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We are seeking volunteers for various positions of leadership in the Chapter! Email :

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Penn Staters:

What a great ending to 2005 and new beginning to 2006 the Chapter has had! Three days after we rang in the New Year the Chapter hosted the official Philadelphia Orange Bowl Party. Over 260 Penn State fans packed Mad River Bar & Grille on Chestnut Street and cheered the team on through triple over time. Local television crews were on site from channels 3,6,10, and 29 to capture the Penn State spirit and we gave them a good show.

A month later on February 4th that same Penn State spirit shined through, this time in the name of Penn State's Dance Marathon. "The Liberty Ball" was created as a new outlet for Penn State alumni to support Thon uniquely while meeting and socializing with other local



alumni. Guest speaker Dr. James Powell, pediatric oncologist from the Hershey Medical Center, reminded us of the strides taken in the fight against pediatric cancer and the battles to come. The augural year of the Liberty Ball held at the Philadelphia Union League exceeded the Chapters expectations with over 200 in attendance and \$11,000 raised for Thon 2006!

St. Patty's Day was a blast with the Chapter's annual St. Patty's Day party hosted this year at Kilda ire's Irish Pub in Manayunk on March 11th. Over 30 Chapter members and

some new faces joined in on the fun, sharing Penn State memories while making new ones.

In the upcoming months the Chapter will be hosting a "How to buy your first or next home" seminar in April, the annual Adam Taliaferro Foundation benefit in June, the annual Freshman Sendoff in August, and other networking/social events along the way that are still in the works. If you are not already a member of the Chapter or if you are and haven't made it out to an event, I have to ask, what are you waiting for? Join the 130+ members of the Chapter in the celebration of what it means to be Penn State Proud.

Get Your Roar On!
Jamie D. Nelson



3RD ANNUAL ADAM TALIAFERRO BENEFIT DINNER

On June 8th, the Philadelphia Chapter will co-host the 3rd Annual Adam Taliaferro Benefit Dinner with the Adam Taliaferro Foundation. All proceeds will benefit the foundation, which contributes to the costs of treatment and rehabilitation for athletes that suffer spinal chord injuries.

Adam Taliaferro is a Penn State alumnus and former football player who sustained a life-threatening injury during a football game in 2000. While

many thought Adam would never walk again, he proved them wrong and established a foundation to help others who has endured similar debilitating moments. He wants to pass on the unbelievable support he received from the Penn State community to others. Come join us at the Hibachi Grill, 325 N. Delaware Ave., Penn's Landing, for a delicious feast and bid for some great silent auction items to support this wonderful cause. Tickets can be bought on our website for \$45/person.

The Chapter is currently recruiting committee members for this event. Volunteers will be responsible for marketing the program, collecting silent auction items, recruiting attendees, planning the program, selecting speakers, and other tasks. Meetings will occur 1 to 2 times/month until the event. For more information on this committee, contact,

Darryl Bundrige at
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Top 10 Reasons to Become a Member of the Chapter Today

- 10. Quarterly newsletters and a hard copy at least once a year! Oh yeah.
- 9. You will receive a cool annual membership card!
- 8. Serious discounts and sweet prizes at our biggest events!
- 7. Meet fellow Penn Staters that would love to help you out in your career.
- 6. Unstoppable TAIL GREAT! Events all season long.
- 5. Save \$\$\$, Attend Wine Tasting 101. Its discounted for members!
- 4. Networking, Partying, Service, and Partying.
- 3. You can do it all on our website in less than five minutes.
- 2. To keep your wallet FULL! Select events are FREE to members!
- 1. To show your Penn State pride in Philadelphia, because WE ARE....

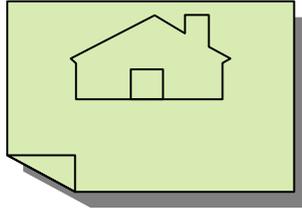
We look forward to showing you what the Philadelphia Chapter can do for you! For more information on joining the Chapter please visit the website or contact Robyn Ricketts, Membership Director, at :

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Use our website for:
Buying tickets for our events!
Online Membership Application!
Get the latest info on awesome PSU programs in Philly!
Buying T-shirts!
Renewing membership!
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FIRST TIME & NEXT TIME HOME BUYING WORKSHOP

Come learn about home ownership opportunities, ask questions about mortgage financing, and speak with lenders and real estate professionals about the home buying process.



Maggiano's Restaurant
12th and Filbert Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Wednesday, April 26 2006
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Prince C. Thomas, Smith Barney, Citigroup Inc. & George Cahill, Coldwell Banker Realty Corp.
 Financial Planning Specialist Local Realtor & 850 AM Talk Show Host

Chapter member admission is \$15.00 and \$20.00 for non-members. Open Bar included. Refreshments will be served. Fee will be collected at the door. Please RSVP to Prince Thomas, 610-397-2831 or email prince.c.thomas@smithbarney.com

MAKE YOUR MARK WITH THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Whether you want to be an in-the-trenches volunteer or a Committee Chair, you can make an impact!

