Biographical Sketch

Martin R. Davis earned a BS in Real Estate at Penn State in 1986. Some of his most memorable experiences include watching PSU play in 3 NCAA National Championship football games—'82, '85 & '86. While at PSU, he helped his brother Thomas '82, '85g, '86g milk goats for his biochemistry degree. Martin participated at the RathSkellar to establish a Guinness Book of World Records on most cases of Rolling Rock consumption. Martin believes in a well-rounded education.

The PSU tradition for the Davis Family started in 1947 when his father, Donald '53 enrolled at The Pennsylvania State College. Don’s four children (Paul '80; Dona '81, '83; Thomas '82, '85g, '88g; Martin '86) and two eldest grandchildren (Stefanie '09; Brian '13 BS, MS) have continued the Penn State tradition. In 2013, 60 years after Don’s graduation from Penn State, upon Brian’s graduation with a MS in Accounting, will have earned 11 consecutive degrees from one of the greatest universities in the country. With the luck of good health, Don will be there to see him graduate.

Marty is President of Donald E. Davis Inc., a real estate firm in Pottsville, PA for the past 25 years. He owns and manages numerous real estate investments. In April 1997, Marty received a stem cell transplant from Duke University Hospital to cure his cancer. Marty has two children, Rachel and a son JD.

Position Statement

During my years at Penn State, I have been able to experience a multitude of academic, philanthropic, athletic, cultural and social endeavors that only an outstanding institution like Penn State has to offer. I am fortunate for these opportunities and the deeply rooted legacy that began in my family 60 years ago.

With a new era upon us, we need to forge ahead with fresh new ideas and concepts to remain competitive and balanced yet be fair and transparent to our alumni, faculty, students and future enrollees.

I bring a business and educational background to help govern the University, but most of all, I offer a common sense approach to being productive and positive so that we can lead Penn State with pride and integrity.

It would be my honor to represent the alumni of PSU on the Board of Trustees. I am asking for your support if you are indeed looking for new leadership and guidance.