



**TIMOTHY MICHAEL FREEMAN '90**

### **Biographical Sketch**

A native of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Tim earned his B.S. in Public Service ('90) and his MBA from the University of California, Davis ('96). As a member and three year letterman of the football team from 1985 to 1989, Tim was recognized for his leadership and work ethic winning the teams' Red Worrell Award during his sophomore year and the Richard Maginnis Award his senior year. Tim was a member of Penn State's 1986 National Championship football team. Off the field, Tim's leadership and commitment to the university were recognized by fellow student leaders with his membership in Parmi Nous.

After completing his MBA at the University of California, Davis, Tim began his career on Wall Street in 1996 as an Institutional Bond salesman working for Merrill Lynch at their corporate headquarters in New York City. Tim earned the title of Managing Director and Head of New York Equity Derivative Sales during his 14 year career with Merrill Lynch. Tim's mentoring and leadership within Merrill Lynch were recognized formally by his peers and superiors naming him a Diversity and Inclusion award winner. Tim is currently a Principal with Elevation LLC in New York City, managing a highly motivated team experienced in volatility risk and encourages open communication, creative client solutions, and "best in class" client coverage. Tim is a frequent guest markets expert on CNBCs' Squawk Box and Closing Bell programs.

Tim is married to fellow Penn Stater and Schreyer Honors graduate ('90), Katherin Nukk-Freeman and has three children.

### **Position Statement**

I ask for your support in my effort to represent Penn State alumni on the Board of Trustees. I earned the distinct honor of playing for the greatest builder of men in college football, Joe Paterno. The lessons I learned as a member of the Penn State family were of leadership, hardship, perseverance, honesty, humility, community service, integrity and honor.

I have been a strong supporter of building and mentoring diverse teams and look forward to using my expertise for the benefit of our university. Risk analysis and honest, transparent leadership has been the cornerstone of my career. I have had significant direct responsibility coordinating, communicating and managing large businesses across product groups on Wall Street. Balancing internal business unit issues with broader businesses as a whole in a dynamic setting is a major personal strength.

I am committed to the following goals:

1. Focus the Board of Trustees' efforts to ensure our University is a world class research and teaching University.
2. Work within the Board of Trustees to ensure world class corporate governance through unparalleled analysis, communication and transparency.
3. Nurture a diverse student community, and provide an environment where open communication can form the basis for thoughtful analysis and problem solving.
4. Provide our students with world class intercollegiate athletic programs where they can develop leadership skills, relationships and enrich the culture of our university.
5. Prepare our graduates to become unrivaled leaders in our global and complex world.

I am honored to have your support.