

# Joe Paterno Quotes

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Believe deep down in your heart that you're destined to do great things.

~Joe Paterno

Today, you've got a decision to make. You're gonna get better or you're gonna get worse, but you're not gonna stay the same. Which will it be?

~Joe Paterno

Besides pride, loyalty, discipline, heart, and mind, confidence is the key to all the locks.

~Joe Paterno

Its the name on the front of the jersey that matters most, not the one on the back.

~Joe Paterno

Losing a game is heartbreaking. Losing your sense of excellence or worth is a tragedy.

~Joe Paterno

They ask me what I'd like written about me when I'm gone. I hope they write I made Penn State a better place, not just that I was a good football coach.

~Joe Paterno

Keep hustling, something good will happen.

~Joe Paterno

When a team outgrows individual performance and learns team confidence, excellence becomes a reality.

~Joe Paterno

Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good.

~Joe Paterno

In hindsight, I wish I had done more.

~Joe Paterno

The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital.

~Joe Paterno

My name, I have spent my whole life trying to make that name mean something. And now it's gone.

~Joe Paterno

We need people who influence their peers and who cannot be detoured from their convictions by peers who do not have the courage to have any convictions.

~Joe Paterno

Don't just stand back and play the way you're coached. A great player must rise to the occasion and turn the game around on his own.

~Joe Paterno

What counts in sports is not the victory, but the magnificence of the struggle.

~Joe Paterno

You have to perform at a consistently higher level than others. That's the mark of a true professional.

~Joe Paterno

Failure is not getting beat. Failure is when you don't do a good job preparing.

~Joe Paterno

If I had to do it over again, I'd probably play the game the same way.

~Joe Paterno

The minute you think you've got it made, disaster is just around the corner.

~Joe Paterno

We play with enthusiasm and recklessness. We aren't afraid to lose. If we win, great; but win or lose, it is the competition that gives us pleasure.

~Joe Paterno

You can't have a great university without a great library.

~Joe Paterno

Publicity is like poison; it doesn't hurt unless you swallow it.

~Joe Paterno

Right now I'm trying to figure out what I'm gonna do, 'cause I don't want to sit around on my backside all day. If I'm gonna do that I'll be a newspaper reporter.

~Joe Paterno

Success is best measured by the achiever.

~Joe Paterno

You're only as happy as your least happy child.

~Joe Paterno

There's never been a greater game than football.

~Joe Paterno

Everybody likes to win. It sure beats the devil out of losing.

~Joe Paterno

You need to play with supreme confidence, or else you'll lose again, and then losing becomes a habit.

~Joe Paterno

I still haven't gotten that little something out of my system that I'm still not a kid going to a football game. I'm excited.

~Joe Paterno

You must relate athletic experiences to life.

~Joe Paterno

SMU: 'It's unbelievable to think that kind of corruption came right from the top of the power structure. The NCAA did what it had to do' in canceling SMU's 1988 football season.

~Joe Paterno

When a kid plays football before he attends a class, something is wrong.

~Joe Paterno

Confidence, excellence becomes a reality.

~Joe Paterno

There has to be some self-denial.

~Joe Paterno

Some things I thought were important for a young man to know.

~Joe Paterno

My father said about money: 'You have to have some. But you don't have to have all of it. Just be honest with yourself.'

~Joe Paterno

All coaches are thinking men, or else they wouldn't survive.

~Joe Paterno

The kids that were the victims ... I think we all ought to say a prayer for them.

~Joe Paterno

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