

Meet our chapter's 2017-2018 Outstanding Rose Marie Anderson Scholarship Recipients!

Alex Schneider (Chesapeake, Ledyard HS)



Alex is a Nutritional Sciences, Dietetics major who expects to graduate in May 2018. Alex has been a THON Rules and Regulations committee member in 2016/2017, THON Alternative Fundraising Chair and Derby Days Chair for Phi Mu Sorority, and Relay for Life fundraising captain and overall chairman in addition to her studies. In response to the essay question, “What class or program at Penn State has influenced you the most?” Alex cited Women Studies 452, Women’s Health Issues, all about women’s health and answering questions that women were too afraid to ask. She wrote, “What was most interesting to me was if women were able to act with agency [a means of exerting power or influence]. Are they able to make their own choice? Most of the time, the answer is no, someone else is making the decision for us.” She was motivated to write to Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, state representatives and state senators to advocate for women’s health and economic situations. “This class has made me realize my voice can be heard and I should do everything in my power to use it.”

Kristen Williamson (Yorktown, York HS)



Kristen is enrolled in a five-year program to earn a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction for Special Education and plans to graduate in May 2019. Her PSU activities include Penn State Lion Ambassadors, Club Gymnastics, College Diabetes Network, LifeLink (program mentoring college students with disabilities), and THON volunteer, family relations chair, & THON chair.

To the essay question, "What class or program at Penn State has influenced you the most?", Kristen wrote, "My mind, ambitions, goals, and dreams have grown tremendously since starting my freshman year- and I owe that progress to the Penn State Lion Ambassadors. Now, I have the honor to give those hopeful high school students tours of our history-rich campus." Kristen is involved in the Lion Ambassador's familiar "S" zone project – the making of the giant letter "S" in the student section at home football games. She is particularly passionate about being co-chair for "Be A Part From

The Start”, which involves planning a pep rally for about 5,000 incoming freshmen the night before the first day of classes in August.

“Lion Ambassadors has taken me from ‘shapeless in the hands of fate’ to a student leader who is always filled with pride, knows the importance of excellence, understands the traditions that our university holds, and will talk about our spirit to anyone who will listen, and I couldn’t be more grateful.”