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Despite an astoundingly busy schedule, Rosenberger is an active Penn State alumna who provides career counseling and mentoring to current and former students. She received the Outstanding Young Liberal Arts Alumni Award in 2010 and she was the student marshal for the College of the Liberal Arts commencement in May 2002.

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