

Message from the President

Happy Fall!

I am hoping that everyone enjoyed the summer months and are now looking forward to the start of another exciting fall sports/events season with us!

Although it was a tough loss at the hands of the Temple Owls (don't lions eat owls?) and a nice win over Buffalo, we are hoping for BIGGER and BETTER!

While football always seems to take a front seat at PSU, we need to remember that there are other sports, such as golf, tennis, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, soccer and hockey being played in the fall. Did you know that our women's soccer team is currently ranked 7th? Kudos to all of these teams and good luck in your upcoming events. For a list of all PSU sports, please visit gopsusports.com for the latest scores and game information.

I brought these other sports to your attention because I feel that many of the sports are overshadowed by football season and we need to get better at promoting and recognizing all sports that are student athletes are involved in! So please, take the time to go out and cheer on our students who participate and work hard at their perspective sports.

Now, more about our fall events!

We have been doing a lot of planning over the summer months to bring back some of your favorite events while incorporating some new and exciting ones. We recently held our fall min-golf outing at Freddy Hill, which was a good time for those of us who didn't keep score!

We will continue with our monthly happy hours and will be hosting a tasting event (new) at Guppys (East Norriton) in the near future. TV tailgates will continue at both PJs and Horsham Pub. The annual hayride at Northern Star Farm is also scheduled for the fall and our end of year holiday party at Normandy Farms is also in the planning stage. We are also in talks with several vendors in an attempt to pull together a vendor bingo but no further details are available at this time.

Community Service will be looking at some new venues this year in addition to our C2C events.

A new event was held the weekend of October 23. We have partnered with the PA Sports Hall of Fame as they inducted three members of our PSU family this year. Joe Paterno, Chuck Fusina and Matt Bahr. The weekend will be packed with fun, wrapping up with a black tie dinner at the VF Casino. For more information (and where to buy tickets) visit the website where you will find a link!

In keeping with our goal to do more partnering with other Alumni chapters, we are partnering with the South Jersey chapter and assisting in their Maryland football game raffle. First prize includes a trip to Aruba. We will sell only 400 tickets for this, so your odds are pretty good! Once again, visit our website for more information.

In closing, I am asking for your help. Please consider volunteering some of your time and join one of our committees. Social, Community Service, Membership and Fundraising are always looking for volunteers with new ideas. In addition, we have two current openings on our board (PR and Social Director).

If you are interested in giving back to the Penn State community as a volunteer or in filling one of our open positions please send me an email at president@psumontco.com

**For the glory,
Fran Parisi '96**



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Through fundraisers in Montgomery County



The fall season beckons to many of us to return, to the days of tailgating at a Penn State home football game. The Montgomery County Chapter worked with the Southern New Jersey Chapter in coordinating a raffle. The raffle offered up four distinct prizes. First prize was the choice of two tickets to the Penn State vs. Maryland football game plus two nights with breakfast and valet parking at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in the Baltimore Inner Harbor, or two tickets to the game and a week's accommodation in Aruba. The other prizes were a pair of tickets to the Maryland game, an autographed James Franklin football, and a pair of tickets to a different game. Each chapter raised a profit of \$409 from the raffle. Special Thanks to alumnus Brian Podvia of Jet Set Pilot Travel for donating the complimentary stay at the Royal Sonesta.

The Montgomery County Chapter also partnered with the PA Sports Hall of Fame for their induction banquet weekend events. Our team coordinated the 50/50 raffle, multiple silent auction items, and solicited outright donations. This was written prior to receiving a final tally, but the weekend's festivities confirmed at least \$6,000 raised for the support of youth sports programs.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Holiday Party on December 3rd at the Normandy Inn in Blue Bell, PA. We have over thirty silent auction items with proceeds directed toward the Scholarship Fund. Please come early and bid often.

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2015: A Year In Review





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Victoria is a sophomore majoring in Materials Science and Engineering in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. Victoria is a PPG Undergraduate Research Fellow and Fundraising Director for the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences THON. She is on the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences Student Council and represents the sophomore class for the materials science professional society, Material Advantage. Victoria is from Lansdale, PA and is a volunteer with the Ukrainian Nationals Soccer Club.

Each year, we award 2-4 scholarships to students in Montgomery County. You can help future Nittany Lions from our region by supporting our scholarship fund [here](#). Each winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship.



