



# PennState Alumni Association

## Annapolis Chapter



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## *A Message from the President*

Dear Chapter Members,

It is with some sadness that I write this – my last president’s message. After ten years of leading our chapter, I have decided to step down at the end of our membership year in June. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president. I am not going away completely, however. I will continue to be involved when I can. You will certainly see me at future events.

All organizations need “new blood” in order to thrive. Please consider volunteering your time as a board member or officer. The only qualification is your love of Penn State. It is a great way to make new friends while promoting “Dear Old State” right here in our community.

George '87, '94g  
*President, ACPSAA*

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**Want to know  
how to spot a  
Nittany Lion in  
Maryland?**

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for details**

# 2016 Wreaths Across America™ Fall Service Project

ACPSAA Members continue to exhibit a philanthropic resolve



In its fourth year supporting Wreaths Across America™, ACPSAA Membership again answered the call in true Nittany Lion style. Together, we raised and donated \$2,000.00 –sponsoring 200 of the 2996 wreaths needed to honor the veterans interred at The Annapolis National Cemetery. Our contributions continue to make an impact on the overall WAA campaign as *this was **the SECOND year in a row that WAA’s collections funded a wreath for EVERY grave in the cemetery!***

Additionally, 4 Chapter Members helped with the wreath delivery/unloading in the early morning of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 30+ Members and their families defied the cold, wet conditions for the December 17<sup>th</sup> Wreath Laying Ceremony and 18 Members assisted with the mid-January wreath clean-up at the Cemetery.

The money raised and donated by our Chapter in each of the last four years has had a growing impact on that location and has increased the awareness of Penn State and its Alumni in the greater Annapolis area.



***Thank you to all ... You each made the difference!***



***For those of you new to this cause ...*** Wreaths Across America™ is a national charity whose mission is to “Remember. Honor. Teach.” -- ***remember*** our fallen heroes, ***honor*** those who serve, and ***teach*** our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

Wreaths Across America supporters sponsor wreaths that are placed on veteran’s graves in all U.S. National Cemeteries at separate, yet simultaneous ceremonies in December.

Annapolis is home to the U.S. Naval Academy, and many residents are very aware of the commitments and sacrifices made by members serving in our armed forces (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Merchant Marines, and Navy). However, its often easy to forget that a great number of these veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Nearly every Annapolitan knows of Arlington National Cemetery, but many are unaware that there are two National Cemeteries right here in Annapolis ... one on the US Navy Academy grounds, the other at the intersection of West Street and Tyler Avenues. ACPSAA’s efforts focus on the latter.



For more information about WAA and ACPSAA please visit these websites:

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

<http://psuannapolis.weebly.com>

# Student Sendoff Picnic



Our annual student sendoff picnic was held on a hot August Sunday afternoon at the Elks Club in Severna Park. 75 Chapter Members and family members celebrated 15 local students heading to Penn State for the school year with games, food, and creamery ice cream!



# WE ARE...TWENTY YEARS YOUNG!!



On October 15<sup>th</sup>, our chapter celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A spirited group of alumni and friends gathered at Union Jack's in Annapolis for a fun filled evening. The night started off with guest speaker and local alum Steve Smear.

*“From 1947 to 1967, Penn State won the Lambert award 4 times. From 1967 to 1987, we won it 14 times. Our group won it in '67, '68, and '69.”*

*- Steve Smear*



Steve shared stories of his days playing for Joe Paterno and the successful teams he was part of in the late 1960's. Next up was entertainment from the Annapolis based Free Range Improv group. They engaged the audience in an interactive improv comedy show that had everyone laughing. If you weren't able to join us don't despair we've got a lot more exciting events planned for our next 20 years.



