



JEFF BISHOP

Gifted. . .Diversified. . .Visionary. . .Progressive. . .These are words that may have described Jeff Bishop accurately during his tenure as a student at Freedom Area High School. Certainly the mop-haired maverick who roamed the halls for three years made his singular and resounding mark in a number of arenas: excelling in the classroom, competing on the track and the cross country terrain, penning insights on the newspaper, celebrating roots in the Big Knob Grange. Through those years alone he lived up to those adjectives. But for Jeff Bishop the best was yet to come.

Gifted. . .Born and raised in the rolling hills and fields of New Sewickley Township, Jeff was the son of Bob Bishop and Diane Darnell. He carved out an extraordinary and richly diverse legacy early: graduating summa cum laude in a mere three years; lettering in cross country and track; representing Freedom at the Pennsylvania Governor's School and the Center for Talented Youth; excelling in leadership positions on the yearbook and newspaper staffs, in the Math League, and, beyond high school, in 4-H and the aforementioned Grange.

Diversified. . .After high school graduation, Jeff ventured far from his Freedom roots and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Rice University in Houston, Texas. His highly diverse achievements continued to grow: editor-in-chief of the award-winning Campanile Yearbook; section editor for the Thresher newspaper; Chief Justice of his college's judicial system; president of the improvisational comedy troupe Spontaneous Combustion. He studied abroad at the Middle Eastern Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. In 2013 he was awarded his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Chicago, Booth, with concentrations in Strategic Management, General Management, and Managerial and Organizational Behavior. He was active in the Government Club, Energy Club, and Marketing Club.

Visionary. . .Jeff Bishop has spent his career working to drive widespread use of renewable energy. A 2013 Forbes 30 Under 30, he first worked on renewables during an internship in Morocco in 2002, and since then has studied, researched, or worked on renewable energy across four continents. As a Thomas J. Watson Fellow, Jeff researched renewable energy failures in Uganda and Botswana in 2004-2005, traveling extensively throughout the region.

From 2006 to 2014, Jeff helped build Horizon Wind Energy to the third largest independent owner of renewable energy in the United States. He served on the finance team as the company was sold from the investment bank Goldman Sachs to the European utility EDP, and then transitioned over to the Project Development as the company quickly expanded and focused on growth. In 2008 when a global company called EDP Renewables was formed and went through an Initial Public Offering process on the Portuguese stock exchange, Jeff transferred to the Madrid office to set up the initial Financial Planning and Controls processes for North America for the new company. After returning to the U. S., Jeff was the right-hand man to the CEO as a

Special Projects and Corporate Development Manager, and then became responsible for Governmental and Regulatory Affairs for the eastern United States.

Jeff currently works for Brookfield Renewable Energy in New York City and in that position has led the development of the policy program for the company.

Progressive. . .In addition to his career focus, Jeff is very active in organizations dedicated to the broader use of clean energy. He serves as Board of Directors President for Renewable Energy Northeast and the Maine Renewable Energy Association; Vice Chairman for the Alliance for Clean Energy of New York; and a member of the board for the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition.

Jeff's social and civic interests extend far beyond these career associations. He works as a freelance journalist and an advocate in non-profits focused on the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. He is most proud of the five-year period he spent serving as a board member for the Houston Montrose Counseling Center, an organization dedicated to empowering the GLBT community in America's fourth-largest city to enjoy healthier and more fulfilling lives. He headed the Marketing Committee for that organization.

Gifted. . .Diversified. . .Visionary. . .Progressive. . .The young man from New Sewickley who took Freedom by storm for three years at the millennium, is certainly representative of those words and far more. In little more than a decade since he left Western Pennsylvania, he has traversed continents in a quest to champion clean energy and to create more viable energy options. To pigeon-hole Jeff Bishop in simple terms tells only a small part of his tale, for that quartet of adjectives is only the beginning of the story of a man who undoubtedly is headed to greater and grander missions. It is a meager tribute for a person who has launched countless initiatives to make his world – and ours- a more efficient, more enterprising, more sustainable, and more tolerant place.