VINCENT J. TEDESCO, JR. ‘64

Biographical Sketch

Vincent J. Tedesco, Jr. graduated from Penn State in 1964. He was co-captain of the Penn State Lacrosse team and a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation.

In 1991 COL Tedesco retired after 27 years of service. He commanded thousands of soldiers. For his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. He is the Honorary Colonel of the 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment. He has received the very rare honor of having a street--Tedesco Way--named for him at Fort Hood, Texas. The leadership award for lieutenants at the Air Defense Artillery School is named in his honor.

He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2011. While working for Lockheed Martin, he received the Washington Award six times, the Washington Community Service Award, and in 2005 the Nova Award, the highest award given to a Lockheed Martin employee.

Vin and his wife Suzann are members of the Nittany Lion Club and the President’s Club. They are active members of the Centre County Chapter of the Alumni Association. He is an advisor and board member for Delta Upsilon Fraternity and a volunteer for the Penn State men’s lacrosse team.

Two of their children graduated from Penn State, V. J. Tedesco, III (’86) and Matthew T. Tedesco (’91) and a granddaughter, Rachel, is a junior.

Position Statement

Why vote for me?
I will:

1. Apply my proven record of leadership, achievement and courage in representing the views of loyal alumni.
2. Defend our great university from those who want to "move on" rather than correct the mistakes made by the Board of Trustees and university leaders.
3. Ensure the Board of Trustees operates in an open manner--hiding nothing from the alumni, faculty and students.
4. Ensure that the Board of Trustees never again allows political correctness to outweigh what is morally right.
5. Work to return our wonderful university to its rightful place of honor as the top public university in the nation.
6. Reestablish Joe Paterno’s place of honor in our university.
7. Find a way to stop the ever-increasing cost of a Penn State undergraduate education.

I have no ambition beyond serving the best interests of the university and its alumni. I will do everything I can to prevent cowardly actions by the Board from ever again staining the name of Penn State University. With your support, we will restore--"Success with Honor"--Coach Paterno’s Standard.