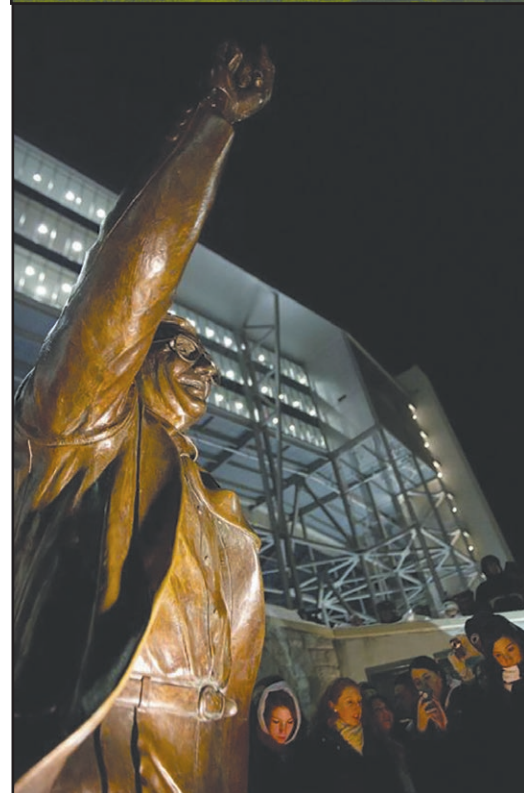


THE 2010s: A DECADE IN REVIEW



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The decade that changed the perception of PSU

Last week, I was in Brooklyn covering the NIT Season Tip-Off Tournament that the men’s basketball team was participating in and I watched an interesting interaction unfold.



On my way into the restroom, I passed an older, gray-haired gentleman wearing a Penn State pullover. Behind me was a Syracuse fan who appeared to be in his 30s and as he entered the restroom, he nearly bumped into the older Penn State fan. Instead of exchanging the common, “Oops, excuse me,” what I heard caught my attention and forced me to stop in my tracks.

“Woah, watch it Sandusky,” the seemingly semi-intoxicated Syracuse fan said to the Penn State fan.

I thought about this for a good portion of the two-hour drive back to my parents’ house that night.

As we rapidly approach the year 2020, and put behind us the most tumultuous decades Penn State has ever seen, I’ve come to this conclusion: As much as things may have normalized on campus in the eight years since the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse case first broke, the perception of Penn State will never be the same.

Yes, what I witnessed in Brooklyn was just one guy, but let’s not be naive and pretend that this thinking doesn’t exist in others — just check any Pitt, Ohio State or Michigan fan message boards when their teams are playing Penn State.

Some no longer think of Penn State without thinking of Sandusky, and in turn, Joe Paterno, because of the events of the last decade.

And maybe we shouldn’t expect a scandal of that magnitude to ever really go away. It may no longer be an everyday topic of discussion among current students, faculty and members of the community at-large, it’s still fresh on the minds of many who really only know Penn State for its football team and the legacy Paterno left behind.



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Jerry Sandusky is escorted to a patrol vehicle after being resentedenced at the Centre County Courthouse on Friday, Nov. 22.

There are already current Penn State students who grew up not knowing what Penn State was like before the scandal. Through major activities in student life, they’ve only experienced Penn State as James Franklin’s football team, THON, etc. And that’s probably for the best — because no one wants to move on more than Penn Staters who attended the university during this decade.

I grew up in a Penn State family, the son of a Penn State alumnus, and had to process everything that went on while I was in middle school. What I thought I

knew about Penn State was a lie and I’ve spent the rest of the decade learning what the university is really about during my four years on campus.

But there’s another side of that coin. There will forever be people outside of the Penn State community who grew up viewing the Sandusky scandal from afar — the result is a large portion of the population who knows Penn State as only that.

And that’s certainly the most unfortunate lasting legacy of Penn State from the 2010s.

The Sandusky jokes, the Paterno jokes, they’re not going away anytime soon.

People often view the start of a new year as an opportunity for a second chance or to start anew. But there are no second chances for Penn State. Nothing, not even a new decade, will wipe away will wipe away what has unfolded since November 2011, ultimately changing things forever.

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Coach Joe Paterno with his team during their 34 to 6 victory over Eastern Michigan at Beaver Stadium in 2011.

Students reflect on Joe Paterno’s controversial legacy this decade

By **Melissa Manno**
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From the university library to ice cream flavors, the Paterno name is something that has stood with Penn State for decades — and the 2011 controversy surrounding former football coach Joe Paterno regarding the Jerry Sandusky sexual abuse case has stood with the university, too.

In 2012, a jury convicted Sandusky, the former football defensive coordinator, of 45 counts of child sexual abuse. A report conducted by former FBI director Louis Freeh revealed that many university leaders, including Paterno, knew about the abuse and were complicit in covering years of it.

Since then, many have questioned whether Paterno actually knew about the abuse — and, if he did know, if he did enough to report it.

While some renounced Paterno, others continued to revere him and his legacy as football coach. In 2019, students continue to have a complicated relationship with the former coach.

Student Hunter Donahoe has been a lifelong fan of Paterno, and said he disagrees with the notion that Paterno had knowledge of the abuse prior to the allegations.

“I am a full believer in the fact that Joe Paterno did not know about the molestations,” Donahoe (sophomore-meteorology) said. “Stripping JoePa of his wins, which he ultimately got back, and firing him from the university was a major mistake by the Board of Trustees.”

Donahoe described the impact that the former football coach had on the university as being one that stretched far be-

yond the football field, referencing the “generous donations” he and his family have made to the institution.

“Most students think of JoePa as a father figure that’s helped Penn State become the university it is today,” Donahoe said.

Paterno was the head coach for 46 seasons, from 1966-2011, when he was fired in the wake of the Sandusky case. He currently holds the record for the second most wins by a college football coach, with 409 wins under his belt before they were taken away amid the Sandusky case.

Student Tyler Danzig agreed, saying Paterno’s influence on the university should be celebrated, not renounced.

“I think he definitely gets a bad rep,” Danzig (sophomore-meteorology) said. “He had a huge impact on Penn State football, and the community surrounding it.”

For him, the question of Paterno’s involvement in the case is irrelevant. Whatever his role was, Danzig said he didn’t deserve to have his achievements stripped.

“Whether he knew or not, he still did some big things for the school,” Danzig said. “I don’t believe in destroying everything a person has done in a lifetime because of one bad slip up.”

When it comes to the rest of the student body, Danzig said he believes they would share a similar opinion. He said much of the hate Paterno receives is a result of Penn State rivalries and misinformed individuals.

“I think if you were to talk to any Penn State affiliated people, they’d say what I just said,” Danzig said. “They’d probably feel angered at the fact that most people consider him not to be associated with great seasons but

associated with the scandals.”

Although Danzig sees the student body as united in support of Paterno, many students fall on the opposing side. Steven Schneibble is one of those students.

“From my perspective of a lifelong Pennsylvanian, the man was a respected football coach and philanthropist whose decision to overlook child abuse toward the end of his career was a terrible failing of character,” Steven Schneibble said.

Schneibble (junior- English and psychology) said he can’t speak for all of his Penn State counterparts, but his circle of friends isn’t among the students who think highly of Paterno.

