

Digging History at Bucks

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What is archaeology? Archaeology is the study of the past through the recovery and examination of the physical evidence people left behind. But, it's so much more than this, it's a direct link to the past, to peoples and cultures, and it provides glimpses into their "moments in time". It connects us all through a shared history and collective experiences. The moment of discovery is difficult to describe. For me, it first occurred on an archaeological site in Philadelphia, digging through the centuries of deposits, I discovered a small jasper projectile point (arrowhead). I realized I was the first person in centuries to touch this artifact, and I became part of its continuity, the experience was exhilarating.

One of the reasons I created the Archaeological Technician Training Program (ATTP) at Bucks County Community College is to share the experience of discovery with students, my aim is to provide real-world marketable field skills in archaeology, to help students pursue a career in cultural resource management (CRM) or academic archaeology. Unfortunately, this field

training isn't being taught in most college and university programs. I'm proud of the potential ATTP has for students. The program boasts a considerable collection of prehistoric and historic artifacts as well as an archaeological and modern osteological (animal bone). A faunal collection, a collection of lithic materials, skull and bone casts and lithic artifact replicas are also included. Additionally, the program has all the field and laboratory equipment needed to conduct archaeological excavations, including a variety of shovels, trowels, screen shakers, augers and microscopes, calipers, graduated screens and scales.

If you are interested in the past, in history, archaeology or just looking to gain first-hand experience conducting research or just wanting to have your own moment of discovery, I invite you to register in the Archaeological Technician Training Program! Please attend our FREE Live Online information session on Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 6-8 pm. Call 215-968-8409 to register or for more information contact donna.kirn@bucks.edu.