*The Lion made a surprise visit!*

*Steve Smear, a former All-American Nittany Lion, is a member of Joe Paterno's first recruiting class.*



*Chapter members, Dona and Tom Horst enjoy the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.*



*Free Range Improv group uses Penn State Alum to entertain the audience.*

# FOOTBALL PARTY RECAP!!



What a fantastic season for our Nittany Lions and our chapter viewing parties at **The Greene Turtle**. In what was an unbelievably unexpected turn of fortune for our football team, the year culminated with a Big Ten Championship and trip to an unforgettable Rose Bowl game! This year at The Turtle, we were able to collect over



*Chapter members cheer for the Nittany Lions as they took on Kent State.*



*Pre-game festivities at the Rose Bowl*

\$2000 towards our scholarships. This was in addition to donating two of our weekly raffle earnings to THON and Wreaths Across America. This was all made possible by you, our chapter members. So a monumental “thank you” is in order for continuing to make us Penn State Proud year in and year out. We look forward to next season and our ongoing partnership with The Greene Turtle! Make sure to be on the lookout for our football postcard mailer that arrives at the end of summer.



*View of the Big 10 Championship game from inside Lucas Oil Stadium*



*Over 40 chapter members cheered for the Nittany Lions as they defeated the Wisconsin Badgers in a comeback victory in the Big 10 Championship game.*



# Scholarship Committee



The Annapolis Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarship money to outstanding Annapolis area students since 2004. We invite all upper classmen to apply for this year's award. Scholarships are based on a combination of criteria including:

- Academics
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community service/volunteer work
- Professional work as well as internships.

If you know a PSU student that may be interested, please tell them to be on the look out for an email that will be sent to their Penn State email address in early May. As always your generous donations help support our local chapter's scholarship award. Please consider a donation to keep this award going.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our scholarship committee, please contact Dona Horst at [wearepennstate2016@gmail.com](mailto:wearepennstate2016@gmail.com) for more information.

## Congrats to the 2016 WINNERS

**Christina Cropper**

**Sean Cooley**

**Haley Janowitz**

**Brian Huntley**

**Katherine Black**

**Olivia Talbot**

## Stay connected with us!



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**Have any Penn State photos that you want to share with the chapter?**  
Send them to us through Social Media or email them to [kathryn.ganley@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.ganley@gmail.com).

# Upcoming Events



## Spring Service Project

We are partnering with chapter member, Jennifer Carr, of the South River Federation to plant trees at a new restoration site off Bywater Road in Annapolis. Tools will be provided. **Wear closed-toe shoes and bring water bottles. The chapter will provide snacks.** We start at 9:30 am.

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 9:30 am**

**Kingsport playground**

**This is a great way for kids to earn service hours!!**

We will meet at the **Kingsport playground** on the **Bywater Rd** roundabout just past Copeland Ave. There is limited street parking in the immediate area but plenty of parking at the Safeway grocery store nearby.

To find out more information about the South River Federation Stream and Wetland Restoration, visit: <http://www.southernriverfederation.net/>



**LET'S PAINT  
TOGETHER!**



Want a custom Penn State painting people talk about when they visit your home? Want to create a unique piece of art to complete your Penn State Room? Then why not join your fellow Annapolis Chapter members for a night out with UPaint!

Baltimore artist and UPaint! representative, Brian Propst, will lead each of us in the recreation of a commissioned piece of unique Penn State art.

Visit <http://psuannapolis.weebly.com> to purchase your tickets!

**SPACE is LIMITED** so reserve your spot **TODAY!!**

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm to 10 pm

**WHERE:** Union Jack's Pub

**COST:** \$35 per person

# How do you spot a Nittany Lion in Maryland?



A Penn State Alumni Association license plate! The plate has been redesigned and now boasts the University shield in Penn State Blue!

The cost of the license plate is only \$37. For every license plate sold, our chapter receives \$12 to benefit our scholarship fund to support outstanding Annapolis Penn State students.

To request your plate, please contact **Dona Horst** at [wearepennstate2016@gmail.com](mailto:wearepennstate2016@gmail.com).

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