

# Middle Tennessee Chapter



Penn State  
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- Newsletter
- Website

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- Social Activities
- Football Viewing Parties
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- Freshman Send-Off/Alumni Picnic
- Holiday Celebration

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# The Nittany News

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## Greetings from the President!

Hello Nashville Penn Staters:

Can you believe this is our third year as a recognized Chapter of the Alumni Association! It has been another good year for the Middle Tennessee group.

Once again we were recognized by the Alumni Association with the Group of Distinction Award, which we received for surpassing the Alumni Association's requirements for activities, charitable projects, communications, community service, membership, etc.

Additionally, the Middle Tennessee Chapter was profiled in the Alumni Insider for our speed and success at reorganizing the Chapter. The article was titled – **“Three Chapters Go From Zero to 60 in Record Time.”**

In an effort to leave our mark at Penn State, the Middle Tennessee Chapter decided to purchase a brick on the Alumni Walk at the Hintz Family Alumni Center. Thank you to all of you who donated to the project. Last year at Homecoming several of us visited the Alumni Center and located our brick, which you can see here. Our Chapter's legacy will live on for many years to come! The next time you are at University Park, remember to stop by the Hintz Family Alumni Center and look for our brick!

I would like to encourage all of you to continue to support the Chapter by attending Chapter events. The Board tries to plan monthly events that are appealing to all members, so please let us know if you have any suggestions as we are always looking for new ideas.

I would also like to encourage all of you to become more involved in the Chapter by joining the Board, running for an Officer position, chairing a committee, or helping plan a monthly Chapter event. All Chapter members are welcome to participate in the Chapter on any level you are able. I realize everyone is very busy, but the more folks we have involved in these areas, the less time demands are placed on all. Please give it some consideration and let me or any Board Member know if you are interested in being more involved.

Remember all members of the Chapter are welcome to join the monthly Chapter Board meetings. They are held the last alternating Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. The location changes, but if you are interested in attending the loca-

tion is posted on the Chapter website: [www.NashvillePennStaters.com](http://www.NashvillePennStaters.com). Or, you may contact any member of the Board as they would be happy to give you the location as well as answer any questions.



I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the Chapter Officers and Members of the Board for their service and dedication to the Middle TN Chapter and our local Alumni. It is a commitment to stay involved, come up with unique activities, plan and execute events and maintain a level of excitement

each year. Your Officers and Board Members have done an outstanding job, yet again. Please be sure to thank them at the next Nashville Penn Staters event you attend.

Speaking of events, the event of the year is quickly approaching – FOOTBALL SEASON!!!! Once again we will meet at the Cross Corner Bar and Grill, in Brentwood. And once again we will compete for space with the Florida group. We will have the larger room any week the Florida game does not conflict with our game, as well as Saturdays when Florida is playing both of the Tennessee teams, in TN, Florida Homecoming and any other week when our game is more national in scope.

Our First game of the season is August 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have all of our banners, flags, stand-up JoePa and of course the doorway will be protected by our ever fearless Lion! Be sure to wear your finest Penn State clothing and accessories each week. We will have our weekly raffle of Penn State items, which will include our weekly Cross Corner Gift Certificate, as well as our free Alumni Association giveaways, at the door.

The Football schedule is posted on the back of the Newsletter. If you are able to join us for the games each week, please do so. I will send out email reminders each week giving the times of the games.

An important note – The Cross Corner is a smoke free bar/restaurant, so those of you who do not like the smoke, you should have no worries!

Please invite your friends and families to join us each week!

I look forward to seeing each of you, at an upcoming Nashville Penn Staters event!

- Suzanne Lord

### Chapter Mission Statement

To encourage closer fellowship among the alumni and former students of the University in the Middle Tennessee Area.

## Charity (noun): generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering

Being a member of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association is a lot of fun. However, there is also a serious part of membership. As a chapter, we are required to get involved with a charity organization.

This year we chose to support the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This is a great charity event to participate in. Sadly most of us know someone who is battling/has battled cancer or who has lost that battle. All money raised goes to the American Cancer Society so that someday there will be a cure.



This year's walk took place on May 9, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Hendersonville, TN. There were more than 30 teams that set up booths at the event site. The Nashville Penn Staters' booth was decorated with blue and white streamers, sparkling lights and the blow-up Nittany Lion that usually is welcoming everyone to the Cross Corner Bar and Grill for football viewing parties. We were voted runner up of all the rookie teams!

In order to raise money for our team we accepted donations in support of the people walking in the relay. At our booth on relay day, we held a silent auction of entertainment memorabilia; services, such as, teeth whitening, a portrait sitting fee and 16 x 20 portrait, hair cut and style, an evening of babysitting and more; and gift baskets with a theme. We also had a bake sale with lots of delicious baked goods made by Penn Staters and their families. This was a success for us and we were able to raise a grand total of \$1500.00, which EXCEEDED our goal of \$1000.00!



