Biographical Sketch

Ricardo Azziz is an educator and academic leader with over 20 years of experience. He serves as Professor and President of Georgia Regents University, one of Georgia's four public comprehensive research universities, and as CEO of the Georgia Regents Health System. Along with him, both his father and brother are graduates of Penn State. Ricardo’s family moved to State College when he was three, as his father completed his Ph.D. in Physics at Penn State. Living on campus is among his earliest and fondest memories. Subsequently his family moved to Pittsburgh, where he grew up.

After completing his MD at the Penn State College of Medicine, he served as founding member of the Penn State College of Medicine (COM) Alumni Society, serving on its Board of Trustees (1984-1992) and as President of the Society (1989-1992). Instrumental in creating his class scholarship fund and in promoting significant growth of the Society, he received the 1992 Cheston M. Berlin Award from the Penn State COM Alumni Society. A Life Member of the Penn State Alumni Association, Ricardo and his wife, Cindy, have been long-standing philanthropic supporters of Penn State and are members of the university’s Atherton Society and President’s Club.

Previously serving as faculty at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the University of California Los Angeles, Dr. Azziz is a transformational leader, passionate about higher education, student opportunity and success, faculty and staff development, and discovery and innovation.

For more on Ricardo see http://www.gru.edu/president/ and http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-ricardo-azziz/.

Position Statement

Penn State is one of the world’s great research universities – a great University whose time is now and whose future, reputation and traditions deserve protecting, upholding and supporting. A proud University.

We have been through a very difficult period that has seen our values as a University and as alumni questioned, and an important part of our history erased. Our traditions and history are not simply part of the past; they are the very fabric that binds our many communities together. Trustees must ensure that these are vigorously defended, and all options examined and pursued. The reputation of our University deserves no less.

But Trustees must also be student-centered and future-oriented. A future that speaks to the success of our students, to the quality and affordability of our education, to the growth, competiveness, and sustainability of our programs, to the support of our outstanding faculty and dedicated staff, to our advancement of our innovation and discovery, and to the richness of our broader university community. Because, our future generations deserve the opportunities we had.

As a long time dedicated alum, university educator, scientist, and academic leader, I understand the courage, delicate balance, and focused dedication required of Trustees to safeguard and maximize the reputation and traditions of the University, while ensuring its strong and healthy future. A task that entails maximum transparency, candid honesty, and a clear understanding of what is right... for our great University's past, present... and future. Let's be PENN STATE PROUD.
RYAN BAGWELL, ‘02

Biographical Sketch

Ryan Bagwell is the founder of the Penn State Sunshine Fund, a grassroots effort supported by hundreds of dedicated alumni that aims to improve transparency at Penn State. In 2012, he restored our right to obtain public records from some university trustees. Now he wants to continue the fight for transparency as a member of the board.

A software developer and former newspaper reporter who sits on the board of the Madison chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association, Ryan wants the administration to release documents related to Louis J. Freeh’s investigation. He also supports a plan to aggressively reduce the price of a Penn State degree.

After graduating in 2002 with degrees in music and journalism, Ryan worked as an investigative newspaper reporter in Pennsylvania and Maryland before creating his own news Web site devoted to holding public officials accountable. Today he’s a Web developer with an advertising and marketing agency near Washington, D.C.

Ryan knows how boards work. As a journalist, he spent hundreds of hours writing about public bodies and exposing back-room politics. He’s also an experienced budget analyst, having reviewed countless spending plans and writing about their impact in a way people can understand.

He’s a proud lifetime member of the Penn State Alumni Association, a football season ticket holder and an active alumni association volunteer.

Position Statement

Distrust of Penn State’s leaders is as low as it has ever been. A recent alumni association survey revealed that only 16 percent of Penn State graduates trust the Board of Trustees. Penn Staters are yearning for new leaders who will reunite our divided community - even while it continues to move forward on its own.

If elected, I will immediately press for the release of Freeh’s investigation records, review every document to gauge the accuracy of his conclusions and present my findings to the public so we can finally move on.

But we cannot focus on the past forever. Other challenges beg for our attention, including record tuition that is too expensive for even the most committed Penn Staters. We should immediately rethink the way we set the price of a Penn State degree by providing discounts for alumni and need-based tuition credits. As a trustee, I would push to expand the university’s private loan program and lower its 6 percent interest rate. I would also begin working toward a long-term goal of providing a free education for students whose families earn less than $60,000 a year.

To restore trust, I would expand board ethics rules by requiring trustees to file annual financial disclosure forms, and remove regulations that prohibit board members from engaging in free, robust debate. And finally, I support honoring Joe Paterno for his decades of service to Penn State.

This is just the beginning.

Read more at http://www.BagwellForPennState.com/priorities.
Biographical Sketch

The Centre Daily Times covered Keith Bierly during his 28 years as a Centre County District Judge and Centre County Commissioner. When he was leaving elective office their editorial read: "a tireless worker, a careful listener, a bit of a policy wonk, a visionary and a communicator who is both thoughtful and articulate.....Bierly has displayed all of these traits."

Keith Bierly's ancestor drove the first wagon into Brush Valley in 1791; his family has resided here ever since. For Keith, Penn State is not a place to visit, it is where he lives. Every sibling in his family attended Penn State. Keith's wife Kim was PSU National Television Marketing Director for 11 years.

His education includes graduating with honors and being a Distinguished Alumnus of Lock Haven State University, obtaining a Masters Degree in Constitutional Law from Penn State, and graduating from the Senior Management Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He also graduated first in his class at the Pennsylvania Academy's school for District Judges.

During 35 years as a public official, he developed innovative court procedures that were copied state-wide; fought to eliminate a tax that was eventually voted down by dozens of counties and school districts, engaged in the largest capital project expansion in Centre County's history; and helped promote Pennsylvania's dairy industry as Secretary of a statewide regulatory agency. He has served on more than 40 non-profit boards of directors and has received numerous recognitions for that service. See www.keithbierly.com

Position Statement

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE - that is what I can bring to the Penn State Board of Trustees. My combined 35 years of experience in the judicial and executive branches of Pennsylvania government make me uniquely qualified to serve on the Board.

I studied political science because I admired a young President who said he was "an idealist without illusions." That is the type Trustee we need - one who can promote Penn State, while recognizing the past decade has resulted in particular challenges.

As a County Commissioner, I interacted with Penn State officials in numerous ways including economic development, taxation, tourism, hazmat response and the county's comprehensive plan. I fully understand Penn State's positive impact on the community. It is an impact that I can promote locally and in the state capital.

Given my education and my practical governmental experience, I fully appreciate the judicial process and our court system. Today, that is a real asset for a Trustee.

Regardless of my governmental position, as a District Judge, County Commissioner, or State Secretary, I had positive interaction with Penn State administrators, faculty, students, and staff. This knowledge of how Penn State is viewed by people across the entire Commonwealth will enable me to become an effective Trustee.

I currently own and operate Twin Avenues consulting focusing mainly on judicial races, and Forefathers Book Shop. My book shop celebrates our country's rich history and is located within 5 miles of the geographic center of the state. I will be accessible.

See www.keithbierly.com
JENNIFER E. BIRD-POLLAN, ‘99

Biographical Sketch

Jennifer Bird-Pollan is a leading tax law expert, professor, and mom. Born in West Point, New York, to two U.S. Army Officers, she was raised in Erie, Pennsylvania. A 1999 graduate of the Penn State College of Liberal Arts, she earned a B.A. in French and Philosophy, cum laude, with honors in Philosophy. While at Penn State, Jennifer was a Schreyer Scholar, studied abroad in France, directed two plays with No Refund Theater, and wrote her senior thesis in Philosophy. After graduation, she earned a masters degree in Philosophy at Vanderbilt, where she met her husband, got married, and had her first daughter. After graduate school, she earned her J.D. at Harvard Law School, and had her second daughter. Jennifer then joined Ropes & Gray, a top law firm in Boston, Massachusetts, where, as part of the Tax Department, she worked on complicated legal and financial matters for multinational companies as well as tax-exempt organizations, such as colleges and universities. In 2010 she left Ropes to join the faculty at the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she now teaches a variety of tax law classes, advises student groups, and researches tax policy matters. When not buried in the U.S. federal tax code, she serves on the board of her neighborhood association, enjoys taking her daughters, now 10 and 6, to the swimming pool, and reads novels.

Position Statement

I want to join the Penn State Board of Trustees in order to help ensure that the access to education and opportunity that I had as a Nittany Lion remains possible for young Pennsylvanians at the state’s flagship academic institution. I came to Penn State as a bright, motivated, eager student. I was thrilled to move into Atherton Hall with the other members of what was then called the University Scholars Program. The academic experience I had at Penn State was unparalleled, with access to top-notch faculty, classes filled with the best and brightest students from across the state and country, and a living-learning environment that made school more than just what happened in the classroom. We have an obligation to protect this incredible institution that offers the same caliber of education as elite private colleges at a fraction of the cost. If elected to the Board of Trustees, I will be committed to protecting and maintaining Penn State’s academic excellence. As a current faculty member at Kentucky, another flagship state school, I would bring a unique insight to the Board – a deep understanding of both the academic experience of students, and the role of faculty and students as stakeholders in the University. My expertise in tax law and non-profit organizations – especially colleges and universities - will also allow me to contribute to the oversight and administration of what is, at heart, a large tax-exempt charitable entity. I ask for your vote, and look forward to the opportunity to serve.
Biographical Sketch

At this critical juncture in Penn State’s history, we must elect trustees who will put our beloved alma mater’s best interests ahead of their personal agendas. Rob Bowsher is running to ensure students and young alumni benefit as much from their Penn State educations as so many of us have from our Penn State degrees.

