



**JOSEPH H. CLAPPER, III '92g**

### **Biographical Sketch**

With more than 30 years in public education, Joseph H. Clapper, D.Ed. has served in a variety of teaching and leadership roles including that of teacher, principal, professor, assistant superintendent and his current position of Superintendent of Schools for The Quaker Valley School District in southwestern Pennsylvania. This continuum of experience has provided him with a unique, comprehensive understanding of both K-12 and higher education.

Dr. Clapper has delivered a variety of keynote addresses on the topic of the future of public school education at local, state, and national conferences and has had several articles published in various educational journals and magazines.

Dr. Clapper has served on the boards of a variety of non-profit organizations including public libraries and educational foundations. He is a lifetime member of the Penn State Alumni Association. Additionally, he has spent numerous hours serving as a guest lecturer for Penn State pre-service teachers. He is noted for his creative problem solving, knowledge of personnel management, effective communication skills, and his pleasant sense of humor.

Dr. Clapper completed his bachelor's and master's degrees at Shippensburg University and his doctorate in curriculum and instruction at The Pennsylvania State University. He served as an undergraduate instructor at Penn State and currently serves as an adjunct graduate professor at Penn State Beaver campus.

Dr. Clapper's wife, Christy also a Penn State alumna, is a school counselor. Their daughter, Laura, is a senior at Penn State University. They reside in Sewickley, Pa.

### **Position Statement**

I have tremendous appreciation and abiding respect for Penn State University. My advanced degree from Penn State in curriculum and instruction has opened doors for a myriad of experiences and wonderful opportunities in my work as an educational leader. It would be an honor and a privilege to give back to the university that I love.

Like tens of thousands of other Penn State students and alumni, I have been devastated by the horrible events that have taken place at our university during recent months. As a result, more than ever, the Board of Trustees is in need of members who are clear-minded decision-makers, thoughtful problem-solvers, and who possess a high degree of common sense.

Strong leaders make wise decision even in the most difficult of times. I possess a strong moral compass and maintain a level head – even when times are very difficult.

Penn State University is widely recognized as one of the top educational institutions in the world. We must build upon our strengths, “right the ship” as related to our reputation, and move this university to even greater heights. This can be accomplished through dedication, commitment, and a steady hand,

Many challenges lie ahead for Penn State. We must focus on improving all facets of our university while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I am fully committed to devoting my expertise, time, energy and enthusiasm in order to serve our great University and all Penn State alumni.

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