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Dear Alumni:

Upon recently completing 12 months as Delaware State University’s 10th president, I reflect on the new path of our institution with increased excitement over the privilege of serving in this leadership post.

Guided by the DSU Vision Statement and Core Values established in June 2010, we have clear direction toward our highest aspirations and a solid foundation for our next step—determining the institution’s strategic priorities. DSU has established the Strategic Planning Council—chaired by Dr. Alton Thompson, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs—to develop a new strategic plan in 2011 to guide DSU through the next decade.

To that end, I have been reaching out to expand the University’s network through “friend-raising” within the local community, throughout the state and country, and beyond US borders.

In 2010, the University continued to expand its international collaborations by establishing new relationships with institutions of higher education in Vietnam, China and South Africa. Our robust research agenda, stimulated by federal research grants that DSU continues to attract, is increasingly significant to a growing number of diverse science areas.

In the coming years, my expectation is that we will progress from our latest US News & World Report No. 17 ranking among 105 US Historically Black Colleges and Universities. While it is a relatively high ranking, it is not one that will satisfy DSU. In early 2010, I visited two top HBCUs—Spelman College and Morehouse University—and found out that there is nothing they have done or are doing that is beyond the capability of DSU. Therefore, we simply have to focus on what must be done to achieve a higher standing among our HBCU peers.

This first year has also given me the opportunity to meet and talk with many alumni, and I look forward to doing more of that in 2011. Please understand the important role that you play in the increased success of your alma mater. Whether it is by your financial support, the promotion of DSU in your communities and beyond, or your continued involvement on other levels, you are a vital part of this exciting journey to unprecedented growth and excellence.

Dr. Harry Lee Williams
President
Delaware State University
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Supporters of the DSU Foundation are a unique group of alumni and friends whose interest in the institution is extraordinary. To formally recognize some of our most generous supporters, the DSU Foundation publishes an annual Donor Honor Roll.
DSU Chosen Nationally for General Education for a Global Century

In October, the Association of American Colleges and Universities announced the names of 32 colleges and universities chosen out of 140 institutions in a competitive process to participate in its national project, General Education for a Global Century. This is a curriculum and faculty development project that is part of AAC&U’s Shared Futures initiative and is funded by the Henry Luce Foundation.

“We are excited to be chosen to be a part of AAC&U’s development project, especially because Delaware State University launched its new General Education program a little over a year ago,” said Dr. Alton Thompson, DSU provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. “As we work hard to develop our students so they will make their mark on the world, we believe our global emphasis at DSU will provide well-defined and valuable input for this project.”

Thompson added that the selection of DSU reflects the University’s unique approach to its global studies and general education curricula, which integrates well with the institution’s new vision and core values. Other participating institutions include: Carnegie Mellon University (PA); Haverford College (PA); Kennesaw State University (GA); College of William and Mary (VA); Rider University (NJ); University of Maryland College Park (MD); Michigan State University (MI); University at Albany, SUNY (NY); University of Massachusetts Amherst (MA); and University of North Carolina at Charlotte (NC).

“These selected institutions will all be working together to create clear and creative pathways—horizontally and vertically—through which students can connect their learning and achieve essential global learning outcomes,” said AAC&U Director of Global Learning and Curricular Change Kevin Hovland.

In concert with a Global Learning Leadership Council, DSU will help lead a high-profile, national effort to articulate essential global learning outcomes for all students; refine and disseminate models of global general education curricula that can be adapted across all institutional types; provide faculty development opportunities to assist college faculty in designing and teaching interdisciplinary, integrative courses that focus on real-world global issues; and develop rubrics to assess global learning outcomes.

Institutional teams will spend the fall and winter on their home campuses refining general education reform strategies and strengthening connections between existing general education goals and outcomes and essential global learning outcomes. They will also inventory the curricular and co-curricular opportunities for global learning that already exist on their campuses and find ways those opportunities could be better integrated within their larger general education efforts. Critical issues will be addressed in the project’s central activity—a summer institute in 2011.

For additional information about the initiative, go to aacu.org/SharedFutures/global_century.

DSUAA Boosts Financial Aid by $88K

The Delaware State University Alumni Association 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. It is the largest donation ever from the organization.

Dr. K. Bernard Chase, DSUAA president, made the presentation during the University’s Jan. 22 basketball doubleheader 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 the men’s game.

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,” Chase said. “So, in the spirit of Dr. King, we are proud to give this contribution to the students.”

“Today, with the presentation of this significant gift, our alumni association has established a new benchmark and a new standard for alumni giving,” said 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.”

From left, DSUAA Vice President Meeshach Stennett, DSU President Harry L. Williams, DSUAA President Dr. K. Bernard Chase and DSUAA Recording Secretary Sheila Davis take part in the check presentation during halftime of the Jan. 22 Morgan State vs. DSU men’s basketball game.
The summer of 2010 turned out to be one of international collaboration expansion for DSU. The University signed new agreements with six Chinese institutions of higher education, followed by accords reached with a South African university.

During the June 18–27 trip, DSU President Harry L. Williams signed memorandum of cooperation in China with Ningbo University, Ningbo University of Technology, Jilin Huaqiao Foreign Languages Institute, the College of Arts and Science of Beijing Union University and Huangshan University. The memorandums of cooperation facilitate joint research and teaching activities, student and faculty exchanges, study-abroad opportunities, collaborations in professional training and the development of academic staff, as well as the exchange of pedagogical materials and other academic information for education and research.

Williams also signed cooperative agreements with Changchun University of Science and Technology for student exchanges and the framework for their enrollment at DSU with Changchun University of Science and Technology. “The DSU American Culture Program will provide Chinese students with the opportunity to learn more about our great country and university,” said Williams.

With the recent new establishment of relationships, DSU now has formal collaborative agreements with 16 institutions of higher education in China. In addition to the recent pacts, DSU has existing formal relationships with Jilin University, Hefei University of Technology, Beijing Language and Culture University, Yantai University, Zhejiang University City College, Dalian University of Technology, Beijing Sports University, Hunan Normal University, Jishou University, and the Jilin Business and Technology College.

In July, Williams led a University delegation to South Africa, where a formal collaboration agreement was signed between Delaware State University and that country’s North-West University. Williams signed the agreement with Dr. Ntate Daniel Kgwadi, North-West Mafikeng Campus rector, on July 28 at the university’s Mafikeng campus.

The agreements will facilitate collaborations between the DSU Applied Mathematics Research Center and North-West University International Institute for Symmetry Analysis and Mathematical Modeling. It will facilitate faculty research visits, study-abroad opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, the exchange of post-doctorate level scholars for research enhancement, as well as collaborations in the disciplines of business and administration, sciences and education.

Assisting Williams on both trips was Dr. Fengshan Liu, DSU’s interim associate vice president of International Affairs. A native of China, Liu also served as the interpreter on the trip.
In July 2010, DSU President Harry L. Williams appointed Dr. Alton Thompson, formerly of North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, as DSU’s new provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

Thompson’s academic specialty is in the interface of statistics, research methods, demography and rural sociology. His research has resulted in the publication of 25 articles in various journals, seven book chapters and a book titled Quality of Life among Rural Residents in North Carolina: Community and Life Satisfaction (1985). Its focus is on agromedicine, rural poverty/development, labor economics and structure for agriculture. Thompson’s grantsmanship has resulted in more than $5 million in extra-mural research funds for NCA&T’s School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

“Dr. Thompson is well respected in agriculture academia circles and has distinguished himself in research, grant writing and as an author,” Williams said. “He will strengthen the University’s trajectory to higher levels of academic excellence.”

