ALVIN F. de LEVIE ‘73

Biographical Sketch

After my father was discharged from the Army in 1946, he and my Mom moved to State College. My father was the first Chairman of the Liberal Arts Study Abroad Committee and the Founder and Director of the PSU Foreign Studies Program. He had a deep respect and love for Penn State and believed in its potential to rival the greatest Universities in the world. I share his love for Penn State and I too believe Penn State offers a world-class education. I am running for the Board to preserve his vision that Penn State forever remains an affordable world-class university.

I grew up in State College, graduated from the State College High School in 1969 and Penn State in 1973. I was imbued with the culture and atmosphere that makes State College and Happy Valley a great place to study, live and visit.

I graduated from Villanova Law in 1976 and have ever since maintained an active presence and practice in State College, where my Mom still lives, Centre County and Philadelphia.

I have a proven record of tenaciously and successfully representing those who otherwise had little chance of prevailing in complex disputes against large corporations and institutions, including Penn State. I will bring that tenacity and skill set to the Board and will be a strong, effective voice and defender of our Penn State values. I will not be afraid to speak up and let the voice of the Alumni be heard.

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Position Statement

Penn State’s tuition rates are out of control. Since 2001, the cost of a double room and a mid-level meal plan increased by 250%. I will call for an independent audit to identify cost inefficiencies and waste in order to provide accessible, quality and affordable education for all.

The composition of the Board is unmanageable and ineffective. The average public university board has 13 members. Penn State’s bloated, 36-member Board results in secretive decision-making by a clique of Board members in committees where transparency and accountability take a back seat. The Board leadership is tightening its control and stamping out dissent, hiding in executive-session and refusing to share information. Changing the size and composition of the Board is certainly no easy task, but one from which I will not shrink. (See my Op-Ed: http://www.centredaily.com/opinion/article189466914.html).

Time to restore good town-and-gown relations. I am acutely aware of the need for Penn State to be a good neighbor. The Board must work with local communities to ensure both University and community needs are met.

Our legacy must be restored. The Board’s conduct has distanced us from our past. We must heal old wounds, re-establish relationships with those who made our name great, and restore Penn State to its full glory.

Accessibility. I will remain accessible, communicate with you and will protect the values and principles cherished by Penn Staters. I have already started and I will continue to visit Alumni clubs.
Brandon is a two-time captain of Penn State’s Football team (1998, 1999) and was named a consensus All American (1999). Mr. Short holds a degree in Marketing from Smeal Business School (1999) and was drafted by the New York Giants (2000) where he had a 7-year career in the NFL. While in the NFL, Short’s teammates elected him as an NFLPA Union Player Representative. In this role, he advocated on players’ behalves and educated players on their contractual rights and obligations under the NFL’s Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Short earned an MBA from Columbia Business School in 2010 then joined Goldman Sachs as a member of its Real Estate Investment Banking Team based in New York. In 2012, Mr. Short transferred to Goldman’s Middle East Banking Team based in Dubai. While at Goldman he advised corporate boards on M&A transactions and on implementing structural & governance best practices. In 2015, Mr. Short moved to London and is now a Vice President at Round Hill Capital - A real estate private equity firm.

Brandon has remained actively involved with the University since he graduated in 1999. He’s supported Penn State’s capital campaigns, been a guest lecturer for finance classes and been a member of various University Committees - Including the Penn State Real Estate Advisory Committee.

Brandon’s business background, diverse life experiences, and passion for the University make him an ideal candidate to join the Board. To learn more about Brandon’s candidacy, please visit his campaign website www.bshort4psu.com or Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/BShort4PSU/

Position Statement

Penn State is a world-class research institution with the largest most active Alumni network. There’s no question that Penn State is a leading institution and at the forefront of higher learning. However, there are many challenges facing our great University. The rising cost to attend Penn State, inadequate board governance & accountability, and the need to adapt more quickly to the changing nature of education are all issues that hamper Penn State’s ability to carry our standard of excellence into the future.

Having been recognized as a natural leader; I’ve developed a skill set that makes me uniquely qualified to represent our Alumni on Penn State’s Board of Trustees. I’ll bring a strong, diverse, and dynamic voice to Penn State’s board. One that will challenge the status quo and that will work with other board members to improve on every aspect of our University.

