Biographical Sketch

Family Background:
Three generations of proud Penn Staters. Father a former faculty member for 20 years. Two sons are graduates.
Born and raised in State College. Current part-time resident.

Professional Accomplishments:
30+ year career in the business of education and education policy; Senior executive (President and EVP level) with largest education companies in the world including Pearson and McGraw-Hill; Deep management experience in Higher Education, K-12 Education, and Adult Learning; Successfully managed billion dollar businesses and thousands of employees; Worked effectively with Colleges, Universities, School Districts, State Departments of Education across the U.S. and globally; Leadership focused consistently on improving teaching and learning outcomes for faculty and students; Service on corporate boards including Association of American Publishers, Unigo Education, LLC, McGraw-Hill Diversity and Inclusion Council.

Service to Penn State:
I attribute much of my career success to PSU, and have given back through meaningful service to the University. Created three endowments--two supporting Liberal Arts; one establishing a football scholarship; Guest lecturer/mentor to PSU students; THON donor/supporter; Chairman, Board of Visitors, Department of English; Chairman, Board of Visitors, Center for American Literary Studies; 2007 Mt. Nittany Society Honoree; 2009 University Alumni Fellow Award; 2012 Liberal Arts Leaders Award.

Commitment as a Trustee:
After a lifetime of preparation and loyalty, I stand ready to devote 100% of my experience, leadership, energy, and time to the responsible stewardship of Penn State, now and into the future.

Position Statement

Instead of being defined by a scandal not of our making and by a deeply flawed Freeh Report, I believe it's time to step up to defend our great University and its traditions by repeatedly demonstrating that Penn State is a world-class institution whose best years are yet to come.
Penn State's traditions are my traditions. Success with Honor is more than a slogan -- it's a pledge, a responsibility, and a way of life.
As a full time Trustee, my priorities will be to:
Partner with the Paterno Family to honor the lifetime achievements of Joe and Sue.
Recruit a President with impeccable reputation and insight to lead us successfully into the future.
Consider the Wagner Report carefully, and aggressively pursue sensible governance reform within the BoT.
Build a communications culture accentuating transparency and openness throughout our University and with our 600,000 Alumni.
Enhance Penn State's ability to educate globally, digitally, and competitively through increased innovation of teaching and learning methods.
Preserve our Land Grant roots and deliver excellent, affordable undergraduate programs at all of our Commonwealth Campuses.
Maximize fundraising efforts and corporate outreach to offset state funding reductions.
We owe it to future generations to pay forward the values and benefits we have enjoyed as proud Penn Staters. I believe deep in my heart that, together, we will accomplish great things and that our future is brighter than ever.
Let's Restore the ROAR!