

DSU Receives \$88K from its Alumni Association

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The Delaware State University Alumni Association (DSUAA) has joined its alma mater's efforts to retain returning students by presenting the institution with a donation of \$88,560 to go toward financial aid.

Dr. K. Bernard Chase, DSUAA president, made the presentation during the University's Jan. 22 basketball double-header at home against Morgan State University. As the Hornet basketball crowd watched, DSU President Harry L. Williams accepted the check at Memorial Hall Gymnasium's center court on behalf of the Delaware State University Foundation during halftime of men's game.

Dr. Chase recalled that Martin Luther King, Jr., noted that "life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" He said it is such a question that has moved the DSUAA to help the students of its alma mater.

"It is the Delaware State University Alumni Association's responsibility to support and help those who follow in our footsteps," Dr. Chase said. "So, in the spirit of Dr. King, we are proud to give this contribution to the students."

Dr. Chase and Dr. Williams were joined in the check presentation by DSUAA Vice President Meeshach Stennett and Recording Secretary Sheila Davis.

"Today, with the presentation of this significant gift, our Alumni Association has established a new benchmark and a new standard for alumni giving," said Dr. Williams. "We hope that all alumni fully understand what this act means to our students, and that our students fully appreciate what this act means to their futures."

The sizable gift will provide much needed financial assistance to returning DSU students, Dr. Williams added.

Mr. Stennett, class of 1998, said it is a new day for the DSUAA. "When I was a student, we never received such help from alumni," he said. "It was important for the students to see this today, so they will be encouraged to be a part of this culture of giving that is being developed."

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