Biographical Sketch

Jayne Miller is the Chief Investigative Reporter for WBAL-TV in Baltimore. She has spent her career holding public officials, institutions, and private business accountable.

Jayne grew up in Centre County. She is a Penn State Alumni Fellow. She and her family sponsor student scholarships in the College of Communications, the College of Business, and Athletics.

Jayne has twice been named by Baltimore Magazine as one of the Baltimore Region’s 50 Most Powerful People. The Daily Record in Maryland has named her to its Most Influential list. She has been recognized by the Women’s Law Center in Baltimore for her contribution to women’s rights. She’s an Emmy award winning journalist whose work has resulted in legislative and policy changes.

Jayne has valuable experience in governance as a member, over many years, of the boards of non-profit organizations. For more than ten years, Jayne has served on the Board of Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, a $45 million organization. Jayne’s also been the organization’s Board Chair.

Jayne earned a B.A. in Journalism from Penn State in 1976. She is a member of Delta Gamma. While a student, Jayne was an officer on the Panhellenic Council and served on the University’s Hearing Board.

Jayne’s career started at WHP-TV in Harrisburg. She worked for WQED-TV in Pittsburgh covering state government and CBS News in Washington covering the White House, and domestic and foreign policy.

Jayne has been an instructor at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). She lives in Baltimore.

Position Statement

Like many proud Penn State alumni, I am humbled by events of the past months. I’m also determined to use my experience, 35 years of pushing for accountability and transparency, to make Penn State an even stronger institution.

If elected to the Board of Trustees, I will work for:

- An Immediate Review of Internal Policies
  The Board must dispel the perception that University policies permit secrecy and silence in order to protect individual careers and reputations. Accountability and responsible conduct must be core values governing employees and students.

- Board Reform
  Too much power in Penn State’s governance rests with too few hands. A “best practices” review's needed to reform Board structure and bylaws. Stronger, more active and informed vigilance last year would’ve put the Board in a far better position to respond when University leadership failed.

- More Effective Communications and Public Policy Oversight
  Penn State faces political and fiscal pressure. A public policy committee’s needed to focus on external issues that impact the university. A separate committee should focus on marketing, communications, and public interaction.

- A New Moral Compass
  Penn State must be a beacon for serving the best interest of all, especially children. I’ll work to ensure Penn State emerges as a leading advocate for better practices in the reporting and handling of child abuse cases and the treatment of victims.

  Most importantly, I will ask the right questions. It’s the key to ensuring Penn State never again faces a crisis so severe.