

PSU MontCo Newsletter

Cooking Up A Winning Recipe

Annual Freshmen Sendoff Picnic Another Great Success



On August 5th, East Norriton Park played host to another spectacular annual freshmen sendoff picnic. The incoming class of 2016 was welcomed to the Penn State family with great food, prizes and yes, a little bit of advice courtesy of Jennifer Borkosky, Martin Cepeda,

Richard Haaz, Ray Nyahay and Carol Kalos.

A special thanks to all who helped with setup, cooking, cleanup and donated raffle prizes. Our volunteers help make chapter events like this a huge success!

See the video at:

<http://bit.ly/psupicnic>

HOLIDAY PARTY!

As summer temperatures give way to the changing colors of autumn leaves, it's time to plan for the upcoming holiday party.

This year's holiday party will be held on December 6th at the Valley Forge Casino. Attendees will receive a delicious buffet dinner and a complimentary \$15 slot play credit.

As always, we will be accepting donations for the Marine Corps' Toys For Tots program. Let's show our giving spirit and help make Christmas special for children in need.

Tickets are \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members and \$50 at the door. Buy early and save!

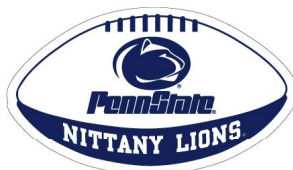
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FOOTBALL GAME TV TAILGATES

For every Penn State AWAY game, the chapter hosts a TV tailgate at a local restaurant. Locations are listed in our emails, on our chapter website and on our Facebook page.

Tailgates are a great way to network with fellow Nittany Lions while cheering for the Blue & White!



Feeling lucky? Buy a ticket for our 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit the chapter's scholarship fund.

As always, paid members enjoy free appetizers during the game so bring your appetite!

Questions? Social@psumontco.com

RAINN: Lending a helping wrist

When you're 12 years-old, fund raising normally means asking friends and family for a few dollars or putting a can on the counter at a local store. That's not the case with former Schwenksville native Kelsey Hirsch.

After talking with her Penn State alumni parents, Charles ('96 PSY) & Tonya ('96 HDFB) Hirsch, about the crimes of Jerry Sandusky, Kelsey decided she wanted to raise money for RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) by selling

bracelets which she personally designed.

Kelsey's bracelets have caught on to the point where she's now sold over 2,000 of them. Her efforts have garnered attention from famous Penn State alumnus Franco Harris, NBC 4 Washington, CBS 3 Philly's Brad Segall and the Washington Post.

Kelsey has already presented RAINN with a check for over \$10,000! Her next goal is to raise \$25,000 by April 2013.

Bracelets can be purchased at <http://www.rainn.org/rainn-merchandise>



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Our chapter is pleased to announce the recipients for the Penn State Montgomery County Alumni Chapter Spring 2013 scholarships. This is the first time the chapter has selected two recipients and we feel both students are excellent representatives of Penn State and Montgomery County.



Cassandra Pantano

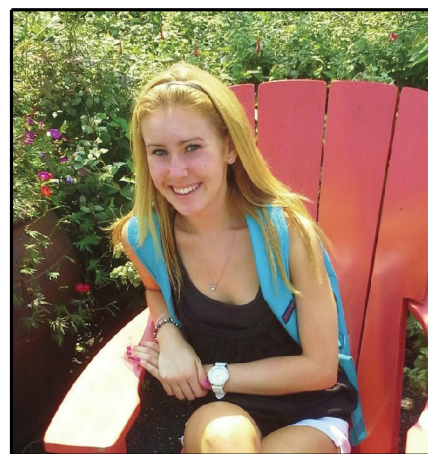
Cassandra is currently a sophomore in the College of Health and Human Development where she is majoring in Nursing. Cassandra was the 2012 Career Fair Chair for the Student Nurses

Association of Pennsylvania and served on the Rules and Regulations Committee for THON 2012. She is also a member of Campus Crusades for Christ, Global Medical Brigades, Fresh Start Day of Service and the College of Health and Human Development's Jump Start Program. Cassandra is from Collegeville, PA where she is an active parishioner at St. Eleanor's Church.