Rob's 27-year writing career has covered a wide range of projects including memoirs, tributes, travelogues, examinations, and procedure manuals. He is also the accounting manager for a company that administers radio dispatching and other services to San Diego's largest taxicab fleet.

Through his work experiences as an accounting manager and as a writer, Rob has learned the importance of gaining appropriate perspectives, making decisions based on solid data, taking the necessary time to make wise decisions independent of external pressures, and implementing decisions in ways that maintain the dignity of everyone involved. Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Diego have been his home cities since graduation. Rob has no insider ties to Penn State or Pennsylvania that would influence his ability to view issues objectively.

In 1986, Rob graduated from the College of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. During his undergraduate years, he served as Tour Chairman for the Lion Ambassadors. He also held multiple offices in the Kappa Sigma fraternity. His academic achievements earned him memberships in the Beta Gamma Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies.

Learn more about Rob and his candidacy by visiting his website http://www.bowsher4psu.com.

Position Statement

Fellow alumni, we’re not the character Chip in the movie Animal House, eager to assume the position and yell, “Thank you, sir. May I have another?!” WE ARE the Penn State alumni and, as incumbent trustees and the NCAA learned, we’re a force to be reckoned with now and forever.

We will not stand idly by while the Freeh Report's accusations desecrate Penn State's good name, while legendary coaches are denied due process, while faculty and staff fear for their jobs, while conflicts of interest abound, and certainly not while tuition hikes bury students and parents under mountains of debt. No Thank You, Sir...We're Not Taking Another!

Elect me and I will do to the Board of Trustees what I did to my own life: make it open and transparent. By coming out of the closet and leading an openly gay life for over 15 years, I’m uniquely qualified to join the alumni trustees and their allies in reforming this board into a model of open governance.

I’m also qualified to rein in wasteful spending. Instead of paying millions for out-of-state consultants and public relations firms, the trustees need to invest those funds in programs that reduce tuitions and in programs that directly benefit the Penn State community.

Fellow alumni, let's join together to do what Coach Joe Paterno did for over 60 years. Let’s make Penn State a better place.
Biographical Sketch

Dan Cocco will bring a unique perspective and insight gained from experience in business, higher education, and non-profit organizations. He has proven the ability to work with leaders from all Penn State campuses to achieve common goals.

Currently, he helps companies address today’s business challenges as a consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Prior to PwC, Dan worked with alumni of Columbia University in his role as Assistant Director, Office of Alumni & Development while completing a Master of Science in Fundraising Management.

As Overall Chairperson for Penn State Dance Marathon in 2008, Dan played an integral role in one of Penn State’s greatest traditions, working with students, alumni, and leadership towards the goal of ending childhood cancer. Dan was selected to lead THON after serving on the leadership team in 2006 and 2007. He also worked with administrators and staff of Penn State’s Children’s Hospital to plan programs that benefited Pennsylvania families.

Previously, Dan served as THON Chair for Penn State Hazleton and on the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments. He has served on the boards of The Four Diamonds Fund and Dance Marathon Alumni Interest Group. Dan lives in New York City and grew up in Nutley, NJ. He is a Life Member of the Penn State Alumni Association and member of the New York City and Northern New Jersey chapters.

Upward State endorsed Dan for his desire to set priorities that will unite Penn State and place students at the top of the agenda. For more information visit www.UpwardState.org.

Position Statement

Penn State University is leading the way in the areas of academics, research, service, and athletics. However, universities are facing greater obstacles than ever before and the Board of Trustees has a responsibility to make sure finding solutions to those obstacles are at the top of the agenda for leadership. The future is bright and Penn State needs to keep moving forward by putting students first.

The Board of Trustees must be ready to work with University president Dr. Barron to continue building on recent success while preparing for the future. We must increase access to a world-class Penn State education by advocating for greater state funding, committing to the expansion of the World Campus, and controlling the cost of education.

The best way for Trustees to honor the past is to focus on the future by promoting the best of Penn State. We need to better highlight accomplishments of our University to attract top employers, students, faculty, and staff to our campuses. The Board should reform governance and accountability by encouraging closer collaboration with faculty and students. Leadership should continue reforms that improve decision-making abilities and transparency.

Earning my Penn State degree and my experience leading THON are defining moments in my life. I want the same opportunities for current and future students. As a Trustee I will work to ensure the promise of a world-class education is continued and that the core mission of our University is fulfilled.

Visit www.CoccoForPSU.com or email me at dan.cocco@psualum.com to learn more.
Biographical Sketch

Joshua Fulmer graduated from Penn State in 2001 with a B.A. in Administration of Justice and received his J.D. from New England School of Law in Boston, MA. After law school Josh returned to his hometown of Easton, PA where he is now a partner at Lauer & Fulmer a litigation firm specializing in criminal defense.

Josh spent his first two years at Penn State Hazleton, where he was a student representative on the Student Government Association, working closely with the Administration to improve student life both in and out of the classroom. He also worked as a student manager for the men's basketball teams at Hazleton and University Park.

Josh is actively involved with the Northampton County Bar Association, where he is the Chair of the Service to the Public Committee, which organizes opportunities for attorneys to give back to the community. He assisted with the Association's Holiday Hope Chest program, which resulted in the distribution of 500 wrapped shoeboxes filled with toys to under privileged children throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Josh is a proud Alumni Association Life Member, as well as a member of the Golden Lion Society, Varsity S Club, and the Nittany Lion Club.

Josh can be found at almost every home football game (and a few road games too), hosting a tailgate, feeding a large group of friends and current students, and enjoying the camaraderie that makes our University and its community so great.

For more information please visit my campaign website, www.joshuafulmer.com.

Position Statement

I have never been more proud to be a Penn Stater than I have been over the last two years. Through trying times and immense outside pressure, our community has pulled together and grown stronger and closer. Whether it was the accomplishments of our student-athletes on the field and in the classroom, our world renowned faculty, or the students responsible for raising $13,343,517.33 through THON, our University continues to lead by example, and show the world how wonderful WE ARE!

I believe that now is the time to channel that unity towards restoring the roar to our University through the following steps: 1) amending bylaws that prohibit Trustees from conducting independent investigations, speaking with faculty, students, or alumni about pending issues, and require Trustees to rely on information given to them by the President of the University; 2) amending the bylaw that prohibits Trustees from speaking out against any decision of the Board as this rule restricts individual Trustees from publicizing perceived mistakes and possible transgressions by the Board; and 3) further changing the composition of the Board by giving more control to alumni, and their elected representatives, instead of leaders of industry who use their money and political influence to win themselves a seat on the board.

Most importantly, we must ensure that Penn state remains a place where young men and women can receive the highest quality education, at a reasonable price.

I would appreciate your support and I am confident that together, we can "Restore the Roar."
Biographical Sketch

Rudy is native of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He is a Managing Partner at pediped footwear, a fast growing children’s shoe company. Rudy graduated from Penn State with a BA in Political Science in 1991 and an MA in Political Science in 1993. Rudy earned his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1998.

A football Letterman, Rudy was active in student affairs while at Penn State. He served as President of the Student Athlete Advisory Board and the Graduate Student Association. While at Penn State, Rudy was tapped into Parmi Nous. Rudy was awarded a postgraduate scholarship from the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics for his academic, athletic and leadership accomplishments.

Rudy is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and the Football Letterman’s Club. He is also a member of the Atherton and Golden Lion Societies. Rudy has endowed the Guy Montag Renaissance Scholarship.

Prior to joining pediped in 2008, Rudy spent 10 years at Goldman Sachs. He began his financial career at Credit Suisse in 1994. Other jobs included selling sporting goods in the former Soviet Union and coaching American football in Sweden. For both his academic and professional efforts, Rudy was named the inaugural Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Political Science Department for 2005/06 for his professional success and demonstrated leadership.

Rudy currently serves on the Board of The Aloha Foundation. He is also a member of the Penn State World Campus and Outreach Advisory Board.

Position Statement

Penn State enters 2014 facing significant challenges, momentous opportunities and great wrongs to right. Strong, visionary leadership is required to enhance Penn State’s position as one of the world’s leading Universities, repair the relationship with alumni, and restore her glory.

Significant challenges:
1) Rising competition in online degree granting education
2) Enhancing the value and affordability of a PSU degree
3) Reforming the structure of the Board of Trustees
4) Rising Global competition for students and faculty

Some of the great opportunities within the reach of Penn State:
1) Attracting top administration, faculty and students
2) Setting the standard for online education
3) Becoming a truly global University
4) Enhancing its lead amongst recruiters

Great wrongs to right:
1) The rush to judgment against Joe Paterno
2) Fixing the current false narrative of Penn State
3) Secrecy and subterfuge at the Board level

Penn State is well positioned to maintain and improve it global leadership in education. The University has tremendous resources available to enhance its academic stature. Penn State is already a recognized leader:

- Top rankings by recruiters
- Leading position in online degree granting education
- Rising global rankings
- A wealth of talented and energetic alumni

I promise to focus on improving Penn State’s leadership, seizing these opportunities, overcoming these challenges and righting these wrongs. Through the dedicated work of the Board, Faculty, Administration, students and alumni, we can not only achieve greater success, but also do it with honor. For the Glory…We Are!
Biographical Sketch

John (Jack) J. Graham, Jr., Penn State 1999, is General Counsel and Director of New Business Development of Great Valley Publishing. Prior to his current position, Jack practiced complex contractual litigation, specializing in the representation of large construction management and general construction firms.

