



## This issue

Fall Service Project pg 6  
Freshman Sendoff pg 2  
License Plates pg 4  
Membership pg 2  
PSU Watch Parties pg 6  
President Message pg 3  
Scholarship pg 2  
Upcoming Events pg 4

\*\*\*\*\*  
Where Are  
They Now?

Check out  
Page 5

\*\*\*\*\*

# Congratulations!

## Ice Cream Winners

On behalf of the Penn State Alumni Association Annapolis Chapter, we would like to extend a great big thank you to all those who made a generous donation to our scholarship fund. Our chapter's mission is to raise funds and offer scholarships to our local students. Helping the next generation is one of our chapter's highest priorities. So before the ice cream melts, here are the winners of our ice cream raffle: **Harold and Natalie Woomer** and **Jean and Carl Kosch**. Congratulations!! Their Berkey Creamery ice cream was delivered to their homes so they could enjoy this wonderful treat.

Before you go, can you name 5 different flavors that the creamery makes??  
Let's see, there's .....

"Scoopship" Chair  
Dona Horst '81, 83g



*Congratulations!*



**WE ARE ... BETTER TOGETHER!**

**1500 GRADUATES IN THE ANNAPOLIS AREA**

**Join or renew your membership today!**

**Sign up or renew your membership online at:**

<https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/2020-2021-online-membership---step-1.html>



Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Annapolis Chapter Scholarship winners!

**TUCKER ZARUBA**

**CULLEN FIGLIOLI**

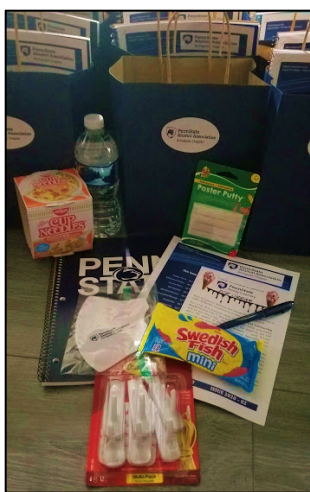
**JOSHUA WICK**

Our chapter has awarded over \$90,000 in scholarships throughout the years to outstanding Annapolis area students. The scholarship was based on several criteria: academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service, volunteer work, professional work, internships and responses to the essay component. Congratulations!! We wish these students and our past award winners continued success at Penn State and beyond. Look for our announcement next May-June 2021 when we invite all upperclassmen in good academic standing to apply for this award. If you are looking to make a tax-deductible contribution to this years Scholarship Fund, please visit our website:

<https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/scholarship-program.html>

The Scholarship Committee

## *STUDENT SEND-OFF*



We hear it day in and day out now. 2020 has been different. It has challenged us to adapt and do things a little differently. This year we, the Annapolis Chapter, had to conduct our Freshman Send Off a little differently. We missed everyone at our annual picnic send-off and look forward to having our gathering next year. Instead, Freshman Send Off goodie bags were delivered to the new lions. Some had decided to stay home as all their classes were online and others decided going on campus was for them. They were all so brave to understand that this *IS* the experience of college life in 2020 and they were not going to allow it to hold them back. Inside the send-off bags were the essentials of college life: Ramen, command hooks, wall putty, ACPSAA logo mask, and more. These

bags were hand delivered to 25 student's front doors. I want to Thank everyone that helped make this happen and a very special virtual hug thank you to those that helped with delivering each bag (Dona Horst, Lynn Delphus, Karen Cropper, Kate Ganley, Sheila Szanyi, and George Gayno).

Janet Ma, 2020 Picnic Chair





# A note from our Madame President

As I write this, our world is eight months into this pandemic. Life as we knew it has been completely upended – for families, for employers, for students of all ages. Resilience is key to navigating our lives in this most unusual time!

This summer, I had the pleasure of meeting a number of Penn Staters, incoming freshmen as well as upperclassmen and got the opportunity to hear how their lives, their plans, had been turned upside down by Covid-19. From the inadequacies of online learning, to cancelled study abroad semesters, my heart broke as I heard these types of stories from our local students. Freshmen who were so excited to begin their Penn State chapter instead decided to remain at home and avoid unnecessary room & board expenses. Juniors too made that same sad, yet fiscally wise decision to remain local while taking their online classes. Dreams deferred...

