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A new alumni chapter in Penn State history was established in September 1996 when the Annapolis Chapter of Penn State Alumni Association formulated. We are having a yearlong celebration to commemorate our 25th birthday! Here are some of the activities we have held (or will be held soon) for Chapter members so far:

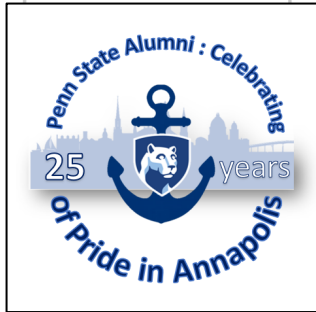
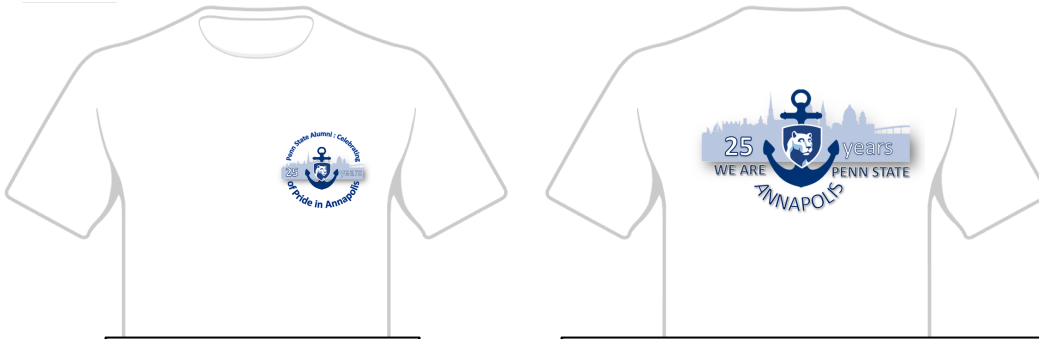
1. **Snowman Contest**
2. **THON donations**
3. **T-SHIRT Design Contest**
4. **LION Bingo**
5. **Cooking Class at AACC**
6. **History of Annapolis Chapter Presidents**
7. **25 Chapter Highlights (The first 5 in this newsletter)**
8. **Nature Walk (4/17)**
9. **Food Drive (4/24)**

Did you miss out on some of the events? No worries as we are **PLANNING** more events to continue celebrating our birthday! Be sure to watch for email blasts for updates on new events. Recaps on the **Snowman Contest**, **T-SHIRT Design Contest**, and **LION Bingo** can be found in this newsletter as well as information for our upcoming activities of our **Nature Walk** and **Food Drive**. If you have an idea for an event or activity to celebrate our birthday or want to be part of the planning committee, please email Karen at jkcrop@comcast.net.



AND THE WINNERS ARE....

T-SHIRT Contest Congrats Heather Zellers!



Enlarged Front Image



Enlarged Back Image

Annapolis Skyline Picture is designed by Michael Tompsett. To see more of his work, check out: <https://pixels.com/featured/30-annapolis-maryland-skyline-michael-tompsett.html>

DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

The **"Build - A - Snowman"** contest has come to an end (although Puxsutaney Phil predicts six more weeks of winter). We have a winner! Actually, we have several winners! A great big thank you to all those that submitted their pictures. Your creativity, pride, and spirit warmed our hearts during these cold winter months. The winners will receive Ice Cream from the PSU Berkey Creamery. **How COOL is that?**



Bannon Family Snowman



Cropper Family Snowman



Szanyi Family Snowman



Woomer Family Snowman

WE ARE... EVERYWHERE!

Are you traveling anywhere this spring or summer? Send us a picture in your Penn State gear and we will share on our social media!! Pictures can be shared via social media or by emailing
Kate at
kathryn.ganley@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Our new membership year will begin in July 2021. Please be on the lookout for more details in our summer newsletter.

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.





