



# PennState Alumni Association York County Chapter

## "News Update"

### YORK vs LANCASTER: Chapter Challenge UPDATE

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#### Local PSU Alumni Chapters Support Student Food Bank



by President-elect Randy Seely

The York Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association wagered a friendly bet with the Lancaster Chapter to support the Lion Pantry, the student-run food bank that serves Penn State students at University Park. The competition was based on two criteria: which chapter could have the most members present, and which chapter could

donate the most food. And so, on Wednesday, March 14, the chapters met at McCleary's Irish Pub in Marietta, for an evening happy hour and to collect the food that would be sent to University Park. Dick Booth, a member of both chapters, volunteered to deliver the food, and challenged everyone to fill his vehicle. This event was exceptionally well-supported by both chapters, with more than 40 members present, and Dick had to make two trips to University Park due to the volume of the donations. A winner for the competition could not be determined, so both chapters decided to also make a financial donation to the Lion Pantry. Due to the success of this challenge, it is expected that there will be future opportunities for local chapters to work together to support Penn State students. Thank you to both chapters for their support of this cause.



### Monthly Penn State Happy Hour & Socials

(usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds. each month)

**May 9 MexItaly Brick Oven Brewhouse**

2440 E Market St, York, PA 17402

**June 13 Glen Rock Mill Inn**

50 Water St, Glen Rock, PA 17327

**Socials Begin around 6:00 p.m.**

All alumni, friends, faculty, staff are welcome to join us – network / socialize! Drinks and meals are your responsibility. This is a joint effort with the PSAA York County Chapter and Penn State York Alumni Society.

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## SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

by Randy Seely

One of the most important ways that the York County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association



supports our local students is through our scholarships and financial awards.

Last year, our chapter awarded nearly \$9,000 in financial assistance to students attending the York campus of Penn State. On Sunday, April 22, the York campus of Penn State held their annual Academic Awards Ceremony.

Randy Seely, President-Elect of our chapter, was able to present the Penn State Alumni Association York County Chapter Award to Kristina Searfoss, entering her junior year, majoring in criminology. The criteria for the award is that the student possesses outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership, and service to the campus. Students must have a minimum of a 3.0, and actively participate in the Blue & White Society and/or the Lion Ambassadors.



Because the cost of tuition, housing, and books continue to rise, we are constantly trying to increase the amount of support we can give to deserving students. If you are able and interested in making a contribution to the scholarship fund, please contact a chapter representative. We are always in need of more support for our scholarships.

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## GAME WATCH PARTIES CONTINUE FOR THE 2018 FOOTBALL SEASON

The alumni groups in York County are teaming up with Primanti Brothers on South Queen Street in York,



for the third year in a row, to hold PENN STATE football game watch parties again this year. The parties start a half hour before every game kickoff. The parties are a great way to watch the Nittany Lions with other PSU fans. Every week, we will have food and drink specials and lots of giveaways. Hope to see everyone at a game watch party this year.

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## KickOff

### TAILGATE KICKOFF AUGUST 26

by Randy Seely

Once again, the Penn State Alumni Association - York County Chapter will be partnering with Primanti Brothers on South Queen Street for our football viewing parties. To kick off the season, we will be having a pre-season get-together at Primanti's. Details will be shared as we get closer to the date, but we are planning to get together on **Sunday, August 26**. There will be some food provided, and there is no cost to attend. However, we are requesting that anyone who attends bring a gift card for the Penn State York campus food bank. This "food bank", which serves local Penn State students, does not have a facility large enough to hold any food products, so they have requested that donations come in the form of gift cards from locations such as Giant, Weis, Rutter's, and/or Sheetz. This way, the students can make the purchases that they need from these locations. We hope to see you there, and thank you for supporting our local Penn State students.



## More on the...**KICKOFF GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**

by Judith Higgins

It is always better to give than to receive and the Penn State Alumni Association - York County Chapter is going to do both!

On August 26, we will be holding our annual Penn State KickOff at Primanti Brothers! There will be appetizers **given** and we hope to **receive** gift cards! For every \$10 gift card donation you bring with you to the KickOff, you will receive a "special" ticket to a "special" drawing! The preferred gift cards are Sheetz, Rutters, Giant and Weis as students can use them for food, supplies, diapers, gasoline, or whatever they may need. While you are not required to participate, we hope that you will consider the needs that exist for our students

We are working with Scott Simonds, Director of Student Affairs, to stock a student food pantry for our Penn State York campus students. However, instead of searching for space, worrying about expiration dates and other very large logistical challenges that are associated with these types of efforts, Scott wants to utilize gift cards. They are more discreet, and will offer students who have been identified or self identify, options, and can be placed in several locations for supporting the students.

We hope everyone will consider rallying behind this effort as enthusiastically as we did the University Park challenge! Supporting our local students, who are trying to better their lives, and that of their families, is part of who WE ARE!



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## **FRESHMEN SEND-OFF PICNIC AUGUST 12**

by Randy Seely

Once again this year, the York County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association will be hosting a Freshman Send-Off Picnic. This picnic, which will be held at Cousler Park in Manchester Township, is open to all incoming freshmen from York County who will be attending any of the Penn State campuses, and also to their families. A tailgate-style meal will be served (grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, etc.), and we will have Sarah's Creamery ice cream truck on site serving Penn State Creamery ice cream – the best ice cream in the land. There is no charge to attend, so please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 12, and join us for some food, games, and information geared to the first-time Penn State student. More information will be available as the date approaches.



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## **HOMECOMING OPPORTUNITY**

### **with our Game Watch Partner**

For the last two football seasons, the York County Chapter of the PSU Alumni Association has been getting together at **Primanti Brother's** restaurant on South Queen Street in York to watch Penn State games. The average number of fans for home games was around 25 people and 55 for away games. We have had a really great time, and have developed an excellent relationship with Primanti's. This last season, we did a combined fund raiser for THON, where Primanti's donated a percentage of all of our food receipts back to THON (over \$330).





This year, in addition to the game watch parties at Primanti's, they have also offered to help our chapter participate in the **Penn State**

**Homecoming parade** in State College. PSU Homecoming this year is the weekend of October 13 against Michigan State, so the parade will be the **evening of Friday October 12**. Primanti's will put a food trailer and truck in the parade – we will just need some people to represent our chapter, such as by carrying our banner. Our chapter is very active, and this is one more opportunity to represent ourselves to the rest of the Penn State community. Further details will be made available as we get them, but start thinking about this opportunity. We Are!

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## BUS TRIP UPDATE

by Eric Kensinger



Due to the inflexible Pitt ticket policy this year, fans must buy season tickets to all Pitt home games to get a ticket to the Penn State game, therefore, the PSAA York County Chapter will not be taking a bus trip to the PSU vs Pitt football game. Pitt wanted us to pay \$200 for PSU tickets and tickets to 5 other Pitt home games. We want to thank everyone for supporting the bus trips the last two years. We are starting to look into possibly going to the Penn State vs Rutgers football game on November 17 in Piscataway NJ.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 12**      Freshmen Send-Off at Cousler Park  
**August 26**      Kickoff Event at Primanti's  
**October 12**      Marching in Homecoming Parade at U.P.
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## PSAA-YORK COUNTY CHAPTER BOARD

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