



SPRING SERVICE PROJECT 2020!

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This year, the Annapolis Chapter, like so many other groups is adjusting to changes like social distancing, self-quarantines, and long lines in the grocery store. In the interest of continued public safety, the Annapolis Chapter has opted to support the **Light House Shelter** for its Spring Service Project.

For our long-time members, this marks a break from our traditional hands-on Spring Project. If you are interested and able to donate items to support their ongoing efforts to help the growing number of those less fortunate in our local area, please check out their website. Light House Shelter is also accepting online deliveries from the following stores: *Instacart, Whole Foods, Giant Foods, Safeway, and Wegmans*. Please only donate items listed under the URGENT NEEDS section of their website.

For drop off and deliveries:

Light House Shelter

10 Hudson Street

Annapolis, MD 21401

Open 7AM to 7PM

For more information and a list of acceptable donation items visit, <http://www.annapolislighthouse.org/needs>.



Light House
A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER



SERVICE

SPRING SPEAKER EVENT

We are saddened that we had to cancel our Speaker event with Kim Roman, certified instructor on Square Foot Gardening, due to government mandated closures. We hope to host Kim Roman for an event in the future.

GROUP OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Last Spring, our Chapter learned that we earned the Laurel Level of Group of Distinction for the first time. 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 Lion Level which is one tier below the Laurel Level.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE *(TENATIVELY)*



Chapter Picnic Sunday, August 9th



Look for more details in our July Newsletter!

This year's picnic will be chaired by Janet Ma. We are looking for Chapter Members to VOLUNTEER to assist in planning this event. If you are willing to volunteer your time, please email psuannapolis@gmail.com



Schol·ar·ship \ 'skä-lər-ship\ (n)- *a grant or payment made to support a student's education awarded on the basis of academic or other achievements.*

According to the definition, that is exactly what the Annapolis chapter does -- award money to support a student's education. The awards are based on a combination of criteria: academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service, volunteer work, professional work, internships and responses to the essay component. We are looking for well-rounded students who we believe will make a lasting contribution to Penn State.

Applications will go out in May 2020 and interviews usually occur in late June. If you have a student or know someone who resides in the Annapolis area, encourage them to submit the application. Emails will be sent to upperclassmen (Soph. - Seniors) that are full time students and in good academic standing with the University. Please have them keep an eye on their psu.edu email throughout the month of May.

In the meantime, as an alumnus of the chapter, your donations to the scholarship fund help make these awards possible. Please consider sending a donation. After all, a little bit can go a long way with your contribution. Helping the next generation is one of our chapter's highest priorities!

Dona Horst
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PSU WATCH PARTIES

This fall, Nittany Lion fans were treated to another outstanding season on the gridiron, both in the stadium and at The Annapolis Greene Turtle! Week after week, from August’s home opener to November’s Senior Day game, ACPSAA members and friends, along with occasional visitors to Annapolis looking for “a place to watch the Penn State game”, met in the Turtle’s Party Room to enjoy every play on the field and support the Chapter’s philanthropic efforts including our own Scholarship Program, collections for the Light House Shelter, THON, & Wreaths Across America! We enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones – this season’s crowds returned week after week, averaging 47 guests to a high of 62 here in “turtle country”.

A special shout-out to new Annapolitans and chapter members Jason & Dena Etters for their generosity to the chapter, providing many boxes of stickies and handcrafted décor items for the halftime raffles. Thank you again to our partners at The Greene Turtle, who provided tailgate snacks for the opening and closing games and made a “**Funds For Friends**” contribution of \$342.00 to the ACPSAA Scholarship Fund.

The group gathered again to watch the Cotton Bowl matchup with Memphis – thank you to Union Jack’s in Annapolis for hosting the Chapter!

Upon the completion of the football campaign, our attention turned to Penn State’s success in several winter sports, with the Chapter hosting both a men’s ice hockey watch party and a men’s basketball watch party. Our plans for BIG 10 and NCAA playoffs watch parties were not to be this season, with the winter and spring sports seasons cancelled due to the pandemic. We can only dream of how far our Nittany Lions might have gone...

- by Lynn Delphus, '89, Vice – President



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Do you have a license to **ROAR??**

As a Penn State Alumni Association Member living in the state of Maryland, you can get a license plate showing your PSU pride.

The total cost is \$40 for this special Maryland license plate.

Here’s what you need: to own a car (fill out the application), proof that you are a member of the alumni association, (Hint: Look at your Penn Stater magazine for your alumni number, send a copy of that) and of course your checks.

