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*I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY MANY WHY I THINK I WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE TRUSTEE.*

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Let me tell everyone a little bit about myself.

I have offered guidance to Penn State Students, Penn State Alumni, Penn State Faculty, Penn State Coaches and many members of the Penn State Board of Trustees for over thirty years;

I am a good listener;

I am compassionate and I care about Penn State, its values and traditions;

I am a quick learner;

I am dogged in pursuing what I believe;

I know how and when to compromise and when to stand firm;

I know how to develop a plan for action and to steadfastly bring it to completion.

I have used these qualities in working with the Penn State administration, when I represented Coach Kaidanov, our world-famous and beloved fencing coach, when he was unceremoniously and unjustifiably fired by Penn State. When representing Coach Kaidanov, with the assistance of a federal court judge, Coach Kaidanov was welcomed back into the Penn State Family and Community. When few gave Coach Kaidanov a chance, I listened to both sides and we were able to achieve a resolution satisfactory to both Coach Kaidanov and Penn State. I will use the same skills in representing Coach Kaidanov when serving on the Board of Trustees for the betterment of Penn State.



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*WHAT DO I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN MY THREE-YEAR TERM AS TRUSTEE?*

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1. **TO MAINTAIN PENN STATE'S STATUS AS A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY AT A REASONABLE COST**

I want to maintain Penn State's status as a world-class university, offering a world-class education to our sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, and friends and family.

We cannot expect our students, their parents or family to take out loans and to have the cost of an education hanging over them for years or, even worse, have students turn away because they cannot afford a Penn State education.

I strongly believe eliminating waste through a careful review and analysis of spending via an **independent audit** will help us fulfill the true mission of Penn State as a Land-Grant University.

I will insist that any request for an increase in tuition, room and board expenses **be proven**, not merely requested.

2. **WE NEED TO RESTORE THE PATERNO LEGACY AND RETURN THE STATUE TO A PLACE OF HONOR**

**We need to and must restore the Paterno legacy. Joe's legacy is not just about football. It's about the virtues that make Penn State great: success with honor.** Joe used football as a metaphor for life: he pushed us all to study hard, work as a team and excel in all we do. Joe and Sue were champions of charity and philanthropy, values we see echoed in our students every year at THON. They were not entitled people. **Joe and Sue gave back to the University and to all of us. It is time for the University to give back to Joe, Sue and their family...to restore their legacy and reputation. The statue needs to be returned to a place of honor.** We must not forget our past and we must continue the vision of those that came before us and made Penn State the great university it is.

Penn State has long been guided by the principles and values of success with honor, integrity, academic and athletic excellence, charity and a love of community. I will dedicate my term on the Board of Trustees to continue and enhance that tradition.

**3. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

I fully support all efforts of the Penn State Community, its Alumni and the Board of Trustees to promote diversity, equity and inclusion. We must work as a family to insure that there is no place for prejudice or exclusion at Penn State. Recently, the Penn State Black Caucus was attacked by a racist “Zoom bombing.” We must all join together in condemning this behavior and all behavior that denigrates anybody on our campuses and in our community. I have dedicated myself in the past and will dedicate my term on the Board of Trustees to work with everyone to insure that hatred and racism of any kind will not be welcomed.

**4. PROMOTE TOWN AND GOWN RELATIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PENN STATE, STATE COLLEGE AND ALL OF HAPPY VALLEY**

In these unprecedented times, as we see businesses closing throughout State College and Happy Valley, I will work hard to promote cooperation and understanding between the University and local businesses. Penn State must support local businesses, for what is good for one is good for all.

Having grown up in State College and knowing many in the business community and in the Penn State Administration, I feel I am uniquely qualified to help open the gate between town and gown. I will address this issue more fully in the weeks to come.

**5. OUR COMMONWEALTH CAMPUSES**

The importance of our Commonwealth Campuses, cannot be forgotten nor understated. Again, in these unprecedented times, they provide an opportunity for students to attend a world-class university while staying close to home and saving costs of room and board, while perhaps working to afford an education. More about this in the coming weeks.