As a student at Penn State, Jack was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa for his academic achievement. Jack was active not only in academics, but also as a leader in campus activities. He was a member of Lion Ambassadors and served as the group’s Director of Internal Relations; was President of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; served as a student representative to the University Conduct Board (then the University Hearing Board); and was elected to USG as a Town Senator.

Since graduation, Jack continues to demonstrate a commitment to volunteer roles, including service on the Board of Directors of the Building Industry Association of Philadelphia; Future Leaders Committee of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Eastern Pennsylvania; the Board of Governors of the Racquet Club of Philadelphia; and Board of Advisors of the Rutgers University Financial and Legal Research Institute. In these roles, he has gained extensive skills in fundraising and management of development projects.

Jack holds bachelors’ degrees from Penn State and a juris doctor from Temple University School of Law. He is admitted to the bars of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. He resides in Philadelphia with his wife and son.

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Position Statement

Transparency and accountability are two fundamental principles of effective governance.

There has been much discussion about these principles over the past 2½ years, yet some alumni and trustees still feel excluded. The University needs meaningful mechanisms in place to ensure that (i) the Board’s decision making function is open to the alumni and (ii) that the Board is responsible to answer for its decisions.

Legislation that would alter the structure of the Board is currently pending. However, at this time, it is unclear whether the legislation will pass. Until such time as the Board is modified by law, it is the Board’s responsibility to demonstrate that the viewpoints of the alumni are being heard and that the Board is actively considering alumni viewpoints in its decision-making processes.

I have developed a strategy for engaging alumni to share their opinions regarding issues facing the University, as well as suggestions for how the Board should address those issues. This strategy is efficient and can be conducted in a manner that will allow me to communicate data about alumni sentiment in real time. Each Penn Stater will know that his or her feedback is meaningful and is being taken into consideration. I am prepared to enact this strategy, at my own cost, beginning on my first day of service – thereby creating a concrete measure of transparency and accountability.

I will tirelessly work to maximize the transfer of information between alumni and Board, as well as for the advancement of the University.
Biographical Sketch

An award-winning writer and journalist, Art Greenwald launched his career covering scholastic sports at 16 for the *Pittsburgh Press* and hometown *Altoona Mirror*. While in high school he hosted a Top 40 all-night radio show and worked in news at two Central Pa. radio stations throughout college.

As a Penn Stater and *Collegian* writer, he earned national awards for his feature and humor articles. Art profiled Howard Cosell, Roger Kahn, David Frost, Betty Friedan, Jerry Rubin, Edward Vellella and Bruce Springsteen among others. He was also weekend sports director at PSU’s WDFM Radio.

After graduating in 1976 with a B.A. in journalism, he worked for the National Foundation March of Dimes in Baltimore. Art returned to the *Altoona Mirror* as a sports writer and later became feature editor for a Blair County weekly. His “Works of Art” column garnered statewide acclaim.

Art has written for magazines and newspapers nationwide while an editor and writer for South Florida publications. He earned an M.S. in Counseling Psychology with honors from Nova Southeastern University and has worked as an addictions, mental health, family and couples therapist and case manager in Florida.

In 2012, Art joined the Paterno Field Project created by Blake Tobias, and continues to devote countless hours in efforts to honor Joe Paterno for his considerable contributions and 61 years of service.

His soon-to-be-published second book will include a Penn State section chronicling his encounter with Coach Paterno, an op-ed condemning the NCAA sanctions, Lettermen tributes, and Nittany Nation musings.

Position Statement

I am not a CEO, a Wall Street banker, a Fortune 500 businessman, a million-dollar donor or a politician.

I have a lifelong love for Penn State and a passionate commitment to change.

There is NO culture crisis at Penn State, a world-class university of superior academics, research and teaching with a consistently high graduation rate. The problem is a dysfunctional, toxic BOT that failed completely to represent our interests. From the shameful firing of Coach Paterno, improperly and passively accepting the Freeh Report and the oppressive NCAA sanctions; they’ve made one bad choice after another.

Since 11/09/11 the BOT has acted like a cabal, governing poorly, lacking accountability, muzzling opposition, and losing touch and trust with its students, faculty, boosters and alumni.

If elected, I will embrace reasoned debate and discussion. I will speak loudly and clearly. I will stand tall and be heard.

Push for free and equal expression and demand truth and transparency. And, I will mobilize our alumni base and strive to give all a stronger, inclusive voice in the governance process.

I support PA. Senator John Yudichak’s Board Reform Bill.

Push for re-assessment of the Consent Decree.

Work toward righting the wrongs.

Continue working on projects honoring Coach Paterno.

Explore more affordable admissions options by reducing tuition costs, proposing low interest loans, and cutting waste.

My candidacy will attempt to unite competing factions and focus on fixing the BOT.

Honoring the past, moving forward with courage, dignity, unity and pride because WE ARE PENN STATE.
Biographical Sketch

Fellow Penn Staters:

I bring significant experience which I feel will aid in advancing the goals of our University, and assist in getting us “back on track” as one America’s premier educational settings.

Following graduation, after some travel and the exploration of many potential career pathways, I settled in Burlington, Vermont. My 30 year career with the State of Vermont involved work as a child protection social worker and probation officer-experience the existing board could have used 3 years ago. I retired three years ago.

During my career, I also served for five-two year terms as President and Board Chair for the largest single employer labor organization in the state and for a total of twenty years as an executive officer on the Board. I served as a registered lobbyist at the state and federal level for over ten years.

I KNOW how boards work and HOW to move issues forward. I have deep experience in organizing both internal to the board, and external with the voting membership-moving issues forward for change. I KNOW political action and advocacy on the front line of the legislature.

I continue to be one of six directors of our state pension investment committee (VPIC), managing over 3.7 billion dollars of state retirement funds. I KNOW money and budgets.

I hope you will take the time to visit www.BobHooper.org, or Bob Hooper for Penn State Board of Trustees (Facebook) for more information.

Thank you for your interest.

Position Statement

I come to this election concerned for the wellbeing of our University. Eager to offer my organizing and administrative skills to help advance the REFORM necessary for Penn State to again command the respect lost due to unfortunate decisions made in the last three years.

The primary role of a Trustee is to act as a fiduciary for the organization. Although restoring respect to former employees and challenging accusations of failure needs to be undertaken, I feel the unsubstantiated accusations of the Freeh Report and the NCAA sanctions have affected our financial positions and must be examined in the light of day. I feel the Board has lost their focus on our institutional priorities.

However, my concerns go beyond the past. Penn State has become one of the most expensive public institutions in the country. I fear the flagship education PSU offers is no longer available, without great burden, to families and would work with the legislature and the University to increase contributions and decrease costs.

I continue to be concerned at the alarming increase in the ratio of administrative positions to tenured educators, and the associated cost. I feel it is time to examine the influence of the corporate mindset in education, and to make sure a well-rounded education is offered at Penn State.

Our goal must not only be to have the nicest buildings, we must continue to have the brightest minds produce the greatest achievements as a result of the foundation Penn State provided.

Thank you. www.bobhooper.org
Biographical Sketch

Bob Jubelirer graduated from Penn State with a degree in history and earned his law degree from The Dickinson School of Law. Bob served in the Pennsylvania Senate from 1975-2006. He was President Pro Tempore of the Senate for 21 years, the longest tenure in history. Bob did double duty as Lieutenant Governor after Tom Ridge became Director of Homeland Security.

Bob wrote the modern “Sunshine Law,” opening up state and local government meetings to the public; the Tuition Account Program (TAP), giving families a tax-friendly way to save for the higher education of their children and grandchildren; and “Ashley’s Law,” providing essential child protection measures. He was a driving force in securing state funding for key projects at Penn State highlighted by Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, the Millennium Science Center and the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Bob also fought to get the Information Science and Technology (IST) program funding in the state budget.

Bob’s leadership earned recognition including The Blair County Chapter of the NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award; Common Cause Champion of Good Government; Dickinson School of Law Career Achievement Award; The Pennsylvania State University Distinguished Alumni Award; and Alumni Association Alumni Fellow Award.

Bob is married to Renee Cohn Jubelirer ('78). They are proud parents of five children, including two Penn State graduates. Bob is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and member of the Nittany Lion Club.

Bob can be reached at rcjubelirer@yahoo.com. More about Bob can be found at www.bob4psuboard.com and www.facebook.com/jubelirerforpennstate.

Position Statement

Serious challenges continue to face our University. The Board needs an infusion of new blood to support the alumni-elected trustees from 2012 and 2013. Yet, we must still rely on the considerable advantages of life and professional experiences. Two valuable attributes I bring are well-directed advocacy, and insight into effectively engaging state officials and legislators. Twenty-six years in top legislative leadership taught me valuable skills that apply here: Bringing people with differing interests together for results, as well as regrouping and forging ahead after suffering setbacks.

