

**Where our 1973 - 2016 PTE graduates are now.  
Illinois State University  
Physics Teacher Education Program**

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Data Summary:

The following data show that the Illinois State University PTE program has had 113 graduates from 1987 to date. Please send any updates to Mr. Ken Wester at [kwester@ilstu.edu](mailto:kwester@ilstu.edu).

**Class of 2017**

115.

114.

**Class of 2016**

113. Kevin Menendez

Johnsburg High School  
Johnsburg, IL

112. JP Perone

Graduates December 2016

111. Colin Manahan

Sam Rayburn High School  
Pasadena, TX

110. Jared Kastelein

Central Academy of Excellence  
Kansas City, MO

**Class of 2015 (8)**

109. T. J. Acer

December 2015?  
TBA

108. Kurt Dolson

Plainfield East High School  
Plainfield, IL

107. Joe Duda

Sam Rayburn High School  
Pasadena, TX

106. Thomas Klatka

Waukegan High School  
Waukegan, IL

105. Logan Nelson

Hoffman Estates High School  
Hoffman Estates, IL

104. John Ratko

Sam Rayburn High School  
Pasadena, TX

103. Jamie Svetich

Rancho Mirage High School  
Rancho Mirage, CA

102. Amanda Whiteside

Graduated December 2015  
TBA

**Class of 2014 (8)**

101.	Jade Exely	Normal Community West High School Normal, IL
100.	Maggie Henson	Grayslake Central High School Grayslake, IL
99.	Christian Rosenzweig	McHenry West High School McHenry, IL
98.	Jordan Smith	Prairie Ridge High School Crystal Lake, IL
97.	Kevin Galich	Homewood-Flossmoor High School Flossmoor, IL
96.	Stephen Mikels	Richmond-Burton High School Richmond, IL
95.	Vincent Rokos	Chicago Public Schools Chicago, IL
94.	Adam Singer	West Chicago Community High School Stanford, IL

**Class of 2013 (7)**

93.	John McGuire	Thornton Fractional South High School Lansing, IL
92.	David Johnson	Naperville Center High School Naperville, IL
91.	Phil Baughman	Mt. Vernon Township High School Mt. Vernon, IL
90.	Jeremiah Byers	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
89.	Chris Keller	Harry D. Jacobs High School Algonquin, IL
88.	Brian Kremer	Center for Earth and Space Science Education Tyler Junior College, Tyler, TX
87.	John Nevins	Not currently teaching. (On military assignment)

*Dr. Carl J. Wenning retires from working part-time in PTE program.*

**Class of 2012 (6)**

86.	Jason Christiansen	Aurora West High School Aurora, IL
85.	Sam Krueger	Plainfield East High School Plainfield, IL
84.	Sarah Pfluger (double major, including math education)	Hiawatha High School Kirkland, IL
83.	Sara O'Toole	Hampshire High School Hampshire, IL
82.	Mackenzie Kelley	Canton High School Canton, IL
81.	Steven Clayton	Jones College Prep High School Chicago, IL

*Dr. Rebecca Rosenblatt joins PTE program on part-time basis.*

**Class of 2011 (5)**

80.	Kevin Shane	Conant High School Hoffman Estates, IL
79.	Matthew Funkhouser	Noblesville High School Noblesville, IN
78.	Mitchell Tucker	Palatine High School Palatine, IL
77.	Billy Kelley	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
76.	Nicholas Chumbly	Richwoods High School Peoria, IL

**Class of 2010 (4)**

75.	Christopher Ries	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
74.	Kaitlyn Monbrum	Coal City High School Coal City, IL
73.	Michael Maita	Disney II Magnet School Chicago, IL
72.	Andrew Gillespie	Not currently teaching (Went on to graduate school post-graduation)

**Class of 2009 (9)**

71.	Devin Hubbard	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
70.	Michael Cliff	Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy Colorado Springs, Colorado
69.	Micah Bank	Rich South High School Richton Park, Illinois
68.	Jonathan Bengtson	Wabash High School Wabash, Indiana
67.	Amy Erxleben	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
66.	Ryan Lodes	Lincoln-Way Central High School New Lenox, IL
65.	Brian Mariani	Granger Christian School Granger, Indiana
64.	Randi Prettyman	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
63.	Erin Stefanik Wagner	Joliet West High School Joliet, IL

*On July 1, 2008, Kenneth Wester takes over as PTE program director; Carl J. Wenning now part time.*

**Class of 2008 (9)**

62.	Erik R. Brieger	Bremen Community High School
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61.	Christopher J. Bush	Midlothian, IL Zion-Benton Township High School Zion, IL
60.	Shane T. Hanson, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Ursuline Academy St. Louis, MO
59.	Matthew J. Herzau	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
58.	Theodore W. Heyduck	Glenbard South High School Glen Ellyn, IL
57.	Scott C. Kupiec	Homewood Flossmoor High School Homewood, IL
56.	John R. Metzler	Niles West High School Skokie, IL
55.	Andrew Sulski	North Shore Senior High School Houston, TX
54.	Michael S. Turner	Milligan Academy Decatur, IL