**6. OTHER ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGHOUT MY CAMPAIGN**

Of course, I will address other issues of importance to Penn State Alumni during my campaign. The above is only a preliminary summary of some of the issues I will address.



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***I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN ACCESSIBLE TO PENN STATE ALUMNI AND WILL NOT SIMPLY DISAPPEAR  
AFTER THE ELECTION***

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As a board member, I commit to make myself always available and to listen to the Alumni to learn their thoughts, needs, and desires. I will constantly read comments on Facebook pages like “We Intend to Vote Out The Penn State Board of Trustees,” PSU Alumni for Reorganization of the Board of Trustees, PSU Nation, Nittany Nation, Semper 409 and other Alumni Facebooks and Penn State related websites.

Also, throughout my term, I will welcome comments on my Facebook page (Alvin de Levie 4 PSU Board of Trustees) and my email (Alvin4PSU@gmail.com). I will continue to report to Alumni on my Facebook page, on my email and via newspaper columns, op-eds and letters to the editor in local papers like the Centre Daily Times and the Daily Collegian.

I believe in open and transparent governance. Towards that end, I will always report to the Alumni and to respond to their inquiries about what is going on. I also firmly believe that the discussions and debates of the Board should be open to the Alumni, and I will always encourage Alumni to attend and participate at Board of Trustee meetings.



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***Penn State: A Family Legacy***

After my father was discharged from the Army in 1946, he taught at the Penn State Pottsville Campus. After Pottsville, he and my Mom moved to State College. My Dad began his Penn State career as an instructor in English Literature and German. He eventually became the first Chairman of the Liberal Arts Study Abroad Committee, the first Director of the Penn State Study Abroad Program, and the Founder and Director of the Foreign Studies Programs. My Mom worked in the language labs in the basement of Sparks Building.

I was born in Bellefonte, delivered by Dr. John Light, a former Penn State EIWA wrestling champion. I am still friends with his family who live in Happy Valley.

I grew up in State College, on McCormick Avenue doors away from Penn State Defensive Line Coach White and Offensive Line Coach O'Hara, where Joe rented a room before he met Sue and was married. I was imbued with the culture and atmosphere that makes State College and Happy Valley a great place to study, live and visit. I just moved back home to State College.

I was a bat-boy for Coach Medlar's baseball team. I attended the State College Parks and Recreation Department's gymnastics program taught by Coach Gene Wettstone, the world-famous Penn State Gymnastics coach. My youth soccer coach was Bill Jeffries, the world-famous Penn State Soccer coach. I saw my first concerts in Rec Hall: The Brothers Four and The Four Seasons, even before they were called Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. I graduated from State College High School in 1969 and Penn State in 1973.

My parents had a deep respect and love for Penn State, and they believed in its potential to rival the greatest universities in the world. They shared that love with everyone they met (so much so, one of my father's exchange students from Cologne, Germany named his daughter Nittany).

**Penn State: My Call to Service**

Of course, neither family, regional nor even Alumni ties alone qualify one to serve on the Board of Trustees.

I graduated from the Villanova Law School in 1976 and have ever since maintained an active presence and practice in State College.

I have been a trial lawyer for over 40 years. I have developed a proven record of tenaciously and successfully representing my clients, many of whom otherwise had little chance of prevailing in complex disputes. I am dogged in pursuing what I believe, I know how and when to compromise and when to stand firm, and I know how to develop a plan for action and to steadfastly bring it to completion.

I have been mentoring students as a professor's assistant as a senior and have continued to mentor Penn State students to the present day. I have always felt Penn State offered a world-class education and that Happy Valley was a great place to study and to live.

I am not running for my own personal gain or vanity. I am running to serve on the Board, not merely to be on the Board. I am indebted to no one but Penn State and I strongly believe we need good town and gown relations with all in Happy Valley. I feel called to use the determination and skills I have developed to preserve my father's vision that Penn State forever remains an affordable, world-class University.