As the team captain of our group, I want to personally thank everyone who helped with the booth, walked, baked, donated, cheered and stayed up all night listening to really bad karaoke!! It was wonderful to have so many Nashville Penn Staters come out to our booth on the night of relay. Let's Go State!!

- Lisa Fults

## 2008 Penn State Scholarship - And the Winner Is...

The Scholarship Committee of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association is honored to announce the 2008 scholarship winner. This year's winner is Lora Bush.



Lora is our first adult student and veteran to earn a chapter scholarship. She served in the U.S. Army for eight years, including two tours in Iraq. Lora says that military service changed her life in many ways. In her scholarship application she says the military "gave me the opportunity to travel and experience cultures in several countries. The need to work with others was a matter of life and death. I learned to respond instantly to orders as well [as] the responsibility of giving orders to others. Military life taught me many organizational skills and always supplied something new to learn. My two tours of duty in Iraq taught me that I can survive in conditions that I would never have dreamed of encountering and without the conveniences that I once again appreciate."

Lora and her husband (a law student at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law) are the proud parents of a little daughter. Lora says that as "the mother of a little girl, earning a college degree will set the example of the important of education and completing goals."

Please join me in congratulating Lora on her \$1,500 scholarship and success at Penn State. For the Glory!

- Paul Anderson '87  
2008 Scholarship Chairman

## Middle TN Penn State Alumni Chapter 2007-2008 Year In Review

Throughout the 2007/2008 year we planned a variety of activities appealing to various ages and interests. We also participated in two Big Ten events with other chapters. During the Fall we scale back the activities due to weekly football viewing parties; however, if there is something going on around town that would be of interest to our group, we'd love to know about it! We evaluate our social calendar at our monthly board meetings and will begin planning for next year soon. We try to plan at least one event per month and we can always add events as needed. If you would like to suggest an activity or help plan an event, please contact [events@nashvillepennstaters.com](mailto:events@nashvillepennstaters.com).

### Social Activities

- Freshman Sendoff Picnic
- Football Viewing Parties (Cross Corners)
- Road trips to away games
- Holiday Party
- Predators Game
- Ice Skating
- Big Ten vs. SEC Bowling
- Big Ten Golf Outing
- Sounds Game

### Philanthropic Activities

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Second Harvest Food Bank donation

### Cultural Activities

- Wine Tasting (Arrington Vineyards)
- Schermerhorn Tour
- Symphony in the Park

## Membership – Pride in YOUR Chapter

Thanks to feedback from YOU, our members, we are pleased to once again announce additional benefits/changes to our chapter membership program.

Last year we implemented members-only discounts on selected chapter events. This year, we are introducing chapter merchandise and rolling out our first product to our members. All new and renewal members will receive a FREE chapter t-shirt (two for joint memberships)! T-shirts will be available at football viewing parties and select chapter events. You will be notified as additional products are rolled out. Display your chapter logo with pride!



All members will receive 6 FREE raffle tickets to be used at the PSU football viewing party of your choice. Winners are able to choose from a variety of Penn State items.

So as to coincide with our Fall membership drive, we have elected to change the membership year to September 1 – August 31. (Those who have already paid 2008 dues are covered).

As a reminder, ALL members are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, elect officers and serve on committees. We want to thank the members for your efforts and continued support, which earned us the Chapter of Distinction for the second year in a row! We will be displaying the badge with pride on our chapter banner.



Please keep in mind that membership in our Chapter is not limited to alums only. Whether you are related to (an) alum, or just a proud Penn State supporter, you are welcome to join our family! Also, you do not need to be a member of the main Penn State Alumni Association to be a member of our chapter.

Let's make 2008-2009 a great year for YOUR chapter!! For more information on joining our chapter, please log on to [www.nashvillepennstaters.com](http://www.nashvillepennstaters.com) and click on "Join" or contact Christine White at [membership@nashvillepennstaters.com](mailto:membership@nashvillepennstaters.com).



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## 2008 Football Schedule

Aug. 30	Coastal Carolina	11:00 am
Sept. 6	Oregon State	2:30 pm
Sept. 13	@ Syracuse	2:30 pm
Sept. 20	Temple	11:00 am
Sept. 27	Illinois	7:00 pm
Oct. 4	@ Purdue	11:00 am
Oct. 11	@ Wisconsin	7:00 pm
Oct. 18	Michigan (HOMECOMING)	3:30 pm
Oct. 25	@ Ohio State	7:00 pm
Nov. 8	@ Iowa	12:00 pm
Nov. 15	Indiana	11:00 am
Nov. 22	Michigan State	11:00 am

### *Meet Me at the Corner!*

Join us for the games at the Cross Corner Bar & Grill in Brentwood, our official Penn State Football Viewing Party location.

Check out the chapter website for directions and more info!



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