For some others, though, dreams are being fulfilled! My 18-year old nephew is a 1<sup>st</sup> semester freshman loving life in Pennypacker, East Halls – just as his mom did many years ago. While some things have changed with the pandemic – lots of students now have SINGLES, even freshmen – other things are refreshingly normal – trying to meet new people, late night food runs, laundry, and trying to find the perfect place to study. Hearing stories of his escapades, like yours and mine more than a few years ago gave me tremendous hope for these students. Their Penn State experience is definitely quite different from ours, but they are making it their own. When these students reminisce about the “good old days”, they won’t focus on what they missed – they will focus on what they had...

A great lesson for all of us as we navigate this strange era. Enjoy the opportunities coming your way, be grateful for those we can gather with (in person or online), and know that “this too shall pass”!

Looking forward to when we can gather again – in person!

Lynn Delphus '89  
President



## CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS 2020-2021

PRESIDENT	Lynn Delphus	La5957@msn.com
VICE PRESIDENT	Sheila Szanyi	Sheila_p@comcast.net
SECRETARY	Dona Horst	wearepennstate2016@gmail.com
TREASURER	Janet Ma	Janetma14@yahoo.com
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	Karen Cropper	jkcrop@comcast.net
MEDIA CHAIR & NEWSLETTER	Kate Ganley	kathryn.ganley@gmail.com
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR & LICENSE PLATES	Dona Horst	wearepennstate2016@gmail.com
SOCIAL CHAIR	George Gayno	george.gayno@gmail.com
WEBMASTER	C. Scott Davis	ACPSAAwebmaster@gmail.com
MEMBER	Rod Corbin	rcorbin@obiworks.org
MEMBER	Jane Bannon	bannonclan@comcast.net
MEMBER	Tony Bosket	abosket@gmail.com

# We WANT your pictures!

Send us a picture in your Penn State gear to show your Penn State pride when you are watching Penn State games or traveling someplace cool. Pictures can be shared on our Facebook account or email

Kate at  
[kathryn.ganley@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.ganley@gmail.com)

## GROUP OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Our Chapter earned the Elm Level of Group of Distinction for the first time this year. This is the highest level of Group of Distinction Award awarded to local chapters. Group of Distinction awards recognize outstanding Chapters for their participation in program activities, career networking, social interaction and student support. The Chapter previously earned the Laurel and Lion Levels over the last several years.





# For Our ACPSAA Members

## IT'S A PARTY

### WE ARE...TURNING 25!!

September 1996 - a new chapter in Penn State history was started, the formation of our own local Annapolis area alumni chapter. And here we are "almost" 25 years later still going strong. We aren't going to let this monumental milestone go by without celebrating. Plans are now being formed for one or more special activities and events. We hope to make this a yearlong celebration. Stay tuned to future newsletters and your email to find out how to join in the fun. If you would like to be part of the planning committee please contact Karen Cropper [jkcrop@comcast.net](mailto:jkcrop@comcast.net).

## TAG, YOU'RE IT!!



A Penn State license tag that is. Does your car have a Maryland issued PSU alumni license tag?

Why not? You can purchase a plate for your car for only \$40.00. It's really easy. Just request an application, fill it out and then send in your application and checks. Send an email to [wearepennstate2016@gmail.com](mailto:wearepennstate2016@gmail.com) and get all the information. Looking for a unique gift or perhaps a Holiday idea? Here's the prefect present!

Then you have "IT"!

## REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH



[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)



### ACPSAA's 2020 FALL SERVICE PROJECT (our 7th consecutive year)

*Help us HONOR our veterans!*

Please consider sponsoring one or more wreaths today.

*Wreaths will honor the veterans interred in the Annapolis National Cemetery*



*To sponsor a wreath today, you can scan this unique QR code and go directly to our Chapter specific wreath sponsorship page.*

For more details about the Wreaths Across America program, the ways you can volunteer for this year's campaign, or to learn about other available methods to sponsor one or more wreaths, please visit our chapter webpage at

<https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/2020-wreaths-across-america-fall-service-project.html>

★ December 19, 2020 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

SPONSOR ★ VOLUNTEER ★ PARTICIPATE

## Football RAFFLES



Are you missing our Weekly Football Halftime Raffles? We are too! Because who can't use more PSU swag?

Fear not! ACPSAA will be offering Penn State-themed buckets of goodies as raffle items this fall – including some of your traditional favorites! Tickets will be available for purchase thru the website or via check, and will be available for several weeks. The first raffle will be drawn on November 21<sup>st</sup> (Iowa). Additional details will be on the website and coming to your email shortly!