My key areas of focus will be:

- Making Penn State More Affordable
- Implementing Improved Board Governance & Accountability
- Preparing Penn State for the Future by Using Technology

I’m asking for your vote. I’m a product of the Grand Experiment and have never been afraid to speak my mind and stand up for what’s right. The great Joe Paterno said, “You either get better or you get worse, but you never stay the same.” If elected I promise to wake up every day thinking of ways to make an impact, to improve Penn State and to help lead our great University into the future.
Biographical Sketch

Dr. Laurie Anne Stanell, a fourth-generation Penn Stater who raised two Penn State children, is a solo practitioner of 30 years at Laurie Anne Stanell DMD, PC in Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Penn State, Laurie attended Temple University School of Dentistry, where she was awarded a fellowship in head and neck cancer surgery. She is a member of the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Laurie has been volunteering at Penn State since 2009. She mentors students in the Eberly College of Science and is active with her sorority Phi Mu and with THON as a member of DMAIG. A lifetime member of the Penn State Alumni Association since 1980, she is a board member of the Bucks County Penn State Alumni chapter, which runs one of the largest scholarship programs in the country.

In 2015 Laurie was elected an alumni representative to the PSAA Alumni Council. Vocal and persistent in getting results that benefit the alumni, she has served on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Strategic Planning and Bylaws Committees. She currently co-chairs the Legislation and Advocacy Committee, which lobbies for Penn State in Harrisburg and Washington. Laurie has attended a majority of Penn State Board of Trustee meetings since 2011 and has presented insightful comments.

Laurie lives with her husband Terry in nearby Pipersville, PA, and can be reached at laurie@stanell4trustee.com. You can visit with Laurie at her website, stanell4trustee.com, or https://www.facebook.com/groups/Stanell4PennStateTrustee/

Position Statement

If elected, I will continue to show up, stand up, and speak out to ensure Penn State remains a world-class academic institution.

1. I will strongly advocate for tuition control. Penn State must find ways to contain costs while dealing with cuts in state funding. Tuition must be kept affordable to attract the best and brightest students, while maintaining the highest academic standards.
2. I will be an advocate for gender equity and diversity on a board that doesn’t reflect the ideal Penn State wishes to achieve.
3. I will work to ensure that Auditor General DePasquale’s recommendations regarding board transparency and size are enacted. All trustees must be treated equally, since all are equally liable for the board’s actions, and a smaller board means more highly engaged trustees.
4. I will support positive changes to Greek life, but they must affirm the laudable history and contributions sororities and fraternities have made to Penn State for over a century.
5. I will be a frequent, visible presence in the state capital. Since real reform can only take place in the Pennsylvania legislature, I will use my experience with government affairs to promote reform legislation so that past mistakes will be corrected.
6. I will make it a priority to travel to the Commonwealth Campuses to listen to their concerns and celebrate their accomplishments. Because we are all Penn State.

I ask for your vote. Please visit my website, www. Stanell4trustee.com, and on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/Stanell4PennStateTrustee/
ROBERT J. TRIBECK ‘91

Biographical Sketch

Robert J. Tribeck received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the Pennsylvania State University in 1991. He was awarded a Judicial Scholarship to the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor degree, with highest distinction, in 1994. In law school, Rob was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review, a member of Moot Court, and inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Upon graduation, he was appointed to a federal judicial clerkship with the Honorable William W. Caldwell of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Rob is Chief Legal Officer at Post Acute Medical, LLC, which owns healthcare facilities throughout the country. He is also Of Counsel at Barley Snyder, a Central Pennsylvania-based law firm and is currently the President of the Middle District Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He was elected to the Penn State Board of Trustees by the alumni in 2015.

Rob is a youth sports coach, serves on various non-profit boards, and is a member of many professional and civic organizations. He is a member of the Penn State Alumni Association, Nittany Lion Club, President’s Club, and Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship (PS4RS). While at Penn State, Rob was a member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity and actively participated in multiple student and philanthropic activities.

Rob resides in Enola, Pennsylvania, with his wife Karen, a 1991 Penn State graduate, and his two children. For more information, visit https://facebook.com/RTribeck4PSU

Position Statement

As a Trustee, I have repeatedly stated that it is the students, faculty, employees, and alumni, and not the Board, who are the most important assets of Penn State.

Upon election in 2015, my goals included controlling tuition, seeking novel ideas for stemming tuition escalation and student debt, greater transparency, board and governance reform, restoring confidence in University leadership, bridging the divide created by the Board, repairing the reputation of the University and others, protecting student and faculty rights, advancing Commonwealth Campuses and the World Campus, and stopping a movement away from the core values upon which the University was built.

Those goals remain at the forefront of my efforts. While Penn State is, and always has been, an elite institution, we must adapt to the changing realities of higher education. We must find leaders who share that vision as we move forward. Penn State is the economic and educational backbone of Pennsylvania, and we must take that role very seriously.

While we have made some advancements in the two and one-half years that I have been on the Board, including one year of no tuition increase and two years of the smallest increases in 50 years, much work remains to be done. My experience, both professionally and in my short time on the Board, renders me well-equipped to represent the Alumni in those efforts, and I remain confident in my ability to effect change.

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