Penn State Word Search

P J O W B Z C O L S B C A H Y O V Z U S
 O E J W U L K P P Q I Q I G U D Z N N L
 C R N F R B A D V Q B D S B J X O O B S
 O Q S N S L L A H T S A E K T E I H E T
 E R P T S U Q U Z A C A T C B L R T R Q
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 D O B X U E T P O K O D I X B J L E R N
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 G Y U R T E E E I U Z X J Y V S N K E M
 P M N I O J F U N N G J H V A Q X Y R Y
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 W M M O R D T T B A M J J Y A P U L U Q
 C J Y F I D L Y V G U H I W E A R E A U
 R O Y X C H D H J Q T H S S J G B D O M

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

BEAVER STADIUM
 EAST HALLS
 NITTANY
 THON

BERKEY CREAMERY
 FORUM
 OLD MAIN
 WE ARE

BLUE LOOP
 LIONS
 PENN STATE
 WHITE LOOP



SPRING SERVICE PROJECT: FOOD DRIVE



... Looking for some food donations.

The Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association will be conducting a food drive on **Saturday April 24th from 10 AM to 12 PM**. All donations from the food drive will be given to **My Brother's Pantry in Arnold, MD**. To make it convenient for our members, 3 sites have been selected as drop-off points. The pantry will accept healthy staple items such as canned goods, rice, pasta, cereal etc. Please bring your donations to one of these sites:

- **Arnold** → *College Parkway Baptist Church* → 301 College Pkwy in Arnold (Look for Dona Horst)
- **Crofton** → *Wegmans Parking lot* → 1413 S. Main Chapel Way in Gambrills (Look for Rod Corbin)
- **Edgewater** → *Glory Days parking lot* → 3 Lee Airpark Dr. in Edgewater (Look for George Gayno)

Should you have questions, please reach out to Dona Horst at wearepennstate2016@gmail.com



The novel coronavirus (aka: Covid-19) certainly affected almost everything in our lives during 2020. We were exposed to conditions and restrictions that none of us had previously experienced. Typically, only poor weather conditions deterred some of us from physically participating in the celebration at the Annapolis National Cemetery.

However, this past December, Covid-19 made it necessary to alter the wreath laying ceremony. Organizers were prevented from holding the typical public ceremony and participants were required to pre-register for specific timeslots in order to place wreaths on the veteran's graves. Not to be deterred from the mission, on December 19th, fifteen ACPSSA members braved the conditions and Covid restrictions to place sponsored wreaths on graves and honor those interred. However, that's only part of the story. The REAL story is the incredible wreath sponsorship response from our chapter's members, families, and friends. Our Chapter's 2020 campaign target sought sponsorship of 220 wreaths. Even in the face of Covid-19 and its economic deterrents, not only did our total sponsorships reach target, but they completely exceeded every expectation. Our Chapter's total wreath sponsorships reached a total of **361 wreaths** – that's 60% over target and the largest number of single year sponsorships in our Chapters seven-year history in Wreaths Across America participation. To all of you that sponsored and those that helped on wreath unloading, ceremony and clean-up days, be proud! **You MADE A DIFFERENCE!**





A note from Madame President

Happy Anniversary to Us! 2021 is ACPSAA's 25th Anniversary year, and our Anniversary Committee has been working hard to come up with engaging, unusual, and pandemic-friendly events to help mark this momentous occasion.

Some of you may remember the origins of the Annapolis Chapter, which began as a gathering for the Kickoff Classic – Penn State vs USC on August 25, 1996. I have no doubt that a number of current chapter members were there – I know that we have members on our Board of Directors who led and attended the first “game watch party”. Over the years, this gathering became a weekly event during football season, summer picnics celebrated our chapter and local students, \$90,000 in scholarships were awarded. The license plate program was launched, newsletters were written, and Penn State pride blossomed in the Annapolis region.

Most of us don't have many 25-year relationships – yet each one of us has a strong and lasting relationship with Penn State, demonstrated by the simple act of joining a local chapter. It's a conscious choice to spend a day with other Penn Staters planting trees on the side of a stream to help beautify Annapolis, or to work on a committee to help select scholarship recipients. YOU do that. WE do that. Why? Because Penn State instills a great sense of community in its students – and that remains with us no matter how long ago we graduated. That's why wherever you may go, to the grocery store or the other side of this planet, wearing Penn State gear in public will almost always elicit a “WE ARE”!

And, WE ARE... the Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association! Enjoy your celebrations this year, and we look forward to being together again in person.

Lynn Delphus '89
President



CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS 2020-2021

PRESIDENT	Lynn Delphus
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SECRETARY	Dona Horst
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	Karen Cropper
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SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR & LICENSE PLATES	Dona Horst
SOCIAL CHAIR	George Gayno
WEBMASTER	C. Scott Davis
MEMBER	Rod Corbin
MEMBER	Jane Bannon
MEMBER	Tony Bosket

LION BINGO

On March 21st, 15 Chapter Members enjoyed an afternoon of fun playing virtual LION Bingo!



