



**PennState  
Alumni Association**

College of Agricultural  
Sciences Alumni Society

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# History

Dean Russell E. Larson charged a faculty committee to make recommendations on forming a College of Agriculture Alumni Society



Penn State Alumni Association approved the Charter of the College of Agriculture Alumni Society and C. Lee Rumberger '20 Animal Industry becomes the first president

Armsby Honor Society was created to honor alumni and friends who have demonstrated a profound commitment to the College of Agricultural Sciences through their service, scholarship, teaching, and philanthropy.



College of Ag Sciences Alumni Society celebrates 50 years.



1965

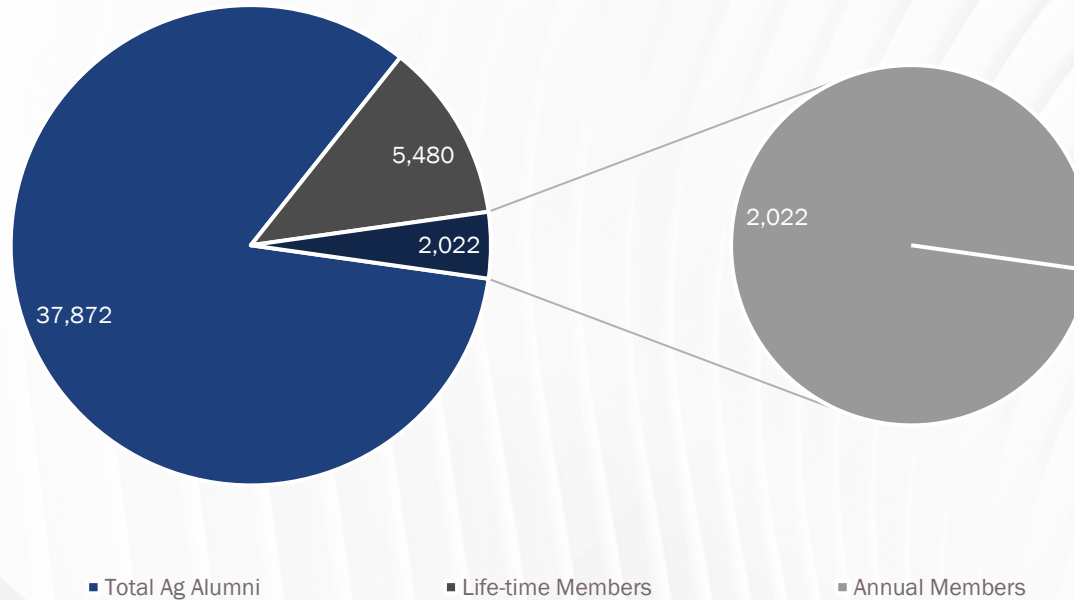
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2001

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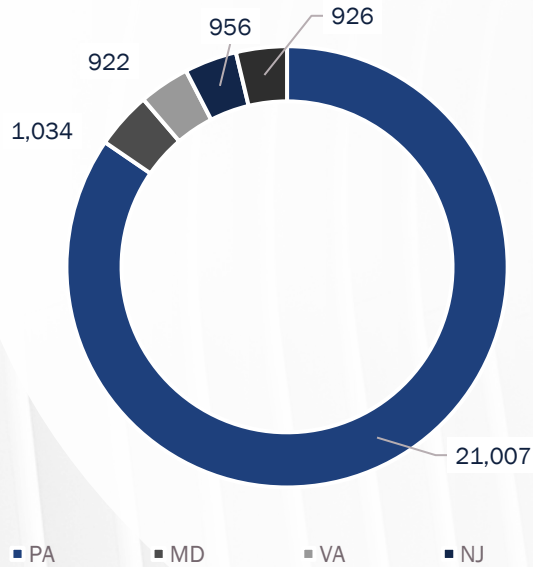
# Ag Alumni Breakdown



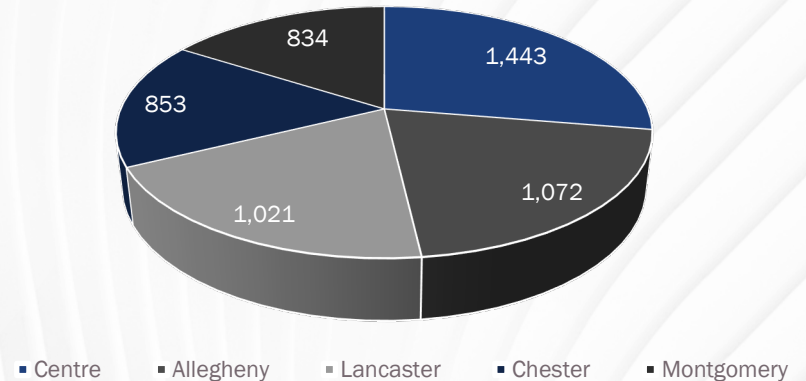
**The Society by the Numbers**



## Alumni by State



## Alumni by PA County



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# Executive Officers



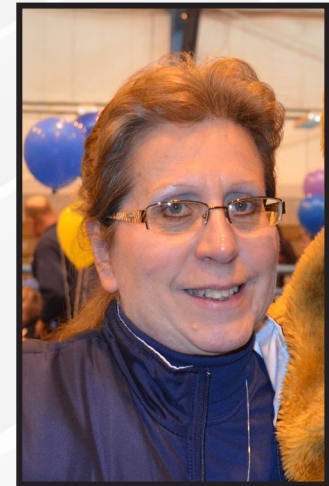
President  
Lisa Kirby  
'10 AG BM



President Elect  
Matt Owens  
'93 LSCPE



Financial Secretary  
Kristina McAllister  
'10 AN SCI



Past President  
Danadee Miller-Boyle  
'84 AG SCI

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Terms Expiring June 30, 2021



