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### **William C. Whitmore Jr. '82 Named Chair of Philadelphia University Board of Trustees**

*University welcomes Moshe I. Meidar '70 and  
Robert L. Nydick Jr., Ph.D., '78 as new Trustees*

**PHILADELPHIA, July 2009** - Philadelphia University recently announced that William C. Whitmore Jr. '82, chairman, president and CEO of AlliedBarton Security Services, has been named chair of the University's Board of Trustees.

Whitmore, a University trustee since 2006 and active alumnus, succeeds long-time chair Elizabeth H. Gemmill, Esq. A member of the Board since 1979, Gemmill served as chair during a period of significant growth and transformation for the University from 1998 to 2009. She will remain a trustee through the 2009-2010 academic year.

"This is an important time in the evolution of Philadelphia University and in higher education," said University President Stephen Spinelli Jr., Ph.D. "There are complex challenges to address and, at the same time, exciting opportunities. Thanks to the leadership of Betsy Gemmill, the trustees, faculty and staff, Philadelphia University has emerged as a vibrant and strong academic community, poised to become one of the nation's premier universities.

"Bill Whitmore's business acumen and passionate belief in the value of a Philadelphia University education will help us take this University to new levels of accomplishment," said Spinelli. "His enthusiasm for our new Strategic Plan and our signature approach of active, collaborative and real-world learning is infectious. It will be significant as we build the model for professional university education in the 21st century. I'm grateful for his commitment."

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"It is a privilege for me to be chair of such a dynamic and innovative institution as my alma mater," said Whitmore. "I'm awed by the developments of the last few decades and excited to be part of Philadelphia University's future. Most important, I'm thrilled to be involved in the education of our future leaders."

As president and CEO of AlliedBarton, Whitmore grew his company into the largest privately owned security firm in the United States, with more than 50,000 employees and 100 offices serving more than 3,300 customers. In 2009, for the fourth consecutive year, AlliedBarton was again named one of *Training Magazine's* top companies.

Whitmore has served our country as a member of the Private Sector, Senior Advisory Council for Homeland Security. He is a board member of the Philadelphia Police Foundation and he received the 2004 Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League.

In addition to announcing Whitmore's appointment as Board chair, the University recently welcomed Moshe I. Meidar '70 and Dr. Robert L. Nydick Jr., '78, to serve on the Board. These accomplished alumni, respectively, are leaders from the business and academic sectors.

"We are pleased to welcome to our Board two new trustees who have distinguished themselves both in their work and civic activities," said Whitmore, in his first official statement as chair. "We are looking forward to working with them as we continue to strive to make Philadelphia University the best higher education institution it can be."

Meidar, who graduated from Philadelphia University in 1970, is an entrepreneur and seasoned professional possessing 35 years of operations experience with private and public companies. He is founder, chairman and CEO of MAG Industrial Automation Systems, a privately held company. On May 17, 2009, Meidar was presented with the honorary degree Doctor of Engineering at Philadelphia University's Commencement.

As an accomplished turnaround specialist, Meidar has revitalized more than 50 companies. He is an authority on supply chain management, infrastructure re-engineering, project management and acquisitions. He immigrated to the United States from Israel in 1967 after serving as Captain of a Paratrooper Engineer unit in the Six Day War.

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Nydick is a professor of management and operations at Villanova University's School of Business. He was a professor at Philadelphia University from 1980 to 1987. An alumnus, he received his B.S. in Operations Research in 1978. Nydick has published over 25 refereed journal articles in the decision support and education of management science areas and has participated in grants funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and Aetna U.S. Healthcare. Most recently his research has focused on the application of the analytic hierarchy process in medical decision-making settings.

Nydick was awarded the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Teaching Excellence at Villanova University in 1992, as well as the John Tonkinson Teaching Innovation Award in 1999.

These appointments bring the total number on the Board of Trustees to 30 members.

Philadelphia University is developing the model for professional university education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Founded in 1884, Philadelphia University is a private institution with 3,200 full- and part-time students enrolled in more than 60 undergraduate and graduate programs in the Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts, and Science and Health. The University's academic experience is distinguished through its signature learning approach in which a liberal arts education is explicitly integrated throughout the active, collaborative and real-world professional curriculum.