SUPPORTING ADAPTIVE ATHLETICS AT PSU A Message from the Founder of Rise Above



largest and most elite recruiting class ever.

From all of us at *Rise Above*, a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in our inaugural fundraising event this past summer at Pegula Ice Arena and to those who continue to support these remarkable athletes.

Last year we honored past Penn State Paralympians with an event and an exhibition in the Penn State Sports Museum.

volumes about the growing interest and exploding popularity of adaptive sports—not just at Penn State, but across the nation. It was truly a special night. This year on July 26th we will be celebrating Adaptive Athletics 2025 class, the program's

The overwhelming turnout for our event spoke

Adaptive Athletics PSU is far more than just competition. It's about opportunity. It's about breaking barriers. It's about ensuring that these extraordinary, adapted, student athletes

have the chance to excel in both sports and in life. Because of your generosity, these courageous Penn State adaptive student-athletes can

look forward to a brighter future.

Thank you and see you at the Nittany Lion Inn on July 26th. Invitation below.

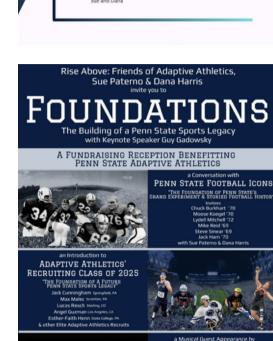
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SUE PATERNO AND DANA HARRIS ARE INVITING YOU to Adaptive Athletics' 2025 Reception and Fund Raiser at the Nittany

Lion Inn July 26th from 7:00 to 9:30. Click to view full-size. Introduce yourself to Penn State's Adaptive Athletics' elite 2025 recruiting class, the foundation for the



ed by Penn State's own Mike Reid, the embodimen Experiment', a Penn State All American, an NFL All





 Enjoy a discussion with iconic Penn State football greats from Joe's Grand Experiment foundational to Penn State's storied football history.

program's future legacy.

- Hear keynote speaker and Coach of the Year Coach Guy Gadowski talk about State's varsity men's hockey team's run to the 'Frozen Four'.
- Be musically entertained by composer, song writer, concert pianist and Grammy Award winner, former Penn State All American and NFL great Mike Reid.

It will all be happening at Rise Above's 2nd Annual Fund Raiser for Adaptive Athletics

entitled "Foundations: Building a Penn State Sports Legacy". Your attendance and consideration will be empowering and impactful. It will help give these courageous student athletes the

opportunity to earn a Penn State education which will have an enormous impact on the

entirety of their lives.

It will also enable this proud Penn State program to once again become a dominant force in the rapidly growing adaptive sports cultural movement often referred to as the 'Title IX of its era'. Tickets are available through the

electronic Invitation and RSVP, through direct purchase here, and

Rise Above's website at

www.riseaboveability.com.

Max Malec: A Trailblazer in

Max Malec, an incoming Penn State

team, compete in sled hockey, and throw

Adaptive Athletics

student-athlete, is rewriting the playbook. A multi-sport competitor, Max will lead Penn State's first-ever wheelchair basketball

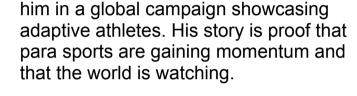
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for Adaptive PSU Track & Field. He dreams of a career in broadcast journalism—but first, he's ready to make history.

Read Max's Story: Daily Collegian **Feature Jack Cunningham: from Penn State to the World Stage**

Jack Cunningham's talent was impossible to miss—so much so that Apple featured



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Guzman from SoCal to Penn State

Penn State's reach is no better illustrated than with the recruiting of Angel Guzman. Guzman, a celebrated adaptive athlete from Los Angeles, committed to Penn

State Adaptive after a campus visit in April in which he participated in the Sled Hockey

Relay:

View Here



Charity Hockey classic at Pegula. Guzman scored the winning shootout goal against the Varsity that day. At Penn State he will be a wheel chair sprinter and a wheel chair

basketball guard.

Israeli Student Athlete Asher **Chooses Penn State** Adaptive Athletics commit Lee Asher works out at Ashenfelter Indoor during his recent recruiting visit to State College. Asher of Binyamina, Israel exemplifies the type of student athlete that Penn State Adaptive seeks to recruit. He competes internationally with the Israeli Junior Paralympic team and recently represented his country in Switzerland. He is the

adaptive Israeli champion in the 100 and 200 meter. He is a young man of enormous

teachers' about paralympic sport and was a part of a Jewish-Arab delegation for peace



in the Middle East. **Transfer Henn Qualifies for Nationals**

character lecturing to Israel youth and

Ohio State's loss has been PSU Adaptive' s gain. Transfer Esther Faith Henn has brought her talents and her drive to Happy Valley in a big way. In her first several months of training as an Nittany Lion, Ester Faith has already qualified for Nationals as she gets closer to her goal of competing at the Paralympics in LA in 2028. **Learn more about Esther Faith Henn** Coloradoan Commits to

Hard working, determined, and inspiring is how his coaches describe him. Penn State

commit Lucas Resch of Sterling Colorado is a young man with a passion for sport. At Sterling High School in Sterling CO, Lucas

football and most successfully wrestling by working through his physical challenges.

Adaptive Athletics recruit and recent

played and excelled in baseball and

Adaptive Athletics PSU

Lucas Resch

Learn more about now Penn Stater



Basketball Camp is set to take place July 27- 29th on Penn State's University Park



outstanding adaptive coaches as Michael Auprince, Team USA Wheelchair Basketball Assistant Coach and Assistant Coach University of Alabama; Will Speed Head Coach of the renowned Edinboro University program and his Assistant Coach DJ Murray; Samantha McMinn 4-Year Starter and former Co-Captain University of Arizona Wheelchair Basketball; Emily Hoffman, Assistant Coach PA Lions and Pediatric

Tom Morris Steps Up to Support Adaptive Athletics PSU Penn State's Assistant AD for High **Performance Olympic Sports, Tom** Morris, is taking an enhanced role in supporting Adaptive Athletics PSU. As an adaptive athlete himself, his experience will

help expand the program, recruit top

Meet Tom Morris: Watch Here

Member: Capt Ryan McCombie

Captain Ryan McCombie, USN (Ret.), has

athletes, and increase funding.

dedicated his life to serving others—first in the U.S. Navy SEALs, and now as a champion for adaptive athletics at Penn State.

Meet Rise Above Board

Rise Above Advisory Board, a Penn State Board of Trustee Emeritus and lifelong supporter of all things Penn State.

McCombie is a charter member of the

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