Biographical Sketch


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 Outreach Advisory Board.

Position Statement

Penn State enters 2013 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 for top students and faculty 2) Diminished governmental funding 3) Rising operating costs 4) Critical personnel searches (President, Provost, AD, et cetera) 5) Increased competition for educational dollars.

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) The desire to ‘Move on’ as opposed to searching for truth 3) Secrecy and subterfuge at the Board level.

Penn State is well positioned to maintain and improve its global leadership in education. The University has tremendous resources available to enhance its academic stature. Penn State is already a recognized leader: #1 ranking by recruiters according to the WSJ #2 ranking for online graduate engineering programs #49 global ranking A wealth of talented and energetic alumni.

I promise to focus on increasing 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!