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Montgomery County Alumni Association



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Lock-up party raises more than \$1,700



Lee Rubin and Colleen O'Hara celebrate after being unlocked.

Penn State Alumni and friends came out in full force to Stone Rose Restaurant on May 23, and raised more than \$1,700 for the Chapter's scholarship fund, supporting the "For the Future" Campaign for Penn State Students. Money was donated to unlock the cuffs on alumni participants, including Martin Cepeda, Colleen O'Hara, Brian Pieri, Lee Rubin, Jason Salus, and Chris Savage.

Freshman Send-off Picnic fun for Penn State family and friends

Thank you to all of the Penn State Montgomery County Alumni and the Class of 2015 from Montgomery County who made this year's Freshmen Picnic a huge success!

The new location at Stanbridge Park in East Norriton welcomed over 140 future Penn Staters, parents, and alumni, our biggest crowd in recent years. Everyone gathered together in their blue and white to celebrate the upcoming fall semester, share Penn State memories and give advice to help the incoming freshmen with their college career. Some attendees socialized by playing games of beanbag toss, horseshoes, and tossed around a football.

Everyone in attendance, including

the Penn State Nittany Lion (Greg Borowski, Lion Ambassador), enjoyed the burgers and hot dogs as well as the desserts and appetizers provided by the families.

Speakers included **Martin Cepeda**, Montco Chapter President; **Carol Kalos**, Enrollment Counselor at Penn State Abington; **Ariana Smith**, Lion Ambassador at Penn State Abington; **Jason Salus**, Alumnus Class of '00; **Richard Haaz**, Alumnus Class of '75; **Richard "Dick" Doherty**, Alumnus Class of '58.

Each speaker stressed to the incoming

freshmen the importance of balancing classes and becoming active in everything that Penn State has to offer, along with fun stories from their college experiences.

The event ended with freshmen survival door prizes and a PSU trivia challenge.



Penn Staters from the class of 2015 with their raffle prizes.

President's Message

Penn State Friends,

Did you know that there are over 21,000 PSU Alumni currently living in Montgomery County? Did you also know that over 6,000 of those alumni are subscribed to our Chapter email listserv? One of the benefits of being an active paid member of our Chapter is the ability to use our membership directory and connect with past, or meet new local Penn State friends. Our online members only directory gives you access to contact information of the 6,000+ registered alumni that have opted-in to share certain pieces of information with other members. The directory can conveniently be found on our website at www.psumontco.com/people. I encourage you to utilize our local network in your daily lives.



We have an exciting fall calendar of events planned for the Chapter. I trust that you will help support us by spreading the word to your Penn State networks about our events schedule. I also hope to see you at an event soon. Our always changing events schedule can be found at www.psumontco.com/events.

Please enjoy these last days of summer. I look forward to sharing a fun filled fall with each of you. If you'd like to discuss anything about our Chapter, please feel free to contact me at president@psumontco.com.

"We are... Penn State"

Martin R. Cepeda, Jr., '05
President, Montgomery County Chapter
Penn State Alumni Association

From the Editor

If you are an alumnus with a story to tell or know another alum that could be included in our Member Spotlight, please contact publicrelations@psumontco.com.



Get involved!



We are searching for motivated alumni!

Scholarship Committee Members

Three to four volunteers are needed to help review scholarship applications in the fall. You must be an active chapter member and you cannot have a student that is eligible for the scholarship. Responsibilities will consist of reading all applications submitted and meeting one night in October to discuss top applicants and select a winner.

If interested, please contact Dan Kaufman at scholarship@psumontco.com

Social Media Chair - This person will work with the Public Relations Director to effectively promote events and alumni information through Facebook and Twitter.

To apply, contact Louise Durante at publicrelations@psumontco.com

Videographer - This person will assist the Public Relations Director with filming at events, editing footage, and managing the chapter's YouTube page.

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Newsletter Editor - This person will work with the Public Relations Director by writing articles for the newsletter and assisting with layout. Graphic design experience is a plus.

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New Board Member

Louise Durante, Public Relations Director

Louise graduated in May 2006 with a Bachelor's in Advertising/Public Relations and a certificate from the Center for Sports Journalism. At Penn State, she wrote for The Daily Collegian, served as a Town Senator for Undergraduate Student Government, was a Public Relations Captain for THON and danced in THON '05 and '06. In addition to serving as Public Relations Director on the MontCo Board, Louise plays softball and spends time with her dog Luna. She currently works as the Senior Client Services Manager at M&M Associates, a marketing agency in Yardley.

Cradles to Crayons Service Event

On the 4th of June, members of the Montgomery County alumni offered their time to help at Cradles to Crayons in West Conshohocken. At Cradles to Crayons, the alumni members helped clean and organize donated clothes, toys, and books. The items were sorted into packs that are then distributed to children living in disadvantaged situations in the five-county Philadelphia region. If you are interested in helping out, the chapter will be at Cradles to Crayons again on November 5. Please register on our website (www.psumontco.com) and you will be given additional information prior to the event. Also, if you are interested in donating any gently used children's clothing, toys, or books you can drop them off at any MontCo event and a board member will ensure they are donated.

What we've been up to...

Penn State MontCo has been everywhere over the past few months—**National Day of Service** in Valley Forge, **Cradles for Crayons** in Conshohocken, **Bowling** in Norristown, **Beer Tasting** at Guppy's in Conshohocken and **sending off new freshmen** in East Norriton. We can't wait to see you this Fall!



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For Your Calendar



September 2011

9/8 – Monthly Happy Hour; Guppy's, Conshohocken

9/17 – Penn State at Temple; Lincoln Financial Field

9/29 – Philadelphia Union vs. DC United; PPL Park

October 2011

10/1 – TV Tailgate: PSU at Indiana; PJ Whelihan's, Blue Bell

10/6 – Monthly Happy Hour; PJ Whelihan's, Blue Bell

10/15 – Homecoming Bus Trip, Penn State vs. Purdue

10/22 – TV Tailgate: PSU at Northwestern; PJ Whelihan's, Blue Bell

November 2011

11/3 – Monthly Happy Hour; MaGerk's Pub & Grill, Fort Washington

11/5 – Cradles to Crayons Community Service Event; Conshohocken

11/19 – TV Tailgate: PSU at Ohio State; PJ Whelihan's, Blue Bell

December 2011

12/1 – Holiday Party; details to come

Details for all events can be found at
www.psumontco.com/events.html