Biographical Sketch

Patrick J. Howley earned a B.S. in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management from The Pennsylvania State University in 2012. After graduating, he accepted a position with Marriott International in Baltimore, Maryland where he is currently employed as a manager.

Pat's Penn State journey began at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he remained for two years before transferring to University Park in 2009. During this time, he gained valuable leadership and employment experience through his appointments at Walt Disney World in Orlando and Winegardner & Hammons Hospitality Management firm in Pittsburgh.

After transferring to University Park, Pat became heavily involved in the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON). During his senior year, Pat had the honor of serving as the Overall Supply Logistics Chairperson for THON 2012. In this role, he oversaw the acquisition and distribution of all of THON's non-food, in-kind donations. He successfully led a committee of 21 of his peers. Under his leadership, these individuals contacted companies and businesses all over the northeastern United States, in order to secure all necessary supplies for pre-THON and THON events. The roughly $300,000 in in-kind donations secured reduced overhead costs and allowed THON to give more than 96% of funds raised directly to the Four Diamonds Fund, thus earning the title of Outstanding Philanthropy. THON 2012 increased its fundraising total by 11.75% and raised a record breaking $10,686,924.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pat is the oldest of six children. His younger sister is currently a freshman at Penn State University Park.

Position Statement

"Grow old along with me - the best is yet to be" sits atop the 1915 class gift, the sundial, on Old Main lawn. This quote will forever remind me of the wonderful years I spent at Penn State, as well as the promising years ahead of me as an alumnus. This quote by Robert Browning was the first thing that came to mind when deciding to run for the Board of Trustees.

The current Board contains presidents, CEOs, and other leaders of a multitude of industries. While this is extremely beneficial, it also shows a lack of representation and with more than 500,000 alumni and several thousands of 'millennial' alumni entering the workforce each year, it is clear to me that the BoT needs representation from this demographic.

During my time at Penn State, I was fortunate enough to sit on the Overall Committee for THON. We had our challenges, both internally and externally, but it was apparent that young adults today want to serve a higher purpose and do something for the greater good. In this collaborative position, I made decisions to protect THON's integrity while always thinking of the impact those decisions would have on future THONs.

Currently, there is too much focus around the Board on the past and the decisions that were made in haste during a troubling time. It's time to get back to focusing on Penn State's future and the future of its students and alumni.

For the Future. For the Glory.