“I can’t pretend to understand the love of Joe Paterno among my peers,” Schneibble said. “I can’t think about him without thinking of the suffering that occurred under his watch.”

Schneibble is a member of the Paterno Fellows Program, an honors liberal arts program that emphasizes leadership, interdisciplinary scholarship and global awareness.

He said he feels very proud of the program and the excellent work its members have accomplished. However, the program’s name gives him pause because of the association and “potential to passively endorse the actions and inactions of its eponym.”

“I know technically it’s a program endowed by the Paterno family,” Schneibble said. “When it comes to public perception though, the name ‘Paterno’ evokes one person — and one scandal — in particular.”

Ryan Bullotta said he believes there’s a way to celebrate Joe

Paterno and his impact, while also acknowledging his flaws.

“I believe he coached for 46 seasons and for someone to stay so loyal to a program for so long and to have so much success really says a lot about how good of a coach he was for the school,” Bullotta (sophomore-food science) said. “But at the time of the scandal he just had too much power and money, both of which definitely changed how things were supposed to be handled when the scandal unfolded.”

Bullotta said he thinks most students think positively of Paterno, and he often sees people sporting “JoePa” shirts to show support. Still, many students question his morals in relation to the Sandusky case.

“Some people like him because he is viewed as the founding father of Penn State football, which is a huge aspect of this school’s identity,” Bullotta said. “Some people hate him because rape and assault are a real problem and especially in today’s time, it’s a rising issue.”

With the Paterno name being used by the university in so many ways, some students can’t help but acknowledge the dark history that comes with it.

Bullotta said attending a university that is heavily associated with Paterno makes him feel “somewhat proud,” but also “shame due to the severity and context of the scandal.”

“He did so much for the school,” Bullotta said, “but at the same time, Paterno, along with Sandusky, left a bruise on the school that won’t be healed for some time.”

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Greek life reform: Locally and nationally

Following the hazing-fueled death of Timothy Piazza, changes have been made

By Maddie Aiken
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On Feb. 2, 2017, Penn State student Timothy Piazza walked into the Beta Theta Pi fraternity’s doors for bid acceptance night. Less than two days later, the 19-year-old was dead.

Piazza suffered a fractured skull and lacerated spleen following a hazing-fueled night, in which the sophomore consumed at least 18 drinks in 82 minutes and fell “hair first” down the fraternity’s basement stairs.

Brothers waited hours before calling for help. Piazza was pronounced dead at the Hershey Medical Center the morning of Feb. 4, 2017.

His death caused Penn State to permanently ban Beta Theta Pi and sent numerous former brothers to court for their roles in the alcohol-fueled rituals leading up to Piazza’s death and the deletion of security footage depicting the fatal night.

Additionally, since February 2017, Piazza’s death has sparked a transformation in Penn State greek life, Pennsylvania hazing law and the national conversation on hazing.

At Penn State

The university has taken several measures to reform greek life culture since Piazza died. The university adopted a no-tolerance policy toward hazing, implemented a scorecard for greek life organizations, and stipulated that students must earn at least 14 Penn State credits a semester and maintain a 2.5 GPA to participate in greek life.

Students are only able to rush after earning 14 credit hours at Penn State or 27 transfer credits, meaning most first-semester freshmen are barred from rushing.

Additionally, fraternities and sororities are required to register socials and are limited to 10 socials per semester. The university has banned or suspended numerous greek life organizations since Piazza’s death.

In January, it was announced that the university plans to create and house the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform — a research center that will study greek life culture across the country, develop a national scorecard for greek organizations, host conversations on greek life-related topics and sponsor research.

“With the creation of the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform, university leaders will now have a dedicated center for the study of best practices and assessment in fraternity and sorority life across the country,” Penn State president Eric Barron said in a January press release. “The Piazza Center will provide an essential leadership role to compel the collective change required.”

Penn State’s Interfraternity Council (IFC) has also taken several steps to encourage reform.

Among changes made includes the creation of the vice president for health and safety role, the creation of a dry period during recruitment, the passing of a vote to make all new member processes four weeks long, the drafting of new social expectations and guidelines and the restructuring of Standards of Excellence.

The new Standards of Excellence set minimum requirements for fraternity community service hours, philanthropy money raised and civic responsibility program attendance.

In addition, IFC vice president for communications Leonard



Jim and Evelyn Piazza talk to the press about hazing in fraternities and sororities at the HUB-Robeson Center on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018.

Fontes III said the IFC is working to increase its “accountability and transparency” among chapters, in a statement from the IFC.

“As we move forward with these changes within our community, we plan to build Penn State into a model for all greek communities,” Fontes said. “It is our ambition for Penn State to lead our country into a new era of greek life. One that is both safe and beneficial to the happiness and wellbeing of all students who are a part of it.”

In Pennsylvania

The impact of Piazza’s death spanned further than changes in university policy. In fact, his death rewrote Pennsylvania hazing law.

Just over a year after Piazza’s death, Pennsylvania Senator Jake Corman introduced the Timothy J. Piazza Antihazing Bill to Pennsylvania legislature. The bill, which was met with unanimous bipartisan support, was signed into law by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf in October 2018.

As Wolf signed the bill into law, Piazza’s parents, Jim and Evelyn, watched beside him. The Piazas have acted as catalysts for much of the push for hazing reform at a university, statewide and national level.

The law created tiers for hazing in Pennsylvania, stipulated that institutions must release hazing reports, established categories of organizational and institutional hazing, and required institutions and high schools to adopt and enforce a written anti-hazing policy.

In Pennsylvania, hazing resulting in death or serious bodily injury will now be charged as a third-degree felony, and hazing resulting in bodily injury will result in a third-degree misdemeanor charge.

Penn State will release biannual hazing reports in accordance with the law. Thus far, the university has released two reports.

Nationwide

Nationwide, the Piazzas continue to foster a dialogue on hazing and its consequences. Jim said he and Evelyn have spoken to “well over 100,000” college students about Piazza and hazing.

Through speaking to students, Jim said he hopes to educate students on what hazing is and the consequences of it.

Jim said university action often talks “at” students, but he and Evelyn speak from the heart and bring emotion into the conversation in an attempt to make students ““feel it in their stomach, feel it in their heart.”

While the state laws that the Piazzas advocate for deal with the crime of hazing, federal laws they promote deal with accountability and transparency.

Among federal bills introduced includes the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act, which hopes to reduce hazing on college campuses and educate the community on hazing. The act would also require universities to report instances of hazing under the Clery Act.

Additionally, the Educational Notification and Disclosure of Actions risking Loss of Life by Hazing Act (END ALL Hazing Act) would require institutions to report hazing allegations to campus and local law enforcement and create a website to identify student organizations that have hazed in the past five years.

“We’re certainly proud of the difference we’ve been able to make at Penn State already. I know that the number of violations has gone down, I know that there’s been situations where

people have picked up the phone and called 911, so we’ve got that discussion going, and I think we have that discussion going nationally,” Jim said. “If you look around the country, universities across the board are taking a tougher stance against hazing.

“There’s been organizations — mostly fraternities and sororities — around the country that have been suspended or shut down. You never really heard about it as much [before], you’re hearing about it now. You’re also hearing about charges being brought against people when someone doesn’t die. That never happened in the past,” he said.

