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Do you have a Penn State license plate?

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Support our Students!

Since 2004, our chapter has awarded over \$95,000 to local students to assist them in their pursuit of a Penn State Education. *How have our scholarship donations been at work the last three years?*

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2020	Three Students	\$6,250
2021	Three Students	\$7,500
2020 2021 2022	Five Students	\$6,800

This year - Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for our students. We currently have raised \$3,900 for our scholarship program. It is NOT TOO LATE to support our students.

Help us achieve this by making a tax-deductible donation today!

Donate today at:

- Online at our chapter <u>website</u>
- Mail a donation to:
 - o ACPSAA P.O. Box 693 Arnold, MD 21012

\$5,000

\$2,500

Scan the QR Code →

Thank you!

ACPSAA Board of Directors (And PSU Students!)



SPRING 2023



Upcoming Events





Our bi-monthly happy hour was held May 4th at Uncle Julio's Restaurant in Annapolis. The evening was a kickoff to the Cinco De Mayo weekend for many in attendance and lots of fun. We are always looking for locations and hosts for these easy one-time events. If you're interested, please contact Karen Cropper jkcrop@comcast.net.



SERVICE IDEAS

As a chapter, we strive to promote Penn State pride in our local community by organizing a variety of service projects throughout the Annapolis area. We are looking for ideas to support the community. If you have any ideas or local organizations that we can support through community service projects, please share that information HERE.

Donor List!

THANK YOU to everyone that has donated to our scholarship program.

Lion Donors

Raymond Blehar
Eugene & Anna Humphrey
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GROUP OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Our Chapter earned the Elm Level Group of Distinction award for the THIRD year in a row. This is the top 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.





IN MEMORIAM



May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in our hearts.

With our deepest sympathies and condolences, Sharing the loss of one of our founding members:

George Edward Nassif

In December, the Annpolis community mourned the loss of George Nassif. George was a founding and lifelong member of the Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association and helped with its formation in 1996. Over the years, he had dedicated his time, talent and energies in making this a strong and vibrant organization. He was proud of those accombishments and the success of our Chapter.

We will certainly miss seeing George at our football viewing parties as well as the many other events he frequently attended and supported.

From the Board of Directors and the entire Annapolis Chapter membership, **THANK YOU** for your friendship and camaraderie George! May you Rest in Peace in that big Blue and White Sky!

Because of you **WE ARE** ... **PENN STATE** – The Annapolis Chapter!



A Letter from the Board

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

#WeAre ... Everywhere! How many of you have ever been traveling, working, running errands, etc. and seen someone wearing Penn State gear? How does it make you feel? It puts a smile on my face followed by a quick "We Are..." chant! This chant usually is followed by a short conversation about a memorable experience of PSU or their affliation with the university. For a few quick minutes, it takes us back to Happy Valley. A reminder that as Penn Staters, #WeAre ... Better Together. I think of events such as THON that require the network of Penn Staters to organize the philanthropy to enhance the lives of families impacted by childhood cancer. And our Annapolis Chapter implementing hundreds of events over the last 27 years of existence – things that we accomplished together. So as we approach the warmer weather come join us at our next social gathering, support the education of the next generation of Penn Staters, or serve on one of our chapter committees because together we can do so much.



#WeAre...Better Together!

Kate Ganley '13 Social Media and Newsletter Chair

EVENT RECAP



The 2022 campaign is now in our rearview mirrors, but that's not the end of our Chapter involvement in this favored project.
In April, your
Board of Directors voted to again support Wreaths Across America in fall of 2023.

This will mark our Chapter's 10th straight year of involvement and support. Once again, we trust that our chapter members, families and friends will help the cause by giving a little of their time and by sponsoring wreaths to honor our fallen veterans! We will post 2023 campaign details on our website in late summer.

But wait! What happened in 2022? Well, here's a short wrap-up.

