

Top 100 People

Year after year, it has been Pennsylvania Business Central's honor to celebrate the top 100 people in business and economic development who have learned through failures and successes how to develop both their organizations and communities.



To gain insight into how these industry leaders have learned through experience, we asked each one to name a mistake they have made in the past and how they have learned from it. How each selectee reacted to the mistakes in the past reveals how important real-life experience is to developing both the acumen and wherewithal to make it in business. It is our hope that after reading the profiles, you will realize that people are not defined by their mistakes nearly as much as by their ability to recover and learn from them.

To see how they would like to apply their expertise to their community, we asked each selectee what they believe the hidden potential of their community is and how they will help to realize it. Pennsylvania is made up of hard-working communities and we believe that the Commonwealth will continue to grow with the leadership exemplified in this edition.

Our editorial team once again had hundreds of nominations to select from to form this year's list. Narrowing the total number of nominees down to 100 proved to be as difficult as ever.

We hope that the final list represents corporations and organizations large and small while also covering every region of our readership. Readers will see that whether you are a small tech company in Centre County or a paper manufacturer in Lewistown, there are always ways to excel in your field and help your community grow.

Now that this latest edition of Top 100 People is finalized, Pennsylvania Business Central is moving on to finalizing the list of Top 100 Organizations, which will be published in February.

Edward J. Sheehan, Jr.



President and CEO

Concurrent Technologies Corporation

Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., has been the President of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) since 2008 and its CEO since 2009. Sheehan also serves as the president of the CTC Foundation.

As a leader in manufacturing in the region, Sheehan has seen the industry's ability to adapt first hand.

"Our community's ability to transform itself over the years and adapt as necessary is one of our region's strengths. The move from manufacturing-centric to a balanced and diverse technology-centric economy was essential when America's coal and steel industries experienced such significant downturns several decades ago. Our community is very resilient and responsive," he said.

He is on the board of directors for a number of Pennsylvania-based economic development, public service and charitable organizations in a volunteer capacity. Sheehan serves as a director of 1st Summit Bank in Johnstown, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Western Region Advisory Board of Highmark, Inc. and a member of the Council of the Pennsylvania Society. He is also a member of the advisory board at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and a board of trustee at Mount Aloysius College.

Sheehan believes that “if a project is undertaken it must be led and supported throughout its life by its leader. If it is no longer important to the leader, eventually it won’t be important to anyone. Clarity and commitment are critical to the success of any undertaking.”

Sheehan and his wife, Julie, have four daughters and one son-in-law.