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Changes Being Made in Wake of Tragedy

The Penn State Greek community is facing challenging times as we close out the spring semester. In what has now become a national news story, the tragic incident involving Beta Theta Pi has sent shock waves that will forever impact Greek life on our campus. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Timothy Piazza's family at this most difficult time.

Change Is Here

New university rules, regulations, and enforcement are in effect for social, formal, parent, and alumni events at the chapter house. We will do our part to adhere to the new rules and reflect what it truly means to be a Greek man at Penn State.

Please remember, a lot has changed when you visit the house for a campus visit or fall football weekend. To date, the university has independently initiated aggressive actions to tackle problems that challenge so many American universities. These include:

- Deferred pledging (rush) from fall to spring semester for both fraternities and sororities in the 2017-18 academic year.
- As before, service of alcohol at social events must follow Pennsylvania law, limited to people 21 years of age or older, and now must be distributed by RAMP trained servers.
- Only beer and wine may be served. Kegs are not permitted.
- Social events must be limited to the legal capacity of the chapter house.
- No daylong events allowed, and a significant reduction in the number of permitted socials with alcohol per semester.
- We have emphasized there will be no tolerance for hazing.
- Increased mandatory educational programming for all chapter members.

Thank You

This edition is dedicated to our loyal ATΩ Gamma Omega alumni. We are committed to continuing our restoration efforts at 321 East Fairmount Avenue. Thanks to all of our alumni who have stepped up to make a donation. With your financial support, we made significant structural improvements in 2015 and 2016 to our beloved chapter house.

Love and Respect,
Rich Goldbeck '89
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Image: Courtesy of Penn State News, Michael McDade



Matt Cabrey '88 Is Brandywine Commencement Speaker

Excerpt from Penn State News

Business leader advises graduates at Brandywine's spring commencement

Michael McDade
May 8, 2017

MEDIA, Pa. — Penn State Brandywine awarded 107 diplomas at its spring commencement ceremony on May 6. Chancellor Kristin Woolever welcomed the graduates, families and friends who gathered in the Commons/Athletic Center on campus.

“Graduates, you have worked hard, and today we are delighted to recognize you for your accomplishments,” Woolever said. “We have been inspired by your work ethic, sacrifice and determination.”

Matt Cabrey '88, executive director of Select Greater Philadelphia, delivered the commencement address. Cabrey leads the team effort to market the 11-county region of northern Delaware, southern New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania to a national and international audience as a top-tier place to establish and grow a business. As part of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, Select Greater Philadelphia collaborates with business and civic leaders, state and county economic development teams, and other partners to attract new businesses that create new jobs.

A Penn State alumnus himself, Cabrey spoke to the graduates from personal experience. After beginning his college career at the Brandywine campus, he completed a bachelor of arts degree in journalism at University Park.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

ALUMNI NEWS

Robert J. Sperl '46 is a WWII veteran and landed in Normandy on D-Day. He was a combat veteran in many major battles and received a Purple Heart in the later stages of the war.

Merice T. Nelles '54 and his wife, Marry, have cultivated a devotion to the Kiwanis World Child Care Program, and they meet every Friday at La Tolla Presbyterian Church.

Mark A. Finby '88 moved from SoCal to the Pacific Northwest and loves it. "If your travels take you to the Portland/Vancouver area, look me up!" E-mail: ros3211h@yahoo.com

CHAPTER ETERNAL

John R. Rarick '33 entered Chapter Eternal on December 12, 1994.

John P. Kelly '44 entered Chapter Eternal on May 25, 2014.

Richard M. Stephani '51 entered Chapter Eternal on December 13, 2016, peacefully at home with family and friends and his beloved cat, Buffy, by his side. Rich worked as a mechanical engineer for Westinghouse. Both he and his wife, Patte, were active members of the Rose Tree and Brandywine Motor Clubs and enjoyed driving his sports cars in many road rallies. He

was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, the American Cancer Society, and a member of the Penn State Chester County Chapter. Rich was an avid outdoorsman and hunter and enjoyed spending time walking the woods. While living in Kennett Square, he always said he could just hunt from the back deck of the house.

Bruce Edwards '73 entered Chapter Eternal on October 3, 2012.

John R. Means '73 entered Chapter Eternal on May 24, 2016.

