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Thanks for opening this. Every time you read, you're helping us build something meaningful, a stronger, more connected Happy Valley.
Our first story this week is another attempt to share what this grand experiment is really about. It's our why, our hope, and a glimpse of what we're building together.
Take a moment with it. Chris B once again delivers an insightful perspective on the next coach. And Sarah Z reminds us how much we're missing if we haven't yet made it to the Palmer Museum.
Then, check out the events calendar and get out there.
There's so much to experience, and even more people to experience it with.

INNOVATION

What If a Community Could Run With Heart?

We live in the most connected generation in history, yet many of us feel more alone than ever.
Phones buzz. Feeds scroll. Yet somehow, real connection feels rare. We see everyone's highlight reels but not each other's eyes. We call it connection, but it often leaves us empty.
Something deeper is missing.

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PENN STATE SPORTS

Penn State? Blank Slate.

I've got some good news and some bad news as the reeling 3-5 Nittany Lions return home to face – unbelievable as it may be – undefeated and second-ranked Indiana as double-digit underdogs (it's not a misprint nor is this about basketball).
Let's get all the bad news out of the way:
First, there's the obvious, which is that Penn State is a bad football team. While the Lions once occupied Indiana's current position, ranked number two back ...

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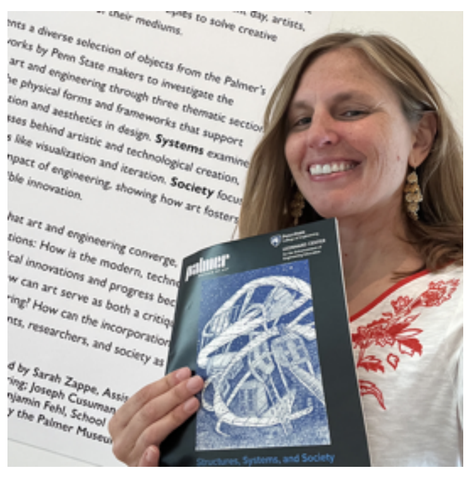

LIVE HAPPY

The Palmer Museum: World-Class Art in Our Own Backyard

The first time I walked into the new Palmer Museum of Art, I was amazed. The attention to detail, and the architectural ingenuity required to protect the art from light while still maintaining a bright, inviting space, was breathtaking.
My honest reaction was: This can't be State College. This feels like Philadelphia. Or New York. Or D.C. But it was here, right in the middle of Happy Valley, just a ...

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In case you missed it:

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Director of the Office of Student Care and Advocacy – Penn State University, University Park, PA. $76,700–$115,100 a year. **Read more.**

THE Happy Valley Highlights

This is an excellent community resource and this space and events are not just for Penn State students, this is for you too!
November is for Entrepreneurs—See What's Happening at LaunchBox.

First Friday, Downtown State College. Nov. 7, 5–8 pm | **Read more.**

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