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It is challenging to manage this institution in the midst of the economic shortfalls that are facing the state of Delaware, higher education and the nation as a whole. However, Delaware State University continues to stay true to its vision by expanding both its academics and its campus infrastructure.

Academically, DSU completed the 2008–09 academic year with another school-record number of graduates, which included our largest-ever class of completed doctoral degrees. The University is continuing to develop its own unique academic niches, as it is in the process of adding a new undergraduate degree in physics engineering with concentration tracks in bioengineering and optical engineering as well as a new MBA track in project management and a new master’s degree in teaching English as a second language.

On campus, the construction of the Wellness Center is completed and has been opened to the campus community this summer, while the construction of the new MLK Student Center continues on schedule toward a late 2009 completion. See the story on pages 16-17.

We cannot — and therefore will not — let the current economic downturn derail our efforts to continue to expand upon the greatness of this University. As we move forward, we look to our alumni to assist us in weathering the current global financial storm.

The Tom Joyner Foundation has selected DSU to be one of its featured schools this year. These funds will go directly to supporting our most deserving students. We know the state of the economy is making things more difficult for many parents who are trying to send their children to DSU; therefore, any support that increases the University’s financial aid capacity also increases their chances for success.

I encourage you to follow the lead of seven DSU Alumni Association chapters that have already met the Tom Joyner Foundation’s Chapter Challenge by raising more than the challenge’s goal of $25,000 (see article, page 5). Our students are always a sound investment, as they will become our future leaders who further elevate the legacy of Delaware State University.

Dr. Claibourne D. Smith
Acting President
Delaware State University
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The DSU Search Committee is reviewing a new pool of candidates after it extended its search period for the submission of nominations and applications for the vacant DSU president post.

According to Wesley Perkins, chair of the Presidential Search Committee and DSU Board of Trustees member, the board seeks an outstanding academic leader with integrity, scholarship, vision and business acumen and hopes to hire a president by January 2010.

More specifically, the Board has advertised that candidates for the position should possess broad leadership qualities and experience, including:

- An earned doctorate, appropriate terminal degree or extraordinary accomplishment in a field relevant to the mission and vision of DSU
- Successful senior administrative experience at increased levels of responsibility and authority
- The ability to work effectively with the Board of Trustees, agencies of the Delaware state government and other decision-making bodies associated with the University
- A clear record of fund development from both public and private sources
- A demonstrated skill in leading and supporting a strong senior staff team
- A proven advocacy of diversity and an understanding of the unique history of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- A record of significant involvement and effectiveness with a broad array of campus and community constituent groups

The candidate that is hired will be the 10th president in the history of DSU, succeeding presidents Wesley P. Webb (1891–95), William C. Jason (1895–1923), Dr. Richard S. Grossley (1923–42), Dr. Howard D. Gregg (1942–49), Dr. Oscar J. Chapman (1950–51), Dr. Jerome H. Holland (1953–60), Dr. Luna I. Mishoe (1960–87), Dr. William B. DeLauder (1987–2003) and Dr. Allen L. Sessoms (2003–08). Dr. Maurice E. Thomasson served as acting president in 1949–50 and 1951–53.

Currently Dr. Claibourne D. Smith serves as the acting University president. Smith stepped down temporarily in September 2008 from his position as chairman of the DSU Board of Trustees to assume the acting president post following the resignation of Sessoms the previous month. At that time Dr. John Land moved up from his board vice chairman post to become acting board chairman and continues to serve in that leadership capacity.

Once the next DSU president is hired and assumes this post, Smith and Land will return to their previously-held board leadership positions.

Visit www.desu.edu/president/ for updates on the DSU presidential search.
The Tom Joyner Foundation, the brainchild of nationally-syndicated radio personality Tom Joyner, has been a major driving force in raising money for Historically Black Colleges and Universities since 1998. It continues its aggressive fundraising campaign for selected HBCUs in 2009, including Delaware State University, the foundation’s “School of the Month” for June, when DSU was featured on the Tom Joyner Morning Radio Show, airing in 115 markets and reaching about eight million people per week.

Interviews with Acting President Dr. Claibourne Smith and notable alums, on-air acknowledgment of substantial gifts, a Chapter Challenge Roll Call and blasts of DSU achievements occurred during June. In addition, DSU was featured on blackamericaweb.com with clips from recent press releases, various campus photographs and compelling student stories.

Scholarships for DSU students from the Tom Joyner Foundation were announced on air on the Tom Joyner Morning Show in June. Scholarships worth $1,500 to $2,500 per student were awarded to 13 DSU students, totaling $27,500 in scholarship funding. The three types of scholarships awarded to students meeting GPA requirements are the Denny’s Restaurant/Single Parent Scholars (for single parents who are full-time students), Hercules/“Brothas on the Move” Scholars (full-time male students demonstrating leadership skills), and Budweiser Scholars (first-generation students).