Before coming to DSU, Thompson served as the interim provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at NCA&T from July 2008 to July 2010 and as the dean and executive director of agriculture programs at its School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences from 2000 to 2008. From 1981 to 2000, he was a faculty member in agriculture education, economics and sociology at NCA&T, North Carolina State University and Norfolk State University.

Thompson has a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from North Carolina Central University. He earned a Master of Science in sociology and a PhD in rural sociology from Ohio State University. Currently, he serves on the Policy Board of Directors/Board of Agriculture Assembly for the National Association of State University and Land Grant Colleges, the Rural Advancement Fund International, and is the chairman of the 1890 Association of Research Directors, Inc. and the 1890 Council of Deans of Agriculture.

Dr. Noureddine Melikechi, promoted to dean of the College of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology in May 2010, has also been appointed interim vice president for research. He will be responsible for the oversight of the University’s research portfolio, including federal and state initiatives. The Office of Sponsored Programs will now report to this post. A national search will be conducted for the permanent position. Melikechi will continue to serve as the college’s dean, reporting to the provost.

Bryant T. T. Bell, DSU classes of 1975 and 1994, has returned to his alma mater as a development officer specializing in major gifts post in the DSU Division of Institutional Advancement. Bell earned a BS in business administration and an MBA with DSU. Previously, he worked as a senior brokerage officer and senior client advisor for Wilmington Trust and as an assistant to the director of Continuing Education for Delaware Technical and Community College.

Al Lavan moves into the DSU Division of Institutional Advancement as a development officer specializing in major gifts after more than 35 years as a collegiate and professional football coach. Lavan served as the DSU head coach from 2004-2010, and prior to that his football career included 18 years as an assistant coach with several NFL football teams. He is a graduate of Colorado State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in sociology.

Thomas P. Preston, Esq., was appointed in September as the new general counsel for the University. This newly created position replaces the position of assistant vice president of Legal Affairs and will provide the University with on-campus legal expertise and guidance.

Preston has 35 years of corporate law experience, most recently with Blank Rome LLP of Wilmington. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in American studies from Yale University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia Law School.
DSU Offers 3 New Degree Programs

DSU has added the following new undergraduate degree program and two new master’s degree programs:

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) IN FORENSIC CHEMISTRY**

This undergraduate degree program applies chemistry in the development of evidence in legal matters, and it will provide students with the theoretical background and laboratory skills in forensic chemistry to pursue jobs in government agencies, forensic and toxicology labs, medical examiners’ offices, hospitals, police departments and other areas. It is the second forensic degree program launched at DSU. The Forensic Biology Degree Program was launched last year.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE EDUCATION**

This master’s degree is designed for individuals who possess a bachelor’s degree in family and consumer sciences and are seeking an advanced degree and teaching certification in that same discipline. This degree helps to address a nationwide shortage of family and consumer sciences teachers. Graduates of this MS program will be able to teach in middle and high schools as well as work in cooperative extensions, food service management and human resources, among other fields.

**MASTER OF FOOD SCIENCE (MS)**

This degree was formerly a concentration under the Master of Science in agriculture. DSU has developed this discipline into a full Master of Science degree program under the Department of Human Ecology. This new graduate program prepares people with an undergraduate degree in agriculture, biology, chemistry or food and nutritional science for an excellent career in the high-tech food industry.

With the addition of these new majors, DSU currently offers 56 bachelor’s degree programs, 25 master’s degree programs and five doctoral programs.

3,819 Fall Enrollment Breaks Record

With its fall 2010 enrollment, Delaware State University has once again broken its record for the number of students attending the institution. Officially tabulated to be a record 3,819, it is the first time the institution’s enrollment exceeded 3,800. It surpassed the previous record of 3,756 set in the fall of 2007.

The significant enrollment was, in part, due to the record number of students enrolled in graduate and doctoral studies (447) and the second highest new freshman class (906). The previous record for advanced studies enrollment was 387 students in both 2006 and 2009, and the record enrollment for new freshmen was 940 students in 2005.

“This year’s record enrollment is a tribute to the hard work over the last few years of our enrollment management team,” said DSU President Harry L. Williams. “DSU’s admissions counselors, recruiters and their executive leaders have earnestly employed the best practices known in enrollment management, and it has resulted in more students than ever before that DSU can help in attaining their aspirations and dreams.”
SGA Establishes Endowed Scholarship

The DSU Student Government Association has taken on the challenge of financial support for students by establishing a $10,000 endowed scholarship. According to Kathleen Charlot, SGA president, the new SGA Scholarship Fund will be specifically for returning students and will be merit-based, requiring that the eligible students have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Charlot presented a $10,000 check to DSU President Harry L. Williams just prior to the Oct. 16 DSU Homecoming game against North Carolina A&T. She said that financial struggles are a constant concern that they hear, especially from returning students.

“Instead of complaining about the University not having enough scholarship money, we decided to take matters into our own hands,” Charlot said.

The new endowment fund, she said, was generated from the SGA budget and was from revenues the SGA earned from different events. The SGA has also made a provision for money to continue to go into the fund.

“We put it in our constitution and bylaws that the SGA has to put 10 percent of its revenue into the endowment,” Charlot said.

Scholarship Application Deadlines

The online scholarship process is in its fourth year of operation as a convenience for students transferring or returning to Delaware State University. Students are notified of scholarship opportunities by postcards, in the student newsletter, in The Hornet, and via electronic mail.

The application for privately funded and endowed scholarships will be available from Jan. 3 to April 15.

One of the available scholarships is the Alumni Legacy Endowed Scholarship. Eligibility requirements include:

- Applicants must be the children of alumni.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of one semester at DSU by spring 2010 or be entering as a transfer student.
- Applicants must complete the FAFSA by the financial aid priority deadline of March 15. For more information, go to the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Applicants must have a 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA.

For more information, or for a complete list of available scholarships and access to the online scholarship application, visit desu.edu/returning-transfer-scholarships.

AstraZeneca Donation for Health Center

AstraZeneca donated $250,000 to help DSU establish the Delaware Center for Health Promotion on campus. Shown are: DSU President Harry L. Williams with AZ director of Corporate and Community Alliances Tyrone Jones, DSU Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Claibourne Smith, Rep. John C. Carney Jr., and Marianne Carter, director of the new center.
16th Annual Hornet Golf Classic

The 16th annual Hornet Golf Classic returns on Thursday, April 28, at Cavaliers Country Club in Newark.

Cavaliers is consistently rated by Golf Digest as one of the five best private courses in Delaware. This year, the Hornet Golf Classic promises to be a star-studded event.

The Delaware State University Athletic Department appreciates those who have supported its efforts in the past, including the many sponsors and organizations that graciously donate their resources, time and services.

Proceeds collected annually by the DSU Foundation for this signature event go directly toward the athletic program. Whether as a sponsor or in a foursome (or both!), come out for the Classic on April 28 at Cavaliers Country Club. For more information, please contact George Robinson at 302.857.7466 or grobinson@desu.edu.

desu.edu/golfclassic  |  cavaliersgolf.com

Agreement Formed with DelDOT

Department of Transportation Secretary Carolann Wicks and DSU President Harry L. Williams met on campus Dec. 3 to announce a new formal agreement to create the Transportation Education Development Program. The TED program is to establish education and training courses at DSU aimed at developing curriculums for potential employees and to create awareness of possible careers in surface transportation.
2010 Homecoming was a Huge ‘Family Affair’

Hundreds of alumni returned to Delaware State University to celebrate campus milestones the week of Oct. 10 for “Homecoming 2010: A Family Affair.”

