

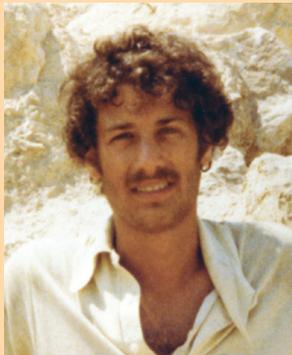


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Richard M. Woldenberg '81
Chair, Committee to
Nominate Alumni Trustees



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Rick Woldenberg '81 recalls the time he was asked to serve on the Committee to Nominate Alumni Trustees (CTNAT), which is responsible for identifying, researching and selecting candidates for each year's alumni trustee ballots. "I was the lucky beneficiary of an amazing phone call," says Rick, who lives in Highland Park, Illinois. "I didn't know much about the committee, but I was very interested in its mission and serving the University in a different way. I accepted the position and am very grateful for the opportunity." Now in his third year, Rick serves as chair of CTNAT.

Rick chose Princeton as decisively as agreeing to serve on CTNAT. "I wanted to attend the toughest school with the smartest kids," he says. He was actively involved as a student, joining Model UN and serving as the managing editor of the Student Course Guide, which published student feedback about University courses. Rick was a member of the USG Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Residential Life, which formulated the student body response to Princeton's plan to convert to a residential college system. Rick strongly supported the conversion.

In an unusual twist, Rick spent his junior year abroad at Imperial College in London, unprecedented at the time for chemical engineering majors. He credits Princeton for this life-changing opportunity. "Most institutions would have instinctively said 'no' because there was no program, and it had never been done before, but Princeton instead asked, 'how can we help?' That speaks to the character of Princeton." Rick points to his time spent in England as one reason his company, Learning Resources, an educational toy company based in Vernon Hills, Illinois, opened offices in the U.K. in 1994.

Giving back has always been important to Rick. He has been an active volunteer in the Schools Committee for many years and also serves as chair of his region. He has been a longtime volunteer for Annual Giving and currently serves on a special ad hoc committee of the Alumni Council Executive Committee assessing and developing recommendations for growing Princeton's volunteer leadership pipeline. Rick and his wife Nadine have three children, Stephen, Ben and Elana '15.

As chair of CTNAT, all would agree that Rick has served with distinction. With the Trustee election underway, Rick says he has great appreciation for the work that CTNAT does to prepare the slate of candidates. "It is an awesome responsibility that we take very seriously," he adds.