

BC3 grad, district VP for AIG Retirement Services, at NYSE for Thursday's final bell

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(Mars, PA) A Butler County Community College graduate will be at the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday with representatives of AIG, who will celebrate the company's 100th anniversary by ringing the market's closing bell at 4 p.m.

Connie (Pikoulas) Butler, 37, of Mars, earned an associate degree in business management from BC3 in 2002 and is district vice president at AIG Retirement Services, Pittsburgh, where she had been employed for 16 years.

AIG will also celebrate on Thursday the 35th anniversary of being listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

"A very limited amount of people get to have an opportunity like this," said Butler, a 2000 graduate of Butler Area Senior High School. "It is something that had been on my bucket list that I really wanted to do.

"I received an email from the organization that we were going to be at the closing bell. I had reached out to members of the executive team and asked them if I would be able to attend. It worked out."

That BC3 may be represented at the New York Stock Exchange is significant, said Sherri Mack, BC3's interim dean of business.

"I am just so impressed that a graduate of ours has worked herself into a position to be recognized," Mack said. "It is such an honor for any company when they are there."

Added Dean Pikoulas, owner of Capitol Cleaners, Butler, and Connie's father: "The cool thing is, the degree from BC3 gave her the ability to have a successful career. The degree from BC3 did it for her."

"BC3," Butler said, "gave me the foundation, and I took some of those skills and put them forth in other areas and I was able to advance."



Connie (Pikoulas) Butler, 37, of Mars, a 2002 Butler County Community College graduate and district vice president at AIG Retirement Services, Pittsburgh, will attend the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange with AIG officials celebrating the company's 100th anniversary on Thursday.