The Chapter needs many levels of volunteers to keep our organization growing and providing great value and experiences to our members. We are recruiting in the areas of Community Service, Professional Development, Social Activities, and Communications. Be a part of a group with impact in the Philadelphia area.



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You had no idea. You just weren't prepared. Here you are, no one, no where, trying to land your first job, armed with your resume, your degree, and a heady mix of self-confidence and self-doubt. Someone sees you're from Penn State, and that's when it starts. Oh, you need to talk with so-and-so, the human resource rep says. And you do. A tasteful Nittany Lion photo adorns her office wall, a JoePa mug sits on her shelf. While she doesn't have a job opening, she knows of one in another department. Your resume gets passed on with a big stamp of approval. Wow. You had no idea. And that's when you realize, you really should become a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER BY BECOMING A LIFE MEMBER OF THE PENN STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. PLEASE PLACE CODE "ALT" ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL AWARD THE CHAPTER \$50. YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED !!

Visit the Philadelphia Chapter: www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia

\$11,557.35 RAISED FOR THON!

On February 4th, the Philadelphia Chapter, in conjunction with the DMAIG, held their first annual Liberty Ball, A Knight for the Kids. The Liberty Ball was a formal attire event, held at the Union League of Philadelphia, benefiting Penn State's Dance Marathon and the Four Diamonds Fund. The night was filled with delicious food, incredible speakers, and plenty of dancing. A silent auction was held with such items as an iPod Nano, Lance Armstrong signed magazine, and tickets to the PSU vs. Michigan game. Dr James Powell, Pediatric Oncologist at



the Hershey Medical Center and Penn State Alumnus, gave a heartwarming speech demonstrating how the donation from The Liberty Ball would support the kids with the hopes of one day finding a cure for pediatric cancer. The

donation goal of the event was to raise \$6000, and thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who led the event, and the guests in attendance that night, the goal was almost doubled raising \$11,557.35!



PENN STATERS SERVE OTHERS DURING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE



They could have slept in, gone shopping, or traveled out of town for the long weekend. But some dedicated Penn Staters chose to go to Martin Luther King Jr. High School at 8 a.m. on January 16th (MLK Day) to volunteer their services for a host of projects. Some painted murals, others sorted professional clothes for women entering the work force, and still others worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a home that will be sent to Hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans. The four hours went quickly, but it was well worth the

time investment. Volunteer Courtney Muhammad said she looks forward to becoming more involved with the agency she helped, and it felt good to make a difference in another's life.

The Martin Luther King Day of Service is one of the largest organized service efforts in the country and one of many projects in which Penn State Philadelphia Chapter alumni volunteer. Other events include Philadelphia Cares Day, Greater Philadelphia Food Bank Day, the Adam Taliaferro Foundation

Benefit, and the Liberty Ball, a new event created to raise funds for Dance Marathon.

To find out about other volunteer opportunities with the Penn State Alumni Association Philadelphia Chapter, please contact

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Darryl Bundrige



ST. PATTY'S DAY WAS A MCBLAST!

St. Patrick was born at the end of the fourth century. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. It is believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D.

Now you at least know why you were partying on March 11th, 2006 with other PSU Philadelphia Chapter Alumni for the Annual St. Patty's Day Celebration.

And if you missed the party, shame on you! No!, but you missed fellow Alumni participating in the following; Kissing the Blarney Stone and other Alum too! (shh shh!); Dancing the Irish Jig to a Live Band and DJ; Eating Lucky Charms Cereal and Whiskey Wings; Bleeding Blue ,White, & Green; Exchanging Shamrock Beads; Toasting, Drinking and Did I Mention Drinking! Overall enjoying an

authentic Irish Experience.

This was one of the Chapter's biggest events. Thank you to all who attended. Don't miss out on participating in the fun next year!

Did you Know?

There are 295,734,134 million residents in the United States. 12% of the population is from Irish ancestry. But on March 17th a 100% of the population is Irish.

- Prince Thomas
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2006 ORANGE BOWL TAILGREAT

On January 3rd, Over 250 Fellow Penn State Alumni celebrated the Nittany Lion's first BCS Bowl win at Mad River Bar & Grille.

Attendees enjoyed blue and white pom-poms, fight songs, cheers, giveaways and of course a great football game.

Local newspapers and TV stations also were present throughout the night to do interviews and get photographs of proud Penn State fans.

Though the game went into triple overtime in the wee-hours of the morning, many of the fans stayed, tried and true, through the end to see the

Nittany Lions beat the Seminoles 26 to 23.

Thanks to all who made it out.



GREAT FUTURE EVENTS!!

April 2006

First Time Next Time Home Buying Workshop, 4/26

May 2006

Wine Tasting with "The Philadelphia Wine School," 5/11

June 2006

Annual Adam Taliaferro Benefit Dinner, 6/8

Opening of Philadelphia Zoo Carnivore House, 6/20

July 2006

Comedy Café, date TBA

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