The festivities kicked off with the coronation of the 2010–11 Mr. and Miss DSU, Richie Rohan Cyrus and Tiffany Laibhen. Cyrus is a senior information technology major from Brooklyn, NY. Laibhen is a senior textile and apparel studies major from Philadelphia.

Above: DSU alumnus Ralph Wesley, Class of 2005 and former Hornet sports announcer, is congratulated publicly by President Harry L. Williams, left, and Athletics Director Derek Carter for landing a job as an announcer for the Washington Wizards.

Left: Tiffany Laibhen and Richie Rohan were crowned Miss and Mr. DSU during last fall’s Homecoming events.

DSUAA Homecoming Gala

The 2010 DSUAA Alumni Homecoming Gala was a huge success with more than 900 guests celebrating the festivities together in one location.

The new MLK Student Center was the venue for the multigenerational event, which was inspired by the association’s goal for Homecoming. The vision was to bring all groups of alumni together on campus for one major celebration.

If the gala was the vehicle to accomplish the goal, then the driver was new DSUAA VP Meeshach Stennett ’98. His ambition was to

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Some of the other memorable highlights during the week were a tribute to the 1975 Delaware State swim team and coach, a hugely successful career fair, a graduate student/alumni social, and the DSUAA 3rd annual Scholarship Golf Outing. In addition, many enjoyed the DSUAA Legacy Banquet and Hall of Fame inductions, a comedy show that featured Mike Epps, and fashion and step shows in which DSU students and alumni joined together in celebration.

The week culminated with Dr. Harry L. Williams and his family leading the Homecoming Day parade in downtown Dover, despite the cold temperature, and within a few hours, the football team triumphed with a riveting win over North Carolina AT&T State University.

During the game, alumni and friends enjoyed Vendors Lane with food, fun and loads of live entertainment. The day wrapped up with multiple concerts in the evening, including a stellar performance by Chrisette Michele, and the DSUAA Alumni Homecoming Gala.

make DSU’s alumni events comparable to other HBCU powerhouses’ festivities. The objective was to transform the entire student center into an upscale nightclub, complete with mood lighting, delectable foods and star power. This year, that dream and vision was realized at one of the largest alumni celebrations in DSU history.

"It was very exciting to see the gala finally come to fruition," said Stennett. "The officers of the Alumni Association had a vision that would have been unachievable without the University’s support. Working collectively allowed this experience to be possible."

The lower level of the facility was arranged to cater to the music genre of younger alumni, starring world-renowned DJ Enuff on the main stage. The three parlors on the second floor separately catered to pre-‘80s, post-‘70s and ‘90s. A live band was featured in one room, while jazz was offered in the VIP Lounge. The most eclectic tastes in music and food were considered and addressed by the DSUAA planning committee.

“The key was to provide quality entertainment in a quality venue for all of the generations—and we feel that this year we took a major step in the right direction,” said Stennett.

The DSUAA also successfully used the Homecoming Gala as a springboard to encourage association membership by offering free admission to new sign-ups, adding more than 125 new members to the DSUAA roster in a one-month span.
Inauguration of President Harry L. Williams Ushers in a New Era

DSU Board of Trustees Chairman Claibourne D. Smith administers the inauguration oath to Dr. Harry L. Williams. Looking on, from left, are Grand Marshal Mabel Morrison and the president’s family: Austin Williams, Dr. Robin Williams and Gavin Williams.

Dr. Harry Lee Williams formally took the oath of office Friday, Sept. 17, as the 10th president of Delaware State University during a packed inauguration ceremony in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium on campus. With his mother, wife, two sons, three brothers, extended family and his native North Carolina friends looking on, along with the DSU family and other well-wishers, Williams received the Presidential Medallion and investiture from Dr. Claibourne D. Smith, chair of the Board of Trustees, who served as acting DSU president from September 2008 to January 2010.

“W e must heed the call to be more engaged with Delaware and the nation, demonstrating our capacity to be ever more useful and relevant to a society under stress,” Williams said in his inauguration address. “W e choose the path that capitalizes on our strengths, effectively addresses our shortcomings and seizes the opportunities before us as we march into the upper echelons of the top Historically Black Universities in the nation.”

“Our students will graduate, and graduate with tools they need to thrive in this ever-shrinking world, improving the lives they touch,” the DSU president said.

Williams succeeds Dr. Allen L. Sessoms, who served from 2003 to 2008 before leaving to become president of the University of the District of Columbia.


In his remarks at the inauguration, DSUAA President Dr. K. Bernard Chase challenged all alumni to a new era of giving back to the University. Chase made a $5,000 gift to DSU that went toward creating an endowed scholarship.
Markell noted that DSU has a special president. “Dr. Williams is humble, but he has the intellectual resources to know how to take the school to the next level,” the governor said.

Castle said being a higher education president is a challenge because there are so many constituencies—students, faculty, staff, alumni, elected officials, the public—but noted that DSU’s 10th president is more than capable. “Dr. Harry Williams has the ability to lead in ways that are rarely seen in this country,” Castle said.

The inauguration ceremony brought together four of the five presidents of Delaware’s institutions of higher education—Williams, along with Dr. Patrick T. Harker, president of the University of Delaware; Dr. Orlando J. George Jr., president of Delaware Technical & Community College; and Dr. William N. Johnston, president of Wesley College. Wilmington University President Jack P. Varsalona had a scheduling conflict and could not attend.

Remarks were also given by Dover Mayor Carlton Carey Sr.; Dr. Charlie Wilson, chair, DSU Faculty Senate; Irene C. Hawkins, assistant vice president of DSU Human Resources; Kathleen Charlot, president of the DSU Student Government Association; and Dr. K. Bernard Chase, president of the DSU Alumni Association.

Remarks also came from Dr. Harvey Durham, chancellor and provost emeritus of Appalachian State University, who Williams calls an important mentor in his higher education career. While working toward his doctorate, Williams did a year’s internship under then-Provost Durham.

Durham recalled that he invested his time in Williams because he had become “impressed with his sincerity, his strong work ethic and, most importantly, his integrity.” He said he believed at that time that one day, his mentee would be an ideal candidate to become a university president.

In his conclusion, Durham told the story of a visitor in Washington, DC, asking a cab driver the meaning of the National Archives Building inscription, “What’s past is prologue.” The cabby thought for a moment and then said, “Well I guess that means we ain’t seen nothin’ yet.”

“You have selected to lead you a man of vision, commitment and integrity.” —Dr. Harvey Durham

Hired in late November 2009, Williams officially took the helm of the University on Jan. 10, 2010. He has been joined on campus by his wife of 19 years, Dr. Robin Smith Williams, and their two sons, Austin and Gavin, marking the first time a First Family with children has occupied the 87-year-old President’s Residence since the 1960–1987 tenure of Dr. Luna I. Mishoe.
As a guide to the future, Delaware State University now has a new vision statement along with a written set of core values.

