accomplished leader in youth sports, tournament and event operations and media, non-profit management, volunteer organization, and business development.

A native of Williamsport, PA, Patrick grew up playing sports, including Little League, which led him to give back to his community. He enrolled at Bloomsburg University of PA to pursue an economics degree (Class of 1991) while working for the City of Williamsport recreation department. In 1993, he joined the staff at Little League International as the assistant to the Vice President of Operations, Joe Losch, kickstarting his more than 30-year career in youth sports.

Patrick has been instrumental in the growth of the organization. He leads day-to-day business functions while finding ways to bring Little League's organizational identity to life through the collaborative efforts of operations, finances, marketing and communications, strategy, and people and culture functions. He manages the execution and implementation of Little League's broadcast partnership with ESPN and finds ways to enhance and build excitement around the seven World Series tournaments that occur each summer, including the Little League Baseball World Series hosted in Williamsport, PA, and the Little League Softball World Series hosted in Greenville, NC.

Patrick is active in the greater Williamsport community where he resides with his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Ella. He currently serves on the Board of UPMC North Central and is the past Chair of the Council of Trustees for Bloomsburg University.



## WEEK 4

PFEW Keynote Speaker  
Pennsylvania College of Technology

**JUDD R. PITTMAN**  
Director of Career and  
Technical Education  
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Judd is the Director of Career and Technical Education at the Pennsylvania Department of Education, where he and his team develop, recommend and approve career and technical education curriculum in school districts across Pennsylvania.

Judd is a champion for policies, practices, and programs that help learners enter careers that enable them to attain a family thriving wage. Judd spent eight years as a middle school science teacher in Harrisburg City School District and spent seven years serving on the Harrisburg City School District and Dauphin County Technical School Boards of Directors. He has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an educational consultant at the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) where he led the establishment of a science initiative. In addition, he has served the Commonwealth as the Special Consultant to the Secretary of Education for STEM where he helped to co-design the PAsmart Initiative and establish the Pennsylvania STEM Coalition. Judd spent almost two years as the Director of K-16 Initiatives at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, before returning to the Commonwealth where he serves as the Director for the Bureau of Career and Technical Education.

Judd holds a Baccalaureate degree in Ecology from Juniata College, a master's degree in Forest Ecology from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University, and a master's degree in Urban Education from Eastern University.



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