

Alumni Spotlight featuring John Hartman



John Dale Hartman, 70, of Penn Township, graduated Westmoreland County Community College in 2021 and is our featured alumnus.

So what made Hartman want to attend Westmoreland?

“I wanted to further my understanding of cyber security, which was my area of study. In addition to my investigative practice, as a prior Chief of Police, I was developing a software program to assist police departments in the investigation of cybercrime, a platform we worked with considerably in the Southwest Regional Police Department. To better understand the construction of such a software, I went to Westmoreland to learn more about technology,” says Hartman.

Hartman’s training is continuous. He works with Cisco, as well as Udemy, both online platforms.

While at the college, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) was very important to Hartman. PTK is the only nationally acclaimed honor society serving America’s two-year colleges and associate degree-granting institutions. He even developed a fund to assist students who could qualify for PTK but did not have the funds to apply.

Hartman did have a favorite instructor when attending Westmoreland.

“Mike Caglia was my favorite instructor. He teaches a wide spectrum of IT courses. He is a true professional who sincerely cares,” states Hartman.

Hartman is currently self-employed; his business is John Dale Hartman Private Investigations, which specializes in legal, insurance and corporate investigations. Likewise, he is CEO of Razor Enterprises, LLC, the company which is developing the software program. Westmoreland prepared Hartman for his current career by furthering his understanding of cyber security issues.

Outside of work, Hartman is the past District Governor of Rotary District 7305 and currently a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Licensed Investigators. He is completing a book on his work in the capture of a child murderer fleeing Oklahoma and attempting to reach

Philadelphia. It is titled "Good Cop. The Police Work that Derailed a Monster." He has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 11 years.

His advice to current college students?

"Take a hold of the greatest opportunity available to you, your education. Thanks for all the college provided to me and all who graduated from the college," says Hartman.