

Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon Neil C. Patel Memorial Award Nomination Form

Neil C. Patel, from King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, was an impassioned and inspiring Penn State student who found a home in his high school's mini-THON and continued to volunteer at Penn State as a Finance Committee Member. In addition to his passion for THON, Neil excelled in the classroom, in music, and in theater. Above all, Neil lived with joy and sought to bring out the radiance in others, always striving to leave each situation better than he found it. Neil bravely battled COVID-19 for 115 days until his passing on August 1, 2021.

The Neil C. Patel Volunteer Award honors a THON Volunteer who lives their life just like Neil: as a leader, an inspiration, and a friend. Someone who lives each day to improve the lives of those around them and leaves a positive ripple wherever they go. **The recipient of the award will be presented during THON Weekend.**

To become eligible for this award one must be:

- ❖ A registered undergraduate Penn State student
- ❖ A Participant in a THON Committee, Commonwealth Campus, Greek Organization, Special Interest Organization, General Organization, and/or attempting to Independently Dance

On a cover letter, please provide the following information:

- ❖ Nominee Name
- ❖ Nominee Semester Standing
- ❖ Nominee THON Involvement
- ❖ Nominator Name
- ❖ Nominator Contact Information

Please provide complete answers to the following questions:

1. What is this person's involvement in THON? Please list and describe each role(s)
2. What is your relation to this person?
3. How does this individual exemplify the traits Neil shared with those around him during their efforts as a THON Volunteer? Please share some specific examples.

Please email the completed nomination form to special.events@thon.org by
Wednesday, January 22, 2025 by 11:59 PM.

Late Nominations will not be accepted

If you have questions, please contact:
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THON is a student-run philanthropy committed to enhancing the lives of children and families impacted by childhood cancer. Our mission is to provide emotional and financial support, spread awareness and ensure funding for critical research — all in pursuit of a cure.