Cooking Demo at AACC

On the evening of April 8th, chapter members participated in a virtual cooking demonstration to learn new cooking techniques. Some of the dishes that members learned to make included: Big Easy Shrimp, Cauliflower Pizza and Chicken Alfredo Spaghetti Squash.



Big Easy Shrimp and Cauliflower Pizza



Chicken Alfredo Spaghetti Squash

Did you know?

A time capsule from 1949 was discovered during renovations in the Willard Building. The time capsule carried a variety of papers from the Bursar's Office and the Registrar Office as the Willard Building housed these offices in 1949. A Daily Collegian from March 3, 1949 was also included where the headline referenced Penn State's first double graduation ceremony. There were also documents about the growth of the student body from veterans post WWII. Plans were made to replace the time capsule with updated documents that represent Penn State in the 21st century.



Join us for a Nature Walk!

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

647 Contees Whard Road
Edgewater, MD 21037

April 17th at 10:00am (Rain date is May 1st)

Registration is not required but masks are.

For more information, visit our [website](#)

25 Highlights for 25 Years!

Over the last 25 years, our chapter has hosted hundreds of events for our members as we have created numerous memories. Throughout 2021, we will highlight 25 events from our chapter history. Below are the first five highlights from our chapter history:

- 1) **The Annapolis Chapter organizational "kick-off"** was in August 1996. First event was a football viewing party for the Penn State vs USC "Kickoff Classic" football game. Penn State won and so did the Annapolis area with a new alumni chapter.
- 2) Penn State **Creamery ice cream** has been a special treat at many chapter functions. Our first taste came at the annual meeting (June 1998) when we welcomed then creamery manager, Tom Palchuk, to speak.
- 3) **First chapter service project** was a Christmas stuffed animal collection for Love'n Action. (1997)
- 4) Over the years annual meetings have featured many **special guest speakers** including Dick Bundy (Blue Band Director 1999), John Black (Author of the Football Newsletter 1997 & 2000), Russ Rose (Women's Volleyball coach 2003), and Jayne Miller (WBAL newswoman 2007)
- 5) **Student Sendoff picnics** have been going strong for 22 years. Since our first one in 1998 students and alumni in our area have enjoyed a fun day together

The rest of our 25 highlights from our chapter history will be share in upcoming newsletters and email blasts.

**Help us make some NEW memories for our next 25 years.
Plan now to join us for the 25th Anniversary Kickoff Redo Party in August**



For Our ACPSSA Members

IT'S A PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!

We are having a 25th birthday celebration in August rather than our annual chapter picnic. Details are still being planned. If you would like to be part of the planning committee please contact Karen at jkcrop@comcast.net.

FOOTBALL PARTIES UPDATE

Football will be here before we know it! At this time, we continue to await guidance from the Penn State Alumni Association to host indoor events. We are also looking for a location to host our viewing Parties. If you have a place, please email psuannapolis@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Our chapter has awarded over \$90,000 in scholarships throughout the years to outstanding Annapolis area students. The scholarship award is based on several 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 believe will make a lasting contribution to Penn State. Applications will be emailed out in May/June 2021 and interviews occur in late June. If you are a student or know someone who resides in the Annapolis area, encourage them to submit the application. Applications will be emailed to upperclassmen's (Soph. – Seniors) PSU account that are full time students and in good academic standing with the University. Our chapter relies on donations to fund the scholarship. Please consider sending a donation. Helping the next generation is one of the chapter's highest priorities. If you have any questions, please contact our Scholarship Chair, Dona at wearepennstate2016@gmail.com

Dads and Grads!

And moms too!



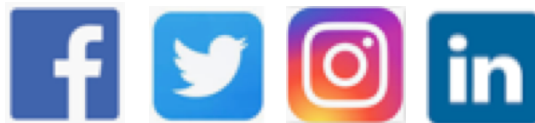
Why not buy them a Penn State Alumni Association license plate? It's the perfect gift!

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 Dona at wearepennstate2016@gmail.com and get all the information.

***So if the tassel was worth the hassle, then why not
Brag on your Tag!***

STAY CONNECTED!

We ARE... on Social Media



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CHAPTER WEBSITE

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

<https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/>