Matt Cabrey '88

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"Being a Penn Stater will open new doors for you," he said. "It will allow you to, at times, stand out from others, and it will help position you for continued personal and professional growth. I can say this with confidence because I have lived it. I too am a proud Penn Stater and I am extremely proud to have walked the same hallways and pathways each of you have here on our beautiful Penn State Brandywine campus."

At the age of 17, Cabrey wasn't sure what he wanted to do after high school. After the death of his father, his family's financial situation was difficult — but he said that Brandywine was the "right place at that right time."

"Many of you have overcome countless hurdles, too," he said. "You have worked hard — navigated part-time or even full-time jobs, excelled in your sports commitments and managed family obligations. Through it all, you delivered on your educational goals and obligations. You set your vision, worked toward it and achieved it."

In closing, Cabrey encouraged the graduates to follow three pieces of advice: find your passion, value and strengthen your relationships and make time for others.



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Thank You, Gamma Omega Alumni

We are truly grateful to the following alumni who have shown their support to Gamma Omega's annual campaign in the past year. Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of our undergraduate brothers. Thank you!

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Gamma Omega Members Win First Place at Startup Week



Image: Courtesy of Penn State Startup Week

Excerpt from *Penn State News* **Student entrepreneurs' winning ideas celebrated during Startup Week**

Erin Cassidy Hendrick | May 2, 2017

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — During the inaugural Penn State Startup Week, students from across the University participated in a variety of entrepreneurial pitch competitions designed to showcase their innovative ideas in the arts, education, global impact, health, sustainability and technology.

Throughout the week, student teams presented their ideas to panels of expert judges, and the top teams were selected for recognition during a reception at the Pegula Ice Arena on April 20. The event also served as a business expo to expose the students' fledgling businesses to the University community.

Penn State President Eric Barron spoke at the event and commended the aspiring entrepreneurs in attendance. "This week has shown what's possible when Penn State alumni, students and professionals put their innovative ideas to work," he said.

The student showcase was the capstone of Penn State Startup Week that demonstrated the University's continued commitment to inspire and foster entrepreneurship within the Penn State community. "The presentations spanned disciplines from across the University, and provided advice and ideas for the next generation of entrepreneurs," Barron explained.

Divided in the distinct tracks of Advancing Art and Humanities, Driving Digital Innovation, Enhancing Health, Impacting the World, Stewarding our Planet's Resources, and Transforming Education, students from different colleges and majors collaborated to develop prospective business plans.

Within the Driving Digital Innovation track, the IdeaMakers Challenge awarded first place to the student team who developed "Sender," a mobile app for students to use during class to

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Members Win First Place

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Image: Courtesy of Penn State Startup Week

pinpoint what concepts they need help with. At their final pitch, the team described the app as a “way to digitally raise your hand in class!”

Devin Arrigo '19, a junior majoring in Enterprise Risk Management in the Smeal College of Business, said, “Startup Week was really the driving force behind getting our idea moving. The pitch competition was a great learning experience for my team, as well as a huge validation for our idea.”

As first-place winners, Arrigo, along with teammates **Neal Vasan '19** (junior, electrical engineering), **Henry Jungels '19** (junior, molecular and cell biology), **Tyler Brown '19** (junior, economics), and **Cole Leff '19** (junior, supply chain and information systems), will be heading to Silicon Valley to learn from and network with other startups. Arrigo explained, “This trip will allow us to meet very like-minded people that have gone through what we will go through in the future, which will be hugely helpful.”

“I’m so proud of the hard work that all of the teams put into their ideas and pitches. We’re excited to see these students continue to work on their ideas, and hopefully advance to the point where they are ready to launch businesses based on their preliminary pitches!” said Alison Murphy, lecturer of IST and co-chair of the Driving Digital Innovation track.

ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and pparents. If your son is currently attending Penn State University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.



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Rich Kuegler '89, Matt McKelvey '92, Rich Zaborowski '90, Bill Posey '92, P.J. McGuigan '92, and Jim “Opie” Powel '92 participated in the Philly Tough Mudder on May 20.

SAVE the DATE

August 21, 2017
Classes Begin

September 9, 2017
Pitt vs. Penn State
Beaver Stadium
Time: TBD

October 21, 2017
Michigan vs.
Penn State
White Out Game
Beaver Stadium
Time: TBD

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