RANDALL “RANDY” E. BLACK

Biographical Sketch

My lifelong interest and professional pursuits motivate me to want to be a Trustee for Penn State University. Personally, I am a farmer with over forty plus years of hands-on farm experience that began on my grandfather's farm. Professionally, I remain dedicated to farming as the CEO and President of First Citizens Community Bank, the 2nd largest agricultural lending institution headquartered in Pennsylvania. In the finance industry there are tremendous opportunities to serve the agricultural community.

I have been the chief executive officer and president of First Citizens Community Bank since 2004. I am a graduate of Bloomsburg University and have been with First Citizens Community Bank since 1993. I have over 30 years of business and accounting experience in a variety of financial areas, including planning and budgeting. I possess a clear understanding of financial concepts and can offer creative and innovative strategic thinking.

I have been privileged both personally and professionally to support agricultural initiatives and organizations.

As a lifetime 4-H member and a current 4-H program leader, I still breed and exhibit dairy cattle. I am involved in a number of professional and community organizations including Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, American Bankers Association, Liberty Community 4-H, Tioga/Potter Farm Bureau, plus a member of a number of hunting clubs.

Position Statement

I have been privileged to live my entire life in a farming family and community. As a child, I grew up working on my grandfather’s dairy farm, Parkmont Farms, where we cared for 180 registered dairy cows and 18,000 layers. I have a deep respect and passion for farming. I am a farmer and as such, want to be an advocate for PA agriculture. Sound and safe agricultural practices are essential to our present and future world. Penn State’s strong leadership, as evidenced by their investments in education, research and service for the common good, is vital and is of absolute importance to our industry, economy, and communities. I want to be involved with a land grant university that shares the same values that I believe in. The agricultural industry needs strong leadership and advocates to navigate the current challenges and changing times, and to shape the future of agriculture throughout the state and the country. I believe in putting my time and talents where I can add real value and have a strong desire to contribute my expertise and skillsets to the industry that has been so very important to me and my family. I simply request an opportunity to pay it forward to the industry that has been such a huge part of my life.
WAYNE D. CAMPBELL

Biographical Sketch

My professional background is:

- Born and raised on the family farm and owning my own Holstein dairy cows by the age of 14.
- In September 1981, I left the family farm. For 7 years, I worked as a certified New Holland and JI Case Technician.
- From 1987 to 2007, I was employed by Forbes Chevrolet as a Warranty Administrator and was promoted to Service Manager. In 2007 GM closed our dealership.
- In 2008 I went to work for Valley Ag and Turf, a John Deere dealership. I started out as Service Manager and was promoted to Store Manager.
- In 2010 I went back to the auto industry for 5 years, working locally as a Service Writer/Service Manager.
- In 2015 I semi-retired and went to work for Perry County Transportation, transporting residents of the county to medical appointments, and other destinations.
- In 2017, I left Perry County Transportation when I became the President of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I direct the day-to-day operations of the State Grange, which includes over 200 Granges throughout the Commonwealth.
- I actively advocate in Harrisburg for rural and urban residents for Broadband, increasing dairy consumption, improved healthcare, and many other concerns of Pennsylvanians.
- The Grange supports the Penn State Land Grant University by promoting its importance to Legislators by educating them on the many different ways it works to improve our lives through their research and educational opportunities.

Position Statement

I am asking for your support that I may have the opportunity to serve as a Penn State University Trustee elected by agricultural interests. I believe from my diverse professional career I can provide fresh new ideas to the Board. I want to be able to help move the University forward by efficient planning for the future, advocating for adequate funding, and helping to maintain an excellent working environment.

I believe that the personnel are the key to a brilliant future. We must promote an environment where we all operate as a team. Penn State is fortunate to have the best minds in America, working for the improvement of life and tackling the challenges of American agriculture today. We must stay on the cutting edge of technology and provide new educational opportunities to maintain this futuristic position.

As President of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I can provide a link between the University and our grass roots communities.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about me and I look forward to serving you.
LYNN A. DIETRICH ‘73

Biographical Sketch

I am a retired Director of Engineering for Manitowoc Cranes, Inc. and formerly Vice President of Product Development for Grove Manufacturing. I grew with the business, now a $2 billion annual revenue concern. My engineering and management experience is local, as well as global, having managed projects and people around the world.

I was born and raised on a farm in Schuylkill County, and my wife and I raised our three children on our small Franklin County farm. We own and manage approximately 500 acres of farm and forest land in three counties. As an auctioneer since 1976, conducting hundreds of auctions I have kept especially close to the rural community.

I graduated from Penn State with a B.S. in Ag Eng. I have remained actively involved with the university, serving as a guest speaker, in curriculum review, etc. I am a life member of the Alumni Association and AGR agricultural fraternity. I serve on the Ag Advisory Board for the local school district. I am a VP of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, member of Pennsylvania and American Farm Bureau, and member of local and state Grange.

In addition to the PSU College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award in 2010 and 2011 Armsby Honor Society membership, I received the prestigious Penn State Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015. I promote, sponsor, and support PSU in agricultural education, research, and extension programs to benefit all Pennsylvania residents and to fulfill the PSU land grant mission.

Position Statement

I ask for your support to be reelected to the PSU Board of Trustees. I would appreciate the opportunity to use my knowledge and practical experience in agriculture, agribusiness, and global business to advocate for effective agricultural education, research and extension programs focused toward production agriculture, rural issues, and fulfillment of the land grant mission of Penn State. With increasing dilution of the voices of agriculture on the Board, it is critical that trustees elected by the agricultural societies have the ability and desire to strongly advocate for production agriculture and rural interests. I have those abilities and that desire.

This University has had a lasting positive influence on our lives. My wife, Joyce, grew up in a Penn State family as her father secured B.S., M.S. and D.Ed. degrees in Ag Ed. Our three children are graduates of Penn State, and two have married Penn State graduates. Joyce and I have provided funding for the LeRoy C. Smeltz Memorial Trustee Scholarship in her father’s memory to benefit students studying agricultural education. I very much appreciate the opportunity to give back my time and talents to the University by serving on the Board of Trustees over the past 3 years. If granted the honor to be reelected, I will continue to advocate about PSU’s world class status and its proven ability to offer an excellent and affordable education. I will promote, sponsor, and support agricultural education, research, and extension programs to benefit all Pennsylvania residents.