

"I think it is safe to say that we could not have succeeded in moving the campus in such a short period of time without Howard Kulp," said Chancellor Ann Williams. "As an architect, his talent and skill have been an immense asset to the process. As a Penn Stater, his willingness to give back to our campus on this level is a gift for which we can't begin to thank him enough."

But Kulp's involvement did not end when the new campus opened its doors in August 2009. He immediately began working on the plans for the new library, fitness center (which opened March 2010), and art gallery, and is serving as an adviser during the planning of the proposed Nittany Lion Terrace at the north entrance to the campus.

And even with all of that on his plate, not to mention the other projects his firm continues to work on, Kulp is looking ahead to Penn State Lehigh Valley's future in a number of ways. He currently serves as

co-chair for the campus committee to the University-wide "For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students," which kicked off in April 2010 (see page 17 for more campaign details). Kulp also looks forward to even more expansion at the Lehigh Valley campus. On the top of the list? Building student-centered facilities that would allow the current building to expand its academic spaces.

"I envision a bright future for this campus that could include the creation of a student activities hub with a gymnasium, food services, and a larger auditorium. Along with that, I'd love to see the campus add to its athletic fields and facilities."

Whatever the coming years have in store for the Lehigh Valley campus, Kulp's involvement during this important chapter of its history will be remembered as part of the great tradition of Penn State alumni who choose to make a difference in the lives of future Penn Staters. 🐾

advisory board

A Passion for Service: Kate Durso

In one short year since her appointment to the Penn State Lehigh Valley Advisory Board, Macungie resident Kate Durso has not only thoroughly enjoyed her service to the campus, but she has instantly become a contributing member.

"I have enjoyed getting to know the campus and those involved there as well as interacting with other board members," she said. "The new campus is very impressive, and I hope to assist Penn State Lehigh Valley in finding ways to increase enrollment, especially with its location in the heart of the Valley and close to Upper Bucks County and New Jersey."

Durso, a native of Ardmore, Pa., is a member of the board's executive and student affairs committee. A shareholder attorney with Fitzpatrick, Lentz and Bubba, a law firm based in Center Valley, Pa., Durso specializes in real estate and land use law, and frequently handles zoning matters for telecommunications providers. Some of her clients have included AT&T, Verizon Wireless, and T-Mobile. From 2005-2008, Durso was named "Rising Star" by *Law and Politics*.

Durso joined the board after meeting the current chair, John Hart. Hart had interacted with others at Durso's firm and eventually asked Durso to join the campus' group of advisers. "Durso's legal experience in Center Valley in relation to zoning, land use, and development, coupled with her enthusiasm for the growth of the campus made Kate an ideal board member candidate," Hart said. "She was quickly recognized and appointed as financial secretary for the executive committee, and it is a privilege to have her serving on our team."

Durso believes the new campus, in addition to some almost completed projects, will allow the campus to flourish. "The building is quite an outstanding addition to Penn State Lehigh Valley," she said. "With the addition of the Lion Terrace and the new library, the campus will be inviting to future and current students, and alumni. Eventually, the new space will allow it to better serve the community with enhanced course offerings."



Durso's Penn State affiliations run deep. Durso graduated from the Dickinson School of Law in 1994, and her husband, Bill, is a 1994 alum, having graduated with a criminal justice degree from Penn State. Bill Durso is the Director of Facilities Operations for Nutrisystem, Inc., in Horsham, Pa. Durso and her husband are the parents of two children – Liam, age 7, and Erin, age 4.

In addition to her work with the Advisory Board, Durso also volunteers with her son's school, St. Ann's in Emmaus, and is a member of CREW Lehigh Valley (Commercial Real Estate Women), and the Lower Macungie 2020 Vision Committee. 🐾