**Class of 2007 (6)**

53.	Christopher P. Aderhold	Glenbard East High School Lombard, IL
52.	James A. Boswell	Homewood-Flossmoor High School Flossmoor, IL
51.	Ryan P. Ellison	McHenry High School McHenry, IL
50.	Lane A. Fischman	Marin Academy San Rafael, California
49.	Lucas Pang	Rolling Meadows High School Rolling Meadows, IL
48.	Rebecca Wenning Vieyra, <i>summa cum laude</i> , <b>Bone Scholar</b>	American Association of Physics Teachers College Park, MD (director of K-12 education)

**Class of 2006 (6)**

47.	Joel A. Heidemann, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Not currently teaching
46.	Brian W. Hitchins	Bloomington High School Bloomington, IL
45.	Sean P. McQuinn	Juvenile Correctional Center Onarga, IL
44.	Zachary A. Metzger	Not currently teaching
43.	Zoe Z. Paukstys-Evans	Naperville North High School Naperville, IL
42.	Thomas J. Sanoshy	Naperville Central High School Naperville, IL

**Class of 2005 (4)**

41.	Zachariah J. Evans	Geneva High School Geneva, IL
40.	Vanessa Grabowski-Allen	York Community High School Elmhurst, IL
39.	Stephen J. Ommen	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)
38.	Michelle T. Tantillo	Prospect High School Mount Prospect, IL

**Class of 2004 (3)**

37.	Dave P. Eddy, <i>cum laude</i>	Adlai E. Stevenson High School Lincolnshire, IL
36.	Luke N. Luginbuhl, <i>magna cum laude</i>	University High School Normal, IL
35.	Gary G. Shepard	Osceola High School Seminole, Florida

**Class of 2003 (3)**

34.	Todd J. Drumheller	Lincoln Way East High School Frankfort, IL
33.	Paul D. Fraser	Rolling Meadow High School Rolling Meadow, IL
32.	Larihel B. Johnson	South Paulding Middle School Dallas, Georgia

**Class of 2002 (4)**

31.	Shannon M. Mandel, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Barrington High School Barrington, IL
30.	Jason A. Ryan	Naperville North High School Naperville, IL
29.	Aaron A. Stremmel	Illini Bluffs High School Glasford, IL
28.	Benjamin M. Thompson	Not currently teaching (Did not start teaching post graduation)

**Class of 2001 (2)**

27.	Todd L. Graba	Crystal Lake South High School Crystal Lake, IL
26.	Rebecca Jeans-Hahn	Haines Middle School St. Charles, IL

**Class of 2000 (1)**

25.	Julie A. Montgomery-Murphy	Library faculty at Illinois State University Normal, IL
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**Class of 1999 (4)**

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24.	Dr. Mark A. Cohen	Lincoln-Way North High School, Principal New Lenox, IL
23.	Kevin C. Emery	Warrensburg-Latham High School Warrensburg, IL
22.	Christopher S. LaRoche	Sherrard High School Sherrard, IL
21.	Herman D. Restrepo	New Berlin Eisenhower High School New Berlin, IL

**Class of 1998 (0)**

No PTE graduates		
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**Class of 1997 (4)**

20.	John D. Bergmann	Normal Community High School Normal, IL
19.	Kevin T. Boyer	Professor of Mathematics Teaching Illinois State University
18.	Stephan R. Crownson	Thomas Kelly High School Chicago, IL
17.	Joseph R. Mika	Not currently teaching

**Class of 1996 (4)**

16.	Brian E. Elmer	Rochelle Township High School Rochelle, IL
15.	Christopher M. Erickson	Carl Sandburg High School Orland Park, IL
14.	Chad M. Hager	Adlai E. Stevenson High School Lincolnshire, IL
13.	Hans E. Muehsler	Naperville Central High School Naperville, IL

**Class of 1995 (2)**

12.	Donald R. Morris	South Iron R1 High School Annapolis, MO
11.	Philip G. Winter	Elk Grove High School Elk Grove Village, IL

*On July 1, 1994, Carl J. Wenning takes over as PTE program director; Phil Edwards retires.*

**Class of 1994 (1)**

10.	Clair F. Litwiller	Unknown
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**Class of 1993 (1)**

9.	Mari Lynn Olson-Schemel	Westfield Washington Schools Westfield, Indiana
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**Class of 1992 (2)**

8.	John T. Connell	St. Charles East High School St. Charles, IL
7.	Joseph E. Kulesza	Glenbard North High School Carol Stream, IL

**Class of 1991 (3)**

6.	Gregory J. Hnilicka	Metamora Township High School Metamora, IL
5.	Michael J. Murphy	Lincoln-Way North High School Frankfort, IL
4.	David P. Toniny	Metamora Township High School Metamora, IL

**Class of 1990 (0)**

No PTE graduates		
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**Class of 1989 (1)**

3.	Christopher S. Schaefflein	Jane Addams Middle School Bolingbrook, IL
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**Class of 1988 (1)**

2.	Bud R. Schultz	Dwight High School Dwight, IL
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**Class of 1987 (1)**

1.	Brian M. McCarthy	Homewood-Flossmoor High School Homewood, IL
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There were no PTE graduates from 1980 through 1986. Prior to 1980 we have the following graduates of record:

1977	Charles M. Adamovic	Lyons Township High School LaGrange/Western Springs Illinois
1973	Nerio Calgaro	East Peoria High School (retired 2007) East Peoria, IL