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PENN STATE HOMECOMING ANNOUNCES 2021 HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

Assistant VP of DEI for Student Affairs chosen as Honorary Grand Marshal

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. Sept. 28, 2021 — Penn State Homecoming has selected Brian Patchcoski as the 2021 Honorary Grand Marshal. The Honorary Grand Marshal was officially announced on Friday, Sept. 24 in a video posted to the [Penn State Homecoming website](#).

The Honorary Grand Marshal is someone who has gone above and beyond in positively contributing to the local community, making notable achievements in their field of study and career path, while representing the values that Penn State Homecoming emulates.

Patchcoski was named the assistant vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion for Penn State Student Affairs on Jan. 18, 2021. Previously, he served as the director for the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

Brian believes this year's Homecoming theme of Together State Prevails is something that won't be limited to just this year.

"We have come a long way, and there is still so much work to be done," said Patchcoski. "It's together, where we will prevail. It's creating a sense of belonging, community, and support that I know our Penn State community lives" he said.

Patchcoski oversees the following offices:

- Adult Learner Programs and Services
- Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity
- Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development
- Collegiate Recovery Community
- Gender Equity Center
- Paul Robeson Cultural Center

Patchcoski earned his master's degree in higher education from Penn State and his bachelor's degree in counseling and human services from the University of Scranton. He lives in State College with his husband Greg, their twins Declyn and Keegyn, and their two dogs.

The Executive Committee for Homecoming continues to monitor state and local guidelines for COVID-19 and is dedicated to hosting the best possible Homecoming experience while ensuring the safety of the Penn State community.

About Us

Penn State Homecoming is a student-run organization with aims to celebrate tradition and instill pride in all members of the Penn State family through active engagement of students, alumni, faculty, and staff across the community. Our organization is comprised

of many student volunteers who donate their time to creating a multitude of events that make the Homecoming celebration a yearlong event.

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