

SRCC Alumni Newsletter

December 2015



Hello SRCC Alumni!

~HAPPY HOLIDAYS~ Welcome to the third edition of the SRCC Alumni Newsletter! Scroll down for general news, events and more. Enjoy and have a wonderful holiday season!

General News:

- Penn State won the Challenge this year!!!! Final Score is 992 Penn State to 954 Michigan State.

Congratulations to EVERYONE on the outstanding effort! Most of you may know this already, but MSU was set up to win this year just based on the number of blood drives they had on the calendar and the amount of units they were projected to collect. So the fact that we pulled ahead at the end just goes to show the strength of this university and the strength of the SRCC!!

Most important to note: Even though we beat MSU, the real thing to celebrate is the fact that we just provided hospitals and clinics with almost 2,000 units of blood between MSU and PSU's efforts. That blood is going to be saving a lot of people over the next several weeks.

Check out this video: https://youtu.be/_8auv-PWoiY

- Help SRCC raise money for THON! You can always donate to THON at <http://donate.thon.org>. Don't forget to credit the Student Red Cross Club and encourage your friends and family to donate too!

Upcoming Events for December:

Come mingle with current members! Don't hesitate to join!

- December 6th, 5:30 PM – Challenge dinner in the Life Science Bridge on campus

Alumni Profile:

Kari Haffelfinger

- Kari first got involved in SRCC because she had a crush on someone else who was joining the club as well – no lie! Following that random kid around was the best decision



ever, though, because without him, she wouldn't have joined what ended up being her favorite club ever! Kari graduated in 2011 with degrees in Journalism (Visual) & English. She served as Secretary for three years during her time with SRCC. Her favorite thing about SRCC was making such good friends who were genuinely good people. "We had fun with everything we did, and we really matured and grew together." So many of them are still her very good friends today.

Kari still donates blood very regularly – as close to 56 days as she can. She actually just scheduled her next appointment for her birthday! She also keeps in touch with many members, and they keep tabs on the club's fundraisers, THON, etc. Without the SRCC, she would have never met her husband-to-be! Through a mutual friend in SRCC (the Best Man, Mike Jen), they met and hung out regularly at SRCC events like pancake/spaghetti dinners, Nacho Nights, Paint The Town Red, etc. She also credits SRCC alum Christine Theberge with

helping her fiancé pull off the wedding proposal surprise of a lifetime on the field at Beaver Stadium – she was the best photographer ever!

- Interested in being featured in upcoming newsletters? Contact ssm5303@psu.edu for more information.

Photos!

Enjoy some pictures from the Challenge!



- Some of the SRCC Officers and Chairs celebrated the end of a successful challenge!



- Sending the bloodhound out to recruit more donors



- Our President and Corporate Sponsorship Officer enjoy food at the canteen after donating blood

THON:

- SRCC THON loves going canning, planning events and fundraisers, and visiting our two awesome THON families, the Heck's and the Angi!
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Red Cross Info:

- Blood Donor App – Download the Blood Donor App by the American Red Cross to quickly and easily find a nearby blood drive, schedule blood donations, track total donations, and more. Find this in the app store by searching for American Red Cross, visiting redcross.org/apps or redcross.org/bloodapp, or by texting BLOODAPP to 90999 for a direct link to download. Message and data rates for texting may apply.
- AVAILABLE NOW!: RapidPass – This new feature allows you to start the process for donating blood from anywhere you want to save time at the donation site. Read the information on www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass and complete the questions online. You will then be able to print your RapidPass or show it on your mobile device once you arrive for your blood donation appointment.

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Thanks for reading and be on the lookout for next month's edition! Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

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