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11th Annual Membership Event

PENN STATERS WILL CELEBRATE AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT BARE BONES GRILL & BREWERY ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 WITH

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER,
Paul Clifford, CEO PSU Alumni Association**

who will speak on:

For the Glory, For the Future

In 2016, Paul replaced Roger Williams as the 11th CEO and ultimate strategic leader of the entire alumni association. Paul's "Vision 2020: Powered By Pride" addresses the unique challenge of connecting all alumni to the University from Millennials to Baby Boomers. Paul is the master of social media, attending several events every day while simultaneously posting on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snap Chat. Paul is sure to give us a unique look at Penn State!

Here is the theme of Paul's talk:

"Penn State is a world-class University and Happy Valley is a special place that inspires excellence. From innovations in agriculture, engineering and healthcare to excellence in Athletics and Student Involvement, this presentation will explore the many ways Penn State is a national exemplar, including being the home to the largest Alumni Association in the world.

Beyond the programs that makes Penn State so special, we will highlight the true secret to our success, our people! You will leave this event filled with Penn State pride and a renewed spirit about who WE ARE! "

The Membership Event brings together Penn Staters and their families from the central Maryland area to share an afternoon of community and fun while enjoying ice cream from the Penn State Berkey Creamery, hearing from a notable Penn Stater and having the opportunity to participate in the annual auction which benefits the Central Maryland Chapter's Scholarship Fund. The event is an opportunity to join or renew membership in the Central Maryland Alumni Association Chapter and become more engaged with fellow local alumni.



President's Message

Dear Penn State Central Maryland Chapter Members,

We're approaching the start of the Central Maryland Chapter's 11th year, can you believe it? I am excited to begin the second decade of this chapter and I hope you are too!

Inside this newsletter edition there is information regarding our membership celebration in May. I encourage you to come out and celebrate the Chapter with our special guest speaker Paul Clifford – Executive Director of the Penn State Alumni Association – as he talks about what makes Penn State so special and the true secret of the University's success...its people!

We will also have Creamery ice cream on hand, who can say "no" to this combination?!?!

The chapter has events coming up this spring and summer so stay tuned to the website and your inbox for details! Hope to see you in May at Bare Bones!

Michael Jozkowski, '05 – President

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PSU Sports—Fall/Winter Successes

The Penn State Nittany Lions (14-0, 9-0 B1G) rode a superb performance in the 2018 NCAA Wrestling Championships national finals to claim yet another NCAA title. Head coach Cael Sanderson's team was nearly perfect in the finals and clinched its seventh NCAA title in the last eight years on a pin from junior Bo Nickal. The Nittany Lions 141.5 points is the second highest in school history behind last year's 146.5. Penn State has now won seven team national titles in the last eight years and eight overall. The Nittany Lions' eight total titles is tied for third all-time in NCAA history with Iowa State. The crown is Sanderson's seventh as a head coach in his nine years as Penn State's mentor.

Penn State junior Hector Garcia Boissier qualified for the NCAA Championships (**March 21-24**) in the platform dive to conclude the NCAA Zone A Diving Championships. Penn State junior Ally McHugh claimed silver in the 1650 freestyle at the NCAA Women's Swimming & Diving Championships held **March 14-17**.

The Penn State men's and women's fencing team qualified ten of twelve possible fencers for the 2018 NCAA Championship. Penn State will play host to 144 fencers from all over the country as the NCAA Championship will be hosted in Penn State's Multi-Sport Facility on **March 22-25**. Head coach Wes Glon's Nittany Lions will field ten fencers at the event.

On March 18th, the 13th-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions men's hockey team found out their fate as they earned their second-consecutive NCAA Tournament berth and will head to Allentown, Pa. for the Midwest Regional on March 24-25. Penn State, serving as the host institution for the Midwest Regional, earned an at-large bid for this season's tournament. The Nittany Lions once again earned the No. 3 seed in the Midwest and will battle second-seeded Denver in a rematch of last season's Regional Final at 7 p.m. on Saturday, **March 24**.

Penn State men's basketball advanced to the semi-finals of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) with a win over Marquette. The Nittany Lions will face Mississippi State **March 27** in Madison Square Garden. Watch it on ESPN.

