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**Chapter NEWS**

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**FUN TIMES WITH THE FUTURE FRESHMEN**

Thanks to the collaboration of the Penn State Montgomery County Alumni Association and the eagerness of incoming freshmen from all over the region, this year's Freshman Sendoff Picnic was a tremendous success!

**"All in all it was a glorious day for the blue and white,"**

**-Eric Lindhult**

Over 70 future Penn Staters, parents and alumni gathered together on a hot day in August to celebrate the coolness of being a part of PSU. Everyone shared stories and advice to help the new freshmen start their college career on the right foot.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed the burgers cooked by board members Bob Krandel and George Conway, as well as the desserts and appetizers provided by the visiting families.



A surprise visit from the Nittany Lion was not the only celebrity sighting. A distinguished list of speakers included:

- Martin Cepeda, President of the PSU MontCo Chapter
- Tom Murt, House of Representatives
- Lauren Lubarsky, Student Government President - Penn State Abington
- Kevin Steele, Montgomery

County Deputy District Attorney

- Carol Kalos, Enrollment Counselor—Penn State Abington

All of the speakers stressed the importance of balancing hard work with becoming active in clubs and other interest groups that Penn State has to offer.

All who participated found it to be a positive experience and the chapter is already planning to make next years event even better. All in all it was a glorious day for the blue and white.

(Clockwise from top left): (1) The Nittany Lion shows off his grill skills with Bob Krandel and George Conway (2) Carol Kalos mingles with members before her speech (3) Incoming freshmen take advantage of the early chance to make friends.



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# IN THE NEWS...

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### TV Tailgates

The best place, besides Beaver Stadium of course, to watch Penn State football games is with other alumni who can keep up with your football knowledge, cheering skills and beverage consumption. There are only two more TV tailgates scheduled for games this fall, including Penn State v. Indiana and Penn State v. Michigan State for the land grant tro-

phy. Check psumontco.com for date, time and place details, or e-mail Martin at [president@psumontco.com](mailto:president@psumontco.com)



### Penn State Family Tailgate Fest

Watch the Penn State vs. Indiana football game live on the 30-foot screen at the Great Valley campus, 30 East Swedesford Road in Malvern, PA on October 20th! There will be great food (including Penn State Creamery ice cream), plus games, activities, entertainment & prizes for all ages!

The Nittany Lion as well as other special guests will be making appearances throughout the day.

This is sponsored by the Penn State Great Valley Graduate Alumni Society. Contact [gvalumni@psu.edu](mailto:gvalumni@psu.edu) for details.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Chapter Member,

I'd like you to share with you the results of a few changes in our Chapter's Board Members. George Conway, previously our Social Chair, has moved into the Membership Chair role. In this role, George will be responsible for growing our Chapter's paid memberships as well as in charge of reviewing and approving all Chapter membership applications and pricing changes.

Moving out of the Membership Chair role is John Baranauskas, who has assumed the role of Treasurer. In this role, John is responsible for managing the Chapter's finances and managing the Chapter's budget. Lastly, Rebecca Catagnus, currently our Public Relations Chair, has assumed the additional responsibility of creating our quarterly chapter newsletter. At our last board meeting, we voted to combine the Public Relations and Newsletter Chair positions in order to centralize our Chapter's communications to our members.

Departing from our board are Meredith

Setzman (Newsletter), Laurie Dougherty (Webmaster), and Doug Dolfman (Treasurer). Please join me in congratulating our newly elected board members and wishing our departing board members much success in their futures!! Details about our currently open board positions can be found to the right. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in joining our board!

We are in the process of updating our website with new fall events. Feel free to join us at one of our PSU Football TV tailgate watching parties or at a monthly happy hour. Also stay tuned for information about our annual holiday party. Dates/times/locations can be found on our website, [www.psumontco.com](http://www.psumontco.com), as the events are confirmed.

"We Are... Penn State"

**Martin R. Cepeda, Jr., '05**  
**President, PSU Montgomery County Alumni Association**

## JOIN THE BOARD

Effective September 30th, the board positions listed on the cover of this newsletter took effect. We are still looking to fill one more board position.

