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A Message from the President

Dear Chapter Members,

As this is my first newsletter message as President, I want to thank everyone on the Board, as well as all of you, the members, for continuing to make the Annapolis Chapter one of the most successful in the country. We are coming up on a very important season, the "Scholarship Season." We are in the beginning stages of organizing ourselves for this year's crop of amazing students.

So as we do just that, please take a minute to think about volunteering on our Scholarship Committee. It is a vital piece of what our Chapter does each year. While it is one of the most important things that we do, it is also one of the less time-consuming ways to volunteer. No matter if you are able to help or not, your generosity in your donations to our scholarship fund is always welcome.

In addition to our Scholarship Committee getting started, we will be having some different social activities to offer, starting this month with a historical outing! Read on in the newsletter for details and keep an eye out for correspondence via email. In a few months, we are also hoping to have another new event, involving a blast from the Penn State basketball past!

I hope to see many of you at our functions and/or volunteering in whatever capacity you can. Don't forget, if you know a Penn Stater in the area that is not a member, steer them our way!

Mike Long '01

President, ACPSAA

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how to spot a
Nittany Lion in
Maryland?**

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

Wreaths Across America™ is a national charity whose mission statement is "Remember. Honor. Teach." --- **remember** our fallen heroes, **honor** those who serve, and **teach** our children about the sacrifices made by the veterans (*and their families*) that preserve the freedoms we enjoy in The United States of America.

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

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 Naval 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>

Fall Service Project Wreaths Across America™

Philanthropy and Service remain at HEART of ACPSAA



Donating: 2017 marked the fifth straight year that ACPSAA supported Wreaths Across America™ with its members, families and friends again answering the call for charity and service. Together we raised and donated **\$1,700.00**, which sponsored 170 of the nearly 3000 wreaths needed to honor the veterans interred at The Annapolis National Cemetery.

It bares mentioning that our contributions continued to make a large impact on the overall WAA campaign, as *this was **the THIRD year running that total collections funded a wreath for EVERY grave in the cemetery!***

Volunteering: Early on the cold and windy Thursday morning of December 14th, eleven Chapter Members showed up at the cemetery armed with garden carts, wagons and hand-trucks to help unload and organize the 3000+ wreaths delivered by truck that morning (transportation services donated by Perdue Farms). Two days later, on December 16th, twenty ACPSAA Members and their families defied the cold, windy yet sunny conditions to honor veterans at the Wreath Laying Ceremony. And finally, on Saturday morning, January 13th, 2018, a handful of ACPSAA members again trekked to the cemetery to assist with wreath clean-up detail.

Making a difference: The monies raised and donated by our Chapter during each of the last five years have certainly assisted in increasing awareness of the Wreaths Across America™ program at the Annapolis National Cemetery and chapter volunteerism continues to exemplify our member commitment to the betterment of the greater Annapolis area.



Thank you to all ... You each make a difference!

Student Sendoff Picnic



Our annual student sendoff picnic was held in August at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville, MD. 60 chapter members and family members celebrated 8 local students heading to Penn State for the school year with games, Mission BBQ, and creamery ice cream! Special thanks to our sponsors: Costco, Wegmans, BJ's, Lauer's Market, and the Student Book Store (State College).



SAVE THE DATE

2018 Student Sendoff Picnic
Sunday, August 5th



HOLIDAY PARTY



35 chapter members joined us for our Holiday Party at Glory Days in December! At the party, we raffled off our Tub O'Cheer, a tub full of beer, wine and spirits, which raised \$365 for our scholarship fund. Special thank you to our members who made donations to the Tub O'Cheer!



Scholarship Committee



Looking to get involved with the Annapolis chapter, but only have a little time to give? Why not join us on the Scholarship Committee? What do we do? Well we interview great candidates that we think are the best at Penn State and award them scholarship money.

What's the time commitment? Our committee meets in the May - June time frame to alert students to apply for the scholarship. (That part is easy; we just send an email to the students). Our team then reviews all the applicants and their essays during a meeting. (You can read these at home and come to the meeting with your selections).

We meet again to interview about 6 to 8 talented candidates and then discuss whom the best of the best are to offer our scholarship money. All this is wrapped up by early July and then we wait until next year to do it again.

We sure could use more of our PSU alumni to give input on selecting top notch Penn Staters to receive this worthy scholarship award. If you can help us out, please contact Dona Horst at wearepennstate2016@gmail.com.

FOOTBALL PARTY

RECAP!!



