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Want to  
participate in the  
wreath laying  
ceremony for  
Wreaths Across  
America?

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Let it snow

AND JOIN US FOR A

*Post-Holiday Winter Party*

THURSDAY | 1/11/2024 | 6:00-8:00 PM

AT

**THE METROPOLITAN KITCHEN & LOUNGE**  
175 West St, Annapolis, MD

RSVP to [PSUAnnapolisEvents@gmail.com](mailto:PSUAnnapolisEvents@gmail.com) by Jan 1st

Please join us for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and lots of Penn State cheer! Cash bar will be available.  
Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Maryland Food Bank.



# Upcoming Events



WREATHS  
— across —  
AMERICA



ACPSAA is an officially  
registered WAA group  
(Group ID #MD0026)

## National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 16, 2023

**This is a free event and open to all people.**

Keep checking our Chapter's website for updates and  
alerts about all WAA **VOLUNTEER** opportunities.

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

**Your support and participation is needed!**

NOTE: Maryland State Department of Education regulations mandates that every public school  
student in Maryland complete at least 75 hours of service-learning.  
[Refer to COMAR 13A.03.02.05].

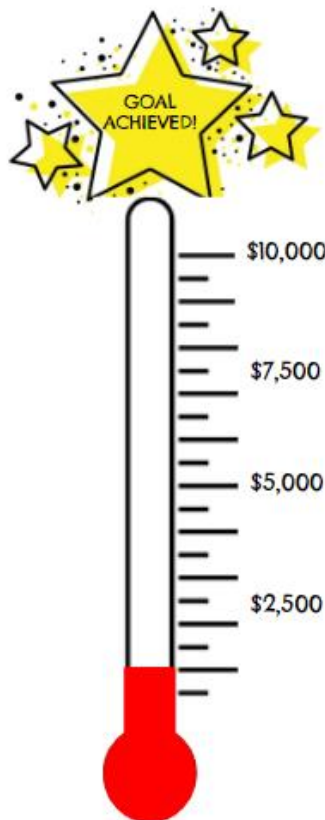
WAA event participation is a great way for students to achieve some SSL credits.



## Future Generations

The **highest priority** of our chapter is helping the next generation of Penn State alumni pursue a Penn State education.

In July, we awarded **\$10,000** in scholarships to five students. Our goal this year is raise another **\$10,000**. We currently have **\$1,000**. Help us achieve this by making a tax-deductible donation today!



Visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code to donate today!

## Thank You!



Our chapter participated in Make a Difference Day by collecting donations for The Miller House throughout the month of October at our football viewing parties. Thank you to everyone that donated as we were able to fill several boxes worth of items!

## Happy Holidays!

The Board Members of ACPSAA wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!





## A note from Madam Vice President

Holiday greetings fellow alum and friends of Penn State! It's my sincerest wish that our final newsletter of the year finds you and your family well during this festive time of year. With so many unbelievably horrible and unimaginable things happening in the world today, I can't help but reflect on how fortunate we are to live here and to be a part of the Penn State Annapolis Chapter community.

The Annapolis Chapter, in its 26 years, stands as a testament to the commitment of a few alums willing to volunteer a little of their time every month, who support our ongoing popular activities and strive to bring new and engaging events for all alum in the Annapolis area to join. For the fourth year straight, the Annapolis Chapter has earned the University's highest distinction awarded to chapters and affiliates, the Elm level of distinction, and thus the Annapolis Chapter flourishes as a leader in the Penn State Alumni Association ranks.

Over the years, we've sponsored countless community service projects, we've fed the hungry, honored our veterans, supported local schools, cleaned up our environment, and SO much more. You, our members, have demonstrated stalwart dedication to all these causes and helped make Annapolis a better place to live and work. Additionally, in no small part due to the unwavering support of our fellow alum and friends, we are about to celebrate 20 years of providing scholarships to deserving local area students embarking on their own Penn State journey. This is simply remarkable!

None of us will ever forget our first visit to Happy Valley. How awe-inspiring the campus is... The sheer majesty of Mount Nittany... The roar of Beaver Stadium... And the first time you realize you're a part of something much bigger than yourself. The fact that we've been a part of bringing that same magical experience to so many others, and for so long, is a gift like no other!

I personally want to thank you all for your ongoing support, without which, none of these amazing achievements would be possible. Additionally, I would like to mention that our board has several vacancies. So, if you have a special talent, some extra time, a love for Penn State and Annapolis, or just want to help with a particular event, we would love to hear from you! Even if serving on the board or a committee isn't your cup of tea, I still thank you for your continued generosity! It means a lot to so many!! Thank you and Happy Holidays!!

For the Glory!

Sheila Szanyi  
Vice President



# #WeAre ... GOING TO THE PEACH BOWL!

WANTED



Be on the lookout for details about our BOWL Watch Party for Penn State Football!

## DECEMBER 30th

Updates will be sent via email!

# Emails?

Are you receiving emails from us?

If you are not, complete this [form](#) to be included in future email blasts.

# WANTED

#WeAre... looking for chapter members who want to be part of our Board of Directors:

**Secretary &  
Social Chair**

If interested, email  
[psuannapolis@gmail.com](mailto:psuannapolis@gmail.com)





# For Our ACPSSAA Members

Looking for a different, special or exceptional gift for that Penn Stater this holiday season?

Why not show off your spirit by purchasing a Maryland PSU license plate?



What do you need to do?

- ◆ First of all, you need to own a car.
- ◆ **Complete an application.** You must provide your PSU Alumni Association Membership Number. If you don't know your number, look at your Penn Stater magazine. If you are not a member, you must purchase a membership online.
- ◆ **Send 2 checks** (make one out to ACPSSAA for \$15 to cover handling costs and the second check to the MVA for \$25). That's \$40 total for a PSU alumni license plate.

For more information you can contact Paul at [wearepennstate2016@gmail.com](mailto:wearepennstate2016@gmail.com).

Upon receipt of your license plate, you can now **"BRAG on your TAG"**!!

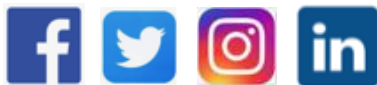


**"It's the most wonderful time of the year"** to make a contribution to the Annapolis Chapter's Scholarship fund! As the end of the year approaches, it's the perfect time to check that off your list and make those last minute donations. All the money that is raised for the scholarship fund is through raffles as well as your generous monetary gifts. Please consider giving to this worthy cause as a way of giving back. Helping the next generation is one of our chapter's highest priorities. Happy Holidays!!

## STAY CONNECTED!



We ARE... on Social Media



@PSUAnnapolis

For up to date details on our chapter history, our projects, special events, meeting dates, and more... <https://psuannapolis.weebly.com/>

## GROUP OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Our Chapter earned the Elm Level Group of Distinction award for the **FOURTH** 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.



## 2023 – 2024 Board Members

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