The **Social/Athletic Chair** will manage and organize the fun social and sporting events throughout the year (happy hours, ski trips, homecoming football bus trips, holiday parties, etc.). If this sounds like an opportunity for YOU, e-mail Martin at

[president@psumontco.com](mailto:president@psumontco.com)

Want to get involved but not ready for as much commitment? **Join a committee!** There is always a need for people on the **Membership, Newsletter, Social/Athletic, and Community Service** committees. E-mail the corresponding chairperson to find out more information. See page 1 for their e-mail addresses. You can also stop by a happy hour or event to find out more.

## VLADIMIR BELYAVSKIY

**Name:** Vladimir

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**Years at Penn State:** 1999—2003

**Degree:** Information Science Technology

**Current Residence:** Pottstown, PA

design, software development and program management among other things. I got a great degree at one of the top universities in the county and its an amazing opportunity to be able to use it.

hard, instead of being treated the same as everyone else.

### What activities do you do with the chapter and why are you involved?

I've been out to Manna on Main Street, the happy hours, and the chapter days at the Phillies games. I like Manna because it feels good to help others. The happy hours are a great way to meet people though, and the social events are great for networking. I always have a lot of fun.

### Can you tell me about your move to the United States?

I was born in Kiev, Ukraine, which was part of the communist Soviet Union at the time. My parents and I did not like the way the government was run. We left when I was 11-years-old, shortly after the Union fell in 1991. I wanted to go somewhere where you can be rewarded for working

Oh man, there are a lot! I am a big football fan, so I'd have to say the Penn State v. Nebraska game in 2002. That was great! I remember all of the electricity that night!

### Have you visited the Ukraine recently? And did you represent our school?

I went back after graduation in 2003. It has changed a lot- it is very westernized. There are almost 50 McDonalds in my hometown. They listen to a lot of American music and watch our movies. Of course I wore my Penn State t-shirt around Kiev.

### How did you get interested in IST and is that what led you to your current job?

I do use IST in my current job as a software engineer at Qlogic corporation. I was always interested in computers, but IST is not just programming. Its web

### What is your favorite Penn State Memory?

Vladimir is a native of Ukraine, but he calls Penn State his home.

## FALL 2007 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

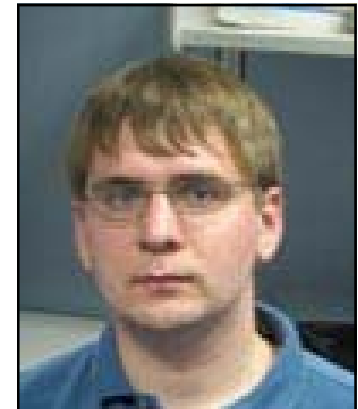
**Jillian Provost** of Harleysville and **Lindsay Marie Allan** of Dresher have been selected as the recipients of the Penn State Montgomery County Alumni Chapter's Fall 2007 scholarship.

Jillian is currently a junior in the College of Education and majoring in World Language Education. She is the Co-founder and President of the Penn State Strike 3 ALS Organization. Founded in January of 2006, the organization helps to raise awareness and funds towards finding a cure for ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. During her summers in Montgomery County, Jillian volunteers her time with the Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association.

Lindsay is currently a junior in the College of Liberal Arts where she is pursuing a major in Psychology. At University Park, she is very involved with THON and has served as a member of the THON Hospitality Committee. She is also a member of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychology. During her spare time in Montgomery County, Lindsay works at the Variety Club Camp and Development Center in Worcester helping children with special needs.

### Please join us in congratulating both Jillian and Lindsay!

To find out more about donating to the scholarship fund, contact Julie Diehl at vicepresident@psumontco.com



Hello Members,

I just wanted to use this corner of space to say thanks for allowing me to create the newsletters this past year. It was a privilege to be the one to get the news to you! Please continue to read the mailings and online newsletters... we always want your feedback! Thanks again!

-Meredith



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## Upcoming Events 2007

### October

9—Happy Hour @ Fox and Hound  
in King of Prussia, PA

20— TV Tailgate for Indiana  
Game @ Fox and Hound

### November

6—Happy Hour @ Fox and Hound

10—Tailgate at Lincoln Financial Field  
for PSU v. Temple Game

17—TV Tailgate for Michigan State  
Game at Fox and Hound

### December

TBD—Annual Holiday Party

TBD— Volunteer for Toys for  
Tots

### January

8—Happy Hour @ Fox and Hound

*Do you have an idea for an event? E-mail  
Martin at [president@psumontco.com](mailto:president@psumontco.com)!*