Looking forward

Jim and Evelyn continue to encourage states to adopt stricter laws regarding hazing. According to Jim, the consequence of hazing in many states is comparable to a traffic ticket. The Piazzas, among many others, hope to change that.

Ultimately, Jim said he hopes to continue the dialogue on hazing, increase transparency in greek life and harshen the punishments for hazing.

Jim acknowledged there has been a lot of positive, forward movement, but he said there’s still more to be done.

“We are hoping universities and national fraternities and sororities will work more closely together to hold people accountable and not point fingers at each other, and that when hazing happens, they act swiftly and hold people accountable. That’s our goal. If we hold people accountable, pretty soon the culture will change,” Jim said. “We’re optimistic that the culture can change, but we realize it’s [going to] take several years to do that.”

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Beta Theta Pi fraternity house located on Burrowes St. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2017.

Bellisario donation impacts for decades to come

By Ashley Hayford
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In 2017, Penn State alumnus Donald P. Bellisario, along with his wife Vivienne, donated \$30 million to what is now known as the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications — one of the largest gifts in Penn State’s history.

Through the “A Greater Penn State for the 21st Century Excellence” campaign, the Bellisarios’ gift provides scholarships for communications students, with first preference going to active duty service members who are undergraduates.

The gift also financially supports faculty projects and new programs that provide interactive learning experiences for undergraduates, and funds the creation of the Donald P. Bellisario Media Center.

The Bellisario Media Center, which began construction in December 2018, will act as a communications hub for students, providing offices and studios for communications students, faculty and student-run organizations, including The Daily Collegian.

The center will be located in the oldest section of the Willard Building and is expected to

be completed for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Dean of the Bellisario College of Communications Marie Hardin said the media center will prepare students to be experienced professionals in their respective media environments.

“The center will be, hands down, the most exciting place on campus for Penn State communications students and faculty,” Hardin said in a press release.

“It will be a vital resource as we prepare the next generation of great digital storytellers.”

Additional funding for the Media Center was donated by the Hearst Foundation, which

award-winning director, producer, writer and actor. He is most renowned for his work on “Quantum Leap,” “NCIS” and “Magnum PI.”

The couple were named Penn State’s Philanthropists of the Year in 2018. The award recognizes those who exhibit the qualities of generosity and leadership toward their alma mater through promotion and financial support.

Penn State President Eric Barron said the Bellisarios’ donation is an “extraordinary commitment” that will support students and faculty for years.

“Don’s accomplishments as a television legend reflect values central to the Penn State community — a commitment


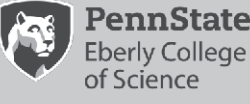
to hard work, excellence and transformative results,” Barron said in a press release.

Bellisario said from his contribution to the college, he is investing in the next generation, which is something he cares deeply about.

“I believe in investing, passing it on to the next generation,” Bellisario said in a press release.

“Under the guidance of Dean Marie Hardin, these new facilities, faculty chairs and student scholarships will assure there is no limit to what future graduates of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications can achieve.”

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Harvard University

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endowed \$100,000 to the project in April 2018.

Prior to their 2017 contribution to the College of Communications, the Bellisarios donated \$1 million to establish the Donald P. Bellisario Trust Scholarship in 2006. The endowment was one of the largest made through the Trustee Matching Scholarship Program.

Bellisario also donated his past work, including scripts and videos, to be used as examples in communications courses.

The 1961 journalism graduate became an



Donald P. Bellisario poses with his family in front of the newly dedicated Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications on Oct. 20, 2017.



Top five games of the decade

By Caleb Wilfonger
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

There are plenty of games in the past 10 years that fans have fond memories of.

From conference championships to record-breaking milestones, this decade had plenty of games that fans always go back to watch, win or lose.

Here are five games that stand out over the past decade.

5. 2011 vs Illinois

Joe Paterno's record-setting win certainly did not come easy.

Then-No. 21 Penn State trailed for most of the game against an upstart Illinois group at Beaver Stadium, but just like it did the year prior to secure victory No. 400 for Paterno, his team was determined to get him that milestone 409th victory.

The Nittany Lions overcame six fumbles — two of which they lost — with running back Silas Redd's 3-yard touchdown run with 68 seconds left. Penn State's only touchdown came after Illinois corner Justin Green was whistled for pass interference while breaking up a fourth-down pass to Derek Moye in the end zone.

The Illini drove from their 17 to the Penn State 25-yard line on the next drive, but kicker Derek Dimke's 42-yard field goal attempt bounced off the right upright as time expired, sealing the

10-7 victory for the hosts.

With the win, Paterno the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division I history, surpassing Eddie Robinson's record of 408 victories that he set at FCS school Grambling State from 1941-97.

4. 2017 Rose Bowl vs USC

Two days into 2017 gave us one of the best college football games of that year, and of the decade in general.

Fresh off a Big Ten championship a month prior, No. 5 Penn State met with No. 9 USC in a showdown between two of the most storied programs in the nation.

From the start, the game was a track meet, with both teams scoring points quickly, and in bunches. But it was a memorable 28-point third quarter for the Nittany Lions that put them in a prime position to win.

After trailing 27-21 at the break, Penn State scored three touchdowns on its first three snaps of the second half: a stunning 72-yard run by Barkley, a bobbled 79-yard catch by Godwin and a 3-yard TD run by McSorley after an interception return.

USC trailed 49-35 with nine minutes to play, but would score touchdowns on consecutive possessions to tie up one of the greatest Rose Bowls ever played.

After 98 combined points and 1,040 yards of spectacular offensive play, the highest-scoring

Rose Bowl in history rested on the left foot of Matt Boermeester, who hit a 46-yard field goal as time expired to give the Trojans an unlikely comeback victory in Pasadena.

3. 2016 vs Wisconsin

Penn State was riding an eight-game winning streak heading into the Big Ten championship game in Indianapolis, but it didn't appear as if that would continue at the onset.

Wisconsin scored 28 of the game's first 35 points, and it initially looked like the Badgers would blow out Penn State and end the dream season.

But even as they were faced with a 21-point first-half deficit, the Nittany Lions responded.

Spearheaded by a superb second half that had already become a staple of the 2016 team, McSorley threw three of his four touchdown passes in the final 35 minutes of the game, and connected on a number of deep balls against a reeling Wisconsin secondary.

After a Saquon Barkley receiving touchdown gave Penn State the lead for good at 35-31, the Nittany Lions stopped the Badgers short on fourth-and-1, closing the book on one of the most improbable runs to a conference title in recent college football history.

2. 2013 vs Michigan

In what has since been recognized as one of the most famous

games in the history of Beaver Stadium, Allen Robinson provided Penn State fans with a play that most will never forget on an October night six years ago.

Trailing then-No. 18 Michigan 34-27 with under a minute remaining in the fourth quarter, Robinson caught two passes on the Nittany Lions' final drive in regulation.

No grab in Robinson's Penn State career was more important than his 36-yard catch where he elevated over Wolverines defensive back Channing Stribling and got the Nittany Lions down to the 1-yard-line with just over 30 seconds to play.

After then-freshman Christian Hackenberg sneaked in for the first rushing TD against Michigan to knot things up at 34 and send the game to overtime, both teams would settle for field goals, or would turn the ball over on downs in the overtime periods.