WE ARE...FIESTA BOWL CHAMPS!! What a fantastic season for our Nittany Lions and our chapter viewing parties at **The Greene Turtle**. We also got to see the Nittany

Lions play in our backyard as the Nittany Lions played the Maryland Terrapins in College Park! The year culminated with a trip to the Fiesta Bowl game! This year at The Turtle, we were able to collect \$2180 for our scholarship fund during our halftime raffles. This would not be possible without our loyal and generous chapter members. Thank you for your continuing support to make us Penn State Proud year in and year out. We look forward to next season! Make sure to be on the lookout for our football postcard mailer that arrives at the end of summer. We Are!



2018 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS SCHEDULE	
DATE	OPPONENT
Sat, Sept 1	VS  Appalachian St
Sat, Sept 8	@  Pitt
Sat, Sept 15	VS  Kent State
Fri, Sept 21	@  Illinois
Sat, Sept 29	VS  Ohio State
Sat, Oct 13	VS  Michigan State
Sat, Oct 20	@  Indiana
Sat, Oct 27	VS  Iowa
Sat, Nov 3	@  Michigan
Sat, Nov 10	VS  Wisconsin
Sat, Nov 17	@  Rutgers
Sat, Nov 24	VS  Maryland



Where are they now?



“Where are they now?” highlights past chapter scholarship winners on their accomplishments after graduating from Penn State.

CHRISTINA CROPPER

Christina was recruited by the nationwide Teach for America program and is currently living in Memphis, TN. She is employed as a high school special education teacher in South Memphis. She misses being in Big Ten country but still makes sure to catch all Penn State football games and loves showing the Nittany Lion spirit in the south.

SEAN COOLEY

Sean works for a healthcare IT consulting and recruiting company called Medasource. He sells niche talent services for healthcare IT and healthcare information management projects. Sean lives in Hoboken, NJ and works in northern New Jersey.



CAMERON ROWE

Cam is in his 2nd year at SALUS University's Philadelphia School of Optometry. It's a four-year doctorate program. He has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship for his 3.91 GPA.

AMANDA COLEMAN

Amanda developed her passion for public health while studying Biobehavioral Health at Penn State. She graduated in 2013 and went on to complete her Masters in Public Health (MPH) at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. During graduate school she spent time conducting mental health research in rural India. Amanda currently works at the American Medical Association in Washington DC, where she is on the Environmental Intelligence and Strategic Analytics team. In her spare time, Amanda volunteers with several DC-based organizations and have been backpacking around the world.

MELISSA CROPPER

After graduation, Melissa began her career at American Eagle Outfitters HQ located in Pittsburgh. She has since moved on to multiple supply chain roles within Stanley Black and Decker in Towson and is an active member of the SBD Women's Network and Wellness Committee. Melissa currently resides in Baltimore and enjoys her place in the Canton neighborhood.

Did your child or sibling receive an ACPSAA Scholarship?

We would **LOVE** to hear about how that helped them achieve their academic goals and where they are today.

Please email some details to Kate Ganley at kathryn.ganley@gmail.com

Do you want to help our next generation of Penn Staters achieve their academic goals? Visit our website

<https://psuannapolis.weebly.com> to donate to our scholarship fund.

Upcoming Events



PRESIDENTS BEFORE WASHINGTON EXHIBIT

Did you know there were 14 Presidents before George Washington?



**Saturday, April
28th at 10 AM**

THE WESTIN ANNAPOLIS HOTEL
100 Westgate Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

COME JOIN US as **WE ARE** touring the Presidents before Washington Exhibit at the Westin Annapolis!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mark Croatti, instructor at USNA and director of the exhibit, will lead a discussion on the exhibit
- Ellen Moyer**, former Mayor of Annapolis and Penn State Alumna, will welcome our group to the exhibit
- Guided review of original, signed documents owned by the Brown brothers, nephews of chapter founding member, George Nassif
- Receive a souvenir that represents the exhibit
- Lunch at Carpaccio (Buy your own)

Friends and Family are welcome!

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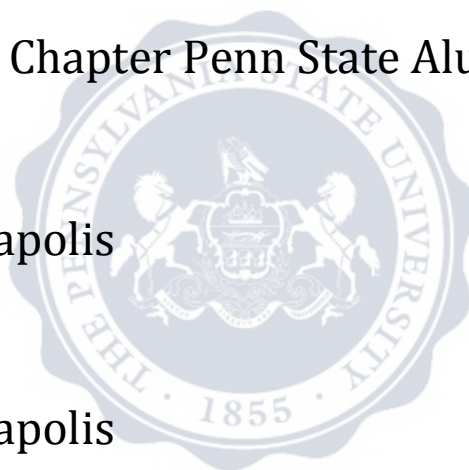
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How do you spot a Nittany Lion in Maryland?



A Penn State Alumni Association license plate!

The cost of the license plate is only \$40. For every license plate sold, our chapter receives \$15 to benefit our scholarship fund to support outstanding Annapolis Penn State students.

To request your plate, please contact **Dona Horst** at wearepennstate2016@gmail.com.

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