

Pete DiCianni, a blend of businessman and public servant, studied at Triton College from 1984 to 1986, where he was a business major. An entrepreneur at age 18, Pete started a small printing business in his parents' garage. He met his future wife Rose in American Government class where they became friends but never dated. He also became best friends with Neal Gallo, another Triton business major whom he would later room with after they both transferred to Elmhurst College, where Pete earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. ('88)

Pete's business grew, and he moved to a new location behind his father's State Farm Agency in Schiller Park. In a twist of fate, Pete's dad suffered a heart attack and was rushed to Loyola Medical Center, where Pete's former Triton classmate Rose, who had become a cardiac care nurse, treated and helped save him. The reacquaintance led to a date, marriage, and three lovely children, Natalie a Triton alum, Peter a College of DuPage and Pepperdine alum, and Brianna, a York High School student who would inspire her father to do likely the greatest accomplishment of his lifetime.

In 2006, when she was 2-years-old, Brianna was diagnosed with Autism, then an uninsured medical condition. Pete and Rose were determined to get their daughter the early intervention she needed and were forced to dip into their children's college savings.

By the time Bri was two, Pete's DiCianni's printing company had grown from a small business into an Addison-based, full-service marketing and communications firm representing companies, non-profits, and many public officials from both sides of the aisle. Additionally, as a volunteer, he led the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation for more than 10 years, raising millions for local children with life-threatening and disabling conditions. Using his experience and network as a businessman and tireless volunteer, Pete, along with Chief Sponsors Hon. James DeLeo and Hon. Angelo "Skip" Saviano, introduced a record five bills in a single legislative session until Brianna's Law was passed on the sixth attempt during Veto Session in 2008. Illinois became the third state to recognize and ensure Autism as other medical conditions are, opening the door for thousands of children to have access to early diagnosis and treatment. Today, Brianna's Law is the law in 49 states, has become the model legislation to protect children.

In 2009, Pete was elected Mayor of Elmhurst, his hometown since he was 9-years-old. He led his community through one of the worst economic recessions in history with more than \$1 billion in economic development, including the reconstruction of the new Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, which employs 4000 plus people. After three back-to-back, devastating 100-year floods, DiCianni, united a bipartisan delegation of local mayors to lobby in Washington D.C. and led two FEMA declarations securing hundreds of millions in recovery dollars to Elmhurst and many surrounding communities.

In 2012, more than 20 DuPage County mayors supported Pete in his bid for DuPage County Commissioner, where he was the top Republican vote-getter in the County. Pete went on to author six more state laws related to Health Care Access, Public Safety, and Financial Access for people with disabilities. In 2016, he was the Republican nominee for the U.S. Congress, 8<sup>th</sup> District seat. One of his key platform issues was to pass Brianna's Law as a Federal Law. DiCianni was endorsed by 32 of 34 mayors in his district and garnered an impressive 42 percent of the vote despite running against nationally-supported Raja Krishnamoorthi who spent an eye-popping \$6 million on his campaign.

Currently, Pete is serving DuPage County as Commissioner after being re-elected in 2018, once again earning GOP top vote-getter status.