

# POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

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## **Point Park University adds member of PA House to its Board of Trustees**

**PITTSBURGH, PA** – Point Park University is welcoming a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to its Board of Trustees. He will be serving a three-year term.

Rep. **Robert Matzie** graduated from Point Park in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication. A lifelong resident of Ambridge, where he served as mayor, Matzie was elected to the state House in 2008. He represents the 16<sup>th</sup> District, which covers parts of Beaver and Allegheny counties.

"It's an honor to be appointed to the Board of Trustees," Matzie said. "It's honestly something I never thought about as a student -- to one day be considered to serve my alma mater in this capacity. I look forward to serving and giving back to the school that gave me the tools to succeed in life both personally and professionally."

Shortly after being sworn into the House, Matzie's small business COBRA health insurance bill was signed into law as Act 2 of 2009. He played a key role in keeping Old Economy Village in Ambridge. As Democratic champion of the successful effort to bring the Shell ethane cracker plant to Southwest Pennsylvania, Matzie was crucial in facilitating the largest industrial project in Western Pennsylvania in more than a century.

More recently, Matzie anticipated the Supreme Court's positive ruling on the legality of sports wagering to be conducted by the states, and his enabling legislation was enacted as part of Act 42 of 2017. That same year, he was appointed to the board of directors of VisitPittsburgh – the official tourism promotion agency for Allegheny County.

Matzie currently serves as the Democratic Chairman of the powerful House Consumer Affairs Committee, which has legislative oversight of all utilities in the state, as well as large areas of energy production and transportation services.

"Point Park is proud to have so many graduates who go on to serve their communities, something Rob has done for decades," said Paul Hennigan, president of Point Park University. "It's an honor for us to add yet another successful alum to our Board of Trustees."

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