The Penn State Coaches Caravan will visit Washington, DC, with Penn State Head Football Coach James Franklin and Director of Athletics Sandy Barbour appearing. Franklin, Barbour, and other featured Penn State coaches will travel to Washington, D.C.'s Marriott Renaissance Downtown Hotel, on **May 10**. The event will feature a meet-and-greet with Franklin, Barbour, and other Nittany Lion head coaches during the evening receptions prior to the programs.

Franklin will meet with alumni and fans and talk about Penn State's 2017 season that ended with 11 wins, a Top-10 national ranking, and Fiesta Bowl victory; as well as preparations for the 2018 campaign, and how all Penn State alumni and fans can help build on Penn State football's tradition of excellence. Also alumni, friends, and fans will hear an update from Barbour on the Nittany Lions' nationally recognized 31-sport athletic program and learn more about the academic and athletic achievements of 800 student-athletes--all while connecting with fellow Penn Staters.

THON 2018—It’s Never Too Late to Contribute!!!

For The Kids, For The Families

The mission of the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon is to conquer pediatric cancer by providing outstanding emotional and financial support to the children, families, researchers, and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund.

THON 2018 took place on **February 16th-18th, 2018** at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center where \$10,151,663.93 was raised! The Central MD Chapter once again donated to THON 2018. **Participating in the THON Alumni Challenge, Central MD raised the most money of any alumni chapter (\$10K)!!!** Go to <https://thon.donordrive.com/participant/11191> for the CMD chapter exclusive THON page.

THON is a **year long** effort to raise funds and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer. Since 1977, THON has raised nearly \$150 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

Please go to: THON.org to see the many ways you can contribute and make a difference!



New Initiatives—Chapter Scholarship



We are happy to announce our inaugural **scholarship**, named to honor the memory of chapter member Edward Kennedy, to be awarded for the Spring 2018 Semester. Our scholarship provides recognition and financial assistance to students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State that have officially demonstrated financial need through Penn State’s Office of Student Aid. We have made a commitment to Penn State to annually fund this scholarship for 2018 through 2022 with a maximum award each year of \$2500. Our scholarship is limited to students who have been identified by Penn State with home addresses in or near Howard County and thus receive a postcard invitation from our chapter to apply for our scholarship.

You can support our chapter scholarship fund through direct donation via PayPal on the chapter website psucentralmd.org, participation in the Membership Celebration silent auction, and adding a few dollars to your membership application form.

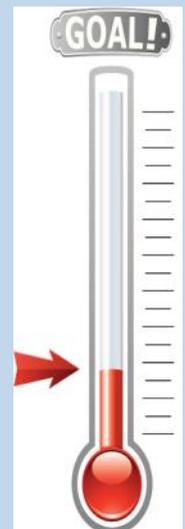
Scholarship

\$50,000

Goal

\$26,748.91*

*As of Mar. 2018



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Monthly BOARD MEETING
 Every First Tuesday of the Month
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
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Chapter Activities & Outings

HoCo Brew Tour Recap—on March 3, 14 chapter members and friends visited 4 of Howard County's finest breweries without the hassle of driving and with the added perks of behind the scenes tours, a fresh pint of our choice at each stop, swag, food and fun. Our hearty group enjoyed this fun event where people brought Penn State cheer to each stop. This event also helped contribute to the Chapter's Scholarship Fund. Folks went to Clyde's after to watch the Penn State basketball game.



Great News for All Chapter Members!

We are now setup on AmazonSmile. If anyone starts at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and selects the Penn State Alumni Association located in Sykesville MD, Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to our chapter.

Membership

Yearly Membership:

May, 2018

to May, 2019

Individual \$15

Joint \$25

Optional chapter scholarship donation

Download membership form

at: <http://>

www.psucentralmd.org/index.php/membership-application-form

Iron Bridge Evening Out Recap—on February 21, twenty two participants enjoyed a fine food and wine dinner. And, although there was less mingling than expected, everyone had a good time. It was an enjoyable social event.

We are planning to continue our **Football Viewing** parties at Glory Days next season—keep tuned to our website for current information. We are also looking forward to having our Freshmen Sendoff at Glory Days again this August.