As State Senator, I was a foremost advocate for our university and students. I advised how to constructively make our case. I worked to increase funding for Penn State; I fought to get the Information Science and Technology (IST) program funding in the state budget to be able to attract a top notch Dean. I am proud that a scholarship was established in my name and continues to aid needy IST students.

Penn State must better be able to convey the remarkable academic and research attributes that make our university a renowned leader. The university needs to remind people what powerful economic engines main campus and its Commonwealth campuses are, and how much our graduates give back. The chance to contribute to Penn State’s future is exciting and energizing.

It would be an honor to serve alumni on the Board. WE ARE! I can be reached at rcjubelirer@yahoo.com.

More information can be found at www.bob4psuboard.com and www.facebook.com/jubelirerforpennstate.
Biographical Sketch

Ed Kabala (1964) is a health care and transactional lawyer at Fox Rothschild. Working as an industrial engineer after graduation, he obtained his law degree at night. He then started Kabala & Geeseman and practiced there until a 2001 merger with Fox.

At Penn State he was a founding member of the Penn State Rugby Club and a member of Phi Kappa Tau. Ed is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. Ed and his wife, Gail, are members of the Mt. Nittany Society, Presidents Club and Nittany Lion Club. In 2008 they funded the Penn State Kabala Family Rugby Hall.

Ed is currently President of KidsVoice (legal representation of abused, neglected and at risk children). Previous community activities included assisting with the founding of the Cancer Support Network and fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy. Community service awards include the Allegheny County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Award, Cancer Support Network Crystal Award and Muscular Dystrophy Millennium Diamond Award.

During his legal career, Ed has been consistently awarded the highest ratings by Martindale Hubbell, Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America which named him Pittsburgh’s Health Care Lawyer of the Year 2013.

While Ed regularly commutes between his Pittsburgh and Philadelphia offices, he and Gail currently live in Philadelphia to be near their children, Courtenay and Paxson (Penn State 1996), and four spectacular grandchildren.

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Position Statement

It is time to focus on the future and the core mission of maintaining Penn State as a premier institution of higher education and research.

I am a leader in business and community affairs. I prefer to build consensus through compromise, and believe that finding a solution is preferable to assigning blame, that one can disagree without being disagreeable, and that one should not stifle dissent.

We cannot change past actions but we can learn from them, avoid repeating those which were wrong, and correct the consequences of those errors.

WE are Penn State, and WE have chosen a new leader. It is the duty of the Board and, all who love this University, to give our administration the tools to succeed. The President deserves wholehearted (but not unquestioning) support.

We have a divided alumni; many (including me) believe that Coach Paterno and those student athletes who played for him have been unfairly treated. To become unified, we must restore their legacy.

We must also strive to make a Penn State education available to students of every race, creed, persuasion and economic strata. Each department, especially athletics, must be headed by individuals as qualified as our deans and faculty.

A board position is a privilege granted to those who would assist the faculty in continuing to mold students into alumni of whom we can be proud.

If given that privilege, I would work tirelessly for the glory of Penn State.
Biographical Sketch

Hailing from Northeast Philadelphia, Gavin is a two time Student Body President and recent Executive Board Member of the Alumni Association. He graduated with a degree in Business Management from the Smeal College of Business.

At Penn State, Gavin had the opportunity to work with a great group of students, administrators and community leaders, who together accomplished many successful initiatives. In particular, Gavin secured the first standing budget for student government in the amount of $140,000 annually. He also secured $160,000 for the Office of Student Legal Services and Chaired the HR Search Committee for its first director. Gavin may be best known for the CATA “Late Night White Loop”, ensuring safe passage for students back to campus until 4:00am.

Professionally, Gavin is a top ranked Strategy Consulting Manager leading engagements to drive revenue/margin growth and return on investment (ROI). His career has primarily been spent working for multiple Fortune 100 High-Tech Companies, with experience also in Banking, Insurance and Consumer Goods. Gavin has managed global teams and led analytics to define benefits across multiple clients.

In his formative years, Gavin attended St. Joe’s Prep, where he set the foundation for his future leadership roles, serving as Captain of the Rugby team and a retreat leader for the younger classes. “The Prep” instilled the Jesuit motto of being a “Man for Others” and put Gavin on the path towards servant leadership.

Gavin also leads two Non Profit Corporations, The Philadelphia Catholic League Alumni Corps and New Leaders Council- Philadelphia Chapter.

Position Statement

Our Board needs a diversity of thought, age and background which it is currently lacking. My experience makes me uniquely qualified to help fill this void and the vitality to shape our university for years to come. Penn State changed my life and helped shape me into the person I am today. I will work tirelessly to ensure that generations of Penn Staters get this same experience.

Part of ensuring this experience is addressing the issues that face our university. I have built many deep and lasting relationships, which has put me in a position to be a coalition builder, helping to heal the divide that currently exists in our community. This will include tackling tough issues and building consensus, where others have failed.

I will directly address the structure of the board, including the major lack of alumni trustee representation on the Executive Committee, where all the decisions are made. I’ll go further to ensure that as we enter the end of our four year NCAA persecution, and resolution of pending court cases, the board will take measures to heal the Penn State family, including living up to the promise to honor Joe & Sue Paterno. Concerning financial issues, the ever-expanding budget and unfortunate annual reality of rising tuition will be met fierce inspection, with emphasis on business case justification.

Please take a look at my detailed action plan and partner with me to help build a better Penn State for years to come. Visit the website: www.gavinkeirans.com
JASON P. KUTULAKIS, '91, '94 JD

Biographical Sketch

Education:

Employment:

Appointments and accomplishments:
1999-2010 – Solicitor for Dauphin County Social Services for Children & Youth
2009 – Co-founded ChildFirst PA (dedicated to training first responders to suspected child abuse) (www.childfirstpa.com ) – (currently member of faculty); 2012 – Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Child Protection; (http://www.childprotection.state.pa.us/about.cfm ); 2013 – Testified before the General Assembly on more than a dozen occasions regarding abuse; 2001-2005 – Dickinson School of Law (of Penn State) Board of Governors.

Memberships:
Lifetime – PSU Alumni Association; Cumberland Bar Association – Board member since 2005; Dauphin and Franklin Bar Associations; Pennsylvania Bar Association – Children’s Rights Committee – 1999 to present; Pennsylvania Ground Water Association; Second Presbyterian Church Trustee – 2006-2008; Big Spring Bulldog Foundation – Life member, President 2008-2010; Western Cumberland County Council of Governments (COG) – 2003-2006; National Rifle Association – Life member

Complete biographical information can be found at http://abomkutulakis.com/lawyers/jason_kutulakis.php

Position Statement

Since obtaining my undergraduate and law degrees from the University and the Dickinson School of Law, I spent nearly 20 years as a litigator in Central Pennsylvania representing businesses and individuals in a broad range of legal matters. I am active in numerous community activities and have served in a variety of leadership posts in local organizations. Having served on the Board of Governors of the Dickinson School of Law and other organizations, I have the proven corporate governance experience to best represent the entire Alumni body.

My unique credentials will aid the Trustees in implementing and publicizing positive reforms to help us move forward and focus on the future rather than a small aspect of our past. Only a respected child advocate can make a credible and persuasive case that Penn State has taken appropriate action to put the Sandusky matter behind us.

More importantly, I believe that the quickest path to rehabilitation of our reputation here and across the nation is for the alumni to take a more active role in school governance, and the first step is electing Alumni Trustees who will listen to the alumni, ensure that they are kept informed between elections and are willing to ensure that the opinions of the alumni have an effective advocate. I want to be that advocate. Penn State deserves more from its alumni representatives and its representatives deserve a real seat at the table and not the token title which they have been reduced to in recent years.
Biographical Sketch

Father of two grandfather of six. Wife of 48 years, Suzanne, received her Penn State PHT (Putting Hubby Through) in 1967. Completed 46 year career June 1, 2013. Lord’s career included 14 years of accounting and banking, then 32 years at Sallie Mae (SLM) beginning in 1981.

Major policy differences between Lord (Chief Operating and Chief Financial Officer) and SLM’s Board in 1993 caused Lord’s dismissal. In 1995, dissatisfied with company performance, SLM shareholders nominated and elected Lord to SLM board. After two years as minority, dissident director Lord organized shareholders in 1997 and replaced SLM’s board in its entirety and assumed CEO role.

While CEO, SLM served 30 million students and grew to $200 billion in assets with 12,000 employees including 1,500 in Wilkes Barre, PA. Lord worked with Congress and the U.S. Treasury to privatize SLM, ending its status as a “Government Sponsored Enterprise” (GSE), the only GSE to do so.

After retiring in 2005 to Chair the SLM Board, Lord returned as CEO in 2007 at the onset of the financial crisis. He re-retired as CEO, and from the Board, in June 2013.

Lord now enjoys more time with Suzanne and his family. He lives in Naples FL and maintains an office in Washington DC. He interrupts his golf, boating and reading with his family run foundation; his Trusteeship pursuit; assisting Graham Spanier’s Freeh defamation case and advising Commonwealth Treasurer, Rob McCord’s, gubernatorial campaign.

Position Statement

I walked onto the Ogontz (now Abington) Campus mid-December, 1963. Since, I have felt an outsized, almost inexplicable affection for Penn State. Though a very average student I always have felt fortunate to possess a Penn State degree. Penn State’s relentless evolution from just a state university to America’s best has been a fifty year source of pride.

