The Mount Nittany Society
Named for Penn State’s most cherished natural landmark, the Mount Nittany Society represents the strength of philanthropy to Penn State. From the legendary Nittany mountain lion to the tale of Princess Nitanee, Mount Nittany has become an icon for those who hold Penn State dear and a symbol of tradition, permanence, and pride—all hallmarks of the Mount Nittany Society and its members.

Since 1977, members of the Mount Nittany Society have recognized the significant role philanthropy plays in shaping Penn State’s destiny. These dedicated philanthropists have demonstrated their commitment to the advancement of the University’s teaching, research, and outreach and serve as an inspiration to our students, faculty, alumni, and friends.

Membership
Membership in the Mount Nittany Society is accorded to those alumni and friends whose cumulative lifetime giving to Penn State has reached or exceeded $250,000. Members enjoy these benefits:
— a lifetime invitation to the society’s annual gala
— timely communication about Penn State’s accomplishments and challenges
— invitations to University-hosted events and activities

For more information about membership in the Mount Nittany Society, contact the Office of Donor Relations at 1-877-800-6113.

Special Designations
Members of the Laurel and Elm Circles include many of the University’s most distinguished philanthropic supporters. They are leaders in life as well as philanthropy, counting among them CEOs and directors of Fortune 500 companies, trustees of foundations and charities with national and international reputations, and recipients of honorary degrees from distinguished colleges and universities across the nation.

Laurel Circle
Established in 1996, the Laurel Circle is a recognition level within the Mount Nittany Society exclusive to those whose cumulative giving to Penn State has reached or exceeded $1 million.

Elm Circle
Created in 2008, the Elm Circle is a recognition level within the Mount Nittany Society exclusive to those whose cumulative giving to Penn State has reached or exceeded $5 million.