

## Penn State Mom

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### A PENN STATE MOM

I remember when my daughter went to “Spend a Summer Day” to look at Penn State. We got on the bus for the campus tour and our driver was from the class of '58. We had two students with us who beamed with Penn State pride. When we walked on campus, someone would yell out WE ARE and the echoed response would follow PENN STATE. The atmosphere was electric on campus and it was a Saturday in July. We listened to several areas of study and it was STUDENTS who spoke about the great things their major had to offer. When the day was over, all we could talk about was how much the students who spoke must love their university. At the end of the day I turned to my husband and said “she is going to choose Penn State”.

My daughter is now a senior and I cannot fully describe what a great place Penn State has been for her. She has experienced excellent academics, great athletics, philanthropy and a call to social justice. Organizations and events such as Students Engaging Students, Pride, THON, Relay for Life, Fresh Start, MLK day of Service, and Alternative Spring Break are just a few of the things that have had an impact on her life.

A university is built and made on the backs of students and their accomplishments. And I would put Penn Starters up there with anyone. People need to let the university get past the events of the past week so that students can go about their business of doing great things for their community, their university, and the world. I am so glad my daughter decided to go to Penn State. I will continue hang my PSU flag high and my bumper sticker will continue to read “Penn State University MOM”.

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