

Penn State South Jersey Shore

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Chapter's Annual Scholarship Dinner Features Adam Taliaferro

The Penn State SJS Alumni Chapter Annual Scholarship Dinner will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 6 pm at the Greate Bay Country Club, Mays Landing Road, Somers Point, NJ.

The guest speaker will be Adam Taliaferro, Penn State University Trustee.

The RSVP deadline is Sunday, May 25, 2014.

Details and dinner registration forms have been mailed and are also available on the Chapter website.

Adam Taliaferro's Profile

Adam Taliaferro graduated from Penn State in 2005, and is a 2008 graduate of Rutgers School of Law – Camden. Adam was ranked the seventh best high school player in the nation and member of the National Honor Society when he graduated from Eastern High School in Voorhees, NJ in 2000. He was already being projected as a National Football League prospect. He was offered scholarships by numerous

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Adam Taliaferro

prestigious universities around the country and chose to attend Penn State.

Many will recall watching the Penn State/Ohio State game that surreal Saturday afternoon when he suffered a spinal-cord injury after tackling an opponent during his freshman year. Doctors initially told him that his chances of walking again were slight. Through his incredible faith, determination and courage, tireless rehabilitation and support of his family and friends he defied the odds by walking out of McGee Rehabilitation Hospital an amazing five months after his injury.

Although his career as a football player had been cut short, his inspirational recovery was followed throughout the nation, leading authors Scott Brown and Sam Carchidi to chronicle his remarkable story in their 2001 book, *Miracle in the Making*.

Adam and his family created the Adam Taliaferro Foundation, which provides emotional, financial and educational assistance to individuals who suffer catastrophic head or spinal cord injuries. The Foundation also provides support for research and prevention of

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Penn Stater Volunteers Needed for SJ Foodbank

The Penn State South Jersey Shore Chapter invites members and friends to volunteer to help the SJ Foodbank on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 3-5 pm. The Penn State SJS Chapter is scheduled to help process food donations gathered in the annual Postal Service food drive, also held on Sat., May 10, 2014. Volunteers can register on the special Chapter Eventbrite page - [Tap here.](#)



Special Spring Picnic @ CMC Zoo For PS SJS Students & Their Families

The Spring 2014 Chapter Picnic for Students is Sunday, May 18, 2014, 1-4 pm, at the Cape May County Park and Zoo, (Shelter # 3). All current Penn State students and their families are invited to attend.

For more information, contact **Kelsey McKee**, PS-SJS Chapter Vice President, kmm5230@gmail.com. Register on Eventbrite - [Tap here.](#) (RSVPs extended until May 10, 2014.)

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SJS Alumni Chapter Supports - Relay For Life

Penn State SJS Chapter will participate in the annual Relay For Life of Middle Township, starting Friday, May 16, 2014 at 6 pm.

Location: Middle Township High School, 300 E. Atlantic Ave., Cape May Court House, NJ.

Sign-up /donate online - [Tap here.](#)

For more information, contact Chapter Board member Brielle Pastore > pastore.brielle@gmail.com or Kelsey McKee, PS-SJS Chapter Vice President, at kmm5230@gmail.com

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those injuries. Adam and the Foundation host a high school all-star game every summer titled the "Adam Taliaferro Classic." The Foundation has raised nearly \$500,000 since its inception to assist individuals and their families who have suffered devastating injuries similar to Adam's.

Adam has received many honors and awards, including the 2009 Philadelphia Sports Writers Humanitarian Award and Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award. He was also the honorary chairman for the 2002 Special Olympics Summer Games and was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games!

He is serving his first term on the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Gloucester County having been elected in November of 2011 and was elected to the Penn State Board of Trustees earlier in 2012.

Adam recently began working with Bristol Myers Squibb as a Healthcare Advocate and resides in Woolwich Township with his wife.



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Additional speaker links:

<http://www.psu.edu/trustees/members/taliaferro.html>

<http://www.taliaferrofoundation.org/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Taliaferro

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SJS Chapter's Year in Review: 1: An "islands" theme for Chapter tailgate at Beaver Stadium; 2: TV Watching Party for alumni at Varsity Inn; 3: Proudly display SJS Chapter banner at 2013 tailgating; 4: Ocean City Beach Plum sapling planting project in Dec.; 5: Chapter's strong tailgating tradition during '13 season; 6: Chapter members and alumni at SJ Foodbank; 7: Chapter information Table at Wildwood Catholic College Fair; 8: 2013 Annual War at the Shore THON fundraiser in Avalon; 9: Oct. 2013 HERO Walk on the Ocean City Boardwalk; 10: Chapter tailgating hosts Gary and Donna Thomas.

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