Darlene A. Marley, born and raised in “Happy Valley” is a graduate of Bellefonte High School. She was employed at Penn State for many years in both the Department of Agriculture and Office of Student Affairs. Initially, she pursued her education in the University’s Continuing Education program; receiving a B.S. in Administration of Justice. She thereafter obtained her M.Ed. in Counselor Education. She served several years as a State College Police Officer and is a graduate of the National Crime Prevention Institute.

In 1982, Darlene was hired as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She has served in the FBI’s Philadelphia, Atlanta and New York Divisions. In the New York Office of the FBI, Darlene was assigned to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. Prior to her retirement from the FBI, Darlene was assigned to the FBI’s National Security Division in New York.

Throughout her law enforcement career, Darlene received numerous awards and citations for her investigative work as well as for her efforts in the areas of drug demand reduction and personal safety of children.

Darlene is a member of the Logan Grange (Pleasant Gap) and Order of the Eastern Star (Centre Hall). She is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association and the Central NJ Penn State Alumni Association. She is also a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

Darlene and her husband John reside in Middletown, NJ with their children: Meaghan (’10 Sci), Matthew and Michael.

Born and raised in Centre County, I have supported Penn State my entire life. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work at Penn State while pursuing my degrees. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to this University for providing me every opportunity to succeed in life. I therefore welcome the chance to give back to this institution.

Penn State has seen tremendous strides in academic achievement, research, physical expansion and athletic accomplishments over the last 40 years. The Board has guided the University through that growth. However, one man was the singular, most important factor in the rise of this University. Coach Paterno’s significance to Penn State’s history cannot be understated, yet the current Board ignored his legacy.

If elected to the Board, I will:
1. Begin “Day One-8 am” the effort to undo the harm caused to Coach Paterno’s legacy and to repair the damage done to this University’s reputation.
2. Propose a policy for the entire campus population that clearly addresses the procedures for reporting crime on University property.
3. Initiate proposals to curb the use of drugs and alcohol by students on campus and in the State College community.
4. Strive to continue attracting the finest administrators, faculty and students to this University.

I am not a CEO, mid-level executive or political insider. I think it is time that the Board membership reflects the diverse community it represents.

I ask for your support and promise to work tirelessly toward these goals.