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PENN STATE HOMECOMING ANNOUNCES 2022 GUIDE STATE FORWARD WINNERS

Winners Chosen After Application, Interview, Panel Review, and Student Voting

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. Oct. 22, 2022 — Penn State Homecoming announced the 2022 Guide State Forward Award winners during halftime of today's Homecoming game against the Minnesota Golden Gophers - Star Lawson and Jake Snyder.

Star is a fourth-year student majoring public relations with a minor in digital media trends and analytics. She is the Secretary of BLUEprint Peer Mentoring Program, Membership Chair for the African Students Association, and Marketing Ambassador for the Paul Robeson Cultural Center. She is also a member of the Bellisario Association of Multicultural Students; and a member of the Delta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Jake Snyder (he/they) is a fourth-year biology major with minors in art and marine science. They are a Millennium Scholar and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hollings Scholar. Outside of their studies, they are the Founder and former President of Gender and Sexuality Diversity in Schreyer (GSDS), the Schreyer Honors College's first LGBTQIA+ organization, and a three-year executive of Out in STEM.

"Each of our courts are composed of some of the best people at Penn State that honor the Homecoming legacy of diversity and gender inclusivity," said Tim Nevil, the Executive Director of Penn State Homecoming. "Penn State Homecoming is so excited to honor our Guide State Forward winners."

Penn State Homecoming [eliminated the gendered titles of "Homecoming King and Queen"](#) in 2018 and removed the even-number ratio of male to female representation within the court. The top two members of the Student Court are recognized with the Guide State Forward Award. These two individuals best represent Penn State's six core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, discovery, excellence, and 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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