

DSU Student and Wife Become NASA Ambassadors

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A Delaware State University undergraduate student and his wife have been selected to be among a group of top interns that will serve as ambassadors for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Bryan E. Greenly, a junior physics major at DSU, and his wife Tommi Barrett-Greenly, a University of Delaware graduate majoring in education technology, have found a way to do an educational experience together despite being at different institutions..

The couple – who were married in May 2009 – found that a love for science was one of the things they had in common. Mr. Greenly said his wife got him interested in NASA after she found out about internship opportunities with the space agency.

“So we both applied for the summer 2009 session – we were both accepted,” Mr. Greenly said. “We picked up the whole family and spent the summer in Hampton, Va.”

The DSU physics major said it was during the summer internship that they were informed of opportunity to become NASA ambassadors.

“We decided to both apply because we are into NASA’s objective and what they are trying to achieve for the United States,” Mr. Greenly said. “NASA does so many things that people don’t even hear about.”

He said that being an advocate for NASA is something that comes naturally to them. “It is something we feel, that NASA is the coolest thing in the world,” he said.

As two of the 105 NASA ambassadors selected nationwide, the couple will do presentations in the Delmarva region, work at job fairs for the agency and conduct other outreach endeavors for the space agency.

In addition to her graduate studies, Mrs. Barrett-Greenly is a teacher at the Morris Early Childhood Center in Lincoln, Del., where she has been named the 2010 Milford School District Teacher of the Year.

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