Send all that info to Dona Horst to process your request.

The MVA will then review and send you your license plates.

After all, WE ARE.....PENN STATE! Hear us ROAR.

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CLASS OF 2020

We want to acknowledge our local graduating Seniors as they complete their final semester away from Penn State campus as the global pandemic has led to Penn State transitioning to online classes. The next time these Seniors walk across the campus or visit their favorite local spot in downtown State College – they will be alumni.

ACPSAA congratulates ALL Seniors from the Annapolis area graduating from Penn State this Spring as they transition into navigating the next chapter of their life. The names and pictures below gave permission to be printed in this edition of the newsletter.



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Minor - Physics



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B.A. Psychology

LINDSEY GREEN
B.S. Supply Chain Management

AUDRA LASKEY
B.A. Broadcast Journalism
Minor – Political Science

From On – Campus to eLearning

The Global Pandemic of COVID19 has led to unprecedented emergency restrictions. Penn State University has transitioned to online learning for the rest of the Spring semester. As this is uncharted territory for all students, we asked two seniors and one undergraduate student to provide their perspectives on eLearning from home.

I am deeply saddened that after four hard years of work in Smeal, both as a student and teaching assistant, that I will not be able to participate in a proper graduation ceremony. It makes the whole experience feel somewhat hollow. The teaching staff at Penn State are incredibly professional and hard-working and I appreciate the quality of education I am still receiving despite the circumstances. My major is unique, in being primarily technology-based means that we are able to adapt easier than many others. I do think that this situation is hurting my job prospects drastically, and I worry about my future daily.

- Katie Ross, Senior

This semester has been hard and different. The thing about this semester that saddens me the most is the fact that most of my friends live in different states, so I could not meet with them and all the club activities I could not participate in. For example, one of my clubs was going to hold a Charity event for children in hospitals, but it got cancelled. This may not be my last semester at Penn State, but there are many of my friends that this is their last semester. I will not see them again which makes me sad, and I will not be able to give them a proper send off.

- Heaven Ma, Sophomore

As I packed for spring break, I never dreamed it would be the last time I'd be part of a class, see my friends and roommates and that my days and my time in State College would abruptly end. Dreamed? No, this is a nightmare called Covid-19. At first this concept was extremely hard to wrap my head around. I have gotten used to learning from recorded videos and having Zoom sessions with teachers. Coordinating with teams on projects is the most challenging thing. I cannot lie, I am very upset we will not have our May graduation, but I have learned to never take anything for granted. I'm so grateful I got to dance and help raise the money we did for THON 2020. That experience and this has taught me to be flexible and resilient. Be well!

- Kelly Bannon, Senior



A note from "Madame Secretary"

I know what you are thinking ... MADAME SECRETARY... really?? Well yes, that's me. I was elected/appointed to this position, confirmed by the Board and I write and post Board Meeting minutes every month. I fit the bill!

All kidding aside, being on our Chapter Board of Directors is just my way of giving back to Penn State. I have been a Chapter member for over 25 years. Believe it or not, I was at the very first meeting in 1996 to get this Chapter off the ground. Working full time and raising a family limited the amount of time I could give back. Life just takes over. Then I sent my 2 children to PSU and found out that I could squeeze out a little more of my time to get involved. Having said that, in addition to being the Chapter's Secretary I took on more responsibilities, I became the Scholarship Chairperson and the PSU Alumni Association License Plate Program Chair for the State of Maryland. A few years have passed and I still enjoy being involved.

I realize that we all have commitments, but we sure could use your help. Perhaps you can carve out a "minute" or two to volunteer for the various projects/activities we offer. Many of them are short and sweet. For example: you could help us out at the annual picnic (put tableclothes on the tables, etc...), plant flowers during a spring service project, and/or help us sell raffle tickets during the football parties - while you're cheering on our team.

We welcome your ideas, come to our Board Meetings, share your thoughts on what else we can do to engage you -- our alumni. After all, "We Are..."

Your scribe,

Dona Horst '81, '83g
Secretary



What is Your WHY?

OVER 658,000 ALUMNI WORLDWIDE

1500 GRADUATES IN THE ANNAPOLIS AREA

BE A PART OF THE LEGACY

*Meet, Network, and Socialize with
other members who share your love of
Penn State*

WHY NOT?

Membership Renewal will begin on July 1st.

Until then, **WHY NOT** donate to our scholarship fund for future generations of Penn Staters?

To Donate, visit our website at:

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

We WANT your pictures!