Angela Losinno

Angela is a sophomore majoring in Animal Science in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Angela is a member of the Pre-Vet Club and Block and Bridle. She was the Pre-Vet Symposium Chair for the 2014-15 year and will be the Social Chair of Block and Bridle for the 2015-16 year. Angela is from Perkiomenville, PA and work as a Veterinary Assistant at Hidden Springs Veterinary Hospital in Zieglerville while shadowing at the Patt Veterinary Hospital in Gilbertsville and volunteering at Last Chance Ranch in Quakertown.

Congratulations to all 2015 Scholarship Recipients!



Caitlin Kushnir

Caitlin is a sophomore majoring in Education and Public Policy in the College of Education. Caitlin is a member of Springfield THON and is a SHOTime (Schreyer Honors Orientation) mentor. She was also a member of the Rules and Regulations Committee for THON 2015. Caitlin will be the Production Captain for Springfield in THON 2016. She is from Glenside, PA and works as Head Counselor at the Abington Club Kids Camp. She is involved in intramural soccer and also enjoys photography, running, and playing guitar.

Cradles to Crayons

After a night of heavy downpours, strong winds, and no power, our night at Cradles to Crayons was cancelled in July. In August the group was able to return to Cradles to Crayons for a night of organizing and grouping children books.

Cradles to Crayons is a nonprofit organization that provides homeless or low-income children age 12 or below, with the essential items for home, school, and play. You can learn more of their work at www.cradlestocrayons.org.

Cards for Kids

Please help the Montgomery County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association by making cards with us. In the upcoming months our association will have a tub of materials for you at some of our popular events, to make cards for sick children. During happy hours, TV tailgates, and bowling events you can create and decorate a card that will brighten a child's day.

All cards will be delivered to the children's wing of Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, PA. This will be an ongoing project, which may expand to other areas in the hospital.

Get Together

As the fall season gets into full swing, we look forward to seeing our PSU family and friends at the amazing line up of events on the calendar.

Our happy hours provide a great opportunity to see friends and to network with fellow Penn Staters. As always, the appetizers are free!

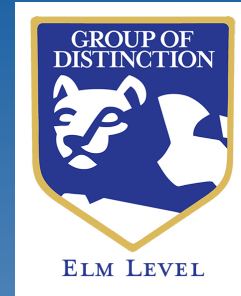
This year our Executive Board Members Carol and Jason Goft sponsored our Homecoming Tailgate at University Park.

The PA Sports Hall of Fame (PSHOF) annual celebration in October, hosted by their Montgomery County chapter, inducted several people including our very own Joe Paterno. This was a memorable night for Penn State and all of Pennsylvania. We were happy to co-sponsor this program for Pennsylvania athletes and support our local community.

Our holiday party will take place at Normandy Farms in Blue Bell the first week of December. We will also continue to keep you abreast of local PSU hockey and basketball games as soon as they are made public.

Check www.psumontco.com for photos and to see what we have in store for the winter and spring! We look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events!

Group of Distinction: Elm Level



- Patch (outlined in gold) and year pin
- First priority in football lottery
- 750 membership cards
- Recognition in Penn Stater ad (Nov/Dec 2015 Issue)
- Mention at PSAA events
- Special logo to be used on website, publications
- 4 free admissions to attend an ALC (regional training or national conference) within one fiscal year
- Entry into drawing for \$1000 grant to be used toward initiative of group's choice (i.e. program or scholarship)



PSAA MontCo's Recipe Corner

3-Step Pumpkin Cheesecake

- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- Dash ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 ready-to-use Graham cracker crumb crust (6oz)
- Cool Whip

Instructions:

Heat oven to 350°F. Beat cream cheese, sugar, pumpkin, vanilla and spices in large bowl with mixer until blended. Add eggs; beat just until blended. Pour into crust. Bake 40 min. or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours. Top with COOL WHIP just before serving.



Get your recipes included in our next issue by sending them to president@psumontco.com!



Frozen Pumpkin Mudslide

- 2 ounces (1/4 cup) vodka
- 2 ounces (1/4 cup) Kahlua (Try using [homemade Kahlua](#) made with your favorite coffee beans.)
- 2 ounces (1/4 cup) Baileys Irish Cream (Consider using [homemade Baileys!](#))
- 8 ounces (2 cups) vanilla ice cream
- 8 ounces (1 cup) pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- Whipped cream, to taste
- Chocolate syrup, to taste

Instructions:

Blend all ingredients except the whipped cream and chocolate syrup. Drizzle chocolate syrup along the inside edges of the glasses you'll be serving the drinks in. Pour the frozen pumpkin mudslides into the glasses. Top with whipped cream and more chocolate syrup.

Have an idea for an article or want to see something different in this newsletter?

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