

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 **2021-22 annual membership dues remain at \$15**, which is amongst the lowest of any Chapter in the nation. Membership is FREE for current students and 2021 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 (pending regulations)
- 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		
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 help 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 your 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

The last eighteen months have brought great challenges to all of us. Thankfully, we're seeing the light at the end of that tunnel.

In the eyes of Penn State alumni and fans, that tunnel is the same one that our Nittany Lions enter Beaver Stadium through on fall Saturdays!

I can't speak for everyone (but perhaps I do), but I'm grateful that it looks more and more likely that the Triangle Chapter will be enjoying its first in-person event since the 2019 Cotton Bowl. Details haven't been finalized, and we'll still need to abide by Alumni Association guidelines (which largely, but not completely, defer to local and state guidelines), but we have the go ahead from our partners at Rookie's Sports Park and our Board is working diligently to make sure we're all safe and happy as we join our friends to root on the Lions on the gridiron! Stay tuned for details. The best way to stay updated directly from the Chapter is to join, of course. And the easiest way to do that is to join or renew online. Just navigate to www.tripsu.org/membership and follow the easy directions to pay (still only \$15) and submit your info to us.

While our membership numbers understandably took a dip in 2020, what didn't suffer was our engagement. For the second time in four years, the Triangle Chapter was awarded the Outstanding Service Project Award from the Penn State Alumni Association for our Annual Food Drive. Our first such award, in 2017, was immediately followed by our largest donation to Urban Ministries in the five years of our Food Drive. After winning the 2020 award, the Triangle Chapter and its members again showed us who We Are! Despite no in-person events, members contributed in unprecedented amounts to allow the Chapter to donate over 21,400 pounds of food, more than double what was our previous record! Thank you to all who contributed and recognized the greater need this last year to help others in our community.

With the Nittany Lions ranked #21 in one Preseason Football Poll and the Triangle Chapter ranked #1 in Outstanding Service Projects, we can't wait to see what happens this season!

Don Torino, President, Triangle Chapter, dontorino@alumni.psu.edu

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE TRIANGLE CHAPTER

Do you have a passion for helping others? Do you have a passion for Penn State? Want to be part of something bigger with an established track record of success? If so, the Triangle Chapter may have just the thing for you! We have an opening on our Board for a Philanthropy Chairperson. As the Philanthropy Chair, you'd be responsible for leading the Chapter's efforts for our highly successful and award-winning Annual Food Drive, as well as our annual THON involvement. (Don't worry, these are team efforts, so all the work doesn't fall on one person!) Qualifications are simple - you need to be a Penn State Alumni Association member and you need to be available for monthly Board meetings (usually about an hour and currently virtual). Volunteering to help others is one of the highest rewards you can earn (and looks great on your resume, by the way). If interested, please email our President, Don Torino, at dontorino@alumni.psu.edu. Help your fellow alumni help others!

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Website: www.tripsu.org

Twitter: @TriPSU

Instagram: @pennstatetrianglenc

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LinkedIn (Triangle Chapter):

www.linkedin.com/groups/3758655

LinkedIn (PSAA):

www.linkedin.com/groups/40178

2021 Football Schedule

September 4th – at Wisconsin

September 11th – Ball State

September 18th – Auburn

September 25th – Villanova

October 2nd – Indiana

October 9th – at Iowa

October 23 – Illinois

October 30th – at Ohio State

November 6th – at Maryland

November 13th – Michigan

November 20th – Rutgers

November 27th – at Michigan State

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

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

Check here if you graduated from PSU in 2021-2022 (one year free membership): _____

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

Planning a State College trip soon? Check out these helpful sites!

We're sure that after this pandemic and the travel delays and deferrals we've all experienced, many of you might be planning a trip back to Happy Valley. The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau can help! As the official destination marketing organization for Centre County, The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau (HVAB) is offering their assistance in helping to create new memories for first-time and returning visitors. The HVAB is dedicated to showcasing all that makes Happy Valley – the Happy Valley beyond campus and university athletics – special to potential leisure, business and sports visitors. This includes alumni that perhaps never had the opportunity or took the time to fully explore Happy Valley during their time here or upon return visits. It includes alumni that have never considered holding a business or professional association meeting in Happy Valley.

Check out the HVAB at happyvalley.com, and also check out their blog, the *Adventure Bureau Dispatch* at dispatch.happyvalley.com. Happy travels to wherever you choose to finally stretch your legs and mind!

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