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6th Annual Pat's Run – 15 days and counting!

On Saturday, April 17, over 20,000 people from around the country will come together at ASU's Sun Devil Stadium to celebrate Pat's legacy. Are you registered? If not, register today at www.patsrun.com ! Online registration closes Friday, April 9. Entry fees: \$35.00 to participate in the 4.2 mile run/walk and \$5.00 for kids 12 and under participating in the 0.42 mile Kids Run.

Race week registration will be available at Pat's Run Packet Pick-Up located at the north end of Sun Devil Stadium - Wednesday, April 14 through Friday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Race week entry fees: \$40 to participate in the 4.2 mile run/walk and \$10.00 for kids 12 and under participating in the 0.42 mile Kids Run.

Can't attend Pat's Run but still want to support the Foundation and honor Pat's legacy? The ASU Alumni Association has organized [Pat's Run Shadow Runs](#) in 13 cities across the country. Official Shadow Runs are taking place in Austin, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Denver, Colorado; Houston, Texas; Huntsville, Alabama; Los Angeles, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; San Diego, California; San Francisco, California; San Jose, California; Twin Cities, Minnesota and Washington, D.C.

Register as a Shadow Runner / T-shirt only participant at www.patsrun.com and receive the official 2010 Pat's Run race shirt to wear at a Shadow Run, to the grocery store or where ever you may be on April 17.

The Pat Tillman Foundation would like to recognize the following [6th Annual Pat's Run sponsors](#) for their generous support. Special thanks to:

Allstate, Arizona Lottery, Arizona State University, City of Tempe, East Valley Tribune, EB Lane Advertising, FedEx, Fox 10, FOX Sports Arizona, Gatorade, IAVA, KNIX 102.5, MidFirst Bank, Mix 96.9, Nutrilite, Outback Steakhouse, Pure Fitness, Rubios, SRP, Safeway, SunPower, SunPower Foundation, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, U-Haul and Western Refining.



Pennies for Pat

In partnership with [MidFirst Bank](#), the Pat Tillman Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of [Pennies for Pat](#). This grass-roots fundraiser was created to collect funds and generate awareness in support of the Pat Tillman Foundation.

Pennies for Pat runs in conjunction with the 6th Annual Pat's Run. During Pat's Run Packet Pick-up the MidFirst Bank fundraising van will be on-site to collect and count donated coins. Your small change adds up to a big investment in the community through the Tillman Military Scholars program.

Tillman Military Scholars

The Tillman Military Scholars program is now accepting applications for the 2010 / 2011 academic year. If you or someone you know is a veteran, active servicemember or direct dependent (spouse and children) looking to further their higher education goals, please take a moment to learn more.

Tillman Military Scholarships are intended to cover direct study-related expenses such as tuition, fees, and books, as well as other needs such as room and board and child care. The Pat Tillman Foundation allocates scholarships to individual applicants through the Foundation and through select university partners with existing servicemember support programs and enrollment.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements and to apply online please visit the Tillman Military Scholars [webpage](#). The deadline to submit an online applications is Friday, April 30, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. EST.

Events

Phoenix Suns – Purchase tickets for any home Suns game now through Tuesday, April 13 through this [special link](#) and a portion of the ticket price will be donated to the Pat Tillman Foundation.

Saturday, April 3 - **Phoenix Coyotes vs. Edmonton Oilers** at Jobing.com arena, Glendale, Arizona - A portion of each ticket purchased will be donated to the Pat Tillman Foundation. For more information [click here](#).

Friday, April 9, 2010 - **Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Pittsburgh Pirates** at Chase Field. A portion of each ticket sold through this special offer supports the Pat Tillman Foundation. Visit the Arizona Diamondbacks [special offer website](#).



From the Executive Director

Investing in our Nation's Veterans and Military Families - The Future of the Pat Tillman Foundation.

by Kadi Tierney

With just the first two weeks of our Tillman Military Scholarship application process open, major change is in the air for the Pat Tillman Foundation (PTF)

On our very first day, we received 221 applications from veterans and their families who have been waiting for months for the opportunity to submit their stories, their dreams, and their hopes for how a higher education would make that happen for themselves, their families and their country.

To provide some perspective, in our inaugural year last year, we received 500 applications total in six weeks. In our pilot year, we were pleasantly surprised that there was enough need and awareness of the opportunity we were providing. Something tells me we will hit that 500 mark with several weeks still left to go in the process and that in fact, thousands of vets and family members will be waiting to learn if they will be accepted into our program.

If we had any question that our re-focused mission for PTF - investing in veterans and their families through education, community and advocacy was filling a need within the military community and our country as a whole, we received our answer loud and clear.

Inspired and humbled by the stories of our current scholars and the demonstrated need within the veterans community, in the coming years PTF aspires to create an innovative new institution that accomplishes the following:

- Create a brand new community of veterans committed to academic success and a continuation of service to country.
- Change existing perceptions of veterans and military families.
- Arm our Tillman Military Scholars with the greatest education possible and a world-class leadership experience that unleashes their power and possibility to transform our country.
- Celebrate military service as the greatest leadership experience possible.
- Celebrate military service as the crucible for young people going on to do something great with their lives.

It is such an exciting time for PTF as we set our course for the future by doing everything necessary to ensure that so many more of the thousands wanting to enter our community get the opportunity. Every one of these ambitious goals is grounded in the legacy of the man whose name is on our door.

What Pat Tillman represents to those who knew him well, are the very same values and characters that he represents to all of us: believe in something bigger than yourself, we are stronger together than we are alone.



If you haven't had a chance to read the Pat Tillman Foundation [blog](#) we encourage you to take a moment to learn more about our amazing Scholars and recent achievements of the Pat Tillman Foundation and supporters.

Thank you being a member of the team of Tillman supporters nationwide, by honoring Pat's legacy your efforts directly impact the lives of the scholars who will receive support from the Pat Tillman Foundation.

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