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PSU BRANDYWINE THON SILENT AUCTION

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Penn State's Brandywine THON is on the road to the 48 hour dance-athon which takes place annually at University Park in the Bryce Jordan Center from February 21, 2009 to February 23, 2009. THON has so far risen over thousands of dollars for the Four Diamonds Fund. Since the dance-athon is rapidly approaching, THON is holding their final event before the 48 hour dance, the silent auction.

If you have no clue as to what THON is, here's a quick run-down of what it is and what they do. THON is a Penn State University-wide organization that raises money to go towards medical research for pediatric cancer. Throughout the year, THON members take numerous trips to the Hersey Medical Center located in Hersey Pennsylvania, where the Four Diamonds foundation originated, as well as continuing fundraising through canning, dances, bake sales and so on.

On February 3, 2009, THON hosted their annual silent auction which was located in the commons building in the gymnasium. A small entry fee of \$5.00 was required and all proceeds earned from the auction went towards THON's charity funds for cancer. There were numerous activities at the silent auction such as writing dancer mail to the four dancers whom will be the main dancers participating in the THON 48 hour dance-athon and also attendees were able to make little trinkets for the children who are involved within the foundation.

Raffle tickets were available to bid on the numerous prizes, such as a Phillies pack-

age, message packages, just to name a few. Also, karaoke was set-up for people to become a "THON Idol" singing by singing their favorite songs. Food was provided and special guest Miss Philadelphia was present; she was a Penn Stater who was involved with THON as well. THON sweat-shirts and sweat pants were available good price.

All these efforts were in support of raising money to benefit pediatric cancer research and it's still not too late to join. The more people involved, the closer THON will be to reaching its goal – funding research to find a cure for pediatric cancer. What are you waiting for, join today. As one of THON's many



THON members and the Nittany Lion represent their pride at the Silent Auction - photo by Ashley Carpenter

slogans, keep this one in mind – FTK- for the kids - what we do is for them and their loved ones.



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Ronika Money - photo
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New on Campus: Profile - Ronika Money

There's a new face at Penn State Brandywine and it's not the Nittany Lion. Her name is Ronika Money and she is the new Coordinator of Student Involvement.

Ronika has a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Delaware State University and a Masters degree in Student Affairs from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. What Ms. Money's job entails is that of organizing major events, student leaders, student clubs, and service learning.

She has a particular vision that she would like to spread throughout the campus community. That vision is to have the "We Are Penn State" without being at University Park. Whether students decide to stay all four years or need a smooth transition onto another campus, her job is to make sure that you feel as if it is all the same Penn State.

Ronika would like to apologize for all of the intentional marketing in many of her mass emails, but it's her way of keeping you informed on what's happening on campus. She would rather have you be in the know versus not knowing so you have the chance to be a part of the "We Are Penn State" tradition. If you would like to de-clutter your email inbox, Ronika- along with many other faculty members, have Facebook pages. Add her as a friend and stay up to date on all campus goings-on. The Facebook page is just another way for her to connect with students.




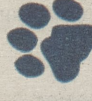





Ronika would like the campus to know that Student Affairs is currently seeking out SGA candidates and orientation leaders. One of Ronika's long term goals is to create a community service database. She would like to see everyone work together on an equal level to achieve something great.

Ronika being from a single parent home and the first of her family to complete her secondary education, has attained many goals while having many still in front of her. She is a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority at Delaware State University with whom she mentors. The AMICETTES are a group of eight to fourteen year old girls that are encouraged to follow their dreams.

On top of all of that, Ronika is a mother too! Kimora is her thirteen month old daughter, who you can clearly tell she adores. Ronika boasts being from Caribbean (Trinidad), Puerto Rican, and Native American decent—among others. Ronika is also trying to brush up on her bilingual roots and re-teach herself Spanish. She feels this is just another way for her to relate to the many bilingual students on campus. Contact her at rmm29@psu.edu.

Next issue, the Lion's Eye will interview Matt Shupp, the new Director of Student Affairs, so don't miss it!

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