

Biography of Philip Garland



Philip Garland is president of Lexington Land Developers, a residential land development company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Garland founded the company in 1981 and has completed numerous beautiful housing developments in the Keystone State over the past 43 years.

Some of Garland's projects include a 122-unit multi-residential development and 98-unit, 45-unit, and 46-unit residential developments.

Having built his business from scratch and made it a success, Garland understands what it takes to get a company off the ground and keep it profitable. Over the years, he has helped others do the same, including providing the funds to do so. For example, he sponsored the funds needed to start Reed Concrete.

Education at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

Philip Garland, Lancaster, PA, attended Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology for two years, graduating in 1981. He studied carpentry and was a top graduate. The school recognized his achievements by awarding him the most honorable and highest award upon graduating. The award, which dates back to 1920, is only given to one graduate every year.

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is a prestigious residential two-year college in Pennsylvania that prepares students for high-demand careers. It was founded in 1905 as Stevens

Trade School, a public institution for state orphans to acquire a trade while still receiving an academic education. Over 1,400 students currently attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, which provides two-year associate degrees in 24 programs. In addition, the college offers four nine-month certificate programs, as well as six-month and six-week short-term training at its Workforce and Economic Development Center in Lancaster in collaboration with Tec Centro.

While attending the school, Garland ran cross-country and indoor track and was team captain.

Philip Garland has donated to the college over the years and served on the Alumni Foundation and Association Boards for 14 years. He was also treasurer for about 10 years.

Garland's Personal Life

Philip Garland, Lancaster, PA, was married in 2002 and has two wonderful boys and a stepson he raised and mentored from the age of two.

He coached youth lacrosse for eight years and is proud of the kids he coached and their accomplishments. In his last year of coaching, he gave each eighth grader a motivational poster. He advised the kids that if each of their coaches, moving forward, signed off acknowledging that they lived up to the quotes on the poster, Garland would reward each high school senior with \$500 to use toward their future endeavors.

Garland was also a cub scout leader and ran his son's pack for five years. He has been an Assistant Boy Scout Leader and was involved with the organization for four years. Garland was nominated and received the prestigious "Order of the Arrow" award with Boy Scouts as an adult in 2022. For almost a century, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has been the Boy Scouts' honor society, consisting of scouts and scouters who best embody the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, as chosen by their peers. The trials to join the Order of the Arrow are difficult, and only the most determined Scouts can join the brotherhood.

One of his proudest moments was when his son received his Eagle Scout Award in May 2024 after helping him achieve this coveted honor. Garland was then asked to be a mentor and speaker for another Eagle Scout Award recipient. Awarding the Eagle is the climax and goal toward which a Scout has been working for several years. It is the culmination of the efforts of the Scout's parents and leaders.

Supporting Family During Challenges

Philip Garland's generosity of spirit and compassion was evident when he helped his stepson with sobriety issues. His stepson was having problems with alcohol and heading in the wrong direction. Garland took him under his wing, having his stepson move in with him and supporting him in turning his life around. After sponsoring a stint in rehab, his stepson is now one year sober as of October 6, 2024, a milestone of which Garland is very proud.

He has also helped his nephew. Garland had his nephew move in with him when he got in trouble and dropped out of school. He had him reenroll in school and go out for cross-country track his senior year. Garland also helped to get him into Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. His nephew is now married with four children and has a great job.

Volunteer Work

Philip Garland, Lancaster, PA, volunteers his time helping future Boy Scouts. He has also donated to children in need of financial help. He regularly donates to his church, various school fundraisers, and local fire departments. In the past, he's traveled to help homeless children in war-torn Ukraine.

He enjoys running and is a top runner in his age group.