Better than others, Graham Spanier and Joe Paterno created the healthy alliance of academics and athletics. Penn State wins national championships in several sports and graduates America’s best prepared students. Both academics and athletics well—that is our Penn State. Our Trustees and Louis Freeh see a different Penn State.

I seek a seat on the PSU Board of Trustees because I can no longer watch the willful, cowardly destruction of our Penn State. Our Boardroom splits between pride and shame; yet still none know the facts. “Freh’s facts” are incomplete, selective, and largely unconvincing. Freeh’s report destroyed our past; left unchallenged it will diminish the future. I am committed to find the truth by whatever means necessary. A trustee position is vital to that effort.

I believe my experience particularly relevant to reshaping the Penn State board. My career’s turning point was a proxy fight (1995-97) I led against the board of my then former employer, Sallie Mae, a Fortune 100 company. That battle unseated all 15 members of an entrenched board of directors. The PSU Board is moving slowly in right direction, I hope to accelerate the pace.
Julie Harris McHugh, ’86

Biographical Sketch

Julie Harris McHugh is a 27-year veteran of the biopharmaceutical industry. Most recently, she was the Chief Operating Officer at Endo Health Solutions where she was responsible for the pharmaceutical and generic drug businesses. Previously, Julie held executive positions including CEO of Nora Therapeutics, Company Group Chairman at Johnson & Johnson, and President of Centocor. During her career, Julie led the development and commercialization of break-through products for the treatment of cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, autoimmune, and infectious diseases.

Julie has led organizations ranging from small start-ups to large, complex multinational companies. Her leadership roles have included multi-billion dollar businesses with several thousand employees. Her background includes experience in general management, strategic planning, R&D, mergers and acquisitions, and organizational design. As an operational leader, she has implemented numerous initiatives to improve effectiveness and efficiency.

Julie currently serves on the Board of Directors for public and private companies and has participated on several trade association and non-profit boards.

As a student at PSU, Julie was a University Scholar and Lion Ambassador. As a PSU alumna, Julie serves on the Board of Visitors for The Smeal College of Business and as a volunteer with the For the Future Campaign.

Julie is married to Mike McHugh ’82. Their daughter will be a freshman at Penn State in the fall.

Julie is proud to accept the endorsement of Upward State, putting Penn State students first. Visit www.upwardstate.org.

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Position Statement

A Trustee must be a champion for the advancement of Penn State’s mission. She must work in concert with all University stakeholders to ensure steady progress in achieving the University strategy in a rapidly changing world.

My paramount goal as trustee will be to ensure accessibility and affordability of a Penn State education. I will work with the administration to increase state appropriations, increase endowment dollars dedicated to student scholarship, increase sources of financial aid for students and reduce operating costs.

I will work to strengthen Penn State’s academic excellence by ensuring that we recruit and retain outstanding faculty, expand learning experiences for students both in and out of the classroom, and continue to raise Penn State’s stature as a leading research university.

I will work to advance Penn State’s legacy of excellence by encouraging greater recognition of student and faculty achievements across the full range of activities and fields of study and I will insist on the highest standards of conduct in all aspects of university life.

Finally, I will work to make Penn State’s Board of Trustees a national model by increasing transparency in the Board’s deliberations and decisions. I support the institution of a student trustee elected by students and will work to ensure that the views of faculty, staff, and the alumni association are well represented at the Board.

Greater Board unity is needed now to ensure that Penn State continues its upward trajectory. I would be honored to be your Trustee.
Biographical Sketch

Robert “Rob” Milnes III, Class of 2002 is a Professional Engineer (PE) working as a project manager for Westinghouse Electric Company on a multi-billion dollar nuclear construction project.

Rob graduated from Penn State with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for General Dynamics Electric Boat where he was the engine room lead for overhaul of nuclear submarines.

He received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee while working as a senior engineer on a nuclear construction in Tennessee.

Rob’s passion for Penn State was best shown when he was selected for the Centre Daily Times’ Fan of the Game. He is a football season ticket holder and he has thrown tailgates that have won the alumni tailgating competition.

He is an Eagle Scout. Rob earned Scouting’s highest rank as the culmination of many years of Scouting. This required Rob to live up to the scout motto and “Be Prepared” to plan and lead camping, hiking and biking trips. Rob also learned to be trustworthy, which he later used as a work skill to get and maintain DoD Security Clearances.

He is a Life Member of the Alumni Association and a member the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Alumni Association.

Rob started at the Penn State Beaver Campus and transferred to University Park, so he is familiar with the value that the Commonwealth Campus system provides. Rob lives in Sewickley, PA.

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Position Statement

In 2012, there were a record 86 Penn Staters running for the Board of Trustees. In 2013, only 39 people ran for the position. The last three years have seen a record number of candidates vying for the available Alumni Representative positions on the Penn State Board of Trustees. Rob is neither wealthy nor famous; He is a Penn Stater who cares deeply about our University.

If elected, Rob will strive to:

• Advance and expand the educational and economic role that Penn State plays within the Commonwealth and beyond while implementing comprehensive and innovative communication systems.

• Construct and enact reform of the structure of the Board of Trustees to both modernize the system and safeguard that all factions of the University are proportionally and fairly represented.

• Work with the in-coming president of Penn State to ensure that changes are supported and welcomed by University personnel, students and alumni. Penn State has been running on temporary leadership for 2 years and will need to return to leadership that can successfully implement long-time goals.

• Help to contain tuition and room & board expenses to make PSU the first choice for in-state students by managing the University budget.

• Honor the past while respecting the future. The University needs to re-examine the flawed Freeh Report to get to the truth. Joe needs to be finally be honored by the University. We also need to show our new coach that he is now one of us too.
Biographical Sketch

Dr. Joel N. Myers is Founder and President of AccuWeather, Inc. He is a global champion of Penn State.

Joel is an active member of Penn State’s Board of Trustees and chairs the Committee for Outreach, Development, and Community Relations. As such, he advocates the latest digital media learning tools and methods.

He takes responsibility and makes the hard decisions.

He is recognized by Entrepreneur Magazine as one of the 520 greatest entrepreneurs in American history, along with people like Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, and Thomas Edison. Joel built AccuWeather into the world’s leading weather and media company reaching more than one billion people worldwide from its Global Headquarters in State College, PA.

He is a proven leader and is sought as an expert in international business and digital media. He has frequently appeared on national programs such as ABC Nightly News and is quoted in Time, Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, National Geographic, The Economist, Forbes, Businessweek, The New York Times and thousands of others.

Joel was an editor at the Daily Collegian, Vice President of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, and a staff member at WDFM/WPSU. Joel served on Penn State’s faculty from 1964 to 1981. Ten of Joel’s brothers, children, nieces and nephews are Penn Staters.

Joel’s philanthropic efforts include a gift of $2 million to Penn State for the creation of the state-of-the-art weather center teaching facility, as well as many scholarships and landmarks on campus, including the lion weathervane atop Beaver Stadium.

Learn more at www.joelmeyers.com.

Position Statement

As an alumnus, you have a choice – is this election only about the past, or about our traditions and the future. My candidacy is about surging ahead with a positive Penn State vision. Our future isn’t found in the rear view mirror, and it won’t be found by fixating on the past.

In 2011, our University was fighting for survival. As a member of the BOT, our reactions may not have been perfect, but we did something that every organization has to do in times like that – we took responsibility. I didn’t agree with every decision, including the NCAA sanctions which I successfully acted to prevent the Board from adopting.

Our actions didn’t make everyone happy; I understand that. It was a matter of tremendous emotion. There was no pathway out of those days that would have won universal support.

But, unfortunately, some people have made this a personal issue – attacking me relentlessly for my service. It’s clear that this race is a referendum – to either go forward or focus only backward.

I am running as an alternative to the negative approach. I offer a positive choice for caring alumni who, like me, want to build on our traditions and see an even brighter day for Penn State, one that already is unfolding. All that is required to achieve our common goal is for Penn Staters to look into the future, build on our traditions, unite, and surge ahead.

Let’s move PSU into the future together.
Alice W. Pope serves as a professor of child psychology at St. John’s University. She is a three-time Penn State alumna, with bachelors (1979), masters (1983), and doctoral (1986) degrees in psychology. Her academic career, including faculty appointments at public and private universities, positions her to provide an educator’s perspective that is sorely lacking on the board. Through 30 years of working with troubled youths, Alice has developed a rich understanding of how institutions can enhance and protect children’s well-being.

Alice has expertise in fixing ineffective educational governance. From 2000 to 2011, she served on the board of a school offering pre-school through grade 12 instruction. The school was recovering from a scandal involving financial improprieties and an ineffective board. Alice helped to professionalize the board and change its culture to be more engaged. As co-chair for three years, Alice led historic changes in the board’s governance structures that resulted in a modernized and efficient approach while maintaining the school’s mission.

Alice has worked effectively in grassroots organizations to respond to the Penn State board’s mismanagement of the fallout from the Sandusky Scandal. She has promoted board reform through forming relationships with Pennsylvania legislators and organizing letter-writing campaigns to legislators and trustees. She has co-authored reports on governance best practices for trustees and legislators. She has written numerous op-eds in Pennsylvania newspapers focused on how Penn State can improve governance and better prepare for the future.

Alice is a Harrisburg native and retains close ties to family and friends there.