In January 2010, DSU President Harry L. Williams established The Blue Ribbon Commission, whose charge was to develop a new visionary roadmap for the institution.

The 14-member commission launched its work immediately and, from the outset, sought to incorporate input from all of the University’s key constituencies.

The commission held public forums to gather comment in all three of the state’s counties in March and April of last year. During that period, forums were also held on campus for students, faculty, staff, athletics personnel and the DSU Board of Trustees. Alumni were also well-represented throughout all public forums, along with legislators, government officials, educators, the faith community, business representatives and parents. Constituents were able to participate via the DSU website.

In the public forums and on the website, respondents were asked to look to the future and answer the following questions:

1. In the year 2020, what aspects of the DSU experience have become so widely admired as to attract the interest of potential students as their first choice for higher education?

2. In the year 2020, what unique strengths of a DSU education have equipped our graduates with such an outstanding set of knowledge and skills that they stand out in even the most competitive job markets?

3. In the year 2020, what core values has DSU so successfully embodied that the University has become a state and regional leader in teaching, research and community service?

The commission analyzed input from about 400 respondents, using the feedback to identify key words and concepts. They discussed the indicators of success for graduates as well as the institution in 2020. Phillip Wescott, a partner in The Hillis Group of Newark, DE, volunteered his time and services to facilitate the effort.
After the commission completed its thorough analysis and discussion of the input, a subcommittee began the task of drafting the vision statement and core values. The work of the Blue Ribbon Commission was completed in June, resulting in a well-crafted vision statement and set of core values, which were presented to the DSU Board of Trustees during its June 10 regular meeting.

Vision Statement

As one of America’s most highly respected Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Delaware State University will be renowned for a standard of academic excellence that prepares our graduates to become the first choice of employers in a global market, and invigorates the economy and the culture of Delaware and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Core Values

Community • Integrity • Diversity • Scholarship • Outreach

“The commission, which was comprised of a good cross section of the DSU stakeholders, took the charge from President Williams seriously and embarked on a process that sought feedback from the community,” said Dr. Dyremple Marsh, the commission co-chair and dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences. “The subsequent discussions were very intense at times, but, at the end of the day, the final product was a unanimous statement that we, as commission members, felt will take DSU into a successful future as it guides the institution.”

In addition to Marsh, the commission included retired US Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, co-chair; DSU executive administrators Carolyn Curry, Kemal Atkins and Tamara Crump; faculty representative Dr. Steve Newton; DSU Student Government Association President Kathleen Charlot; Dr. Calvin Wilson, DSU Board of Trustees member; state Sen. Brian Bushweller; Dr. Randy Guschl, director of the DuPont Center for Collaborative Research & Education; Dr. Reha Hollingsworth ’49; Dr. Josette L. McCullough, principal of Fred Fifer Middle School in Camden; and Bernice Whaley, deputy director of the Delaware Economic Development Office.

In addition, Delaware’s three US Congressmen—Sen. Thomas R. Carper, Sen. Ted Kaufman and Rep. Michael N. Castle—served as honorary co-chairs and contributed to aspects of the overall effort. “As examples of their commitment, Senator Carper and Congressman Castle spent time with the group, and Lori James, Senator Carper’s Congressional aide, rarely missed a meeting,” Marsh said.

Carper, a longtime supporter of DSU, said he is proud of the institution.

“Under the interim leadership of Dr. Claiborne Smith and now, under the new leadership of Dr. Harry Williams, this University is becoming what I always hoped it would be: the economic engine that drives Kent County and downstate Delaware,” Carper said. “As a member of Delaware State University’s Blue Ribbon Commission, I wholeheartedly support and share this vision, and I look forward to the continued growth of DSU. Not only does Delaware State University educate young minds, they are setting the stage for building a stronger future for their graduates,” he said.

Williams praised the commission for its work and the respondents for the valuable input they provided. He noted that creating a new vision and establishing core values are the first critical steps in a new strategic process.

“I truly believe in the promise of this new vision. As a state institution, we will strengthen our connections to the economy, learning and well-being of Delawareans. As among the best HBCUs in America, we will continue to raise our standards in all we do, particularly in ensuring our students are ready to meaningfully contribute to the workforce and society,” Williams said.
In one of the biggest highlights of Dr. Harry L. Williams’s first year as president, new legislation was passed in October that established the Inspire Scholarship Program that will benefit students from the First State who enroll at Delaware State University.

With Williams and a group of legislative sponsors standing behind him, Gov. Jack Markell signed House Bill 399, which could provide as many as 140 Delaware students with additional scholarship support to attend DSU.

The DSU Inspire Scholarship Program is modeled after the Student Excellence Equals Degree (SEED) program, which provides scholarships for students to attend Delaware Technical & Community College or University of Delaware to obtain an associate degree. DSU was excluded from the original program because it does not offer an associate degree.

“This effort can make more widely available the exceptional opportunities Delaware State University has to offer,” Markell said. “DSU can be an important engine for job growth in the area and has earned a growing reputation for its research on campus and economic opportunity for students.”
Under the program, DSU Inspire Scholarship recipients would receive the same amount of funding as SEED recipients for six semesters—the same length as the SEED scholarship. Eligible students must have and maintain a 2.75 GPA and perform 10 hours of community service per semester. SEED students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and do not have a community service requirement.

DSU President Harry L. Williams said that HB 399’s enactment into law represents a great day for the University.

“The improvement of retention and graduation rates is a top priority of Delaware State University. This Inspire Scholarship Program created by House Bill 399 will help achieve that goal, but will specifically help us do so by providing more financial support to students from Delaware,” Williams said. “As an institution of higher education created and supported by the First State, this legislation helps DSU fulfill its role as an outstanding educational asset in Delaware that can make the dreams and aspirations of its young people become a reality.”

Williams added that the legislative action by Markell and the General Assembly confirms the state’s strong support for all of its state-assisted colleges and universities.

House Bill 399 unanimously passed the state House of Representatives on June 30—the last day of the General Assembly. However, a procedural issue prevented it from being voted on later that evening by the state Senate.

Senate President Pro Temp Anthony DeLuca, who raised the procedure issues, called for a special Senate Education Committee hearing on Aug. 11 to consider the bill. At the end of that hearing, the committee unanimously voted to move the bill on for Senate consideration.

The state Senate subsequently unanimously passed the bill during a Sept. 21 special session.

DSU Employees Receive Awards for Outstanding Service

Delaware State University presented its first-ever Inspire Awards during its 2010 Employee Ceremony held at Dover Downs.

During the combined ceremony and dinner, the University’s Inspire Award Committee announced the following three employees to receive the honor:

- Cecelia Dunning, financial data analyst, Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs
- Dianne Scott, administrative secretary to the dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- George H. Jones Sr., grounds and general services supervisor, Department of Facilities

In addition, a special Inspire Award was presented by Dr. Claiborne Smith to DSU President Harry Lee Williams, recognizing him for the inspirational enthusiasm he injected into the campus during the first year of his tenure.

The 2010 DSU Inspire Employee Award winners are pictured above, from left, Cecelia Dunning, George H. Jones Sr. and Dianne Scott.
DSU President Harry Lee Williams announced Kermit W. Blount as the new head football coach of the Hornet football program during a Feb. 4 media event in the MLK Student Center.

Blount brings 27 years of intercollegiate football coaching experience to Delaware State University—including the last 16 years as the head football coach for Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina.