However, while Michigan settled for another field goal in the fourth overtime, Penn State went for it on fourth-and-1 from the Wolverines 16-yard line. Running back Bill Belton converted and made the gamble a good one. Three plays later, Belton ran for a 2-yard touchdown to lift Penn State past Michigan 43-40 in what was the biggest win in Bill O'Brien's two seasons with the Nittany Lions.

1. 2016 vs Ohio State

Penn State was in desperate

need of a signature win as it welcomed then-No. 2 Ohio State to Beaver Stadium on Oct. 22, 2016.

As it turns out, this was a game that changed the entire trajectory of the program.

Penn State hadn't beaten a top-five team in the AP Poll since 1999, but McSorley, Barkley and the rest of the Nittany Lions were able to pull off an improbable upset as 19-point underdogs in a game that gave Franklin and his staff a historic victory.

The Nittany Lions fell behind 12-0 early, before a Chris Godwin receiving touchdown brought the hosts within five points at the break. After the Buckeyes rattled off nine unanswered points in the third quarter it looked as if Penn State would still be in search of that signature win.

But a 17-point fourth quarter — highlighted by Grant Haley's blocked field goal return — proved to be the difference in the game, and they couldn't keep the fans off the field after Penn State's defense came up with a final stand in the waning moments.

Not only was it a significant moment in the post-Paterno era, but the game sparked an improbable Big Ten championship run and two straight 11-win seasons with McSorley and Barkley at the helm of Penn State's offense.

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Penn State Football

All-Decade Team

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Ryan Bates



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Trace McSorley



Saquon Barkley

RB

Defense



Grant Haley

CB



Carl Nassib



Anthony Zettel



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Michael Mauti



Mike Hull

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Marcus Allen

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Title cemented program excellence

By Ryan Lam
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

When Raquel Rodriguez tapped the ball into the back of the net in the 71st minute, the Penn State players knew this goal would elevate the program to new heights.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

“When she got the ball it was like the sense of calmness because I knew she’s done it multiple times in practice,” then-sophomore midfielder Emily Ogle said. “That’s what carried us through – once we got that goal, we weren’t letting any in, we knew that we were going to win this thing.”

The Nittany Lions had won the national championship.

Penn State had always been a staple in the NCAA Tournament, but it only broke through to the final stages in a few occasions. Before 2015, there was 2012, when 2015’s seniors were only freshmen and North Carolina dealt a 4-1 blow to halt the dreams of the Nittany Lions’ first College Cup win.

It was also a historic occurrence for Penn State, who rode senior goalkeeper Britt Eckerstrom’s eight-game shutout streak to end the season, while Rodriguez herself earned the Mac Hermann trophy for the best collegiate player in the country.

It was the perfect ending to an illustrious collegiate career for the seniors on the squad.

“As soon as the ref blew the whistle, it was weird,” Rodriguez said. “All of a sudden, we made it and it was honestly the cherry on top.”



Penn State's Raquel Rodriguez (11) fights for the ball against Duke's Cassie Pecht (11) during the NCAA Women's College Cup soccer final.



Penn State celebrates with the trophy after winning the NCAA Women's College Cup soccer final against Duke 1-0 in Cary, N.C., Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015.

Eckerstrom resonated with the season being a culmination of everything that came before in her collegiate career, but also an important juncture of the team finding its identity.

“Through my career here we find some of those values that defined our team in blue collar, attitude of the champion and united family,” Eckerstrom said. “We nailed those down while I was there and I think we were able to lean on all those values, especially in the last year.”

Eckerstrom pinpointed two instances in the 2015 season that sparked the run along with the “three pillars” of the Penn State women’s soccer culture. One of them was how the team worked together as a singular unit after an early-season win against No. 2

Stanford, instilling the belief that this team can go far.

The other one was not as positive.

“We tied against Nebraska leading up to the championship and we all felt like we lost,” Eckerstrom said. “I remember the next day, they showed us clips of every 1-v-1 duel we lost. They were like, ‘If we’re going to lean on these values, we can’t just talk – we got to actually perform and execute those values.’”

“So they showed us all those clips and we’re like, ‘We can’t get beat like that over and over again.’”

All the trials and tribulations that 2015 season led to Penn State making the breakthrough once again after 2012, with the Elite Eight being a crucial moment and a barrier to break down.

“I honestly think that one of the hardest games is the Elite Eight game. That’s where I, beside the year we won it, got knocked out my other three years,” Ogle said. “A huge advantage to the 2015 season was that the Elite Eight game was at home and we played West Virginia at home.”

The perks of being the No. 1 seed in the quadrant proved to be huge in making the final push, especially mentally for the team.

“As soon as we won that game, I think everyone had this feeling of, ‘We can do this thing, we can win it all,’” Ogle said. “‘Why stop now? We can easily do this.’ So I think that was one of the turning points in the NCAA Tournament where we were building a lot of momentum heading into that Final Four.”

The team dynamic was also very interesting with a very

distinct blend of players. Apart from experienced starters like Rodriguez, Eckerstrom and Mallory Weber, the team had to lean on a number of young players to play big roles.

Kaleigh Riehl and Ellie Jean are still on the latest edition of the team, while players like Ogle, Maddie Nolf, Marissa Sheva and Charlotte Williams all participated in the bulk of the games as underclassmen.

Sheva, a freshman winger who played in 26 games that season, did not come in with the expectation that she could be part of a team that could win it all. However, as the season progressed, it started to become more and more of a reality.

“As a freshman, there was definitely a moment when I was like, ‘Oh my goodness, you actually could not have asked for a better freshman year,’” Sheva said.

“We came in having not played in as professional of an environment at Penn State and it was a grind, it was probably the longest season that most of us have ever played, so I think there was a bit of relief at the end.”

As the younger players blended in and proved their place in this championship-caliber squad, the team hit the ground running both on the field and off the field as a group.

The culture set in place by those before them was also a huge factor.

“We had a really good culture where it was okay to be tough on each other, to demand a lot out of each other,” Ogle said. “But in the end, we knew that everyone had each other’s backs and

we were family and that anyone on the team would help anybody else, they would take care of each other.”

Eckerstrom, being one of the senior leaders on the team, saw everything come together at the right time with a very strong young core.

“The younger players on the team were totally on board and they’re ready to give everything they’ve got,” Eckerstrom said. “Rocky and I, we just want to win it really bad and that attitude along with what the staff is putting out, as you know, this is that we’re capable of, our expectations and standards. I feel like it went really well.”

A tricky part with college soccer is working consistently with the team’s chemistry. As sound as a system could be curated by a coach, the reality of college athletics means there would always be moving pieces.

That could be a troubling factor for a top-ranked team trying to gel in the 20-or-so matches available. However, Rodriguez remembered the 2015 squad being cohesive in the way the players played and their personalities.

“We had an excellent combination of players with characteristics that complemented each other so well,” Rodriguez said. “I think everyone did their job in an excellent way. All across the board, not only did we have depth, but also, we had a lot of talented players who were also hard workers.”

For Ogle, it was the overall close-knit relationships on the team that propelled the run.

“We were just a cohesive team on and off the field. Everyone on that team was a great person and so we all get along,” Ogle said. “When you have a team like that who gets along off the field, it really helps then with the performance on the field.”

It was a fairytale ending for the seniors, but for the younger players, it had them hungry for more. Although the dreams of another College Cup have not materialized, the 2015 season served as an invaluable experience for the team.