Val McEvoy

Val is currently a sophomore in the College of Health and Human Development (HHD) where she is majoring in Health Policy and Administration (HPA). Val is a member of the Schreyer Honors College, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, HHD Honor Society, and HPA Club. She also plays club tennis and intramural volleyball. Val is from

Collegeville, PA where she volunteers at Phoenixville Hospital and teaches the "Quickstart" tennis clinic at Kinetix Sports Club.



More info

For more information on the scholarship requirements or to donate to our scholarship fund, visit <http://www.psumontco.com/article.html?aid=302>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

THE MONTGOMERY FAMILY

Since moving to Montgomery county in 2001, Cliff Montgomery ('82 ACCT) and wife Linda ('84 BIO) have been busy giving back to Penn State. Whether it's the county chapter, the national chapter, President's Club or THON, they are great examples of the Nittany Lion spirit of giving back to the community.



Canning

You may be surprised to know that Penn Staters canning in our area aren't from around here; they're students from main campus and they stay with the Montgomerys. For the last 3 years, Cliff and Linda have been a host family for canning weekend. That means opening up their home to around 15 Penn Staters

from Friday evening to Sunday morning. Not only are they giving the canners a place to stay, but Cliff cooks up a homemade Spaghetti dinner Saturday night and a full breakfast Sunday morning. They also make numerous runs to local banks in order to exchange the change for paper money.

In The Family

Cliff & Linda aren't the end of the family's Penn State connection. Daughters Rebecca ('13 COMM/ ENGL) and Allison ('14 ELEM ED/ SPEC ED) are also Penn State students and very active on campus. Allison will be dancing in THON 2013 and is co-fundraising chair for Atlas while Rachel is a Lion Scout providing tours to incoming students and their families.

THON

Last year, Allison, Cliff and Linda joined efforts and raised money for THON by auctioning off a guitar signed by country music stars including Tim McGraw, Sugarland, Lady Antebellum, Little Big Town and LeAnn Rimes for over \$2,000!

They're working on another guitar this year that will be signed by Rascal Flatts, Keith Urban, Lady Antebellum and Darius Rucker. They were also able to get football coach Bill O'Brien to autograph a 20" x 28" canvas of the Nittany Lion.



These items will be auctioned later this year on eBay and the link will be available on our website and Facebook group.

We'd like to thank the Montgomerys for all they do in showing the true meaning of being a Penn Stater. Keep up the good work!

Do you know a member or family who should be mentioned in our member spotlight? Forward your suggestions to publicrelations@psumontco.com



Amazing Homecoming Weekend

Homecoming weekend is always a special time for Penn Staters and this year's celebration was no exception. Montgomery county members were treated to a weekend full of fun and memories.



No rain on this parade

On Friday, chapter members walked in the parade with the escort of the Penn State RV owned by social chairs Jason & Carol Goft as well as their Cockapoo "Isabelle". Walkers tossed candy to waiting kids and waived to the thousands of supporters who lined the parade route. They also earned a front row seat to the student floats, classic convertibles and the Blue Band.

Mmm Mmm Good

Saturday morning meant getting ready for the football team to tame the Wildcats from Northwestern. The Gofts, along with the help of other chapter members, readied a tailgate with a breakfast making it impossible to walk away hungry. For those who took the bus from the Plymouth Meeting mall on Saturday morning, a warm breakfast was just what the doctor ordered.



Name That Tune

MontCo alumni had a surprise musical treat at the tailgate when the Penn State GLEE Club gave an exclusive pre-game concert!



Encore

After the game, alumni returned to share in a delicious dinner including a Caesar salad, beef and sausage bolognese, chicken Alfredo and desserts. There was also a 50/50 drawing which earned a lucky winner and our scholarship fund \$100 each!

Once 5 o'clock rolled around, it was time for those who took the bus to load up and relax and they returned back to the Plymouth Meeting mall. Why fight traffic when you can relax, socialize and yes, maybe have a "beverage" or two on the bus?

This year's homecoming weekend was the best in the chapter's history and we hope to build on its success next year.

Calendar

December 5, 2012
Men's Basketball vs. LaSalle @ Palestra
December 6, 2012
Holiday Party @ Valley Forge Casino
January 19, 2012
Men's Ice Hockey vs Vermont @ Wells Fargo Center
April ☐ 2013
Bill Cosby @ Keswick Theater

For tickets or more information, visit
<http://www.psumontco.com/events.html>

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