

It's time for our annual membership drive!

We hope that you will consider supporting your local Penn State Chapter of the Alumni Association and join (or re-join!). We are not sure what this year will hold, but we can promise that our board will work to keep us all connected.

Our **2020-21 annual membership dues remain at \$15**, which is amongst the lowest of any Chapter in the nation. Membership is FREE for current students and 2020 grads! As you consider joining our chapter this year, please remember our programs would not be possible without your continued support and participation in our amazing chapter!

What does your membership include?

- \$5 of every membership goes to our scholarship fund for local PSU students
- FREE food and creamery ice cream at our annual picnic
- 10% discount on food and beverage at Rookies
- Member only emails – to keep you informed of all our Activities!!!

How do we spend your dues?

The chart below breaks out how your membership fee is spent:

| Dues Break Down | | |
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| Scholarship | | \$5.00 |
| Communications | | \$4.50 |
| Activities | | \$3.50 |
| Operations | | \$2.00 |
| Total | | \$15.00 |

What is the Scholarship? For more than a decade now, our endowed scholarship fund has been the primary benefactor of our annual budget. The first \$5 of every membership goes directly to the fund. Last year, the Chapter contributed \$6,000 to the endowment's principal balance through membership dollars, member contributions, and member related fund raising activities—over \$20 per member. With your support, the growth of the endowment has allowed us to help many local students attend Penn State.

What Communications? Newsletters and our web presence are expenses that your membership dollars helps to defray. The national alumni association subsidizes some of the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to approximately 1500 alumni in the Triangle region.

What Activities? Chapter activities are also a major benefit of membership. What was once limited to football game parties and the occasional picnic has expanded to include wine tastings, theater events, baseball games, hockey games, museum events, and dance marathon parties. The activities list is constantly evolving and expanding, and it is only limited by what our volunteers have time to organize. Feel free to send us suggestions!!

What's in Operations? A portion of your membership dollars help us fund our many chapter service programs. Some examples of these programs are college fairs at local high schools and student sendoff activities.

How do you join our awesome chapter?

We are so excited you decided to join this year. For you convenience, we offer three ways to join:

1. **Mail in membership form:** Please fill out the membership form and attach a check (or cash is you prefer) to complete your membership.
2. **On line pay pal:** Please use following link <http://www.tripsu.org/membership>
3. **Events:** Please join at any of our football events (or any other this year!)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Uncertainty. If anything can sum up what nearly all of us are going through right now, it's the word uncertainty.

There are important life-altering questions: Will my job still be around in two months? When can I go visit my parents in Harrisburg? Will my kids get sick if they go back to school?

Maybe for many of us, there are less-important, but still sort of important questions: Will football be played this fall? Will fans be allowed to attend? Will you be able to keep your plans to go to the Ohio State game? Will the Triangle Chapter get together to watch games at Rookie's this year? If we do, what will that look like?

I was a very young and very immature seventeen-year-old when my parents dropped me off at Beaver Hall, University Park in August, 1985. It was the first time I had been away from home like that. My head was filled with a lot of uncertainty, I can tell you. How would I survive away from my family? Was I making the right decision going away to school? Would I be swept away by the sheer humanity that was this huge college campus? Could I succeed here? Am I even the right major? Is this what I want to do with my life?

It took some time, but those questions all got answered. Most of those answers came in the form of two words – Penn State. My life was fundamentally altered by my decision to leave my family and life on Long Island and attend this school. Thirty-two years after graduating, I'm still (ahem) fairly young and maybe just a wee bit more mature. Penn State instilled in me that confidence that things would turn out right, because I had most of the control of things turning out right.

Fast forward to this unprecedented time in our lives. Many questions still remain, but you know what? I'm confident that things will turn out right, because we have control of many of these things, even when it doesn't seem like. Have you lost your job? A Penn State degree is a great place to restart from. Teach your mom how to do a Zoom call (because you know Dad is too stubborn to get on the "computer" to figure it out). Teach your kids about healthy living so they can increase their resistance to ANY disease, no matter where they are.

