

Society

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### Michael Muir

Michael Muir is a 2007 Conemaugh Township alumni. Upon graduating from high school, Michael went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in actuarial science at Penn State University in 2011. Today, he is a Senior Associate in the Health and Benefits consulting practice of Willis Towers Watson—a renowned global financial services firm. There, he serves as a strategic advisor to large employers in the design and management of their health & benefit programs. Before joining WTW in 2021, Michael was responsible for quantifying the financial value driven by Quantum Health's healthcare navigation and care coordination program for large, self-funded employers. Prior to Quantum Health, Michael began his career at an insurance brokerage firm where he advised mid-to-large market employers on the financial aspects of their benefits strategies. Outside of the office, Michael is a licensed pilot and an Airbnb "Superhost". Since 2013, he's logged almost 1,000 hours as pilot-in-command and has hosted over 700 guests from 16 different countries.

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