During his 1993–2010 tenure at Winston-Salem, Blount had a career record of 91-87-3. He guided the Rams to two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Championships and a total of three CIAA Championship game appearances. He also led Winston-Salem to two Pioneer Bowl appearances, one of which the team emerged as the victor (1999).

Blount was honored as the CIAA Coach of the Year and as the Washington D.C. Pigskin Coach of the Year, as well as the 100% Wrong Club Coach of the Year—each award in both 1999 and 2000.

In addition to his on-the-field successes, Blount increased the Winston-Salem players’ graduation rate from 42 percent in 1993 to 80 percent by 2009.

Prior to his Winston-Salem tenure, he served from 1983 to 1992 in assistant coach posts with South Carolina State University, Howard University and East Carolina University. During all three coaching stints, he coached quarterbacks and receivers; Blount also served as the offensive coordinator for S.C. State.

Throughout his career, a number of players from his teams have gone to play professionally in the NFL, CFL and the Arena Football League, including William Hayes, a starting third-year defensive end for the Tennessee Titans.

Williams said that Blount’s record speaks for itself.

Blount said he has always admired DSU from afar, and now he is excited to be a part of the institution. He said while he is interested in winning football games, he is especially interested in his players’ academic successes.

“The No. 1 thing we have to have players to understand is the vision and the mission of the University,” Blount said. “I am very interested in our players graduating.”

A native of Richmond, VA, Blount has a Bachelor of Science in health and physical education from Winston-Salem State University.

He will be joined in his move to Delaware by his wife, Ava. Their union of 25 years has produced two grown children, April and Bryan.
The Delaware State football team saved its best performances for the end of the 2010 season. The Hornets won two of their last three games to finish the year with a 3–8 overall record and a 2–6 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. DSU was seventh in the final MEAC standings.

Despite the Hornets’ disappointing record, the season featured its share of history-making performances.

Sophomore wide receiver Justin Wilson set a new school record with 59 catches this season, surpassing Thomas Bolden’s 2004 record of 57. Wilson had nine receptions for a career-high 217 yards in the Hornets’ 53–43 win over Howard in the season finale. He fell six yards shy of John Taylor’s school record of 223 receiving yards in a game.

Wilson closed out the 2010 season as the MEAC leader in receptions (59), receiving yards (937) and touchdown catches (11) — the first player in the 40-year history of the league to accomplish the feat. His yardage total was third best, and touchdowns are tied for fourth for a DSU player in a season. The Windsor, CT, native was named to the 2010 All-MEAC First Team in voting by league head coaches and sports information directors.

Senior defensive tackle Andre Carroll earned national recognition for his work this past season. Carroll was named to The Sports Network/Fathead and Phil Steele Football Championship Subdivision Third Teams. In addition, he joined Wilson on the All-MEAC First Team after ranking fifth in the conference in tackles, seventh in tackles-for-loss and 13th in sacks. Carroll finished the 2010 season with 96 total tackles (47 solo), 13.5 tackles for loss and four sacks. He was also credited with two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception. The Neptune, NJ, native set Delaware State records for tackles in a game (16) and season by a defensive lineman.

Senior quarterback Anthony Glaud put together one of the top passing seasons in team history to rank among the Hornets’ all-time leaders. Glaud completed 170-of-296 passes (57.4 percent) for 2,175 yards and 15 touchdowns this season. The completion total is second best for a season in team history, while the yardage is fourth best. He finished his Delaware State career with 4,092 passing yards on 315 completions. His career yardage total and completions rank third in team history. The Sicklerville, NJ, native ended his DSU career on a high note, completing 20-of-31 passes for career-highs of 351 yards and four touchdowns.

Delaware State senior wide receiver/kick returner Larrone Moore earned All-MEAC Second Team recognition as a return specialist despite missing two games due to an ankle injury. Moore led all NCAA Football Championship Subdivision players with a 34.8-yard kickoff return average during the 2010 regular season. He returned two kicks for touchdowns and had three other returns of 50-or-more yards.
The Delaware State men’s and women’s basketball teams have one thing in common as they embark on the 2010–11 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference race: freshmen are at the top of the class.

First-year guards Desi Washington and Casey Walker are the top two scorers for the Hornet men, in addition to ranking among the MEAC leaders in long-range shooting this season. Washington is the team-scoring leader. Walker is second.

Washington, a native of Harrisburg, PA, is also tops in the MEAC in three-point field goals and three-point shooting percentage. He has a career-high five three-pointers in two contests this season.

A native of Broadnax, VA, Walker is third in the MEAC in three-pointers per game and ninth in three-point percentage. He had six three-point baskets in back-to-back games vs. University of Maryland Eastern Shore (Dec. 6) and Maine (Dec. 8).

Walker and Washington are also leading candidates for MEAC All-Rookie honors. The league has recognized Walker as its weekly Rookie of the Week on three occasions this season, while Washington is a two-time recipient.

Junior guard Jay Threatt and sophomore forward Marques Oliver are providing veteran support to the team this season. Midway through the season, Threatt leads the MEAC in assists, steals and assist-to-turnover ratio. The Richmond, VA, native led all NCAA Division I players in steals during the 2009–10 season.

Oliver has been a strong force inside for the Hornets this season. He ranks fourth in the MEAC in blocks and is 10th in field goals percentage. The Durham, NC, product scored a season-high 20 points against the University of South Carolina this season.

The DSU men nearly pulled off a major upset against a member of the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference. North Carolina State scored the winning basket with 2.1 seconds left to escape with a 72–70 win over the Hornets on Dec. 22 at the RBC Center in Raleigh, NC. DSU’s last shot, a desperation half-court heave by Threatt, hit off the rim as time expired.

Freshmen are also leading the way for the Hornet women. First-year guards Tasia Bristow, Kianna Conner and Deanna Harmon are 1-2-3 on the team’s scoring list.

Bristow’s season has been highlighted by a 25-point performance in a win over St. Francis (NY) on Dec. 22. The performance helped the Baltimore native earn MEAC Rookie-of-the-Week recognition in December.

Conner was cited as the MEAC’s top rookie a week later. Harmon leads the team in assists and steals.

The Lady Hornets have also received solid contributions from senior forward Brittney Washington, who is the team’s top rebounder.

The 2011 MEAC tournament is scheduled for March 7–12 in Winston-Salem, NC. For tournament details, visit the DSU website or meachoops.com.
Hornets Vie for MEAC Volleyball Championship

Delaware State University’s bid for its first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference volleyball championship since 1986 came up short. The Hornets fell to South Carolina State 3–1 in the MEAC championship match at Coppin State University on Nov. 21. The scores were 20–25, 25–21, 25–17 and 26–24.

DSU ends its season with an overall record of 18–12. The Hornets defeated Norfolk State and defending champion Florida A&M to advance to the championship game. Florida A&M had won the previous nine MEAC titles.

In the championship match, Erica Tajchman led the Hornets with 13 kills. She also had 10 digs. Martina Ferrari had a team high of 37 assists for DSU.

In game one, DSU trailed 20–19 before scoring the last six points, four on SC State errors. The Hornets scored the last two points on a service ace by Tajchman and a kill by Sarah Wheatcroft.

South Carolina State never trailed in game two. The Bulldogs scored six of the first seven points, and the Hornets could get no closer than within four points the rest of the game.