And the Triangle Chapter? Well, we don't know what football season will look like just yet, but those answers will become clearer as time passes. I'm still going up for the Ohio State game, even if there is no game to attend. Rookie's has reopened with limited seating (so far). While we had to postpone our picnic this June, the Board has discussed alternative options, including tying it in with our first football game. And if we don't get together to watch football games as a group, we have alternative plans for our Food Drive this year. After all, we're not going to let a little thing like a global pandemic stop us from continuing this philanthropy that has brought national recognition to our Chapter!

I trust in Penn State and my Penn State family. If you need help, just reach out. We're here for you and your family. We Are!

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www.linkedin.com/groups/3758655

LinkedIn (PSAA):

www.linkedin.com/groups/40178

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

At this point, given the current COVID-19 situation, we currently do not have anything planned. We will continue to follow the directives of the State of North Carolina and the Penn State University Alumni Association when considering possible events. Please keep checking our website for updates and we will also be sending out notifications on Facebook. We're still hoping for Football TV Tailgates, in one form or another!

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MEMBERSHIP FORM JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

Annual Family Membership Dues Are Fifteen Dollars (\$15).

Check here if you are a current PSU student (free membership for students): _____

Check here if you graduated from PSU in 2020-2021 (one year free membership): _____

You may also include a donation to the Chapter's endowed scholarship fund with your payment.

NAME (FIRST, M.I., LAST) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) _____

PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER _____ CIRCLE: (Home)/(Work)/(Cell)

EMPLOYER _____

CLASS YEAR/DEGREE/MAJOR (e.g. 1988/B.S., Bio) _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (FIRST, M.I., LAST) _____

SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER _____

SPOUSE'S ALMA MATER _____ CLASS YEAR/DEGREE/MAJOR _____

Do you give permission for us to share your contact info with the Penn State Alumni Association if requested? YES/NO

Are you a member of the national Penn State Alumni Association? YES / NO

Are you interested in attending Board meetings or volunteering your time for the Chapter? YES / NO

What activities would you like to see the Chapter organize? _____

Please make all checks payable to "Triangle Penn State Chapter" and mail with this form to:
Triangle Penn State Chapter
Attn: Membership
P.O. Box 1215
Morrisville, N.C. 27560-1215

FOR CHAPTER USE ONLY:

| Check No./Cash/CC | Check/CC Name | Date Received | Amount | Chapter Representative |
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TRIANGLE CHAPTER WINS 2020 OUTSTANDING SERVICE PROJECT AWARD FROM PSAA

Great news! The Penn State Alumni Association has awarded the Triangle Chapter the 2020 Outstanding Service Project Award for its Annual Food Drive! This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the Association's affiliate groups for giving back to their communities through local or national service projects.

This is the second time in the last four years that the Triangle Chapter has been recognized by the Penn State Alumni Association for this prestigious award. Only one or two alumni chapters or alumni groups win this award every year, so it's remarkable (and rather unprecedented) that we'd be selected again so quickly. It is a reflection on how remarkable this Chapter is, and what an unprecedented job we've done with the Food Drive.

Our Annual Food Drive began in 2013, and in 2017, the Penn State Alumni Association awarded the Triangle Chapter the Outstanding Service Award based on these philanthropic efforts. This was the first time in the thirty plus year history of the Triangle Chapter that we received national recognition from the Alumni Association. Not to rest on our laurels, that year, our donations exploded as we raised 7,400 pounds that football season! Recognizing the power we had to make such a difference on our community, our Chapter members raised their game even further, donating 10,200 pounds of food during the 2018 football season, and this year, we continued our streak of beating the prior year's record by donating 10,700 pounds of food! These are remarkable levels of donations!

Of all the things we do as a Chapter, this is the project we are most proud of, and really encapsulates who we are as Penn Staters - fellowship, philanthropy, and support. This award belongs to all of our generous Chapter members who donate so graciously throughout the football season. Regardless of how our football season pans out this year, we have plans to continue this effort in 2020, especially since the needs of the food banks may be even more acutely felt now during these unprecedented times. We know we can count on the Triangle Chapter again!