If elected as trustee, I will:

- **Honor our past**: I will help find meaningful ways to acknowledge and publicize Penn State’s long tradition of academic and athletic success, including the contributions of the Paterno family. Planning for the future requires building on our past.
- **Renew our pride**: I will insist that the board re-examine the events surrounding the Sandusky scandal. We will develop a clear and honest understanding of these events that can be used to prevent child predators from harming children, at Penn State and elsewhere. The board will finally examine the validity of the Freeh report’s conclusions.
- **Lead for tomorrow**: I will leverage my extensive experience as a professor and as a school board member to promote board reform that relies on the best practices of educational governance. This includes shifting the culture of the board toward a collaborative, inclusive, and transparent style of decision-making. Where the board fails to implement needed governance reforms, I will support legislation to accomplish this goal.

Above all else, I will play a leading role in visionary planning. This planning is essential in order to position Penn State to thrive in the future despite the daunting challenges of decreased state funding, rising tuitions, and declining numbers of college-age students in Pennsylvania.

For more information about my qualifications and priorities, and links to my published writings on Penn State, please visit my website: [http://www.alice4psuboard.com](http://www.alice4psuboard.com) and my Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/Alice4PSUBoard](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Alice4PSUBoard)
Biographical Sketch

Representing interests in economic development, energy, agriculture, and higher education in Washington, D.C. and Harrisburg, Ned Rauch-Mannino provides government relations and other strategic consulting for the Ridge Policy Group, a government affairs firm under the leadership of former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge and longtime partners Mark Holman and Mark Campbell. He has leveraged assistance to several key initiatives in Pennsylvania, and his role as a connector has served partners by facilitating working relationships and identifying new resources.

Prior to joining the Ridge Policy Group, Rauch-Mannino represented Philadelphia's industrial constituency as the Director of Policy and Research with the Urban Industry Initiative, a Department of Commerce economic development agency. Assisting Fortune 500 companies and small businesses, trade associations, development authorities, and nonprofits, he collaborates with public leadership to achieve solutions for partners.

A graduate of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Rauch-Mannino earned his master's degree from Penn State in 2010. His experience in higher education includes faculty service with Temple University, previously directing collegiate foundation and government relations, and lecturing for and advising Philadelphia University.

Rauch-Mannino is also a Senior Advisor to Econsult Solutions, and serves on the board of the Boy Scouts of America, Minsi Trails Council, and Jacob’s Church. Other past experience includes private consulting, volunteering, and leadership positions with SEPTA, Society and Nature International, Global Interdependence Center, Next Great City, and Young Involved Philadelphia. Additionally, he is a published journalist and children’s author.

A Lehigh Valley native, Rauch-Mannino lives in Washington with his wife, Stephanie, and two children.

Position Statement

Change remains a common theme concerning Penn State’s leadership as the University’s reputation demands continued repair, and it’s critical to ensure any rebuilding is purposed. Affording greater communication, transparency, and accountability, as a Trustee I aim to significantly restore the University’s standing and transition the institution into its next era.

In Washington and Harrisburg I will underscore the University’s role as a premiere academic and research institution. With access to substantial conversations concerning energy, agriculture, life sciences, technology, and higher education, I will afford Penn State a constant presence and key advocate. I will work to return tangible resources, serving connections to nonprofits, corporate partnerships, and potential funding opportunities. I will also seek to advance Penn State’s international reputation, and align the community to greater access to internships, study abroad and language programs, and visiting scholars to facilitate the institution’s role as a world-class academic destination.

Affordability and career opportunity are chief concerns, and as the University’s core mission remains education I will direct my leadership and expertise in identifying creative solutions to achieve such. I also recognize our faculty stands as the primary point of engagement with the student body, and will apply my faculty experience to better reflect educator needs.

“Pro-Joe,” Penn State can ultimately best-serve Coach Paterno’s legacy by continuing his Grand Experiment, and I will encourage athlete graduation rates into the top five of NCAA rankings. His reputation will benefit from increased, positive dialogue and serve as a reminder of his contribution to higher education at-large.
Biographical Sketch

Christine Stempka Rhoads is a life-long resident of Pennsylvania and lives in Lancaster with her husband, Matt, and children, Autumn and Adam. Her family bleeds blue and white (parents: Charles Stempka COE ’70 and Carol Melnick Stempka HHD ’70, sister: Cathy Stempka Goeckel HHD ’02 and brother: Jimmy Stempka ’06 ENGR).

Christine graduated from Cumberland Valley High School and graduated with a B.A. in Media Studies and minors in Spanish and International Studies.

Christine worked for Penn State’s College of Medicine in Hershey as Coordinator of Medical Education/Alumni Affairs. She reported to the Vice Dean and performed various managerial functions and budget coordination.

When her daughter was born, Christine decided to pursue a new career as a full-time mother. She’s been actively volunteering in schools with KPETS (animal therapy team member), coaching Girls on the Run, invested countless hours in school activities and fundraisers. She has served as PTO President and met with school district administrators to help resolve issues. She enjoys overcoming challenges. Post kids, Christine took up running with the goal of completing a 5k. She now has completed multiple half marathons with the goal of completing a full in the near future. Even though Christine has chosen an unpaid career path, does not mean it is not valued. It has required incredible long-term self-sacrifice, commitment, patience, stamina and adaptability and deserves to be respected. Christine is proud of her career choice. Her children are honest, confident, humble, and empathetic, excel in school and are her greatest accomplishments.

Position Statement

The governing board needs new membership and individuals with diverse skills and ideas. The Board has enough lawyers, politicians and other professionals who are concerned with self-preservation and personal advancement. We need people to serve with a track record for helping others not just financially, but willing to give their time for the right reasons. I’m appalled how the Board created a scapegoat, disrespected the Paterno family and failed to protect our past and present athletes with the outrageous NCAA sanctions. I am equally concerned with the spiraling cost of a PSU education. I was solely responsible for paying for my college education, worked part-time while taking as many classes as possible and graduated within eight semesters with a degree and two minors. I understand the financial burden students are facing and the importance of available financial aid. I received a grant and am still paying off my college loans. I will bring a fresh and energetic perspective to the board and certainly don’t have answers to all the problems PSU is or will be facing. However, I will solicit feedback at a grassroots level drawing on the strength and the support of the entire PSU family. I have the time to dedicate to PSU and can easily commute to Hershey or State College with my children now attending school full time. If elected, I welcome all ideas and opinions from the brilliant minds that PSU has nurtured. Please email me at christine4psu@gmail.com and your voices will be heard.
Biographical Sketch

Brian Rutter’s family moved to Happy Valley in the early 80’s when Brian’s father, Bruce Rutter (MBA ’73), accepted a faculty position with the University where he has been since that time. Brian grew up in the community attending the State College Area School District and has been Penn State proud his entire life on his way to become a student at the University.

He entered PSU as a Smeal College of Business student and ultimately graduated in 2003 with his BS in Marketing. After moving away for several years he made his way back to Happy Valley where he ultimately met his wife who is also a fellow Alumni (BS ’07) to begin their life here and since added a future PSU Alumni to their family. They are both members of the Alumni Association and tied to the University and local community.

Professionally, Brian serves as the Vice President of Operations of Greenway Logistics, LLC. This began after he partnered with another Alumnus in 2008 to begin a venture through a Penn State incubator program. 6 years later, they have employed 5 PSU graduates and provided internships to over 20 PSU students as they look to keep graduates in the community.

Brian has exemplified his leadership skills from PSU in his personal and professional life as a community service participant and as a business leader in the region. He looks forward to applying his passion for Happy Valley and PSU as a member of the Board.

Position Statement

Being raised in the University community, I live in the wake of the decisions that are made by our board. I am vested in the success of PSU in all that I do -- career, entertainment, and family values. I am the honest, bold, trustworthy, driven individual who will represent all of us; I will hear you. I will speak to our interests. We will be heard on the Board of Trustees.

Are you represented in the Board of Trustees? The members have always been impressive with the highest level of executives and most notable of celebrity figures from our Alumni network. However, this may not represent you in your life. To the teachers, the accountants, the public service professionals, the white collar, the blue collar, and beyond, I strive to embody the voice of the Alumni population. Together we will impact the board with a perspective of someone who knows about the average Alumni’s struggles with student debt, someone who values the need to drive scholarships across all economic backgrounds, someone who feels the effects of PSU’s decisions in their everyday life, someone who strives to work beside PSU alumni in their professional endeavors, and someone who works diligently to save for their children’s PSU education.

At this time of change at Penn State, we need to embrace PSU’s evolution and ask what we want to be now and forever. As we do so, please look at the Board of Trustees and ask, “Is this who I am?”

www.brianforboard.com
MATTHEW W. SCHUYLER, ‘87

Biographical Sketch

Matthew W. Schuyler ’87 is the Chief Human Resources Officer for Hilton Worldwide and leads the human resources organization from the company’s global headquarters in McLean, Virginia. He is responsible for all aspects of the company’s human capital strategy overseeing 320,000 team members in over 90 countries around the world.

At Penn State, Matt is a volunteer member of the Board of Visitors for the Smeal College of Business, the College of IST and the School of Hospitality Management Industry Advisory Boards.

Prior to Hilton Worldwide, Matt was the Chief Human Resources Officer at Capital One Financial Corporation, responsible for guiding the Fortune 500 Company’s award-winning human resources strategy and execution. He has previously held prominent positions as a Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Cisco Systems, Inc., and as a Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

In 2012, ExecRank recognized Schuyler as the #1 HR Executive in the United States and he has been highlighted in articles in Talent Management, HR Executive and HR Magazine.

