



Ronald J. DANIELS, *Member*

President, The Johns Hopkins University

Ronald J. Daniels became the 14th president of The Johns Hopkins University in March 2009.

Daniels had been provost of the University of Pennsylvania since 2005. As Penn's chief academic officer, he had broad responsibility for undergraduate and graduate education, faculty affairs, research and technology transfer, global initiatives, student life, athletics, admissions, arts and culture, and libraries. The deans of Penn's 12 schools reported to him on academic and budget matters.

Daniels is a vigorous advocate for interdisciplinary scholarship and teaching. While at Penn, working closely with the president, 12 deans and his provostial leadership team, he launched university-wide research initiatives in public health, regenerative medicine and the neurosciences, and implemented Penn Integrates Knowledge, which recruited eminent interdisciplinary scholars to Penn to hold joint appointments in two schools.

Throughout his career, Daniels has been deeply committed to the role of universities in promoting global understanding. He expanded Penn's global relationships, especially with the government and university of Botswana in their efforts to fight HIV and AIDS; initiated programs that draw global leaders, writers, and activists to Penn's campus; and developed the Penn World Scholars Program, which enables some of the most outstanding applicants from the developing world to attend Penn as undergraduates.

Daniels also increased Penn's engagement with local and national issues through such initiatives as a month-long Summer Mentorship Program, in which high school students from the Philadelphia school system work directly with Penn faculty members. He spearheaded a national research conference on Capitol Hill, focused on the policy dimensions of Hurricane Katrina, that took place within three months of the disaster and resulted in the published volume *On Risk and Disaster: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina*.

In his time at Penn, Daniels made a significant and enduring impact on all of the university's critical constituencies.

For Penn undergraduates, he worked with the president and the executive vice president to implement a comprehensive new financial aid program that eliminated loans for students with financial need. He introduced innovative programs to enhance the quality of the undergraduate experience, including: Undergraduate Research Mentorships, in which students collaborate directly with faculty members on research projects; Ideas in Action, in which students work with policy-makers to solve concrete policy problems; Distinguished International Scholars, which brings 10 leading international figures to teach Penn undergraduates for two weeks; and Civic Scholars, which combines community service and social advocacy with close faculty supervision and rigorous, specially designed courses.

For graduate students, Daniels significantly strengthened financial aid (particularly in the School of Arts and Sciences); promoted “family-friendly” initiatives that include dependent care leaves for doctoral students; introduced new measures to help students progress toward their degrees and receive timely feedback from their committees; and, in concert with graduate student leaders, created a new award program to provide grants to graduate students engaged in interdisciplinary scholarship.

For faculty, Daniels established university-wide faculty mentoring and leadership development programs; developed dual career and family friendly initiatives; strengthened appointment and promotion standards; and enriched strategies to recruit and retain outstanding faculty, with particular attention to women and underrepresented minorities.

Daniels came to Penn from the University of Toronto, where he was dean of the Faculty of Law and James M. Tory Professor of Law. During his 10 years as dean, he doubled the size of the faculty; recruited global scholars; cut the student-faculty ratio (from 18 to 1 to 10 to 1); dramatically enlarged the endowment; increased financial aid; implemented comprehensive reforms of curricula, student services, and faculty research standards; and spearheaded initiatives to strengthen international recruitment, social engagement, and interdisciplinary programs.

He initiated a program to teach law and justice at two inner-city high schools; co-founded International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty; and founded and chaired Pro Bono Students Canada, which places more than 2,000 law students each year in community-based organizations across Canada.

While in Toronto, Daniels was an active participant in Canadian public policy formulation in such positions as chair of the Provincial Government Panel on the Future of Government, chair of the Ontario Task Force on Securities Regulation, chair of the Ontario Electricity Market Design Committee, the special advisor to the Ontario Government on Reform of Public Accounting Regulation, and member of the Toronto Stock Exchange Committee on Corporate Governance. He also served as president of the Council of Canadian Law Deans, president of the Council of Ontario Law Deans, and member of the Board of Governors of Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

Daniels' research focuses on the intersections of law, economics and public policy, in such areas as corporate and securities law, social and economic regulation and the role of law and legal institutions in promoting third world development. He is an author or editor of seven books, most recently *Rule of Law Reform and Development* (2008), on the role of legal institutions in the economies of third world countries, and *Rethinking the Welfare State* (2005), an analysis of global social welfare policies, especially the effectiveness of government vouchers (both co-authored with Michael Trebilcock). He is also the author or co-author of dozens of scholarly articles.

Daniels earned an LLM from Yale University in 1988 and a JD in 1986 from the University of Toronto, where he served as co-editor-in-chief of the law review and earned several academic honors. He received a BA from the University of Toronto in 1982, with high distinction as a political science and economics major.

He has been visiting professor and Coca-Cola World Fellow at Yale Law School and John M. Olin Visiting Fellow at Cornell Law School. In 2009, he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Daniels was born in Toronto, Canada. He, and his wife, Joanne Rosen, a human rights lawyer, are the parents of four teenagers. He is the fourth Johns Hopkins president to live among the university's undergraduates, at Nichols House on the Homewood campus.