After winning game three to take a 2–1 lead in the match, South Carolina State opened up an 8–4 lead in game four. Delaware State battled back to tie the game at 19. The Bulldogs used a 4–2 run to open up a 24–22 lead and pull to within a point of winning the match. DSU scored the next two points to stave off defeat and tie the game at 24. South Carolina State responded by scoring the next two points, including the title clincher on an attack error by the Hornets.

Wheatcroft and Ferrari were named to the MEAC All-Tournament Team. Also, DSU’s Sonja Banicevic was selected to the 2010 All-MEAC Volleyball First Team in voting by league head coaches and sports information representatives. Tajchman was selected to the All-MEAC Second Team. Tajchman was also a Second Team pick in 2009.

Banicevic, a junior, led all MEAC players in digs per game (4.55) and total digs (460) during the 2010 regular season. The Zagreb, Croatia, native is also ninth in the league in service aces (0.30 pg) this season.

Banicevic is joined on the All-MEAC First Team by 2010 Player-of-the-Year Jarne Gleaton of South Carolina State, 2010 Rookie-of-the-Year Maline Vaitai of University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Tosin Elebute of Howard, and Shabree Roberson and Bria Brimmer of South Carolina State.

Tajchman, a senior, leads the Hornets with 227 kills this season (2.61 pg). She’s also fourth on the team with 184 digs (2.11 pg).

DSU’s Washburn is MEAC Woman of the Year

Delaware State University graduate Kalyn Washburn was an honored guest at the 2010 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football kick-off luncheon in Norfolk, VA.

Washburn, a former Hornet bowler, was named 2010 MEAC Woman of the Year during the affair at the Norfolk Marriott. The award, selected annually by MEAC senior women administrators, celebrates the achievements of female senior student athletes who have excelled in academics, athletics, service and leadership.

“I am grateful to Delaware State University for my education and for allowing me to compete for its great bowling team,” said Washburn in her acceptance speech. “I share this award with my parents, coaches and teammates. I also want to thank the MEAC for the award, and for its commitment to women’s athletics.”

Washburn is the first DSU student athlete to earn the MEAC award and is the conference nominee for the 2010 NCAA Woman of the Year. A two-time All-MEAC Second Team bowling selection, Washburn helped lead Delaware State to consecutive MEAC championships. As a senior, she averaged 198.1 in 57 games for the Hornets.

The 2010 DSU Scholar-Athlete of the Year spent time off the lanes volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure, Prima Vera and Relay for Life. She also served as a member of the MEAC’s Student Athlete Advisory Committee and donated her time as a basketball coach, soccer coach, bowling coach and orchestra classroom assistant.

Washburn was selected as the DSU English Department’s Scholar of the Year (2008–09) and was listed on two consecutive MEAC Commissioner’s All-Academic Teams (2009 and 2010). She earned a 4.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) at DSU. Washburn graduated in the spring of 2010.

Washburn was also honored by the NCAA as the recipient of the first-ever Elite 88 Award for women’s college bowling. The Elite 88 award is presented to the student athlete with the highest cumulative GPA participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s 88 championships.

Kalyn Washburn ‘10, left, is presented with the MEAC Woman-of-the-Year award by DSU associate athletic director Candy Young, who served as chair of the MEAC Woman-of-the-Year Committee.
On Oct. 15, the Delaware State University Alumni Association honored alumni during its annual Legacy Banquet and Alumni Hall of Fame Inductions, held at the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center. Four alumni, two retired members of the DSU faculty and staff, and a current faculty member were among those who received honors.

**Dr. William Granville Jr. ’62**, honored for his achievements in education, counts among his many accomplishments having been a Mobil Oil executive, an ordained minister and the founder of the Granville Academy.

**John Ridgeway ’75**, honored for his achievements in business and industry, is corporate manager for Toyota Financial Services in Owings Mills, MD, overseeing 450 associates who provide services to Toyota and Lexus customers and 1,100 dealers.

**William Ambrose Ross ’51**, honored for his achievements in community service, is a former educator, counselor and administrator with the Baltimore County and Baltimore Public Schools and a former president of the Columbia (MD) Interfaith Housing Corporation, which developed housing units for economically disadvantaged residents. In addition, he has held many other laudable roles in community service.

**Philip G. Sadler Jr. ’62**, recipient of the Rebecca Cooper Brockington Award for Lifetime Achievement—the DSUAA’s highest honor—is a retired accountant, auditor and financial manager who has served in managerial roles in the corporate arena and federal government. Sadler has a long history of service in the Alumni Association. He is past president of the DSUAA, is past president of the Central Jersey Alumni Chapter and presently serves as president of the Kent County Alumni Chapter.

Honored for exemplary service to the University were: retired DSU faculty member **Dr. J. Thomas Butler** (22.5 years), faculty member and interim chair of the DSU music department **Dr. Yvonne Pigler Johnson** (1971–present) and retiree/former athletic director **John C. Martin Sr.** (1986–1995). They were made honorary alumni and were presented with awards at the induction ceremonies.

Special service awards were also presented to three former staff members, one posthumously.

**Minnie Hill ’59** served 37.5 years in the Office of Student Accounts, retiring as supervisor of student accounts. **The Rev. Jean Allen Wilson ’56** began as a student worker in the Records Office and advanced to student/secretary. Upon graduation, she was hired as a full-time secretary, then advanced to assistant registrar—and ultimately registrar—during her more than 35 years of service. She retired in 1991. The late **Ernest Talbert** taught business courses in administration and taxation for more than 28 years before retiring and being granted professor emeritus status in 1982. He passed away in 2009. His widow, Dorothy Talbert, accepted the award on behalf of the Talbert family.

Alumna **Dr. Saundra Gibson Sutton** served as the mistress of ceremonies for the program. The planning committee, chaired by alumnus **Albert S. Weal Jr.**, consisted of Ernestine Brittingham Brown, Ned W. Brown Jr., Sheila M. Davis, Martha M. Hopkins, Dr. Bobby C. Jones, Alfred A. Outlaw, Waynne H. Paskins, Lorene K. Robinson, Philip G. Sadler and Josephine Stevenson-Seals. Net proceeds from the event benefit the endowed Alumni Legacy Scholarship fund.
2010 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

DSU celebrated a new group of DSU Athletics Hall of Fame inductees during a Homecoming Week ceremony. From left, Athletics Director Derek Carter stands with inductees Don Wright, David Wharton, Janice Savage, Ean Rose, Joe Lane, Gwendolyn Harris, Bill Collick, Steve Coleman, Patty Brown, DeCasto Brown and Thomas Arrington. Posing with the Hall of Fame group at the far right is DSU President Harry L. Williams.

Alumni Phonathon

The Annual Fund alumni phonathon kicked off in November 2010 for two weeks of calling in order to update alumni mailing addresses, to obtain email addresses so that alumni can receive the DSUpdate e-newsletter and to seek pledges for scholarships from alumni. Eleven student callers participated in a rigorous two days of training before putting their learned skills to use.

Students garnered $36,791 in pledges and contributions from 298 alumni donors. The top five callers, based on a ratio of the number of calls made, hours worked and total pledges received, were seniors Christelle Ndong, Kendal Brock and Victoria Carmichael; junior Shauntise Wise; and sophomore Lashae Morant. The next alumni phonathon is scheduled for March 2011.

Upcoming Events

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2011

May 20–22. For information and regular updates, please visit desu.edu/commencement.

