

DSU President Harry L. Williams Honored by Delaware Futures

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Dr. Harry L. Williams' leadership of Delaware State University has been validated once again, as Delaware Futures has honored him with its prestigious 2012 Haskell/Wyeth Award.



The honor was presented on April 19 during the Delaware Futures annual Haskell/Wyeth Award Ceremony held at the Wilmington Club in Wilmington.

The inscription on the award states: "This award is for meeting the challenge of motivating young people to overcome every obstacle to become leaders in bringing harmony, hope and love to every human being."

Alan Levin, director of Delaware Economic Development (DED) and the honorary chairman of Delaware Futures, presented the award to Dr. Williams.

"Dr. Harry Lee Williams recognizes that the students of the Delaware Futures program and the youth in our communities as a whole will become the entrepreneurs, leaders and employers of tomorrow," said Mr. Levin.

In addition to noting DSU's partnership with Delaware Futures, Mr. Levin said great things are happening at the University under Dr. Williams' leadership.

"When Dr. Williams became president of DSU, he set the goal of establishing the University as one of America's most highly respected Historically Black Colleges and Universities," Mr. Levin said. "He has not only met that goal, he has blown it away."

Dr. Williams said he was "humbled" and noted that he was accepting the honor on behalf of Delaware State University. "That is who I represent," Dr. Williams said.





Dr. Harry L. Williams appreciated the attendance at the event of DSU alumni such as Alicia May, who is also a Delaware Futures volunteer.

Delaware Futures provides academic, social and motivational support and cultural enrichment that empowers economically disadvantaged high school students to recognize and fulfill their unrealized potential and become matriculated college students. Delaware Futures was established in 1994 and realized its first graduating high school class in 1998.

As one of 11 higher education partners with Delaware Futures, DSU has provided scholarships to 19 of the 151 Delaware Futures graduates to attend the University. Five of those students went on to earn not only a bachelor's degree from DSU, but continued to earn a master's degree from the institution.

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