**What is Capital Day?**

**What exactly is Advocate Penn State Capital Day?**
Advocate Penn State Capital Day is a single day, University-wide advocacy event that takes place in Harrisburg, PA.

Since 2001, Penn Staters have gathered in Pennsylvania’s State Capitol Building to show-off their support for Penn State. As the University’s largest single-day advocacy event, Advocate Penn State Capital Day helps us continue to provide an accessible and affordable education while maintaining our status as a top-tier research University.

**What are the advantages of attending?**
Attending Advocate Penn State Capital Day is a great way to speak up for the University in a low-pressure, fun environment. In addition to free food and a trip to Harrisburg, attendees will learn more about state politics, the University, and advocacy in general.

**Who is invited?**
Everyone with a connection to Penn State! Students, alumni, parents and family members, staff, and faculty from across the Commonwealth are encouraged to attend. This is not an event for University Park alone—we’d love to see Penn Staters from every district!

**Registration Questions**

**How do I attend Capital Day?**
Let us know you’re coming to Harrisburg by registering! All attendees must register at link.

**When is registration open?**
Capital Day registration will be open from February 3 to March 6. Anyone who misses the registration deadline runs the risk of not receiving transportation, meetings, and/or meals.

**What are speaker applications?**
Each year we select student speakers to tell their Penn State Story in front of hundreds at our rally in the rotunda. Any student who submits a complete application by February 21 will be considered; selected speakers will be notified by February 28.

**I am an administrator on my campus. What do I need to schedule?**
Every individual attending Capital Day must register. Each campus oversees their own transportation to and from Harrisburg. We will provide you with a manifest of registered students from your campus so you can coordinate.

Advocate Penn State will handle everything else, including scheduling meetings, ordering catering, and providing training materials.

**What if I can no longer attend and I registered?**
Please inform us at advocate@psu.edu. We want to make sure we have time to cancel any meetings we set up for you and still spread the message to your legislators!
**Scheduling and Logistics Questions:**

What is the agenda for the day?
8:00am—Arrive at the Capitol Building
8:00-9:00am—Registration and Breakfast
9:00-11:00am—Legislative Meetings
11:00am-12:00pm—Lunch
12:30-1:00pm—Penn State pep rally in the rotunda, complete with remarks from President Barron and an appearance by the Nittany Lion
1:00-2:00pm—Creamery Ice Cream and Photos in Rotunda
2:00pm—Travel back to your campus

What time will I leave my campus?
We are working with your campuses to arrange travel and will communicating with you closer to March 24. Most campuses will depart between 6:00 and 7:00am for an 8:00am arrival to the Capitol.

I am driving myself/a group. Where do I park?
Parking can be found in South St Garage, or street parking is often available on State Street.

I have other commitments and can’t attend the entire day. Can I come for part?
Yes, you are welcome to attend the rally! Please make sure to click “I am only attending the rally and do not want legislative meetings set up for me” when you register.

**Meeting Questions:**

What address do I use to register – my home or my campus?
In state, PA resident students should register with their home address.
Out of state students should use their campus address.

Do I set up my own meetings?
No! The Office of Government and Community Relations will set up meetings for you and you will receive your meeting schedule the day of the event.

What do I talk about in my meetings?
Most legislators want to hear your Penn State Story. We will also provide talking points and training materials in advance so you feel prepared. The most important thing is all advocates have the same request—more funding for Penn State.

Who will I meet?
We try our best to schedule a meeting between you and the officials that represent the address you used to register. However, due to scheduling, we cannot guarantee you a meeting with either.
How can I find out who I am meeting with?
You can find your elected officials here: https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/. While we try our best to have you meet your legislators, scheduling conflicts and last-minute changes may prevent this from occurring. You will receive your meeting schedule the morning of March 24, and the talking points we provide will be applicable to whoever you meet with.

Am I able to meet with my legislators outside of Capital Day?
Yes! Meeting with legislators is a great way to stay involved. In fact, Penn State has a whole team of advocates that email, call, or meet with their legislators several times a year. Learn more at https://www.govt.psu.edu/advocate/.

Please email advocate@psu.edu with any other questions.