



Spring 2006 ~ Annual Dinner Newsletter

# Penn State

## South Jersey Shore Alumni Chapter

[www.PennStateSJShore.org](http://www.PennStateSJShore.org)

### Alumni Head Keynote Speaker for June Dinner

Roger L. Williams, Executive Director, of the 156,142 member Penn State Alumni Association, will be the program speaker for the 2006 Annual Dinner of the South Jersey Shore Chapter.

The dinner, set for June 12th, will be held at the Greate Bay Golf Club, Somers Point.

The Penn State South Jersey Shore Chapter membership is open to alumni, families and friends of Penn State.

Roger Williams has been the Exec. Director of the Penn State Alumni Association since June 2003.

[The Penn State Alumni Association](http://www.PennStateAlumni.org)

is the largest dues-paying alumni association in America.

The organization seeks to connect alumni to the University and to each other, to provide valued services to members, and to support the teaching, research, and service mission of the University.

At the Alumni Association, Williams's emphasis has been on  
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**Dinner Sign-Up**  
See the separate pull-out registration page with this newsletter. Dinner tickets are \$35 each and reservations are needed by June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Roger L. Williams**

### Local Schloarships Benefit South Jersey Shore PSU Students

This is the 22nd year for Penn State Univ. – South Jersey Shore (PS-SJS) Chapter Scholarships to be awarded to local Penn State students.

Through the annual fund-raising efforts of Board member and Corresponding Secretary Donna Thomas, the Chapter continues to sustain two scholarships.

These awards. These contributions continue to have an impact – and are tax – deductible.

(Contributions to the PS-SJS Penn State Scholarship fund are tax-exempt as described under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donors may deduct contributions to the Fund.)



**Ocean City Welcome Night:** Chapter Board members participated in the annual Ocean City Welcome Night, held in October at the Music Pier. The event enables Chapter outreach / awareness in the Cape May and Atlantic County area. Pictured are, from left, The Lion, John McKee, Ralph Cooper and Gary Thomas. (Not pictured are Bd. members Donna Thomas and Ginny Cooper.)

Each Spring, Board member and Treasurer Bruce Engle conducts the annual Scholarship Fund application and selection process. The two finalists and their families are invited to the Chapter's annual dinner.

The Scholarships are presented in honor of Ray Willett and Jon Beattie.

Individual financial support from Chapter members and friends of Penn State have been the foundation of

**2006 Penn State Football Schedule**

**Sept. 2 Akron**  
Sept. 9 at Notre Dame  
**Sept. 16 Youngstown State**  
Sept. 23 at Ohio State  
**Sept. 30 Northwestern**  
Oct. 7 at Minnesota  
**Oct. 14 Michigan**  
**Oct. 21 Illinois**  
Oct. 28 at Purdue  
Nov. 4 at Wisconsin  
**Nov. 11 Temple**  
**Nov. 18 Michigan State**

## Annual Dinner Speaker

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membership growth, better support of alumni relations at Penn State campuses other than University Park, increased support of alumni programs and affiliate groups, more attention to young alumni and students (alumni-in-training), legislative education and advocacy, diversity, a stronger presence in key metropolitan areas, revenue generation, and a more strategic relationship with Intercollegiate Athletics.

From 1998 to 2003, Williams served as Associate Vice Chancellor for University Relations at the University of Arkansas, where he was responsible for the public relations, communications, and marketing functions of that institution.

Williams has 25 years of experi-



### Chapter Volunteers host PSU Tables at Local College Fairs

College Fairs remain a strong outreach activity for the PS-SJS Chapter. Board members Bruce Engle, left, and Ralph Cooper staffed the Penn State information table at one of last Fall's College Fairs, sponsored by the Atlantic City Kiwanis Club, held at the Atlantic Cape Community College campus in Mays Landing.

### PSU Football TV Game '06 Shore Gatherings

Penn State alumni and friends will meet for informal gatherings on two Sept. "away" games.

Tentative plans include: Sept. 9 - Notre Dame; Sept. 23 - Ohio State.

We'll gather at J.J. Kemps Ale House, New Road (Route 9) Northfield.

Watch for e-mail and Web site postings in the coming months for dates/times and other information.

ence in higher education public relations. Prior to Arkansas, he served as executive director of consulting services for Dick Jones Communications, as associate vice president for communications at Georgetown University and as assistant vice president for university relations at Penn State, where his operation won the CASE Grand Gold in Overall Institutional Relations in both 1991 and 1992.

He also serves on the editorial board of the scholarly journal *History of Higher Education Annual*. He holds three degrees from Penn State: bachelor's in history, master's in journalism, and doctorate in higher education.

He is married to Karen Magnuson '75. His father, Herb, a resident of Clearwater, Fla., earned his master's degree from Penn State in 1948 and his son, Nathan, earned his bachelor's in 1997.

### Offer Party Held Mar. 9th

The Chapter's 2006 Offer Party was held again this year in Vineland on Thursday, Mar. 9th.

Several Penn State accepts and their families joined with PS-SJS members in a reception and University briefing. Current Freshman Johanna Brady provided insight on her experiences this past year at University Park.



### Coach Anderson - Ready for the Beach

Last year's Annual Dinner speaker was Penn State Offensive Line Coach Dick Anderson. PS-SJS Chapter President Gary Thomas, right, presented Anderson with a "Beach Bucket" full of local mementos and fudge from the Ocean City Boardwalk. The speaker's gift was created by Chapter Board member Ginny Cooper.

### Foodbank Work Day

The South Jersey Shore Chapter was held Sat., April 1st.

<http://www.okus.com/foodbank/>

### Information for Parents & Visitors to Penn State

Penn State Home Page

<http://www.psu.edu/>

Campus Newspaper - Daily Collegian

<http://www.collegian.psu.edu/>

Centre County Visitor's Center

<http://www.visitpennstate.org/>

Campus Visitor Information

<http://www.psu.edu/ur/visitors.html>

President Spanier's Website

<http://president.psu.edu/>

Alumni Association

<http://www.alumni.psu.edu/>

Bryce Jordan Center

<http://www.bjc.psu.edu/>

Center for the Performing Arts

<http://www.cpa.psu.edu/>

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# Freshmen Send-Off Benefits Students ... and Their Parents

The annual Freshmen Send-Off Party will be held again this coming August.

Members of the incoming Class of 2010 from the five-county region of southern New Jersey, along with their families, will be receiving a special invitation to attend the Penn State – South Jersey Shore (PS-SJS) Chapter send-off gathering this summer.

The annual event, held the first part of August, enables new freshmen to meet their local counter-parts.

Current students, from University Park and branch campuses also attend and give brief summaries of their on-going Penn State experiences.

Parents of present and graduated

PS students from our area use the event to relate their wisdom to the newbies. Watch for future mailings

and check the PS-SJS Web site for more details on this valuable Chapter activity.

## Penn State Reunion Weekend of June 1-4

Sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association, Reunion Weekend is a celebration for all Penn State graduates from the Classes of 1966, 1961, 1956 and Pioneers (classes of 1955 and earlier).

For more information about events,

please call the Penn State Alumni Association at 800-548-5466, option 4, or e-mail alumni-reunions@psu.edu

## Training Goes Regional

More than 100 presidents, board members, and other alumni leaders traveled to Happy Valley last May for three days of training as part of the Volunteer Leadership Conference.

This year's final training session will be in Las Vegas (June 23-24).

## Penn State's Fact Book

All the information about the internal workings of Penn State that you'd ever want to know. Visit: <http://www.budget.psu.edu/factbook/>

### New Penn Staters ~ Freshmen Send-Off Party -August 2005





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