

The Penn State Alumni Association

Lawrence County Chapter

September 2009



It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall is near. But that also means that Penn State football is here!!

The Lawrence County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association just completed another successful year. Once again, we were able to award THREE \$500 scholarships to deserving Lawrence County students entering Penn State this fall. These deserving students were presented their awards at our annual Freshmen Send-Off on August 3rd at Pearson Park.

Over a dozen incoming freshmen and their families attended along with our alumni to wish them well. Sam Bernstine, one of our chapter members, who is also a member of the Penn State Alumni Council, was this year's guest speaker. Our three scholarship winners from last year, Alex Pitzer, Chris Wheeler, and Brianna Fulkerson, also spoke about Penn State life and their first year experiences.

Earlier this year we held our annual Spring Dinner. Annie Fiscus, chairperson of Family Relations for THON was our guest speaker. THON is an all student organization at Penn State that sponsors an annual dance marathon that raises money for pediatric cancer. The organization not only supports research, but funds treatments and expenses for the patients and their families. THON has raised over \$7.5 million last year alone!! Our Chapter made a generous donation to THON. Individuals can donate to this fine cause at any time during the year through their website, www.thon.org.

After two very successful Spring Dinners, we are on a roll. And we have already set the 2010 Spring Dinner's theme. We will have a representative from the Penn State Creamery as our guest speaker. And, of course, plenty of that yummy ice cream.

Once again we are sponsoring a raffle to raise money for our scholarship fund. Please see the additional information included in this newsletter. As I have mentioned earlier, we handed out three scholarship this year and we hope to continue that trend. But we need your help to make this fundraiser successful.

We do have some disappointing news. For the first time on our chapter's history, we didn't receive any football tickets this year. Therefore, there will not be a football bus trip this fall. Tickets were allotted through a lottery based system and when our lottery number was drawn, nothing was available. More and more chapters of the Alumni Association are forming and there was an unprecedented demand for tickets this year.

We will find other ways to root on the Blue & White this Fall. Look for more TV parties and get-togethers. The Alumni Association is working with us to make these events happen.

I am looking forward to another great year for the Nittany Lions and the Lawrence County Chapter. Hope to see you at one or more of the TV parties. Let's go LIONS!!!

Anthony "Bucky" Richards
Chapter President



Meet our 2009 Scholarship Winners!!

Adriana Fraschetti

Adriana is a graduate of Shenango High School and plans to attend the Behrend Campus of Penn State to major in plastics engineering technology. While at Shenango, she was active in the National Honor Society, Academic Games, SADD, and the Flagline. She worked two jobs and volunteers at two churches: Eastbrook United Methodist's Sunday School and St. Vitus' Bazaar. She enjoys bowling, camping, fishing, swimming, and shopping. Adriana loves mathematics and will use that towards her degree.

Justin Kirkwood

Justin was ranked first in his graduating class from Laurel High School. He was the President of Laurel Student Council and an active member of National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, SADD, Drama Club, Conservation Club, PA Association of Student Council. He held lead roles in Laurel's musicals: Beauty & The Beast and Oklahoma. Justin was active in his community with the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Childrens Hospital of Pittsburgh's food drive, and the Progressive Democrats of Lawrence County. Justin also competed on Laurel's golf team. He will attend University Park in the fall.

Jordon Hill

Jordon graduated first in his class at Shenango High School. While at Shenango, Jordon was active in Student Council, SADD, Peer Leadership, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Academic Games. He was his class' President all four years and lettered in Basketball and Baseball. He is active in his community through the United Way, Jericho House and has made Easter Baskets for the Haven Nursing Home. He plays American Legion baseball and the guitar in his spare time. Jordon volunteers his time for the Castlewood Baseball Field in maintaining it for Shenango's Little and Pony leagues. He plans to major in nuclear engineering at University Park in the fall.

In order to continue our funding of the freshman scholarship and our other activities, we are once again sponsoring a raffle for a Steeler Fan Gift Basket. It is everything the rabid Steeler Fan needs to complete the 2009 season (included are a set of game tickets). Tickets are only \$2.00 a piece or 3 for \$5.00. We ask that all members help this important scholarship effort by offering to sell tickets or to purchase tickets. Contact 'Bucky' Richards to purchase tickets.



We ARE...PENN STATE!!

Are you a Life Member of the Penn State Alumni Association?

If you are not, now is a great time to join or to convert your annual membership to a life membership. If you wish to do so: contact the Alumni Association at 1.800.548.LION.

When you complete your lifetime membership application, be sure to indicate the Lawrence County Chapter reference code: CAX. The Alumni Association will forward \$50.00 of your membership fees to the Lawrence County Chapter.

Join or Renew Your Lawrence County Membership Today!!

Please fill out the form below and sign up for another great year of Penn State success. Please indicate any events or activities you wish to see organized in the upcoming year. Also, we need your help in selling tickets for our fundraisers. You can also donate to our Scholarship Fund to support our annual scholarships.

Spring Dinner

If you attended last year's Spring Dinner, you have already been credited for paying this year's dues. However, please tell us your thoughts on activities in our survey area. Also, it's a great time to donate to our scholarship fund!!

EMAIL...EMAIL...EMAIL

The cost of mailings and the amount of time spent printing, stuffing, and addressing the mail has gone up. We can save time and money (and actually communicate better) by using Email. Please be sure to include your Email address on the registration form.

Questions on upcoming events or about the Lawrence County Chapter?

Contact "Bucky" Richards
(W) 724.654.7818

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your Penn State School and Class: _____

2009-2010 Dues (if you have not paid them earlier)

_____ Family Membership (\$15.00) _____

_____ Individual Membership (\$10.00) _____

Donation to the Scholarship Fund _____

Total remitted at this time. _____

Check one: _____ Renew Membership _____ New Membership

Please make all checks payable to: *Lawrence County Chapter - Penn State Alumni*

Activities or events we would like the Chapter to offer: _____

Mail to: J. Bruce Bauman
2615 Graceland Road
New Castle PA 16105



Basketball Bus Trip



Since we did not get football tickets and because last year's basketball trip was successful, we are planning another one for this year. We are checking the schedule and more information will be forthcoming. Plan to attend to see the NIT championship Nittany Lions in Big Ten action this Winter.



TV Parties

Be on the watchout for TV parties this Fall. We are planning for all away games and maybe a few of the bigger home games.

PENN STATE's 2009 Football Schedule

Sept. 5	Akron
Sept. 12	Syracuse
Sept. 19	Temple
Sept. 26	Iowa
Oct. 3	@ Illinois
Oct. 10	Eastern Illinois
Oct. 17	Minnesota
Oct. 24	@ Michigan
Oct. 31	@ Northwestern
Nov. 7	Ohio State
Nov. 14	Indiana
Nov. 21	@ Michigan State

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