“I think it was more that we had a fantastic blueprint of what a national championship team looks like and what they do,” Sheva said. “This is what’s been successful for us in the past and if we want to get back to the Elite Eight, the Final Four? This is the standard that we hold.”

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Cook working to restore Penn State’s success

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Bob Warming admitted he failed at developing players at the end of his tenure at Penn State.

Despite having appeared in four NCAA Tournaments and two Big Ten championships with a two-time Big Ten coach of the year at the helm, the men’s program wasn’t what it once was by the time Warming left.

“We didn’t do a good enough job in developing the players and I take full responsibility for that,” Warming said.

“We didn’t get enough players in because we were in a recruiting cycle where we had huge classes and then we didn’t other years.”

Men’s soccer in the Big Ten, specifically tournament championships, has been dominated by Indiana, who has 14 trophies. Penn State, Ohio State, Maryland and Michigan State are the closest competitors with three.

However, those championships came in the years before Jeff Cook took control of the program in 2018, as Warming has two titles to his name.

In regard to his early success, Warming believes it is determined by the same terms across all sports.

“It was the players and chemistry,” Warming said.

“We had really good players, really good chemistry and we avoided a lot of injuries. In a sport where you get 9.9 scholarships, less than 10 scholarships for 27 guys, there are some players who can probably get injured and there’s players who are similar to them. There are some players though who if they get injured, you really don’t have a replacement.”

Warming, the current head coach at Nebraska-Omaha, coached at Penn State from 2010-2017. In the Nittany Lions four NCAA tournament appearances, they never surpassed the

third round.

However, the program dropped off in 2015, winning only seven games that year, and slowly declined before winning only five games in his final season.

In Warming’s case, it was having to come to terms with unfortunate circumstances.

“When we didn’t do well, injuries like Pierre Reedy, that was a tough one,” Warming said.

“He and Austin Maloney were super talented. You start looking at the best players and it’s tough in that league, which is certainly one of the best in the country.”

Players such as Aaron Molloy and Brandon Hackenberg have been around long enough to experience both Warming and coach Jeff Cook.

In Molloy’s opinion, they’re both elite coaches.

“I think both coaches are absolutely fantastic and Bob Warming did a fantastic job in his reign here,” Molloy said.

Hackenberg spoke similarly, saying that he has nothing but respect for both Warming and Cook.

“I have formed great relationships with both of them,” Hackenberg said, “and the success this year is about the team being together and willing to work for each other.”

When Cook took over the program, he recognized Warming’s impact on Happy Valley.

“Bob’s been first class in terms of his support for me and the program,” Cook said before the 2018 season. “Obviously he, more than anyone else would’ve liked the last few years to be a bit different because he did achieve a lot of success here at Penn State and throughout his career. I have

nothing but respect for Bob and what he’s achieved.”

Erica Dambach, the coach for the Penn State women’s soccer team, has previous connections from when the two were the respective coaches of the men’s and women’s programs at Dartmouth.

“Jeff and I have a wonderful working relationship dating back to our time at Dartmouth together,” Dambach said.

“We collaborate on ideas, share some different ideas, talk about the challenges that we both face, help each other with solutions and in our time at Penn State, our staffs have come together.”

Despite the previous connections between the two, Dambach stated that Cook’s resume spoke for itself when the men’s position opened up at Penn State.

“When Warming left Penn State and the athletic department was looking at different candidates, Jeff Cook was a name that came up,” Dambach said.

“Whether or not I supported him really didn’t matter. I think they recognized how important his collegiate experience was during his time at Dartmouth and the experience with his dealings in the professional game in terms of experience, knowledge and recruiting.”

In Cook’s first season, the Nittany Lions finished 6-9-2, but had the chance to gain a point or more in a majority of their losses.

Six of the nine losses were by a single goal, four of which the result was 1-0. Penn State was sound defensively but couldn’t piece it together in the attacking third, a contrast from this season.



Jeff Cook prepares for Penn State's match against Villanova on Friday, Sept. 13 at Jeffrey Field.

Heading into this season with a primarily young roster and top-10 recruiting class, it was uncertain whether to expect improvement or a set-back.

It was an improvement, as Cook flipped the program and turned back the clock to Penn State’s days in the beginning of the decade.

Although it was upset in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Cook led Penn State to its first top-16 seed since 2010, a winning record for the first time since 2014 and had a chance to clinch an in-season Big Ten title right up to the last game of the season.

Dambach stated that with the success of the men’s program, it helps her program too.

“I was thrilled for the success of the men’s program this year,” Dambach said. “I think the stronger their program is, the stronger it makes our program. The players feed off of each other’s energy, our staffs are able to collaborate and talk about the NCAA tournament with different strategies.”

Dambach also credits the vast history of the men’s program that supports Cook, too.

“With 100 years of history, they’ve got so much support behind them,” Dambach said.

“Jeff has done a good job not only on the field with the current team, but with the alumni as well. There’s a lot of excitement around the Penn State men’s program, along with the women’s program and I feel that excitement all around us.”

With season having wrapped up and as Molloy departs Penn State, he believes Cook is starting to catch an eye around the country.

“Coach Cook is starting his way to becoming one of the best NCAA coaches and has helped put Penn State back on the map,” Molloy said.

“We’ll continue to do so in the future too.”

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Not alone at the top

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Since 2011, Penn State isn't the only team with a target on its back anymore.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Russ Rose doesn't look back, but maybe that changes in terms of trying to become the team Penn State was from 2007-10.

It will take Rose looking into the past to figure out if his team's highest point of success for nearly half a decade eight years ago will ever return.

It was Dec. 18, 2010 when the Nittany Lions captured their fourth consecutive national title in a sweep against California.

Rose became the first coach in NCAA Division I women's volleyball history to win five national titles, and Penn State was on top of the volleyball world.

The Nittany Lions were seeded fourth in the nation, 32-5 overall and had just won the top prize in college volleyball for the fourth straight year.

It was a moment Penn State would experience again in 2014, but not before the program had to deal with a few setbacks.

Just one season after Penn State was awarded the 2010 NCAA title, UCLA ended the Nittany Lions' streak of national championships, as the Bruins knocked Penn State out of the Sweet 16 in 2011.

From then on, the Nittany Lions were no longer the most dominant team in the country.

It was at that point that other strong and consistently successful programs began to rise to the level of Penn State.

The history between Penn State and Stanford is fairly balanced with Penn State claiming six wins out of the teams' 14 matchups since 2007.

However, the Nittany Lions have lost four of their last five matchups against the Cardinal, including a four-set defeat in the Elite Eight last season.

"It's a team that is capable of putting a streak together similar to the one we had a number of years ago and I have great admiration for the fact that they don't back down to strong competition even after being the defending national champs last season," Rose said.

But Penn State's biggest

challenge this decade has been with a Big Ten rival.

Nebraska has beaten Penn State 13 times out of the 19 matchups between the two teams since 2007, further proving that Penn State is no longer the only team to be reckoned with in the Big Ten.

Having not faced Penn State in 2009 or 2010 — two of the four years that the Nittany Lions won national titles — it presents a question about whether or not Penn State really would have won four national titles in a row if the two teams would have met in the NCAA Tournament.

