



CHRIS BRUSSALIS

Class of 1982

Chris Brussalis is convinced that his education at Elizabeth Forward was pivotal in establishing a solid foundation for his future achievements, underscoring the critical role that a robust educational background plays in influencing one's career path.

Today, Brussalis is the ninth president of Point Park University. He has served in this role since February 2023. He also serves as adjunct professor of management and policy at the Heinz College of Carnegie Mellon University. He was the long-time president and later chairman of The Hill Group Inc., a national management consulting firm. As an engaged scholar-practitioner for over 33 years, Brussalis has taught at the graduate level, provided advice and counsel to numerous Fortune 500 corporations, governments and large institutions.

With a long standing commitment to public education, Brussalis has served on and led many regional and national boards. He currently serves on the boards of the Live Like Lou Foundation (vice chair), Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, American Society for Competitiveness and Leadership Pittsburgh (past chair).

He has served on the boards of Point Park University, ALS Association, Regional Learning Alliance (chair), Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity (president), Phi Delta Theta Foundation, Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall (chair), CONTACT Pittsburgh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Small Business Council. He also managed the New Idea Factory in Allegheny County, the largest economic development transition effort of a metropolitan region in the history of the United States at the time.

Recognized for community engagement, Brussalis was selected as one of the "Pittsburgh Power 100," highlighting the Pittsburgh region's most influential leaders. He was also selected by Pittsburgh Business Times as one of the Pittsburgh region's "Top 20 Changemakers" and "Fast Trackers," and Pittsburgh Magazine's "40 Under 40" and "Pittsburgh's 50 Finest." Brussalis received a Blue Citation from Allegheny College for a lifetime of outstanding service to his alma mater. He was also selected by the Secretary of the Air Force as one of 100 distinguished American leaders to attend the forty-seventh annual National Security Forum at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

He is a graduate and former board chair of Leadership Pittsburgh, a network of regional leaders and decision makers, and holds a bachelor's degree from Allegheny College, master's degree in public and business administration from the University of Illinois and doctorate in higher education administration from Northeastern University.

Brussalis is the oldest of four children of Susan and the late William Brussalis. His three sisters, Kelly Naccarato, Stacy Adduci and Tara Bottino, graduated in consecutive years from Elizabeth Forward after their brother. Brussalis and his wife, Christina, also have four children, Katherine, Sophia, William and Isabella. They reside in Richland Township, north of Pittsburgh.

During his four years at EFHS, Brussalis was elected president of his junior and senior class, president of the National Honor Society and captain of the cross-country, wrestling and track and field teams. He won several conference and sectional championships in wrestling. In cross country, he was a state bronze medalist. He set several school records in track and field, many that stood for over four decades.

Brussalis attributes his work ethic and leadership success to working on his family farm in Forward Township, which he still owns and operates, and to being a student-athlete at Elizabeth Forward.