# PennState Alumni Association

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## 35 Member Board

15 Elected Directors

11 Associate Directors (Alumni Program Group (APG) representatives)

9 Ex-officio Directors

## Executive Officers

President, Immediate Past President, President Elect, and Financial Secretary

Eligibility – current Director, served at least one year, and cannot be an employee of Penn State.

Term of Office – two years. May not serve in the same office for more than one two-year term.

Nomination – The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates. A majority vote of the Board of Directors is required.

## Nominating Committee

President, President-elect, and Immediate Past President



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Board Structure



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## Elected Directors

15 Directors

Three-year terms with one-third of the elected Directors having terms ending each year. Maximum of two terms.

Eligible for re-election after a three-year absence from the board.

The nominating committee prepares a slate of candidates for board approval, then a mail ballot is distributed to the Society membership for election.

## Associate Directors

Appointed by each of the approved Affiliate Program Groups (APG) as their representative to the Board.

Have the same voting rights as the Directors.

Serve a term defined by the APG they represent.

## Ex-officio

Non-voting

Immediate past president, regardless of term expiration as a director

The Dean of the College or designee

The president of the Ag Student Council or designee



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# Board Structure





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## 3 Program Areas

1. Student Enrollment and Engagement
2. Alumni Recruitment and Fellowship
3. Development, Advocacy and Recruitment

## Co-Chairs

Elected Board Members  
Organize activities and events with the  
assistance of office support

## Members

Elected Board Members, Associate  
Directors, Ex-officio, and all alumni  
volunteers.

Participate on conference calls and annual planning  
meeting.

Assist with planning activities and events.



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## Committees



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- Ag Advocate Alumni Group**
  - Ag & Biological Engineering Alumni Group**
  - Ag Econ, Sociology and Ed Alumni Group**
  - Ag Mechanization & Systems Alumni Group**
  - Agronomy Alumni Group**
  - Dairymen's Alumni Club**
  - Equine Alumni Group**
  - Environmental Resources Management  
Alumni Group**
  - Food Industry Group**
  - Forest Resources Alumni Group**
  - Horticulture Alumni Group**
  - Stockmen's Club**
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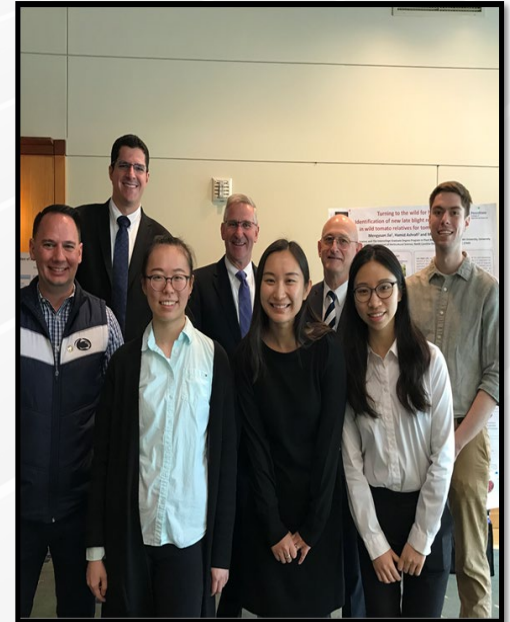
**Affiliate Program Groups**





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Outstanding Senior Award – Four-year degree  
Outstanding Student Awards – Two-year degree (4 awards)  
Ag Advocate Recognition  
Two Endowed Scholarships  
One Endowed Internship Awards

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## Student Awards



# Ag Alumni Society Endowments

## **Alumni Society Trustee Scholarship**

- The Trustee Matching Scholarship maximizes the impact of private giving while directing funds to students as quickly as possible, meeting the urgent need for scholarship support. Students who have demonstrated financial need are beneficiaries of this scholarship endowment established in 2014.

## **Scholarship Award**

- Scholarship funding is provided through the Ag Alumni Society Scholarship Endowment established in 1971. Scholarship recipients are chosen because of their academic standing, financial need, and recommendations from professors.

## **Internship Award**

- The purpose of the Internship award, established in 1986, is to reward students who participate in an academically approved, educational internship program, show support of the internship program, and encourage alumni to make agriculture-related intern programs available to College of Agricultural Sciences students.

## **Incoming First-Year Scholarship**

- Created in the spring of 2019, consideration for this scholarship is based on incoming first or second semester standing undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll full time in the College of Ag Sciences.





