# montgomery county alumni association chapter news





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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Greetings Everyone!** 

Our responsibility is to continue connecting with alumni through a variety of events and services. With over 21,000 alumni just in Montgomery County alone, this is no small task!

#### Let's Recap 2013:

We hosted over 50 events including networking, bowling, miniature golf, a hayride, a craft fair, tv tailgates, homecoming weekend and parade, the annual holiday party, community service events, the kick-off picnic, ice cream socials and much, much more. In 2013, we exceeded the challenge of reaching our scholarship campaign goal of \$50,000. Kudos, not only to our board members but to YOU, our chapter members!

#### Now, for 2014...

We started the year on a high note with the showing of "The Joe We Know", where we raised over \$3,000 for our scholarship fund. We are now firming up our event calendar for 2014 and we can't wait to get started. It will have some old favorites as well as some new and exciting events! We will be communicating this very soon via our website and Facebook. Please remember that you can also send us any ideas YOU may have as well.

So, just like the Winter Olympics, I am challenging each and every one of you to get involved as we move through the year and make an impact. The possibilities are endless! I encourage you to join one of our committees. We are always looking for new members and volunteers for our community service events. Become a member of TEAM Penn State!!!

#### Fran Parisi



# **SCHOLARSHIP**



Thanks to a very successful fall fundraising season, we have eclipsed our For the Future Campaign goal that was set back in May 2010. Our scholarship fund now stands at more than \$50,000 to benefit future students from Montgomery County. Remember, the more we raise, the more we can give out in scholarship awards each year. Scholarships are awarded in June of every year to eligible students. Eligibility is defined as being a sophomore, junior, or senior whose GPA ranks in the top 100 amongst students from Montgomery County at all

campuses **OR** a sophomore, junior, or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or higher whose parents are paid members of the Chapter. For more information: <a href="www.psumontco.com/article.html?aid=114">www.psumontco.com/article.html?aid=114</a> or contact Dan Kaufman at <a href="mailto:scholarship@psumontco.com">scholarship@psumontco.com</a>.

# PATERNO 409



The Penn State Alumni
Association - Montgomery County
Chapter has commissioned artist
Daniel Duffy to create this unique
and memorable image to honor
Joe Paterno on the 2<sup>nd</sup>
anniversary of his passing. All 409
victories have been hand written
to create the lasting image seen
to the left.

Each piece is hand signed by the artist on acid free archival paper and bears the seal of the Paterno Family Trust. **Paterno 409** has been created to raise funds for Penn State Alumni Chapter Scholarship Funds. It measures 20" x 16" and is only \$30.00 retail.

'Paterno 409' can purchased at any of our events or online from our website.

# **MEET THE ARTIST - DAN DUFFY**



Throughout his life Dan Duffy has had a passion for sports, art, and design. Dan was an award winning art major at North Penn H.S. in suburban Philadelphia and later graduated from the renowned Hussian School of Art in 2006. He participated in his high school golf and rugby teams and played rugby at the university level before entering Hussian. His love of sports has guided him to concentrate his art talents in the area of sports publication. Dan currently resides in Philadelphia and works as an Associate Art Director with PGA Magazine, Inc. As a freelance artist, he has produced illustrations, advertisements and web designs for companies including: Golf World Magazine, Golf Digest, Fisher Price, ESPN, and The PGA of America.

In 2008, Dan wanted to get back to his art roots and combined his conceptual creativity along side his artistic talent and produced his first "word" illustration. Since then he has drawn a number of works including his signature piece for his beloved Philadelphia Phillies commemorating their 2008 World Champion Season. His original word illustrations are meticulously and painstakingly completed by a patient hand. He is continuing to create memorable works depicting great moments in the world of sports and history which will be marketed exclusively by Legendary Sports Prints, a leading publisher of fine art.





