

## 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 began his THON journey as an active participant in his high school's mini-THON. While at Penn State, he continued his dedication to THON, serving as a member of the Finance Committee. In addition to his passion for THON, Neil excelled as a student, an outstanding community member, a dedicated musician, and a performing artist. Above all, Neil was someone who 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 impact he made during his meaningful life is immeasurable.

The Neil C. Patel Memorial 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
- ❖ Participant in a THON Committee, Commonwealth Campus, Greek, Special Interest Organization, General Organization, and/or attempting to Independently Dance

### On a cover letter, please provide the following information:

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

### 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](mailto:special.events@thon.org) by  
**Friday, January 20, 2023 by 5:00 PM.**

### **\*Late Nominations will not be accepted\***

If you have questions, please contact:  
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