Matt is currently on the National Board for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and recently served on the boards of Greater DC Cares and the Washington Humane Society.

Matt is a life member of the Alumni Association and a former Lion Ambassador and member of Parmi Nous. Matt and his wife, Anne, also a Penn Stater, reside in McLean, Virginia.

Matt is proud to accept the endorsement of Upward State, which emphasizes the need to put Penn State students first. Visit www.UpwardState.org.

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Position Statement

Penn State has experienced unprecedented challenges over the past several years. Even as it rises to the challenges with a new President and other positive momentum, the next few years will bring even more challenges. The University needs Trustees who have the experience to deal with complex issues – and who understand the need to lead with the highest degree of communication, collaboration, transparency and trust with all constituents.

With over 25 years of dealing with multi-faceted, complex, people-centric issues, my experience in the area of people and change management will help facilitate the common goal of bringing the entire Penn State community together.

Together, our focus must be on the current and future students of Penn State. Together, we must focus on several key areas at the heart of the needed change:

(1) Ensuring the learning experience at Penn State remains world-class – simply put, we need to attract and retain the best faculty
(2) Making Penn State more affordable and accessible – keeping true to the original land-grant mission
(3) Advancing Penn State’s legacy of excellence – actively promoting the outstanding achievements of our students and faculty
(4) Reforming governance and transparency – making Penn State’s Board of Trustees a national model of university governance and ensure representation of key stakeholders

Our University requires strong, experienced Trustees who understand the critical need to collaborate and communicate. I have the leadership experience and the passion required to be a Trustee. My passion lies in actions that will make our great alma mater even greater.
Biographical Sketch

Ted J. Sebastianelli earned a football scholarship to Penn State and is privileged to have been a member of Coach Paterno's first three teams, including the undefeated 1968 squad. These were the foundational years of what was later known as the fabled “Grand Experiment”—Coach Paterno’s vision of developing outstanding football teams with young men of strong character who were committed to academic success. Following graduation, Ted’s leadership skills were developed and tested repeatedly in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, in a distinguished career that combined active military duty overseas with civilian military leadership and extensive experience in administration, particularly in human resources, on US soil. He completed Air War College in 1999 and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2004 as commander of the 112th Air Operations Squadron, State College. Ted then served as Deputy Human Resources Director for the Military District of Washington, Fort McNair, DC, before full retirement in 2007. Having chosen to retire in State College, Ted has kept very close ties with his alma mater and, since the events of 2011, has been a strong advocate for change on the BoT. Ted is a member of the Alumni Association, past president of the Football Letterman's Club, and a 31-year member of the Nittany Lion Club. A Northeastern Pennsylvania native who resides in State College with his wife, Margaret, Ted was the first in his family to attend college. His Penn State family includes his sister, both stepdaughters, and niece.

Position Statement

In each of the last two elections, three alumni representatives have been seated on the Board of Trustees. With this year's election, we will have nine alumni trustees—the largest component of the board. For the remaining 2011 board members, the so-called “powers that be”, the sands will begin to shift. I will be a leader and a change agent, who will call upon the best of our past to make Penn State stronger in the future.

It is critically important to continue shifting the balance away from the power group of incumbent members who have repeatedly, and sadly, failed to defend our university, and who, through their negligence and poor decisions, have damaged our alma mater’s reputation.

I strongly support Senator Yudichak’s proposed legislation to change board structure. It is imperative we change the way Business and Industry Trustees are selected. I seek full application of the Right-to-Know Law. The inner workings of Penn State’s leadership need the light of day.

I have grave concerns about the cost of a Penn State education. Many today believe college costs too much and delivers too little. Our main campus is the second priciest four-year public university in the country. Our students are graduating with huge amounts of debt and, unfortunately, with high student loan default rates. If this problem isn’t addressed, we risk pricing ourselves out of the market.

I believe it is time to apologize to the Paterno family and honor Joe. http://www.facebook.com/ted.sebastianelli tedsebastianelli@gmail.com
Biographical Sketch

Personal
Married (Sharon)—2 children and 3 (soon to be 4) grandchildren; Hometown Heritage—Philipsburg, PA

Education

Leadership Positions
1981-1996——Department Head of Industrial Engineering, Penn State
1997-2006——Dean of Engineering, Northeastern
2004-2005——President of the Institute of Industrial Engineers
2006-2010——National Science Foundation (NSF), Director of Engineering Education

Penn State Contributions
Lead Team (along with ME Professor John Lamancusa and others) in establishment of the Penn State Learning Factory (lf.psu.edu). (Since 1995 over 5000 PSU students have participated in 1250 Capstone Design projects with over 350 (mostly PA) firms.; PSU Industrial Engineering ranked 4th in US (US News)—1996; Learning Factory Team awarded the National Academy of Engineering Engineering Education Innovation Award—2006; Established the Allen and Sharon Engineering Scholarship—2007

Notable Accomplishments
Northeastern Engineering is awarded one of two (other to Michigan) NSF Engineering Research Centers ($40 MIL)—2000; Northeastern Engineering sponsored/mentored high school team wins National First Place in US First Robotics Competition—2001; Northeastern Engineering exceeds MIT Engineering in NSF Engineering funding—2006; Northeastern Engineering receives the largest gift ($20 MIL); in the history of the University (Benefactor Bernard Gordon—2006); Dr. Soyster receives the IIE Frank and Lillian Gilbreth Lifetime Achievement Award—2013

Position Statement

In 1996, Penn State was ranked 41st among National Universities by US News. I know this because in 1996 I finished a 15 year appointment as Department Head of Penn State Industrial Engineering to become Dean of Engineering at Northeastern University in Boston. In 2014, Penn State still ranks only # 37. We should be doing better. In contrast, during this same period, Northeastern improved from #153 to #48—an unparalleled ascension, which I attribute to a transparent Board and University leadership determined to succeed in the most competitive higher education market in the world.

Now rankings and their metrics are often dismissed as arbitrary. But why does Michigan admit students with 65% in the top 10% of their high school class while Penn State is at 41%? The University of Virginia alumni giving rate is nearly 50% higher than Penn State. These are core operating parameters that determine the quality of our University.

Many alumni, including myself, remain anguished over the Paterno firing. This issue needs to be resolved and University and Board actions clarified and adjudicated. However, the highest priority of our Board is to focus on the approximately 100,000 students who will be attending Penn State each year over the next decade. The welfare of these students, and the employees of Penn State (fifth largest employer in Pennsylvania), should be the primary focus of our Board.

Finally, I note that the current 32 member Board includes, apparently, only one engineer. Maybe it’s time to double that number.
Biographical Sketch

Laurie graduated with a B.S. in Biology (1980), as a proud fourth generation Penn Stater. Her parents James and Romayne Parks Stanell graduated (1950) and (1952).

Continuing the tradition, daughter Kendall Ireland graduated (2010) and son Thomas (TJ) Ireland is a senior at University Park.

Laurie is married to J. Terence Moore and lives in Pipersville, Pa.

While attending PSU, Laurie was leader in different facets of campus life. She was an officer for Phi Mu, Vice President of Panhellenic Council, oversaw Homecoming and danced in Thon in 1976 and 1978. She was a member of Phi Sigma Biology Honor Society.

She attended Temple Dental School earning her D.M.D. in 1985, where she was also honored with a Fellowship in head and neck oral cancer surgery.

Laurie opened her dental practice in 1988 and raised her children while volunteering for the Girl Scouts and activities in their schools.

She is a member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and taught as an adjunct professor at Temple Dental for several years.

In 2009 Laurie began volunteering for PSU Spend a Summer Day for prospective students, she is a member of PS4RS and attended several BoT meetings and events, hosted a meet-and-greet with Nebraska alumni and recently began volunteering for the PSU Accepted Students program.

She is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, Nittany Lion Club, Presidents’ Club, Mt. Nittany Club, (THON alumni) and mentors PSU hopeful dental students.

Position Statement

In the past several years Penn State has faced serious challenges. It is imperative that Penn State continues to demonstrate to the world what a great university we know we are.

As a Trustee, I promise to represent our alumni with truth, integrity and complete transparency. The BoT needs reform. We need to balance university needs represented on the board as recommended in the Wagner report. It is not 1855, and we need to come current with the size and members of our BoT.

Globally, Penn State needs to continue to be innovative, remaining on the cutting edge of educational and research technology so we can keep our Penn State in the top 50 universities in the world.

We need to continue aggressive Dare to Be Great fundraising to help balance the continuing decrease in state funding. Penn State needs to stay one of the top universities in the world, but also affordable for all who wish and are capable of becoming Penn State students.

In the last few years…when Penn Staters believed our administration and board had our best interests in mind…it was not the case and we can NEVER let a rush to judgment occur again. We will move forward once the truth is known and reputations have been restored.

I know I will help make a significant difference in governance at Penn State and I would be honored to represent us as a Board of Trustee member.

For the truth! For the glory!
VINCENT J. “V.J.” TEDESCO, III ’86, ‘95g

Biographical Sketch

Vincent J. Tedesco III graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1986 with B.A. in History and again in 1995 with a M.A. in History. In addition, he holds a Masters of Military Arts and Sciences from the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies.