To ensure you are receiving chapter emails, make sure to renew or join our chapter membership!



The Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association has awarded over \$90,000 in scholarship money to outstanding Annapolis area students since 2004. In 2020, our chapter awarded \$7,000 to three outstanding local students.



Scholarships are based on a combination of criteria including: Academics, Extra-curricular activities, Community service/volunteer work, and Professional work as well as internships.

*“Where are they now?” highlights past chapter scholarship winners on their Accomplishments after graduating from Penn State.*

### DREW LEHNERD

Drew graduated in 2012 with a B.S. in Human Geography. After graduation, he spent time living and working seasonally in Maryland and Colorado before returning to Pennsylvania. Currently, Drew serves as Assistant Director of AURORA, Penn State’s Outdoor Orientation Program. AURORA engages incoming Penn Staters via backpacking expeditions to support them during their transition to college life, while also focusing on the leadership development of its student staff, preparing them to tackle their future equipped with vital interpersonal and judgment skills. Additionally, Drew instructs Wilderness First Aid courses in the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Management Department and teaches snowboard lessons at the local hill. Drew lives in State College and, depending on the season, can often be found on a bicycle or snowboard, or otherwise enjoying the outside world.

### OLIVIA TALBOT

After graduating from Penn State in 2018, Olivia moved to Ingolstadt, Germany where she began working for Value Retail Management with the Bicester Village Shopping Collection. The company develops and manages luxury retail shopping destinations throughout Europe and Asia. She is the Assistant to the Managing Director in Germany. However, due to family illness, Olivia is currently back in Annapolis. She plans to return to Germany in the future.

### RUCHA BHIDE

After graduating from Penn State and the Schreyer Honors College, Rucha worked across various analytics consulting engagements with IBM, in San Francisco and Washington, DC. Rucha is currently a senior robotic process automation developer/consultant at Guidehouse in DC, focused on automating time-intensive, tedious, repetitive processes across different federal agencies. In her free time, Rucha likes to travel, read books and hike in different national parks along the east coast.

### EMILY YEISER STEPP

Emily pursued a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Animal Science with a minor in Agribusiness Management from Penn State University and graduated in 2007. At Penn State, she was an active member of the Dairy Science Club, member of the collegiate dairy judging team, a sister of Alpha Zeta Fraternity and was President of the American Dairy Science Association-Student Affiliate Division. Upon graduation from Penn State, Emily worked for ABS Global Inc., an international dairy genetics company. She then went on to attend graduate school at Virginia Tech and in 2011, obtained her Master’s of Science degree in Dairy Science. Her research was focused on dairy cow behavior. Yeiser Stepp also served as the Dairy Initiatives Manager for the Center for Dairy Excellence in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where she was responsible for the execution of on-farm resource programs and the development and outreach to the industry’s next generation through the Center’s Foundation. She also served as the Dairy and Beef Extension Coordinator at the University of Maryland. Emily Yeiser Stepp is currently the Vice President of the National Dairy Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) Program with the National Milk Producers Federation, based in Arlington, VA. In this role she is responsible for the management of strategic initiatives for the US dairy industry’s social responsibility program that encompasses animal care, antibiotic stewardship, environmental stewardship and workforce development. Emily has been with National Milk Producers Federation since 2016. Emily and her husband, Cody, daughter Devon (2.5 years old) Golden Retriever, Nittany, are currently living in Leesburg, VA.

### SUSAN BEDSWORTH

After graduating with her B.A. in Public Relations and a minor in Labor and Employment Relations in 2008, Susan began her communications career in Athletic Communications at Syracuse University before returning to her alma mater in 2009 for a similar role working with the national championship programs of men’s and women’s volleyball, as well as women’s gymnastics. In 2013, she accepted a position on Penn State’s Auxiliary & Business Services Marketing Team before joining the Office of Physical Plant as their marketing and communications specialist in 2014. She also earned her Master’s in Communications from Johns Hopkins during this time. For the past 1.5 years, Susan has been the Development Communications Specialist with the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State, a role she loves in a college whose mission really resonates with her. Susan also freelances occasionally writing feature stories for Penn State Athletics. Outside of work, she’s an avid runner and is engaged to be married in 2021.

For more “Where are they now?” stories, please visit the Scholarship page on our website.

Did your child, sibling, or friend receive an ACPSAA Scholarship?