In fact, after winning its third national title of the decade in 2014, Nebraska put an end to Penn State's season in the Sweet 16 in 2016 and the Final Four in 2017.

When programs like Stanford and Nebraska began to build up their successes, it was only a matter of time until they stood out along Penn State in NCAA Tournament history.

Penn State ranks above Stanford and Nebraska in only two categories out of five — most tournament appearances and most NCAA championships.

"I think its cool seeing programs trying to create that program history and build up that standard of what success is and what they want for their team," Stanford assistant coach Alisha Glass Childress said.

Nearly a decade after the Nittany Lions were at the top of the sport, Stanford, Nebraska and UCLA weren't just seen as some of Penn State's most competitive opponents anymore.

Those programs now have the same target on their backs as Penn State once did.

A target that Glass Childress once had on her back.

Glass Childress was a Nittany Lion before she was hired as an assistant coach at Stanford.

She won three national titles at Penn State and was a leader of some of the most dominant teams to come through Happy Valley.

She described this target as one that doesn't just disappear after a team is no longer ranked No. 1, or the defending national champion, and that the Nittany Lions will always have this target on their backs.

But now, so do other programs.

"When you have success for a short period of time for several years like Penn State did that



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Stanford assistant coach and former Penn State women's volleyball player Alisha Glass Childress warms up with her players before the match between Penn State and Stanford at Rec Hall on Sept. 13.

target becomes you and when your no longer in that success its still on you and it only ever leaves when another team can establish that same dominance," Glass Childress said.

According to Glass Childress, becoming the national champion is the clear goal of any team but shouldn't be the only thing worth fighting for.

"I think what's more important is the fact that Penn State has always been and continues to be in the mix," Glass Childress said.

"When you get to be a program that people respect and have to defend against then that's what should be a goal for a team to maintain."

Even at the time of Penn State's historical peak in success, Stanford and Nebraska were top teams. Both teams have been ranked at the top of the polls for many years, and have split the last four national titles.

The Cardinal now have the most national championships in Division I women's volleyball with eight — overtaking Penn State's seven national titles — while Nebraska stands in third place with five titles.

Glass Childress believes that this success is formed by many factors but the rotation of dominance between these teams and their ability to remain successful for several years depends on one necessary element.

"It requires finding what their identity is as a team and recruiting the right kids to fill that,"

Glass Childress said. "It can never just be one team that dominates, there's going to always be other schools that will want to knock them off and want to be competitive but I think any team has the capability to do that."

Penn State found its identity in 2007 but not because of a dominant overall record, its skillful roster, an elite program or historic coach.

"We just wanted to honor and uplift what the class before us and the generations before us have created," Glass Childress said.

"And then you see individuals feel like they can be more than just the sum of their parts and I think it's a merging of those two concepts."

Glass Childress feels that establishing this identity is what separates a team from being good and great. It is what creates success in a team beyond earning a national title.

"That's what's special about sports, you build a program and you think on paper you have what it takes and one match can change the course of that and I think it's cool to see programs go up and down and pass that on from one to another but that's how it will always be," Glass Childress said.

Stanford has the record now and they can continue it for the next couple years but Glass Childress knows that can change quickly and someones going to follow, fight and maybe get one or

two titles as well.

"It's easy to say I want to win a national championship but it's the way that you do it and the way that you compete and the way you can tap into that goal every day in practice, postseason, preseason, on and off the court that gets you there," Glass Childress said.

Staying connected to this identity is what led Glass Childress and her team to success during her time at Penn State, and she believes the Nittany Lions have what it takes to become national champs again.

"No matter what the rivalry is, when you play Penn State you step onto the court with a different kind of air," Glass Childress said.

"It's a different atmosphere and having that target makes it challenging no matter what because your giving everyone's best and that mindset changes from year to year."

However, another national title won't change the way Penn State program is seen.

"Penn State is now up against everybody's best and that is a very challenging thing," Glass Childress said.

"But I don't think you can ever really count them out that's what happens when you have success es, everyone is gunning for you, all the time."

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Reliving the height of PSU's dominance

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Matt McCutcheon was hurting. It was 2017 and he just finished competing at his third and final

WRESTLING

NCAA Tournament and had fallen short of the podium for the third straight year.

But what happened next — the history McCutcheon was about to witness and be a part of — made everything just a bit easier to stomach.

In 2017, Penn State's squad became just the fourth team ever to crown five NCAA Champions in a single season and scored an NCAA-record 146.5 team points en route to the sixth title of Cael Sanderson's coaching career.

The Apollo, Pennsylvania, native just posted his second 20-win season in three years and finished third at 197 pounds at the Big Ten tournament, which he ultimately parlayed into a fifth seed at the NCAA Tournament.

McCutcheon was upset by seventh-seeded Aaron Studebaker of Nebraska on Friday night and it stung, but he's part of a team.

That meant he bought in to Sanderson's plan and knew ultimately if he couldn't attain his goal, a team title was the next best thing.

So when teammates Zain Retherford, Jason Nolf, Vincenzo Joseph, Mark Hall and Bo Nickal all won titles and helped secure the team title for Penn State, it was almost therapeutic for McCutcheon, whose NCAA Tournament run had ended the previous day.

"Seeing them win definitely made it easier," McCutcheon told the Collegian. "I admit it hurt at that point, but winning the team title and watching those guys accomplish their goals directly after my NCAA Tournament ended definitely was a big help for me."

The magnitude of the situation also wasn't lost on McCutcheon or current Maryland head coach and former Mizzou associate coach Alex Clemens.

Prior to 2017, Oklahoma State crowned five NCAA champs once



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Zain Retherford takes on Ohio State's Ke-shawn Hayes during a match in the Big Ten Championships on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

in 2002 and Iowa did it twice, in 1986 and 1997, so Penn State was looking to join elite company if it could pull off something so rare and have five guys win titles.

"Once they all made the finals and then we had one guy do it [win a title] and then another guy do it, it was like 'holy crap, these guys can actually do this,'" McCutcheon said. "It's obviously a big stage and a big moment, but you just want them to go out there and wrestle freely and I think that was important for us."

A big part of what allowed Penn State to excel that year, and most years, was an emphasis on perspective.

In Penn State's case that often manifests itself in the dichotomy of winning that first team or individual title as a catalyst for success and the start of a run compared to then the need and desire to defend past titles and using that as fuel.

But thanks to a story Sanderson likes to tell, a phrase or a concept like 'title defense' often doesn't enter into the vocabulary of any Penn State wrestler.

"It's like getting a bouquet of roses. You get your bouquet of roses they die and then after you

win your national title, it's done with and you've got to get a new bouquet of roses," McCutcheon said. "So there's never the idea we're defending anything, it's more we're going out there to get another one."

It's an anecdote and a perspective which McCutcheon and Retherford have taken to heart and find solace in.

Retherford was the first of his teammates to step off the podium a champion in 2017 when he won his second NCAA title at 149 pounds and though he'd been to the mountaintop before, he wasn't satisfied with resting on his laurels.

"If you take the right mindset, if you're always trying to get better and if you're not focused on defending but rather focused on the same desire that won you your first national title, and you put aside what you've done in the past, you see it's just a new goal," Retherford told the Collegian. "For me, it wasn't really a challenge to compete hungrily for a second or third title, it's about keeping the perspective of it's a new goal and just being as hungry for it as you were the first time around."