While an undergraduate at Penn State, V.J. was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, danced THON, and was active in Army ROTC. Following graduation, V.J. was commissioned as a Regular Army Armor and Cavalry officer. Colonel Tedesco retired in December 2011 after nearly 26 years of distinguished service including four wartime deployments during the Gulf and Iraq Wars. Highlights of V.J.’s military career include service on the East-West German border during the Cold War, duty as an Associate Professor of History at West Point, and command of a joint task force fighting in Iraq in 2006-07. That task force earned a Naval Unit Commendation for its exemplary performance while reclaiming the city of Ramadi from Al Qaeda control.

In 2011, V.J. joined the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton where he leads a team that provides highly sought after planning, strategy and wargaming expertise in support of clients across the Defense Department.

V.J. is married to the former Lianne Roberts (Class of 1987) of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. V.J. and Lianne are members of the Nittany Lion Club and life members the Penn State Alumni Association. They have one daughter, Rachel, a senior at Penn State studying Public Relations. Mr. and Mrs. Tedesco live in Alexandria, Virginia.

Position Statement

I will work with other reform-minded Trustees to bring leadership, transparency, and accountability back to the governance of the Pennsylvania State University. For three generations, my family has cultivated a deep and abiding love for our university and its traditions. Like many of you, I was profoundly shaken by the events of November 2011 and by the mismanagement that brought about those dark days and continues to divide our community. Before we can move forward together, I believe we must secure our foundation and that demands action along five lines of effort:

1. Modernizing the University’s governance and instituting systemic transparency
2. Holding those responsible for the University’s bungled handling of and response to the Sandusky affair accountable
3. Ensuring Joe Paterno’s legacy of “Success with Honor” is appropriately commemorated and celebrated
4. Restoring the University’s national reputation
5. Making a Penn State education more affordable

Nearly 26 years of military service taught me a great deal about leadership, planning and courage and I am confident that with your support, I can bring that experience to bear on the challenges that face our University. I am not intimidated by either power or position and I promise to be a tireless and vocal advocate for reform. I will speak truth to power on your behalf and endeavor to keep the Alumni informed and engaged in the governance of Old State. For additional information on my platform please see: http://tedescos.com/styled-2/trustee14.html or: https://www.facebook.com/tedescofortrustee
A graduate of Bloomsburg State College in 1964 as an Elementary Education Major he began his teaching career in Selinsgrove Area School District. He graduated from Penn State with a Master of Education and Principal’s certificate in 1969.

He became the Dean’s Representative for the College of Education at the York Campus of Penn State from 1969 to 1971. He then had the opportunity to transfer to University Park Campus as the Director of the Student Teaching Office for the College of Education.

He began his career as an Elementary Principal in the Union-Endicott School District, in Endicott, NY. He served in this capacity for the next 20 years. During this time he also served three years as President of the New York Association of Compensatory Educators. He also had the opportunity to receive training at Binghamton University with his Special Education Team from Thomas Watson Elementary School under the new Public Law 94-142; where mainstreaming children with special needs became a part of the public schools program.

He then served as the Director of Strategic Planning for the Towanda Area School District from 1995 to 1997.

He and his wife are life members of the Alumni Association. He also serves as President of the Penn State Women’s Volleyball Booster Club, as well as the Penn State Softball Booster Club and the Friends of Penn State Men’s Hockey Club. He has volunteered for various events on the Penn State Campus since his retirement in 2004.

The Board needs members who are independent, strong believers in transparency and accountability to those who elect them. I am suggesting that we address the following points:

- One of the major responsibilities of the Board is to rein in the current high tuition rates that preclude many of our high school students the opportunity to attend our University.
- Recognizing that research is an integral part of any University’s success, we also need to reward our faculty for excellent teaching performance.
- We must settle our governance issues and focus our efforts on the challenges that are ahead of us.
- It is also imperative that we improve our relationships with our elected officials in Harrisburg. Financial support from them will allow us to continue improvement in the areas of research, technology and instruction.
- It is imperative that we develop a strong relationship with President Barron, in order to carry out our mission as the number one Land-Grant Institution in the country.

Now is the time for change. Penn State needs a trustee who will devote his time to the job ahead. We need a fresh perspective and some new ideas as we move forward to meet the challenges ahead of us.

Your support for me to become one of the new trustees will be appreciated.
Biographical Sketch

A devoted and active Penn State alumnus, Amy earned her degree in PSHRM from the College of HHD in 1980. She is a second generation Penn Stater. Her mother, Joan Yerger Williams, (Kappa Alpha Theta) and father Harding G. Williams (Phi Gamma Delta) are devoted alumni. She is a board member for Penn State Outreach (on-line learning), life-long member of the alumni association, Nittany Lion Club, Chi Omega and SAE. The Williams family has been long time supporters of Penn State Athletics and because of their love of Penn State; purchased a home in State College in 1980. Amy resides in Wayne, PA and frequently visits Penn State throughout the year.

Professionally, Amy possesses the unique ability to see the big picture yet implement to successful and measurable outcomes. She isn’t afraid to speak up and is known for her ability to build bridges among stakeholders with differing objectives, all with principled purpose. Amy has held leadership positions at Merck, Endo and is Founder of SageWorks Rx.

Amy has led and had P/L responsibility for a $500 million pharmaceutical franchise which she grew from $280 million. This was accomplished through excellence in strategic planning, marketing, PR, and prudent fiscal management to ensure funding for programs with strong returns. Amy developed the corporate commercial strategy for a $1.2 billion dollar pharmaceutical company and was critical in developing the risk management plan for the launch of a new drug.

Amy is a beach lover, traveler, golfer, caring daughter, sister and aunt.

Position Statement

Amy is the ideal candidate to vote for because she brings:

- Professional skills and experiences which are acutely missing on the board
  - Strategic planning, Brand management, Marketing Communications, PR, Risk Management.
  - Has worked in large complex organizations throughout career
- History of successful “Bridge building” in organizations with differing objectives
- Commitment and passion
  - Condo in State College since 1980.
  - Consistently involved, supports PSU since 1980
  - On PSU Outreach Board (e.g. PSU on-line learning)
  - Family heritage
- Has the time
  - As a single adult she has made PSU her family
Using her unique skills and experiences she will work to:

- Right the past in order to truly move forward
  - To really move forward for a strong future, we need to bravely confront and right our past
- Organizational Effectiveness
  - Across campuses, colleges, departments and communications
- Future-forward diversity within the Board
  - Ensure Board reflects the same demographics as the student body representing different perspectives for stronger outcomes.
- Student-centric
  - Always keep the students and value of our University the top priority and the heart of every decision, program and fiscal spend.
  - Maximize the student experience and excellently position graduates for successful careers and community outreach
- Strengthen the brand of Penn State
  - Critical since November 2011

It is my belief that success and integrity are inseparable concepts. Together we can strengthen PSU while maintaining the importance and value of honorable principles.

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R. SETH WILLIAMS, ‘89

Biographical Sketch

Seth Williams was adopted by Rufus, ‘47 A&A,47g (Alpha Phi Alpha, NAACP, Track & Field) and Imelda Williams, who raised him in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His father arrived at Penn State in 1941, was a varsity athlete but was denied campus housing due to the color of his skin. He served in World War II, when he returned, he helped found Penn State’s chapters of the N.A.A.C.P., and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and worked to desegregate public accommodations in State College. After graduating from Central High School, Seth followed in his father’s college, fraternity and fighting footsteps. His peers elected him Black Caucus President and later Undergraduate Student Government President. He marched to Harrisburg to force Penn State to divest from South Africa. He received the John Oswald leadership award for his advocacy. Seth graduated Georgetown law with distinction. He served 10 years as an Assistant District Attorney. Seth was later appointed Philadelphia’s inspector general investigating corruption, fraud, and abuse. He practiced privately at the firms of Zarwin Baum and later at Stradley Ronon. In 2009, Seth was elected District Attorney of Philadelphia, supervising an office of 600 employees and prosecuting 75,000 cases yearly. He serves on many local and national advisory boards including Penn State Abington. He is an adjunct law professor at Temple and Villanova Universities, and serves our nation as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. Penn State made him an Alumni Fellow in 2011. Seth is the proud father of three daughters, all future Penn Staters.

Position Statement

My name is Seth Williams; I ask you to elect me as your next trustee. The reason I want to be your trustee is that Penn State’s best days are ahead. I have never stopped serving Penn State and never will.

I’m running thanks in part to the example of my parents—especially my late father, Rufus Williams ’47. His fight for the dignity of African-American students inspired me. I too then, came to Penn State for a great education and left it better as a result. As USG President with VP Amy Manderino, we fought for affordability, transparency, safety and inclusion. I will do the same as your trustee.

Alumni remain divided over the Jerry Sandusky scandal response. I’ve prosecuted similar crimes. I will put the victims and their healing first, then ours. Also, I grew up loving what Coach Paterno stood for. The NCAA sanctions were excessive. His wins happened, and he spoke for himself on the tragedy.

As your trustee I will:

Be your voice at the table. Work with everyone to be inclusive and do what is in the best interest of Penn State. Fight as I have done before for greater transparency and accountability. Most importantly, my passion is to ensure Penn State fulfills its land grant mission to provide a quality and affordable education to the sons and daughters of the working class.

Think proven action. Vote Seth Williams, class of 1989 as your alumni trustee. Thank you.

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