CLASS OF ’61 REUNION DURING COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Members of the Class of ’61 are invited to commemorate their 50th anniversary during Commencement Weekend, May 20–22. Watch your mail for more information. If you believe your information is not current, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs, 302.857.6050, or email Irobinson@desu.edu.

HOMECOMING 2011

October 29—Mark Your Calendar!

CLASS OF ’71 REUNION DURING HOMECOMING

Plans are in the works for a 40-year reunion during Homecoming weekend, October 28–29. Class members interested in having input may contact Jacqueline Debrick-Sudler at jdsudler@verizon.net.

CLASS OF ’81 REUNION DURING HOMECOMING

A 30-year reunion is being planned for Homecoming weekend, October 28–29. Contact Jeanel Lofland at jlofland@desu.edu.
Rep. Stephanie T. Bolden ’69 became the latest Delaware State graduate to join the Delaware General Assembly. An early election victory last year positions her to serve central Wilmington residents in the state House of Representatives.

Bolden sealed her 2nd District victory in the Sept. 14 Democratic primary when she narrowly defeated 10-year incumbent Rep. Hazel D. Plant 652–630. Bolden was unopposed in the general election that followed in November.

With her victory, Bolden becomes the second DSU graduate to be elected to the House of Representatives, joining Rep. Donald A. Blakey, who was re-elected in November to his third term as the 34th House District representative (Camden, DE).

“I did everything I could,” Bolden said. “The outcome was a satisfactory one for me and the residents of the 2nd District, because they are the ones that had to speak.”

Politics is not a new venture for Bolden. Previously, she served as an elected member of the Wilmington City Council, 1992–2010. She said now she had to come up to speed on the state legislative arena.

“Politics is my passion,” Bolden said. “We cannot talk about the House of Representatives without first talking about the people who are serving in it. The people of the 2nd District and I are committed to each other.”

Bolden has a BS in business education and a Master of Arts in education. Prior to her retirement from teaching, she worked as an educator in school systems in Boston, Washington, Christiana, DE, and Wilmington, DE.

She has long been known as a community activist in her native Wilmington, where she launched a number of initiatives in the battle against drug abuse and trafficking. Education and the city of Wilmington will remain an important part of her agenda in the House of Representatives.

“I hope to build a better relationship between the City of Wilmington and the General Assembly,” Bolden said. “I want to also work closely with my colleagues in Kent and Sussex counties.”

She added that she will be an advocate on behalf of the DSU Inspire Scholarship legislation that was enacted in 2010 and hopes that her professional teaching background will be put to good use on the House Education Committee.

Stephanie Bolden Elected to Delaware General Assembly

Stephanie T. Bolden is the second DSU graduate to serve in the Delaware General Assembly.

Longtime Supporters Enjoy Homecoming

Alumni Don Wright ’65 and Jimmie Strong ’66, DSU President Harry L. Williams, Tina Strong ’65 and Paula Wright pose during the DSU Homecoming game. The Wrights recently made a $10,000 gift toward basketball and football scholarships and the DSU Athletics Hall of Fame.
Rear Adm. Helena Oney Mishoe ’74 has added the position of US Assistant Surgeon General to her remarkable career accomplishments. Promoted in 2007, Mishoe knows that she is a role model for students who work hard to prepare for the future. She understands the value and impact that her achievement can have on university youths of today in showing them what possibilities exist for those who properly prepare themselves.

Mishoe is the wife of alumnus Henry Mishoe ’73, the nephew of the late Delaware State University President Luna Mishoe, who raised Henry on campus along with his other children. After Mishoe earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology at DSC, she went on to Georgetown University School of Medicine, where she earned a PhD in microbiology. In 1990, she became active duty as a commissioned scientist officer in the US Public Health Service, which comes under the oversight of the US Surgeon General. The USPHS is one of the seven uniformed services in the US and is composed of 11 public health disciplines. Mishoe was appointed by the US Surgeon General to a 4-year term as the Chief Scientist Officer for the USPHS from 2005 to 2009. The USPHS officers serve in departments and agencies at home and abroad in public health as well as in emergency preparedness roles.

“As a scientist officer, I have had an extraordinary career that has allowed me to work with scientists across the nation and abroad,” said Mishoe. “This unparalleled exposure to other scientific disciplines with various perspectives in approaching scientific problems has been invaluable.”

Mishoe currently works as a scientist administrator in the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Among her many career achievements, she is credited with developing an initiative that was among the first efforts to focus on innovative strategies for bone marrow transplant procedures, especially in children suffering from blood diseases.

“My current role is to ensure the country has well-trained researchers to address heart, lung and blood diseases,” Mishoe said. She is also charged with working to ensure that our next generation of researchers reflects the significant diversity in our nation.

“That is important because people from diverse backgrounds bring different perspectives to the researcher ranks. Their inclusion is critical to help close the health disparities gaps experienced disproportionately by communities of color and low socioeconomic status in the US,” she said.

William J. and Rev. Shirley Smith ’89 established a scholarship fund in their family’s name in 2010 for the underserved population at DSU. In the first five months, the fund increased to $16,900. The couple’s goal for the fund is $100,000.
Get on the 2011 Donor Honor Roll

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Be on the 2011 Donor Honor Roll! With just four months remaining in the 2011 fiscal year, there is still time to secure a place for you. We look forward to seeing your name on the list in 2011!

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Class Notes

1952

Robert Al “Jeep” Hunter passed away Nov. 13. He was the past president of the DSU Alumni Association (1970–1980) and of the DUSUA Philadelphia Chapter (1960–1970 and 1981–1991). In recognition of his devoted service, Hunter was honored by the DUSUA in 2009 with the Rebecca Cooper Brockington Award for Lifetime Achievement. He was also among the second group of former Hornet athletes to be inducted into the DSU Athletic Hall of Fame (1986) for his athletic achievements as an undergraduate. His tenures in alumni leadership roles made him worthy of his nickname, “Jeep,” which he earned as a youngster for his tireless energy and stamina. His DSU friends and colleagues affectionately adopted the moniker. For nearly six decades, Hunter consistently provided unconditional support and unwavering advocacy for the University he loved.

He is survived by six children: Nyoke Payne, Renee Jamison, Andre Hunter, Robert A. Hunter ’81, Cheryl Hunter and Terence Hunter. A seventh child, Karl, who had been matriculating at Delaware State, passed away in 1978. He was also predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Frances White Hunter ’53. Services were held in Darby, PA, on Nov. 19. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family, friends and classmates of the late Robert Al Hunter.

1970

George E. Stevens, DBA, was selected as the recipient of the PhD Project Management Doctoral Students Association’s annual Trailblazer Award in 2010. The awardees are selected for their long history of making a difference in the management discipline. Stevens was feted for “outstanding service, leadership and commitment to the management profession and for being an exemplary model for all those who will follow in his footsteps.” He was also honored for his achievements and for resourcefulness in overcoming all barriers. In a special moment, his son, Dr. Charlie Stevens, who had recently earned his PhD in international business from The Ohio State University, presented him with the award during the MDSA annual meeting on Aug. 6.

Frank Burton Jr. proudly reports that his son, Frank Burton III, participated in the Cal Ripken Babe Ruth League 2010 World Series in Aberdeen, MD, last August. Frank III was the starting first baseman on the Mid-Atlantic Team, representing Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. He finished third on his team, batting .333 for the World Series. He had a tape-measured home run in his final game, was Player of the Game and was featured in The News Journal on Aug. 19, 2010. Frank III had the opportunity to meet Cal Ripken Jr. and ended up with 28 homeruns for the season. He was dubbed “a young Ryan Howard” (see “A Young Ryan Howard – Power in the Box” on YouTube). International teams that competed were Japan, Australia, Korea, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Canada.