We would LOVE to hear about how that helped them achieve their Academic goals and where they are today.

Please email some details to Kate Ganley at [kathryn.ganley@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.ganley@gmail.com)



# Football Viewing Parties Update

Well, in any other year, ACPSAA would have hosted at least 8 football parties by now. For those of you who have not yet attended one of these gatherings, you literally don't know what you were missing! Walking into a room of blue and white clad fans of your team, sitting with someone you might know or someone you will get to know over the course of the next few hours. There are no strangers in that party room! There's people from "your" part of the state, both Pennsylvania and Maryland, people who work in your office complex, people who debate the merits of Rolling Rock and the best flavor of Creamery ice cream... (bittersweet mint, of course)

Even though we're unable to be together to cheer for the Nittany Lions this fall, be visible and celebrate! Fly a PSU flag, hang a blue and white wreath on your front door, and proudly wear your best Penn State apparel to the grocery store on Saturday! Annoy your neighbors while doing the WE ARE cheer, and recreating Ed's old car horn and cowbell! You can take us out of The Green Turtle, but you can't take away our spirit!

For those of you who have been near Westfield in the past few months, you have surely seen that The Green Turtle is now a wine bar. Union Jack's, another ACPSAA -friendly venue, recently closed its doors. The Chapter's future game watch parties for any sport will need a new home! So, **we're turning to our membership for venue ideas**. Our ideal location is fairly central to our membership (Edgewater to Crofton/Gambrills), lots of TVs which can be tuned to our game (including sound), and great food! ACPSAA has been fortunate to have their own party room for gathering at the last few venues, but we have found most establishments either don't have such a space, or charge a fee for use. If you own a restaurant or have a favorite place, let us know!

Forward your ideas to [psuannapolis@gmail.com](mailto:psuannapolis@gmail.com) for consideration! Until then... WE ARE...picking up great takeout and enjoying games on our own turf...



2020 marks the seventh straight year that ACPSAA has selected **Wreaths Across America™** as its Fall Service Project –a project that clearly resonates for so many of our members.

This year, our Chapter's wreath sponsorship goal is 220 wreaths, as well as increased participation in the three volunteer days for project – Wreath Unloading, Wreath Ceremony & Wreath Clean-up.

The **Wreath Ceremony** day is set for **Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 12:00 NOON** at the Annapolis National Cemetery 800

West St, Annapolis, MD 21401. As usual, Wreath Delivery is anticipated to be on a day during the week preceding the ceremony –the specifics will be announced once established by the delivery carrier-- and will be emailed to our Members and posted on our Chapter's webpage. Wreath Clean-up Day typically falls on a Saturday morning in January and once announced, the specifics will be broadcast via email and posted on our Chapter webpage as well. We sure hope to see plenty of PSU Blue & White in attendance.

**Wreath Sponsorships:**

- 1 wreath @ \$15.00
- 2 wreaths @ \$30.00\*
- 5 wreaths @ \$75.00\*
- 10 wreaths @ \$150.00\*

*or you can specify a CUSTOM qty. of wreaths\**

Note that ACPSAA continues to participate in the charity's 3 for 2 delivery option (\*). This means that for every two(2) wreaths sponsored through our group's unique sponsorship page, three(3) wreaths will be delivered to the Annapolis National Cemetery to honor the veterans interred there. ACPSAA's 2020 **wreath sponsorship goal is 220 Wreaths!**

Won't you consider volunteering and sponsoring one (or more) wreaths to honor our veterans?

To learn more about this program and wreath sponsorship, please look for the Wreaths Across America announcement located elsewhere in this newsletter, OR go to our webpage at <https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/2020-wreaths-across-america-fall-service-project.html>.

Do share this event with your family, friends and co-workers. The greater the awareness, the greater the results!

*We Are... Connected!*



**CHAPTER WEBSITE**

*For up to date details on our chapter history, our projects, special events, meeting dates, and more...*

**We ARE... now on Social Media!**



Annapolis Chapter Penn State Alumni Association



@PSUAnnapolis



@PSUAnnapolis



Penn State Alumni Association – Annapolis Chapter

***Follow us Today!***

*Visit [psuannapolis.weebly.com](http://psuannapolis.weebly.com)*



**PennState  
Alumni Association**  
Annapolis Chapter

PO BOX 693  
ARNOLD, MD 21012

[psuannapolis.weebly.com](http://psuannapolis.weebly.com)