While Retherford didn't let his

past success wholly dictate how he looked at things or change how he wrestled, there is something to be said for Retherford having "been there before" and thus knowing what to expect.

And as tired of a cliché as that phrase or notion might be, it's part of what Clemens felt gave Retherford — who competed against Mizzou's Lavion Mayes in the 149-pound final and his teammate Jason Nolf, who took on Mayes' teammate Joey Lavallee in the 157-pound final — an advantage.

"I think some of that was probably a product of those guys being comfortable in their element in the finals multiple times and our guys, it being their first trip," Clemens told the Collegian.

If prior success was only part of what made life easier for Retherford and Nolf against two of Mizzou's top guys, Clemens feels innate talent was another key factor.

"I felt like Lavallee and Lavion, you know, being to the finals they had really good tournament and had given themselves an opportunity to compete for a national championship and we sure as hell wanted to win those matches," Clemens said. "We didn't go

out there to take second or to lay down or to not compete well but, you know, those guys. the two that they were wrestling are really really special kids. Retherford and Nolf are probably two of the best that have ever done it in collegiate wrestling."

Those two winning their individual titles and their talent helped with the team race, which Penn State won handily.

But Retherford, Nolf and others had been on talented teams before that won NCAA titles.

What made that team special was a certain brand of contagious selflessness that permeated throughout Penn State's wrestling room.

"That year we had guys that were there from when I had just gotten to college and it was a good mix of guys that weren't necessarily even starters, that would do anything for the team and would chew their arm off to get points for the team if necessary," Retherford said. "I think having that not just in the guys that were starting but in the guys that'll maybe get a chance in the lineup one day, maybe won't, helped getting everyone on board and we really did in 2017."

Perspective was arguably the driving force for what enabled Retherford, McCutcheon and others to go out and compete and take risks en route to trying to capture another team title and more individual titles.

It's a perspective drilled into them by Sanderson, but there's another important perspective from 2017 that can't and shouldn't get lost amid the humility surrounding Penn State — the historical nature of what that 2017 team accomplished.

"I think that having one national champ is really, really special. The fact that they [Penn State] had five is absurd," Clemens, who also helped guide Mizzou legend J'Den Cox to a national title in 2017, said. "We're talking two or three times that's happened. I mean more times than that, people have walked on the moon."

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A Decade of THON memories

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In February 2020, THON will celebrate its 47th annual dance marathon weekend — and the first THON weekend of a new decade.

From canning to DonorDrive and many memorable performances in between, the past decade has left a mark on THON history.

The total reveal — 2014

In 2014, THON broke a record that it has yet to top again by raising \$13,343,517.33 for the Four Diamonds fund.

The 42nd annual dance marathon was what many volunteers described as “the best day of their lives,” as previously reported by The Daily Collegian.

After the weekend came to a close, Four Diamonds Fund co-founder Charles Millard reflected on the growing total each year, and said he believed THON’s reach has become limitless with the growing use of social media within the philanthropy.

Student death leads to a ban on canning trips — 2015

Canning became a topic of controversy in 2015, when a student died while returning to State College on a canning trip.

The female student, Vitalya Sepot, was ejected from the car traveling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and pronounced dead at the scene.

In response to Sepot’s death, THON announced in August 2016 that canning would be phased out completely by 2019.

“We are terribly saddened by this accident and our hearts are with the friends and family of Tally as well as other students who were involved in the

accident,” Katie Mailey, THON 2016 executive director, said in a press release. “The loss of one of our volunteers and the injury of others is a tragedy, and we know this will be felt throughout the community. No words can express our sorrow when learning of this accident and of Tally’s passing.”

Sept. 23 and Sept. 24, 2017 marked the final canning days for THON students, and the end of the canning era.

DNCE — 2017

As someone who has recently become known for his signature love of all things Penn State — especially Champs Downtown — Joe Jonas paid THON a visit in 2017 with his former band DNCE.

The group performed some of its own songs, including “Cake By the Ocean,” as well as “Wannabe” by the Spice Girls and “Fade” by Kanye West.

At one point, the Nittany Lion himself hopped onstage.

Jonas told the Bryce Jordan Center crowd, “We’re here for the kids,” and led the Bryce Jordan Center in a “We Are” chant.

The performance was one to remember, as it included a crowd surfing moment from Jonas himself, who then joined the dancers on the floor.

THON introduces DonorDrive — 2017-18

In November 2017, the THON donating landscape saw huge changes with the addition of DonorDrive.

DonorDrive is an online platform in which each THON organization or independent fundraiser can have its own page to collect donations for the philanthropy.

The addition of DonorDrive to THON’s fundraising efforts has made it easier for families, alumni and friends of THON to donate online, and with the removal of

canning in September 2017, this has allowed for organizations to keep their fundraising totals up.

Tim Miller, the volunteer safety director for THON 2018, told The Daily Collegian in 2017 that in years prior, not having an online donation platform held THON back, especially with the growing use of social media by nonprofits.

New THON Creamery flavor announced — 2018

After 2018, Penn Staters had a new go-to Berkey Creamery flavor — THON Golden Ripple.

The new flavor was unveiled at THON 2018 and THON-goers were able to try the new flavor for the first time during THON weekend.

The THON flavor contains a chocolate ice cream base and is laced with caramel and mixed in white chocolate chips.

Part of the ice cream sales is donated to THON.

Khloe Kardashian vocalizes her support for THON — 2018

Since the beginning of the decade, Khloe Kardashian has been a vocal supporter of THON, tweeting in 2010, “How are all of my #THON dolls doing?!? Hanging in there for the kids????? I’m sure you all are doing amazing :) xoxoxoxo.”

In 2014, she also tweeted in support of the cause, and wished the dancers luck at the beginning of the weekend.

Kardashian’s support continued in 2018, tweeting the link for her 25.8 million followers at the time to “join her” by donating.

“Every year, Penn State students come together for the largest dance marathon in the world to raise money for childhood cancer treatment and research,” she said in a tweet in



A student holds up a diamond during Final Four of THON 2019 at the Bryce Jordan Center on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019.

2018. “I’m proud to support @THON as they show the world what #CancerCannot do!”

Andy Grammer and Mason Ramsey in one weekend — 2019

Surprise guest performers have seemingly become a THON tradition in recent years, but 2019 broke the norm by having two celebrity guests perform over the weekend.

Singer and musician Andy Grammer and Walmart yodeler Mason Ramsey both paid a visit to the Bryce Jordan Center in February to partake in the THON festivities. Grammer said during his appearance that his own mother died of cancer, and that it “means a lot” for him to contribute to THON.

Ramsey’s performance was also a memorable one, as he performed original songs from his EP “Famous,” and “Love Sick Blues,” the song he yodeled his heart out to in a Walmart that sparked his internet popularity.

THON goes to the Hershey Medical Center through augmented reality — 2019

THON’s mission is to provide support “for the kids,” but not all Four Diamonds families with children battling pediatric cancer are able to attend the weekend-long event. THON found a way to combat the issue of distance with technology — more specifically, augmented reality.

Computer science students at Penn State worked to develop the free iOS app now available in the App Store, THON AR.

During THON weekend, posters were placed throughout the Hershey Medical Center. When children in the hospital held their iPhones or iPads up to the posters while using THON AR, the posters came to life on their screens in the form of videos.