Burton Jr. is a 2000 inductee into the DSU Athletic Hall of Fame for baseball and football and is a 19-year veteran with the FBI. He currently serves as a crisis negotiator and assistant media representative.

1987 / 2000

Kevin A. Lucas, PhD, executive director of Witney’s Lights, was recognized on Oct. 28 at the 2010 Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence Purple Ribbon Event as one of Delaware’s 15 Leading Men who are leading the way to ending domestic violence. Additional honorees included Senator-elect Chris Coons, Attorney General Beau Biden and William Allen, president of Verizon Delaware. Lucas also holds a master’s degree (2000) from DSU.

1992

Reginald Laster was named Omega Man of the Year on Nov. 13 and received the Basilies Award for 2010 at the annual National Achievement Week breakfast held by the Psi Iota and Psi Epsilon chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. The event took place at the Harvest House located at Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Dover.

1993

Dr. Robert H. Evans, third from right, recently spearheaded a medical event in conjunction with Sen. Shirley Huntley (D) of the 10th Senatorial District, New York. Called The Healthy Heart Project at Rochdale Village, this collaborative community effort coordinated by Huntley and Evans, with assistance from the newly founded Community Wellness Centers of America, LLC, is aimed at empowering African-American women to combat heart disease. The project’s wellness outreach depends on a new heart disease testing device called Multifunction Cardiogram (MCG), a risk-free test with 90–95 percent accuracy rates in diagnosing ischemic heart disease.

2003 / 2007

Barbara Randolph has authored a book titled The Making of a Mother: A Journey to Being Made Whole (Delaware: DMJ Publishing & Web Design, 2009). It is a “true story of a mother’s journey to mending a broken relationship with her son,” moving them through restoration, healing and deliverance into “being made whole.” It is her hope in writing the book, dedicated to her son, that it serves as “a healing tool for others who need to hear this story.”

2004 / 2007

Quincy Lucas, president of Witney’s Lights, received the Frontline Ministries (Dover) Daughters of Destiny People’s Choice Award for community humanitarianism on Dec. 11 during a program at the Sheraton Dover Hotel. The award is given to someone who is devoted to the promotion of human welfare and social reform. Lucas was selected to receive this award for her efforts to promote domestic violence awareness and prevention. In addition to her bachelor’s degree, Lucas also holds a master’s degree (2007) from DSU.

2005

Ralph Wesley has been named public address announcer for the Washington Wizards. Following multiple rounds of auditions, he was selected for the position by top Wizards executives, including majority owner, chairman and CEO Ted Leonsis. There were more than 200 applicants. COO Greg Bibb stated, “We were thoroughly impressed with the quality of the candidates…Ironically, at the end of the day…we felt that the best candidate was a familiar candidate, and we are excited to have Ralph as the new voice of Washington Wizards home games.” Wesley has served as the PA announcer for various DSU athletic programs since 2003.

CORRECTIONS

The Summer/Fall 2010 issue of The Echo erroneously reported that Amystique Y. Harris Church ’97 received a master’s degree from Wilmington University; she earned an MA degree in adult education and basic literacy from Delaware State University.

One of the “unidentified people” in the inset photo on the Summer/Fall 2010 issue’s cover has been identified as the late Tyrone R. Baker ’69. Baker was shown shaking the late Gov. Charles Terry’s hand.
The Kent County Chapter held a post-holiday gathering at the home of chapter president Phil Sadler on Jan. 14. Chapter members and their guests enjoyed a potluck meal, fine company and warm surroundings. Among the attendees were chapter members: Sandra Arnell, Eutrice Augustus, Ernestine Brittingham, Dorothy Cooper, Sheila and Courtney Davis, Nathaniel and Vynella Deesleline, Cecelia Dunning, Allen and Gale Hamilton, Martha Hopkins, Veronica Hopkins, Dr. J. Scott King, Deborah Street, Peggy Swygert and William Torian. In addition, Director of Alumni Affairs Lorene Robinson was among the guests.

The Sussex County Chapter hosted a holiday dinner-dance on Dec. 18 at the Millsboro Civic Center. Close to 100 guests attended, including chapter president Robert Draine and his spouse, Luvenia, Kent County Chapter president Philip Sadler, New Castle County president Ned Brown and DSUAA treasurer J. Cagney France. Among the other guests from upstate were Martha Hopkins and Veronica Hopkins (Kent County Chapter) and Jerome Pinkett (New Castle County). Director of Alumni Affairs Lorene K. Robinson represented the University, while Sadler represented the alumni president. The event featured a silent auction, an appearance by “The Hornet,” buffet dinner and dancing. A highlight of the occasion was the presentation of recognition awards to longtime Sussex County Chapter members Dr. Cora Norwood Selby, Delores Norwood Handy, Hilda Norwood, Bertha Allen Turner, Esslee Matthews Davis and Wayne Harmon Paskins. Dr. Cora Selby and her sister, Delores Handy, are both charter members of the Sussex County Alumni Chapter. Proceeds from the affair went toward scholarships for Sussex County students matriculating at DSU.

The New Castle County Chapter received Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Alton Thompson on Nov. 23 at its regular chapter meeting held on the Wilmington campus. After being presented to the members by chapter president Ned Brown, Thompson gave a short talk about the state of academia at DSU. Following his presentation, a productive question-and-answer session ensued. Director of Alumni Affairs Lorene K. Robinson accompanied Thompson.

We sorrowfully acknowledge the deaths of the following alumni, faculty and staff and offer our condolences to their families and friends:

Beverly M. Warren Ross ’67 Jan. 6
Howard A. Baynard ’41 June 28
Kay Blackwell Baynard ’90 Aug. 1
April J. Clarke ’02 Aug. 2
Joseph D. Wills Jr. ’86 Sept. 2
Tony Ames ’67 Sept. 5
Bernice Hortense West ’65 Sept. 8
James Ashton Hahs ’69 Sept. 15
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Giovanni Pizzadelli ’69 Oct. 28
Nina N. Peyser ’80 Oct. 28
Robert Al “Jeep” Hunter ’52 Nov. 13
Elizabeth Parker Reid ’89 Nov. 14
Charles T. Pettyjohn Sr. ’71 Nov. 22
Michael K. Ingram II ’10 Nov. 25
Terance S. Hoover ’88 Dec. 14
Donald J. Dawson ’62 Dec. 17
Robert Kirkwood West ’52 Jan. 4, 2011
Jacqueline Mullings Brewington ’49 Jan. 8, 2011
Gregory L. Boyd ’71 Jan. 20, 2011

DSC ’60 graduates took part in a traditional 50-year class reunion during Commencement on May 23, 2010. Third row, standing from left, are Rev. Osceola W. Wharton, John Grinnage and Raymond L. Moore Sr.; second row: Armelia Lawson-Puckham, Robert G. Draine Sr., Eugene M. Kenny, Barbara Montgomery Saunders and Carol Jackson Jason; seated: Iris Watson Turner, Mary Evans Monroe, James H. Moody Jr., Delores Benson-Jackson, Ernestine Bordley Collins and Margaret A. Gregory.
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