



## MARYLOUISE CERNUGEL UHLIG '67

### Biographical Sketch

Marylouise Uhlig is Associate Assistant Administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Prevention Pesticides and Toxic Substances Office in Washington D.C. She manages programs ranging from food quality protection and public health to biotechnology and homeland security. Her distinguished career in government includes leadership positions at the Defense Mapping Agency and Department of the Navy. She is a member of The Pennsylvania Society.

Her commitment to higher education is reflected in her service as mentor to hundreds of Penn State students. She is a lifetime member of Penn State's Alumni Association and served as Alumni Council Member under six Presidents. Marylouise is a Standing Member of the Board of Directors for the College of Liberal Arts Alumni Society and served as President; founding member of the African-American Alumni Interest Group; member of the Criminal Justice and College of Communications Advisory Boards; and former President of the Metro Washington Chapter. Marylouise helped establish the Metro D.C. Penn State Professional Women's Network and served as Vice President. In 1997, she received the Liberal Arts Alumni Service to Penn State Award.

Marylouise was the first member of her family to attend college. She holds an M.A. from Central Michigan and B.A. in Speech Communications from Penn State. She was in Gamma Sigma Sigma and inducted into CWENS.

She is also a graduate of Harvard University's Senior Managers in Government Program and the Federal Executive Institute. Her husband, Barry, is a 1968 graduate from Penn State's Smeal College of Business.

### Position Statement

As the first person of my Harrisburg, Pa. family to graduate from college, I appreciate the value of higher education. I believe that it is imperative, and possible, for us to keep Penn State both academically superior and affordable! To these ends, it is critical to build public/private partnerships in order to sustain our university's excellence and to keep it accessible to all qualifying students.

I owe my success in government and numerous national organizations to my Penn State experience. The public/private networks that I have nurtured throughout my career will be invaluable as we develop strategies to involve federal/state governments and others in the important work of sustaining and growing our great University.

My husband Barry and I have a second home in State College because it provides us with a place to connect with the people at the heart of the Penn State community: students, faculty and trustees. (It's also a great venue to watch Penn State teams whip their rivals!) If elected, I will combine my skills and experience with the insights provided by the Penn State community to create channels to expand the alumni network and better support our students - not only financially but also through the sharing of ideas and experience. It is my vision that Penn Staters will graduate with an understanding that they have more than a first-class education and thousands in student loans - they too must play a role in advancing the excellence of Penn State.