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Crossword

Across	1 Furious	6 Explosive initials.	9 Anatomical pouch	12 Watch word?	13 Scorch	14 Foal's mother	15 Precipitous	16 Showed off?	18 After vanilla or almond	20 Attach oneself to	21 Snake-like fish	22 High note	23 Aussie outlaw	24 Kelly	25 Meager	27 Skating jumps	29 Sweltering	30 Rooster's awakening	32 Hindu ascetics	36 Cockeyed	38 Ocean motions	40 Siberian river	41 Object	43 Like some floors	45 Suffix with musket	46 Hawk genus	48 Italian town square	50 Harden	53 Pricing word	54 New Look designer	55 English cathedral city	57 Concentric	60 Adroit	62 It's debatable	64 Russia's _____ Mountains	65 Yorkshire river	66 India's first P.M.	67 Range units (Abbr.)	68 Shred	69 Unkind look	Down	1 Part of T.G.I.F.	2 Ceremony	3 Stock page heading	4 Show instability	5 Utter, as an opinion	6 Cell phone message	7 Slangy turnaround	8 Picayune	9 "Paradise Lost" figure	10 Sharp narrow ridge	11 Relinquished	13 Parts of a min.	14 Recipe direction	17 Bagel kin	19 Native Alaskan	22 Kick out	24 Spawning fish	25 Barbershop emblem	26 Molecule part	27 Part of a TV feed	28 Our sun	31 Fertilizer ingredient	33 "Holy smoke" substitute	34 Don Juan's mother	35 Mystery writer	37 Where to find suds	39 Old photo color	42 Indian coin	44 Agent Orange hydrocarbons	47 Overwhelming fear	49 Up and about	50 Rose-root	51 Apply, as pressure	52 Garland locale	54 Medicine amount	56 Sum, shortened	57 Crescent point	58 Tennis great	59 Tackle box item	61 Arles assent	63 Belarus locale (Abbr.)
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WORD SEARCH

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The Rocky Mountains

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Bear
Cabin
Columbines
Cougar
Coyote
Eagle
Elk
Fir
Fishing
Gold
Great Divide
Grouse
Hawk
Hiking
Lakes
Marmot
Peaks
Pine
Rabbit
Snow
Spruce
Squirrels
Stream
Trails
Trout
Wildflowers

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Kakuro (Cross Sums)

The rules are easy to learn: A number above the diagonal line in a black square is the sum of the white squares to the right of it. A number below the diagonal line is the sum of the white squares in the sequence below it. You may only use the digits 1 to 9, and a digit may be used only once in any sequence.

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Bigar's Stars

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ARIES (3/21-4/19) ★★★★★ You might feel that a friend could be more present for you. Relax, as this person is simply very busy and assessing a personal situation. Focus on a respected associate or situation. Prepare to enter a sociable period. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (4/20-5/20) ★★★★★ An appearance cannot be avoided. You will gain through your willingness to grow and learn more about a specific interest. Some of you become armchair travelers; others will truly travel. Your desire to learn takes the lead. Tonight: Make a long-distance call.

GEMINI (5/21-6/20) ★★★★★ You will be able to make a difference as long as you keep your concerns high priority. One-on-one relating becomes your strong suit. In the next few months, you will see several matters involving partners and finances evolve. Tonight: Make fun plans

with a loved one.

CANCER (6/21-7/22) ★★★★★ Relating to others becomes important in your libid benefit to following others' suggestions more often. Listen to a friend's or partner's idea, and try it out. Tonight: Say yes to an offer that's too good to be true.

LEO (7/23-8/22) ★★★★★ Today marks a period where you will be more expressive at work and in daily matters. You could see benefits come through your work. A partner or associate seems unusually giving and open. Listen more. Tonight: Choose to relax.

VIRGO (8/23-9/22) ★★★★★ You enter a very creative period where your libido dominates. In the next few months, you could meet someone very special to your life or add to your immediate family. Focus on day-to-day matters. Tonight:

Run errands on the way home.

LIBRA (9/23-10/22) ★★★★★ Your imagination could go haywire. You cannot tame your imagination, but you can pick and choose which ideas to play out. You might be considering a positive change around your household. Give yourself time. Tonight: You can be such a flirt!

SCORPIO (10/23-11/21) ★★★★★ Deal with an emerging situation around property, investments and/or your family life. Finances could be involved. The sooner you get involved, the better. You will be far more upbeat than in the recent past. Tonight: Hang close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21) ★★★★★ You are likely to speak your mind and tell it like it is regarding how you see a situation developing. Be careful with funds. Although you may soon see an increase in funds, you also might have more bills. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19) ★★★★★ Listen to news, especially around finances, carefully. Your intuition might give you a sense of direction. Take a risk only if you can afford the loss. You are entering a lucky life cycle today. Tonight: Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18) ★★★★★ You feel as if nothing can stop you right now. Emphasize a friendship and long-term goals in making a decision. Know that you are changing, and so are your needs. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (2/19-3/20) ★★★ Starting today, you are eyeing a year where you can wish upon a star and make a dream a reality. However, at the moment, you might want to give some thought to your long-term desires. Pursue a hunch. Tonight: Go for a quiet night.

How to start a family conversation about money

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Heading back home for the holidays? Not so confident about your current financial situation but also not sure how to improve it?

This message is for you.

As the holidays approach, many look forward to home cooking, presents and festive decorations, but a family conversation about money? Not so much. Even parents avoid this—TIAA’s 2017 Family Money Matters Survey found that only 11% of parents are likely to start a conversation about any financial topic.

It can be difficult to talk to your family about student debt or your budget, but there’s no better time to talk about finances than when you’re gathered together, can reflect on the past year and make financial plans for the year ahead. Doing so can help you meet your financial goals and maybe even save you money.

As a leading retirement provider for higher education institutions, TIAA helps millions of Americans to achieve financial success, including your faculty and staff. What follows are four fundamental financial topics you can consider discussing with your family this semester break.

Earning

A start to family conversations is making sure everyone understands what earnings are needed to cover basic household expenses, and the impact of working a part- or full-time job.

Borrowing

Whether it’s a loan to help finance your education or your first car, understanding how to borrow money is important. You and your family can discuss the importance of building a credit history, how much you can borrow and the various types of loans (and interest rates) available to you.

Spending & Saving

One of the keys to financial health is understanding the concept of putting aside money for both needs and wants. Learn about how investing and compound interest can grow your savings, and talk to your family about how to prioritize expenses and manage spending.

Financial Decision Making

Talk to your family about big financial decisions, such as accepting a job offer, moving out on your own or buying a car. Doing your part to make responsible choices can have a profound impact and influence on other members of your family.

Additional conversation starters can be found at [TIAA.org/conversations](https://www.tiaa.org/conversations). Your family is a great starting point, and there are many resources available if you’re looking to improve your financial knowledge. TIAA launched a national financial education initiative, TIAA FinSights, designed to give college students the skills to attain lifelong financial success. At tiaafinsights.org, you’ll find short videos, insights from current and former students, and interactive learning modules on financial topics relevant to students—how to budget, protect yourself from identity theft, and understand credit cards and mobile payment options. Take advantage of the time over the holidays to give yourself a stronger financial foundation heading into the New Year.