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# Engaging Alumni

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## Alumni Events

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Ag Live Alumni Tailgate November 21, 2020

Virtual Ag Progress Days August 11-13, 2020

Fall and Spring Graduation Events

Dean's Tours, Alumni Receptions and  
Alumni Tours

We Are Weekend

APG Tailgates

Student Career Workshops

Homecoming Parade

Celebrate Agriculture Events



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# **Armsby Society**

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The mission of the Honorary Society is to honor individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the College of Agricultural Sciences and to foster their continuing involvement in the College and the Alumni Society.

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## Alumni Relations Office

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## Full Board Directory

PennState Alumni Association College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society	
<b>Board of Directors 2020-2021</b>	
<b>Officers</b> (Terms expiring in 2020)	
President	Law Kirby '20 AG BM
President Elect	Matthew Owens '19 CSCF
Financial Secretary	Kristina Muhlbauer '20 AN SC
<b>Trustee Directors</b> (Three year terms, five elected each year)	
<b>Term Expiring in 2020</b>	
Bar Kane '82 FOR PROD	Enlow "Chad" Cash '88 AN PROD
Lisa Kirby '20 AG BM	Lisa Kirby '20 AG BM
Laurel Plummer Booth '86 AG ED	Carib Wright '14 AG EXT ED
<b>Term Expiring in 2021</b>	
Marissa Olson '12 AGSD	Michael Pritchett '03 AG BM
July Kull '21 AN ED	Susan McMurphy-Kramer '99 AG&B ED ENG
Ronnie Rosenwald Swisher '91 AG SC	
<b>Term Expiring in 2022</b>	
Andy Hirsman '07 FD SC	Mark Kuhn '77 GEN AG
Matthew Owens '19 CSCF	Kristina Muhlbauer '20 AN SC
Susan Runkel '91 AG SC	
<b>Associate Directors</b> (Terms determined by the Affiliate Program Group; they represent)	
Ag. Research System Group	Christina Miller-Royce '84 AG SC
Ag & Biology of Engineering	Al James '86 '76, '75 Ph.D. AG ED
Ag Econ, Sociology, and Education (Inactive)	Robert Storch '80 AG BM
Ag Mechanization & Systems	Al James '86 '76, '75 Ph.D. AG ED
Alumni (Inactive)	Mary Smith '74 AGSDN
Construction Club	Duane Norman
EDM (Inactive)	
Equine Alumni Group	Ash Tompoff '14 AN SC
Food Industry Group	Andy Hirsman '07 FD SC
Feral Resources	Samantha Fowler '11 W F S
Horticulture (Inactive)	
Stockmen's Club	Courteney Cowden Gray '12 AG SC
<b>Ex-Officio Directors</b> (University)	
Interim/Part President	Douglas Miller-Royce '84 AG SC
Undergraduate Education Office	Tony Newer '12 AG SC '06 Ph.D. AG ED
Alumni Relations Office	Alex Schuffert
Development Office	Lauren Stoenberg
Penn State Alumni Association	Matt Eichenthaler '07 JUBHN
Graduate School Alumni Society	Marissa Anderson '08 PATHN
Ag Council Representative	Kari Kane '82 FOR PROD
Student Council Representative	Justin Kutz

## Board Volunteer Descriptions



### Board Position Descriptions Roles and responsibilities

#### Executive Committee

**Positions:** President, President-elect, Financial Secretary, Past President, Director of Alumni Relations

**Term of Office:** Two-year term, beginning on July 1 following election. An individual may not serve in the same position for more than one two-year term.

**Eligibility:** Member of the Penn State Alumni Association. Current Director who will have served at least one year at the time the term of office begins.

**Not Eligible:** Employee of The Pennsylvania State University. Associate Director of the Board.

**Nomination/Election:** The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for officer positions. Election of officers shall be conducted at a meeting of the Board, a majority vote is required to elect.

#### President - Major Responsibilities

1. Preside over meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the general membership.
2. Prepare the agenda for each meeting in conjunction with the Alumni Relations Director.
3. Represent the Society on the Penn State Alumni Council.
4. Represent the Society at official functions such as commencement ceremonies, annual alumni social and meeting, graduation brunches, etc.
5. Coordinate the preparation of the annual Work Plan with the board and the Executive Committee.
6. Appoint standing and ad-hoc committees and committee chairs.
7. Chair the Executive Committee and serve as a voting member.
8. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

## Alumni Society Board Bylaws

CONSTITUTION OF  
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES ALUMNI SOCIETY

### MISSION

The mission of the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society is to connect, serve, and recognize alumni, students, and faculty by fostering relationships, commitment and pride in support of the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Revised: Feb 2018

### OBJECTIVES

The Society will work to fulfill its mission through the following objectives:

- To foster fellowship among alumni, faculty, students and friends of the College;
- To support the programs and student activities of the College;
- To encourage alumni to be active with the College; and
- To encourage excellence in teaching, research, and outreach activities.

Revised: July 2002

BYLAWS OF  
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### ARTICLE I - NAME

**Section 1. Name**  
The name of this organization shall be The Pennsylvania State University College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society—hereinafter called The Society.

### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

**Section 1. Mission**  
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