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Dan Lopresti shakes his head while recalling his decision to come to Princeton for graduate school. “I was deciding between the University of Chicago for an MBA or Princeton for Computer Science. I grew up near Princeton, so my parents were happy that I chose Princeton. But it now seems a bit of a blur. There was lots happening and I was working very hard, even had to drop playing in the orchestra. I was probably the least social person at the University. When I went off to Providence for my first job at Brown, I didn’t even think of Princeton for five years!”

But Princeton pulled him back. His former advisor called, inviting him to join a newly funded research lab. Ever since, Dan has lived within an hour’s drive of the University. Then in the mid 1990’s a fateful call came, asking him to help with the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni (APGA). That started him on a “second life” at Princeton, as an engaged alumnus. Now for more than 15 years and counting, Dan has been one of Princeton’s chief cheerleaders, championing students and alumni, and indeed the University. He has served in dozens of volunteer roles, from President of the APGA to P-rade marshal, schools committee interviewer to Annual Giving fundraiser. And in 2005 he received the Alumni Council’s Award for Service to Princeton.

For the past three years Dan has served on the Committee to Nominate Alumni Trustees (CTNAT), chairing the committee in 2010-11. “Princeton is the great university that it is because of its leadership from administrators, from alumni, and from trustees. CTNAT gives the opportunity to see the latter two at their best. I have marveled at the achievements of the candidates, yet to a person they cite Princeton as the #1 reason for their success. It has been a tremendous privilege to sit on this committee.”



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