Traveling some place cool? Send us a picture in your Penn State gear to show your Penn State pride. Pictures can be shared on our Facebook account or email Kate at kathryn.ganley@gmail.com



CALL TO VOLUNTEER

According to Wikipedia:

Volunteering is generally considered an **altruistic** activity where an individual or group provides services for no financial or social gain "to benefit another person, group or organization".

We each have a myriad of things to balance in our lives –work, family, church, hobbies, social interests, etc.— and more than likely we have been asked to “volunteer” at one time or another. The question is whether we’ve answered any of those calls to serve.

Make no mistake, our Chapter is a 100% volunteer-run organization. And, while we do receive some support from the Penn State Alumni Association, all of the effort in identifying, organizing and running our Chapter events (*like the ever-popular football parties*) comes from selfless volunteers. That said, there is still a very strong need for more volunteers within our organization. And, it is our intention to ask right here and now: **WON'T YOU PLEASE VOLUNTEER a little time to ACPSAA?**

We're not asking for a life-long commitment, just a few hours each year. You don't have to commit to holding a Chapter Board position –unless that's of interest to you. If so, we welcome that interest. Where we REALLY can use additional volunteer support is with the planning and execution of our events throughout the year. Examples include:

- staffing & selling raffle tickets at weekly football parties
- planning our annual picnic and holiday parties
- developing, planning & staffing special member events or service projects



Haven't you enjoyed and benefitted from a Chapter event? YES?

Well then, won't you please consider sharing a little of your time and talents to ACPSAA?

If you do wish to volunteer, please let us know at: <https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/volunteering.html>

If you prefer to discuss areas of possible interest, with no commitment, please send an email to our President, Scott Davis at psuannapolis@gmail.com. Together you can set aside time to discuss your thoughts and/or interests by telephone or in-person. After that, you decide what fits.

POST – HOLIDAY PARTY

This year, the ACPSAA Executive Board decided to add a double twist to the Chapter's annual Holiday Party. Not only did they decide to hold the party after the holidays, but also move it out of Annapolis! The Post - Holiday Party was held at Libations, an American Tavern in Millersville. A wonderful crowd of 37 members had a spirited good time, while dining on a wide variety of hors d'oeuvres along with drinking domestic and craft beers as well as wine and mixed drinks of their choice.

THANK YOU to EVERYONE that donated to our Mid – Year School Supply Drive (Pictured right)! A wide variety of school supplies were collected from members and distributed to schools in need for the second semester.





6th YEAR WRAP-UP

As you know from past newsletter articles, each December on National Wreaths Across America® Day, the mission to *Remember-Honor-Teach* is carried out via wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as more than 1,600 other locations across all 50 states, at sea and abroad. This includes our Annapolis National Cemetery.

No less than six years ago, local sponsorships funded wreaths to honor less than 2% of the 2,996 veterans interred in the Annapolis National Cemetery. However, due to growing sponsorship support from local organizations like ACPSAA, over the past four years wreaths had been provided to honor **100%** of the interred veterans in Annapolis! ACPSAA member donations have been a significant part of that achievement.

In 2019, overall Annapolis sponsorships dipped slightly, with donations accounting for only 2,647 of the 2,996 wreaths needed. *However*, ACPSAA members, families and friends continued to exhibit a strong connection to WAA, surpassing the Chapter's 200 wreath goal by sponsoring 252 wreaths for the Annapolis site.

Additionally, many of these ACPSAA-ers physically volunteered at the unloading, Ceremony and clean-up events – which are as much a part of this movement as are the dollars donated to sponsor a wreath.

- by Scott Davis,
2019 ACPSAA Fall Service Project Chairman



Want to help the next generation of Penn Staters?

Donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE, so please consider the ACPSAA Scholarship Fund as a part of your charitable giving plans. Every dollar counts to help these students earn their Penn State degree! If you would like more info about the scholarship fund, please visit our chapter website.

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CHAPTER WEBSITE

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



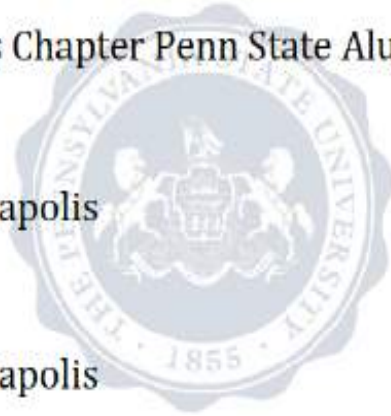
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