

Spring 2022

# Emeri-TIES

*Keeping former Alumni Society Board Members in the loop!*

## THON 50 Celebrating 50 Years FTK!



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# THON 2022

February 18-20, 2022

## 50 Years in the Making



Now in its 50th year, THON – the world’s largest student-led philanthropy – has raised more than \$200 million altogether to ensure that pediatric cancer patients undergoing care at the Children’s Hospital receive the most advanced treatment, and at no cost to their families. This year’s THON was different than in previous years. For the first time since 2020, THON was held in person with strict requirements for participation and entry. All students and staff wishing to gain access to the floor were required to provide proof of vacation and everyone in the BJC was required to wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status. This decision and safety plan was developed in conjunction with Dr. Lisa McGregor, Chief of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Penn State Health Children’s Hospital, and Kelly Wolgast, director of Penn State’s Covid-19 Operations Control Center.

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With safety in mind, Penn State students and staff took to the floor and stands of the BJC to celebrate the weekend with memorable THON events such as the pep rally, slides of strength and of course the hourly line dance which provides opportunities for everyone in the BJC to dance together and stretch safely. The weekend culminated with the total amount raised for THON 2022-

\$13,756,374.50- breaking the previous record from 2014. Along with in person participation THON 2022 was live streamed throughout the weekend so that those unable to attend in person could celebrate together at home. Despite the challenges of the past few years students were still able to come together and create a memorable 50th THON experience all FTK! (For the Kids).



*The Declan Homan family speaks during Family Hour of Penn State THON*



*THON dancer stretches with Dancer Relations Committee Member*

## Alumni Get Cooking!



The College of Education partnered with Penn State College and Campus Alumni Societies, and the Penn State Alumni Association, to host Season 2 of the Penn State Cooking Classic. The program was a four-week cooking extravaganza that consisted of hour-long demonstration dishes featuring Southern cuisine. Our very own College of Education alumna, Dr. Jhan Doughty ('94g,'01g), tempted everyone's taste buds with her homemade Southern Creole Seafood Gumbo and Holla Spirits joined her to make a spicy jalapeno vodka cocktail. The proceeds from the event went to support food pantries across Penn State campuses, who provide food to students in need. The event raised close to \$2,400.

## Diversity in Education Conference

Several members of the Penn State Social Equity Alumni (SEA) Network served as panelists for the "Embracing What Makes Us Different: Diversity in Education Conference" sponsored by the Penn State Council for Exceptional Children, the College of Education and the Diversity and Community Enhancement Committee. The focus of the all-day conference was to provide undergraduate and graduate students with an opportunity to share knowledge and resources as well as connect with faculty/staff/alumni. Topics ranged from LGBTQ+ Issues in Education to Teaching for Education and Social Justice. For the lunch "Chat & Chew" panel session, SEA Network members Dr. Judy Alston ('96g), Nuria Diallo ('01g,'07g), and Dr. Jhan Doughty ('94g,'01g) all shared stories on their respective journeys leading up to Penn State as well as provided tips, tools and resources that helped them navigate their educational experiences as students.



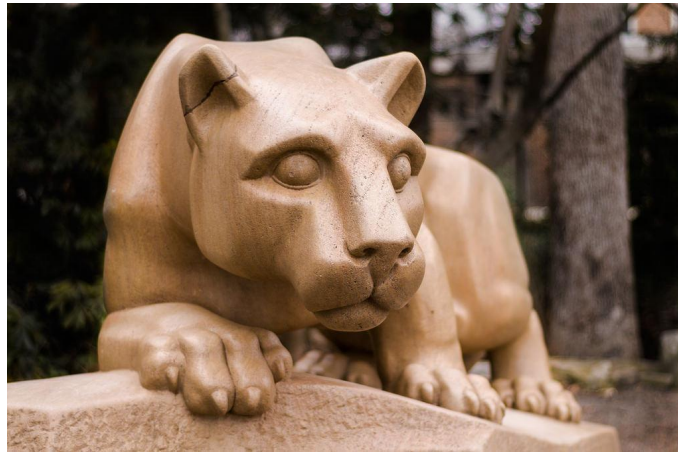
## Donuts with Dean Lawless



On March 18th students gathered in front of the Chambers Building to participate in the *Donuts with the Dean* event. College of Education students were invited to meet Dean Kimberly Lawless and other Deans within the college. Students enjoyed having the opportunity to ask questions and talk with other students about the various majors, activities and clubs within the college!



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