On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, The Montgomery County Chapter hosted a showing of 'The Joe We Know' at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA. We had over 600 reservations and we were able to raise over \$3,000 for our Scholarship Fund. Several of the attendees were able to purchase a movie poster personally signed by John Cappelletti and Franco Harris. We also introduced the 'Paterno 409' print and sold out the first printing. To learn more about The Grand Experiment go to www.grandexperiment.org.

# **ROAR ABOUT THIS!**



The People's Choice Arts Festival in Boalsburg, PA is celebrating over 20 years of showcasing some of the best local art, food and entertainment in Pennsylvania.

This summer 2014, from Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>-Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> our alumni chapter, Penn State Montgomery County will be a sponsor. Come visit us, meet Daniel Duffy, and purchase 'Paterno 409'.

# **PAW PRINTS**



Making a print in Montgomery County, the Alumni's Membership Card Discount Program continues to thrive for all active, paying members. Fitness 19 in Elkins Park just joined our long list of sponsors who either offer a percentage or dollar discount. For any members that enjoy visiting Flourtown Pizza, they are temporarily closed due to a fire. Look for that discount to return once they have reopened for business.

# PENN STATE NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES



Take me out to the ball game! Come join us for an alumni get together at the Philadelphia Phillies vs. Toronto Blue Jays game on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:05. Wear your Penn State gear and be part of the fun. This event is hosted by

the Montgomery County Chapter and is a phundraising event through the Phillies to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. Join Penn State Abington, Philadelphia, South Jersey, Delaware County, and Chester County Alumni Chapters on this special night.

This game is also a **Hatfield Phillies Franks Dollar Dog Night**!

To purchase tickets go to www.phillies.com/mcpennstate.

# **SPRING INTO ACTION!**





Please come out and join us in the upcoming months for happy hours, community service, outings and fun! Additional events will be added so be certain to check the chapter's website. Our objective is to participate in a community service project each month, but we need your help! Please consider volunteering your time to help us help others! Also, please consider donating to our Scholarship Campaign.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Board Game Night @ Horsham Pub in Ambler 6:30-8:30

April 5th - Bowling @ Facenda Whitaker 1:00-3:30

April 12th - Comedy Club @ The Laughing Barrel in Lansdale (\$20 includes buffet dinner) 7:00-10:00

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Blue & White Game @ University Park

May 1<sup>st</sup> - Ice Cream Happy Hour @ Menchie's in East Norriton 6:00-8:00

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Phillies Baseball @ Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia 7:05

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Coaches Caravan @ Valley Forge Casino (check website for details)

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Mini Golf @ Freddy Hill Farms in Lansdale 6:00-8:00

# **Congratulations Penn State!**

Penn State's Thon, billed as the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, took over the Bryce Jordan Center this weekend as more than 15,000 students topped off a yearlong fundraising effort with a 46-hour, non-stop dance marathon. The event, which benefits The Four Diamonds Fund at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, draws in thousands of spectators and more than 300 families affected by pediatric cancer each year. Congratulations, Thon volunteers raised \$13,343,517.33 this year to fight pediatric cancer. This is almost \$1 million higher than last year's Thon fundraising total.



# FREEZE FRAME!



# **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**



On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Abington Senior High School hosted a Mini Thon to benefit Penn State's philanthropy, Four Diamonds Fund, at the Hershey Medical Center. Headed by their student leaders Jake Ritter and Blake Friedman, they set a goal to raise \$10,000, but ended up raising \$18,462.68. Great job Abington Senior High School!

# Check Out Our Message Boards @ www.psumontco.com

# **Game & Event Share Ride**

Trying to find a way to get to a Penn State athletic event or game? Have extra room in your car to help others get to an event? Post your request or offer for ride sharing on our message board.

# **Ticket Exchange**

If you have extra tickets to sell, or are looking for tickets to a Penn State event, post it to our message board. Tickets can only be sold at or below face value. Remember to include your contact information.

# **Internships**

If you are a business owner and can offer an internship to a Penn State student, contact Career Development at (814) 856-2377 with your proposal.





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