• **Wreath Unloading** occurred in the early morning hours of Thursday, December 15th and a few Chapter faithful joined



other volunteers, braving the continuous rain and chilly temps, to help unload over 300 cartons of wreaths for the coming weekend's Ceremony. Although we were all drenched, we left with a feeling of satisfaction having accomplished the task in under 90 minutes.

Wreath Ceremony Day was held on Saturday, December 17th

at the Annapolis National Cemetery and as always it started at noon (sharp)! Several chapter members attended the ceremony and then helped place wreaths at the gravesites of all 2996 interred veterans. It's always such a beautiful sight to behold!



• And finally, **Wreath Clean-up Day** was held on January 14, 2023. As always, a few Chapter members gave of their time to clear spent wreaths and restore the gravesites to their honorable state.

THANK YOU to all that gave of their time and to those that sponsored wreaths for the 2022 campaign!

Respectfully,

C. Scott Davis, 2022 Fall Service Project Chairman

For more event pictures, go to:

 $\underline{https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/2022-wreaths-across-america-fall-service-project 1.html}$

Bingo

On a chilly Sunday afternoon in March, fifteen people jumped on their computers and participated in our Virtual Bingo games. This activity was a true family event with one chapter parent and her family of four and another member visiting a friend in Washington state participating. Members competed for prizes like movie giftcards, grilled stickies, Creamery ice cream and much more.





Holiday Party!

It's never too late to celebrate the Holidays with friends. Our chapter gathered in January at Julep Southern Kitchen and Bar in Annapolis for some post-holiday cheer. The wonderful atmosphere and down-home barbeque food samplings made the evening a hit for the 20 plus members who attended. We also collected several boxes of food to help restock the Maryland Food Bank's shelves.



For Our ACPSAA Members

Do you have a license to ROAR?



If so, purchase your Penn State Alumni Association license plate! It's the perfect thing for you or a gift for your loved ones! Every plate sold supports our scholarship fund!

You can purchase a plate for your car for only \$40.00. It's really easy. Request an application, provide proof of Alumni Association Membership (check Penn Stater Magazine for number) and then send in your application and checks. Send an email to Paul at wearepennstate2016@gmail.com and get all the information.

STAY CONNECTED!

We ARE... on Social Media









@PSUAnnapolis

CHAPTER WEBSITE

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

https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/

What is NIL?

NIL (Name, Image and Likeness) is the term used to associate with student athletes ability to earn money off their individual brand. Prior to July 1st 2021, a student-athlete could not monetize from things like creating a YouTube channel, hosting a camp or selling a signed jersey. But as of July 1 2021, student-athletes across the country can now profit from their NIL. Examples include:

- 1. Host a camp
- 2. Partner with organization or resuratuant
- 3. Photoshoot or autograph session

For more information, visit https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/

2022 - 2023 Board Members

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Scholarships!



It's almost the end of the semester and grades will be posted shortly. So how is the Annapolis Chapter doing so far this year? Let's see...

Chapter Awards = Elm Level **A+**

Scholarship Endowment = *Established* **A**+

Scholarship Donations = B+

So far it looks like we are headed for the **Dean's List** but still have time to pull an "A" on the Scholarship Donations.

An all-nighter may be our best bet!

It's not too late to make a contribution to the **Scholarship Fund**. One of the chapter's key priorities is helping the next generation. Whether your donation is small or large, every dollar counts.

The Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association is once again offering its Scholarship Award for 2023. All local Annapolis area undergraduate students in good academic standing will receive an email on their PSU email informing them of our scholarship award. The timeframe to look for this invitation will be end of May/June. Students interested in applying will need to fill out an application and write 2 short essays. If selected to move forward, personal zoom or live interviews will follow. Keep in mind the turn-around is quick. We are looking for well rounded students who we believe will make a lasting contribution to Penn State. Share this information with your PSU family and friends. Again, thank you for helping our chapter rise to the top of the class!