

**Elaine Tanella**  
**Overall Chairperson**  
**The Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon**

Elaine Tanella has obtained the honorable position of Overall Chairperson for THON 2012. Tanella's responsibilities as the Overall Chairperson of THON stretch to every aspect of what goes into making THON a memorable experience for the children and families of The Four Diamonds Fund.

Tanella's passion for THON stems from the opportunity she and other students have to make a difference in the life of a child. She believes that THON is hope for a brighter tomorrow and exemplifies the determination to make that happen. THON is one big family and that is what she loves most about it.

For The Kids (FTK) is a three-word phrase that inspires Tanella to make 2012 the best THON yet. She notes that it is a constant and necessary reminder of why THON supporters do what they do. To Tanella, FTK means giving her all to make a child and a family's day a little bit better.

Tanella's past THON experiences include joining Atlas, a fundraising organization, dancing in THON 2009 and representing the Communications Committee as first a Committee Member, Captain and Overall.

When Tanella is not planning for THON 2012, she enjoys a variety of hobbies such as photography, music and art. She plays the guitar and takes pleasure in discovering new music. Tanella is an avid traveler and has visited Italy and China as well as the UK.

Elaine Tanella is a fifth-year senior from Garden City, New York. As a Schreyer Honors Student, she is majoring in Bioengineering with a minor in Italian.