

# Profile



## State Senator Scott Martin 13TH DISTRICT *Lancaster County*

Scott Martin is a lifelong Lancaster County resident with deep roots in the community. He was elected to his first term representing the 13th Senatorial District in November 2016 and re-elected in 2020.

While in the Senate, 27 of Scott's bills have become law as well as a Constitutional Amendment which was approved by the voters of the Commonwealth in May of 2021 that limited an emergency declaration to 21 days unless the General Assembly approves a longer duration. It also allowed the General Assembly the ability to end an emergency declaration through a joint resolution by the Senate and House that cannot be vetoed by a Governor.

Scott currently serves as Chair of the Senate Education Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Appropriations, Environmental Resources and Energy, and Judiciary Committees. Outside of his senate committee responsibilities, Scott also serves on the PA System of Higher Education Board of Governors, and as Vice-Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC), as well as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Delegation to the CBC. He also is the Chairman of the PA Athletic Oversight Committee and is a voting member on the Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, State Public School Building Authority, Education Commission of the States, Adult and Family Literacy Interagency Coordinating Council and Special Education Funding Commission.

Prior to his election to the state Senate, Scott served as a Lancaster County Commissioner and helped to clean up what had become a dysfunctional and ineffective government. As Commissioner, Scott never voted for a tax increase, downsized government by cutting duplicative agencies and departments, reduced debt by \$40 million, and lowered costs for taxpayers through privatization and public employee benefit reform.

He led many statewide reform efforts through the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and was elected Chair of the Republican Caucus of County Commissioners for 8 years. Before entering public service, Scott was successful in the private sector as a licensed Realtor and local landlord. In addition, for 13 years, he worked in the Juvenile Justice system, including serving as Director of the Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center.

Running the county's juvenile detention and emergency shelter-care facilities, he oversaw the effective operation of a \$5.5 million budget and 150 employee organization. Scott was also the elected Vice President of the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of Pennsylvania and served on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency's Detention Steering Committee.

Scott served on the Board of Directors of the Dr. Gene A. Carpenter Football Foundation, volunteers as a youth sports coach in wrestling and football, and gave his time and effort to groups like the United Way of Lancaster County and the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Scott is a graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School where he was a PIAA & National Heavyweight wrestling champion, and Millersville University, where he graduated with a degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice and became a three-time 1st Team PSAC Defensive Tackle and two-time All-American. After his college career, Scott was a free agent camp invitee of the New York Giants in the NFL and had three different stints in the Arena Football league.

Scott has been inducted into the Lancaster Catholic Athletic Hall of Honor, the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Lancaster-Lebanon League Wrestling Hall of Fame, the District III Wrestling Hall of Fame, the Lancaster County Sports Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Susquehanna Valley Chapter. Recently, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of college football, Scott was named one of the 150 greatest players/contributors in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference history, one of ten Millersville Marauders to earn that honor.

Scott and his wife Amber are the proud parents of four children, Alexia, Hayden, Alivia and Gavin.

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