



The Pride of Annapolis

Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association



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A Message from the President

Dear Penn Stater:

Hello! My name is George Gayno and I am beginning my ninth year as President of the Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. Please let me introduce our Chapter. It was founded in 1996 with the goal of promoting Penn State pride and fellowship right here in the Annapolis area. You may be surprised to learn that there are nearly 1500 Penn State alumni in Anne Arundel County. When I moved to Maryland in 2003, I joined our chapter and quickly made many new friends. **Why not join us?**

Memberships start at only \$15 a year. As a member you will support our many chapter activities (most are family friendly) and programs, including:

- Service projects to better our community
- Monthly Happy Hours
- Annual summer "student send-off" picnic
- Chapter scholarship fund, which has **awarded over \$50,000** to local undergraduate students
- Penn State license plate program in Maryland
- Football tailgate parties for all games
- End of the year holiday party

Please read this newsletter for more details, **then fill out the enclosed membership form and send it in today!** You will be joining the **best and most active local chapter** in the entire Alumni Association!

For the glory,

George Gayno, '87, '94g

President, ACPSAA

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Roar Loud! Roar Proud!

ANNAPOLIS CHAPTER PSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – JOIN US!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anne Arundel County Chapter: Although our name says "Annapolis", we have chapter members from all over Anne Arundel County, including Bowie, Crofton, Edgewater, Gambrills, Glen Burnie, Pasadena, and Severna Park. ***Why not join us?***

Meet Fellow Penn Staters! Join us to meet local Penn Staters for networking and fun events for everyone—families included! As a Chapter member, you can attend social events, network, make a difference in our community, mentor our younger members, serve on a committee, and have fun!

Membership has its privileges. With your Chapter membership, you will be informed about all chapter activities, including our student send-off picnic coming up in August, football viewing parties, special football ticket sales and raffles, our year-end holiday party, community service projects, and other social events, such as beer and wine tasting, monthly happy hours, and baseball excursions. Members may also serve on committees, such as our Scholarship Committee, which awards scholarships to local PSU students. Members also receive special access to PSU-focused events, such as the Coaches' Caravan.

Join us! To join us, just fill out an application online (www.psuannapolis.weebly.com) or mail in the form at the end of this newsletter.

We are.....A Group of Distinction!

We are.....The Pride of Annapolis!

We are.....Penn State!



The Year in Review



Left & Below: Student Sendoff Picnic



Left: Applied Research Lab Tour





Fall Service Project: Wreaths Across America



Top: Lunch after ARL Tour
Below: Spring Service Project: Restoring Church Creek Headwaters area



Top: Football Viewing; Below: Spring Service Project



The Year in Review

UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Hours

Join us on Thursday, 6 August, at **Union Jack's** in Annapolis from 5:30 until 8pm for the Chapter's Monthly Happy Hour gathering.

If you have a favorite pub, please email your idea to psuannapolis@gmail.com so we may consider it for future happy hours.

Football Viewing

We will be returning to the **Greene Turtle** in Annapolis for our 2015 family-friendly football viewing parties. We hope you will join us!

OUR WEBSITE:
psuannapolis.weebly.com

NEW! YOU CAN NOW FOLLOW US ON TWITTER:
[@PSUAnnapolis](https://twitter.com/PSUAnnapolis)



Bowie Baysox Game



Join us at the BOWIE BAYSOX game on Saturday, July 18h at 6:35 PM against the Harrisburg Senators. See FIREWORKS after the game!

The Baysox will be celebrating Women in Sports and honoring the more than 150,000 women and girls who play organized baseball across the country.

We will sit in Reserved Seating Section 201 behind home plate in rows C, D and E. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for Kids 12 and under, Active Military and Seniors 60+.

Please purchase tickets directly from the box office or website listed on our webpage. Family and friends are welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend this event. Contact Leroy Spayd at Leroy.spayd@noaa.com with questions.



Student Sendoff Picnic

Every year the Chapter celebrates the start of the school year for our newest Penn Staters with a student sendoff picnic. Please join us on Sunday, 16 August, from 1 to 3pm at The Elks Club in Severna Park. Rain or shine, we are planning a fun-filled event.

To RSVP, please complete the online form found on our website under the upcoming event tab. Questions may be directed to psuannapolis@gmail.com.



Join us for the Student Sendoff Picnic

ACPSAA to again support *Wreaths Across America*™

ACPSAA will kick off its 2015 Fall Service Project later this summer. For a third straight year, your Chapter Board has voted to support the local efforts of ***Wreaths Across America*™** (WAA). Many of you may recall that this national charity honors veterans of past wars who have been laid to rest in national cemeteries ... and specifically our own Annapolis National Cemetery. Philanthropy is in our DNA -- last year Chapter members, including their families, extended families and friends, raised **\$2,275**, which was proudly delivered to the local WAA Coordinator. Those monies accounted for the purchase of **227** of the 1800+ wreaths that ultimately decorated the gravesites in the Annapolis National Cemetery in December.

Chapter members also answered the call to volunteer their time during the wreath delivery, placement ceremony and clean-up day. Our members should be proud of their service to our veterans.



Remember and Honor the Fallen – They gave so much

Board Member and Project Chairman, Scott Davis '80 BUS, is asking for chapter member support again this year. More details regarding our project efforts will be forthcoming in future newsletters and emails.

As always, thank you for your generosity and support.

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Help Wanted

The Chapter is in need of volunteers. If you have just a few hours or want to lead a committee, please contact us if you are interested.

Technology: Web, Facebook, Twitter information posts and updates

Fall Service Project: Committee Members and Volunteers

Spring Service Project :Committee Leader, Members and Vols

Scholarship Committee: Members needed for 2016

Social Events: Lead Planners and Committee Members

Fundraising and Membership: Committee Members

Football Party Greeters and Picnic Helpers

To Volunteer

Contact George Gayno at PSUAnnapolis@gmail.com

Can't volunteer? You can still help by making a tax-deductible donation to our scholarship fund. Use PayPal on our website:

psuannapolis.weebly.com

Or mail a check to:

ACPSAA
PO Box 693
Arnold, MD 21012

LEAVE YOUR MARK! VOLUNTEER!

We are always looking for new ideas. Please contact President George Gayno at PSUAnnapolis@gmail.com to share your ideas or to volunteer for any of our events and service projects. Members are also welcome to attend the Chapter's board meetings. Join us on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Severna Park Library. Check out our website for additional details.

**PSU LICENSE
PLATE NEW
DESIGN**



Show your Penn State pride wherever you go! Alumni Association members may order their very own Penn State plate. Request information and an application from chapter member Don Nork at norkpsu@gmail.com

Annapolis Chapter



Membership Form

July 1 - June 30

Member Information:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please support our efforts to "go green"! Most Chapter communications (newsletters, flyers, etc.) will be sent via email and posted to our website. Check here if you would prefer to receive hardcopies:

Membership:

_____ New _____ Renewal

Annual Membership Fee Life Membership Fee

Individual - \$15 Individual - \$200

Family - \$25 Family - \$300 **TOTAL: \$** _____

Endowment Fund Contribution:

Tax-deductible Annapolis Chapter Scholarship Fund donation

_____ \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 Other _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Get Involved:

The Chapter needs help with the following (check all that apply):

___ Board of Directors ___ Membership Committee ___ Other

___ Social Committee ___ Fundraising Committee Please explain: _____

___ Service Project Committees ___ Scholarship Committee _____

___ Media/Communication ___ Football Viewing Parties _____

Make checks payable to: A.C.P.S.A.A.

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