The Tom Joyner Foundation Chapter Challenge represented the only match opportunity available for DSU alumni contributions. If at least five chapters met a minimum of $5,000 each, The Tom Joyner Foundation would match their initial $25,000. The Kent County DE DSUAA Chapter gave the strongest response to the challenge by raising just over $12,000. The New Castle County DE Chapter raised more than $10,600, followed by the Greater Washington DC Chapter, which raised over $6,000. Also contributing to the $42,475 were chapters Charlotte NC, Greater Hampton Roads VA, Metropolitan NY, Philadelphia PA, and Sussex County DE. This achievement also earned an on-air acknowledgment.

This has been an exciting year of tremendous opportunities for DSU to raise scholarship dollars and obtain recruitment tools while gaining national exposure. The development team, along with staff of The Tom Joyner Foundation, worked on myriad projects throughout the year, reaching out to alumni and friends to help DSU students meet the financial challenges of higher education. Included in the overall fundraising goal of $440,000 for DSU student scholarships was the potential for match dollars via the Chapter Challenge as well as scholarship opportunities.

The partnership continues until December 2009, and we are currently 60% toward our overall goal for student scholarships. With recent declines in the nation’s economy, the push for scholarship support for DSU students is needed now more than ever. This year, a record 500 DSU students completed applications for scholarships, compared to about 230 last year. All alumni, especially those who benefited from scholarship assistance while attending DSU, are encouraged to give today using the enclosed envelope or by visiting www/desu.edu/giving to make online contributions.
DSU broke last year’s school record of 602 diplomas awarded when it handed out 630 diplomas to graduates on Sunday, May 17 during its 117th Commencement Day. Among them, a record 13 graduates received doctoral degrees — nine EdDs in educational leadership and four PhDs in mathematical physics. The remaining diplomas were 470 bachelor’s degrees and 146 master’s degrees.

There were 129 honor graduates: 21 summa cum laude (3.75 and higher GPA), 33 magna cum laude (3.50 to 3.74 GPA), 65 cum laude (3.25 to 3.49 GPA) and 10 honorable mentions (transfer students with a 3.50 or higher GPA).

DSU Acting President Claiborne Smith presented Presidential Academic Excellence awards to three graduates who maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout their college careers. They were accounting major Akosua Afiriyie-Hwedie (Dover), nursing major Carolina Nix (DAFB) and elementary education major Amy Wrol (DAFB).

He also presented a Presidential Leadership Award to biology major Danielle Gunter-Ward (Dover), who worked on campus as a senior residential hall assistant and held offices in a number of student organizations.

With rain imminent, Dr. Smith asked the class of 2009 if they still wanted to go through with the entire commencement ceremony outdoors, including walking through the rain to receive their diplomas. The record-size graduating class overwhelmingly affirmed that they wanted to proceed despite the weather.

Donning DSU rain gear for the ceremony, award-winning CBS News correspondent Byron Pitts gave the commencement keynote address. Pitts is the chief national correspondent for CBS News’ “Evening News with Katie Couric” and a contributing correspondent on CBS’ news magazine “60 Minutes.”

In noting the challenging economic environment the graduates will move into, Pitts said they should not be under any illusion concerning what they are facing. “Money is tight and so are jobs,” he said. “Keep your eyes on the prize.”

During commencement weekend, the University honored about a dozen members of the Class of 1959 to mark their 50th graduation anniversary. There was a reception for them the prior evening at historic Loockerman Hall on campus, then the Class of ‘59 grads wore caps and robes to take part in the ceremony on Commencement Day.

Members of the Class of 1959 marked their 50th graduation anniversary.
University to Launch New Web Site

Delaware State University is pleased to announce the early-fall launch of the new University Web site at www.desu.edu. The site integrates a fresh new look with a powerful content management system, which will streamline the process for updating information.

Great attention has been spent on creating a more user-friendly design and easier navigation. The new site is segmented clearly on the home page with content appropriate to future students, current students, family and visitors, and alumni. Users will now be able to find the information they need more quickly than on the former site.

The home page also displays major campus news and events prominently in a scrolling feature section. This feature is also on the college pages to highlight specific programs or other University news.

To view the new site, go to www.desu.edu. We welcome your comments and suggestions! To send your feedback, contact Sarah Robertson at 302.857.7193 or srobertson@desu.edu.
When DSU student Greg Jackson Jr. collapsed in medical distress outside of Memorial Hall Gym on April 29, there were was no one outside except two Facilities Management employees. The two workers made the difference between life and death for him.

Christopher D. Jones, a custodial group leader who has worked for 26 years at DSU, and Bobby G. Brown, a custodian technician in his fifth year at the University, were there by chance that night as Jackson collapsed in the parking lot just outside the building. They were recently honored during the annual DSU Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon for their lifesaving actions.

Greg Jackson Jr., a mass communications student, is the son of Greg Jackson Sr., DSU men’s head basketball coach. When the Hornet men earned a bid to the NCAA Basketball Tournament in 2005, Coach Jackson and his son were the subject of some nationally published stories about young Jackson’s struggles with sickle-cell anemia.

A bone marrow transplant has helped Jackson to battle the blood disorder, making him well enough to enroll at DSU in 2007 and even play on the 2007–08 basketball squad. He began the 2008–09 season on the team but suffered a collapsed lung shortly after the Hornet’s first game and sat out the rest of the season.

The Thursday evening of his collapse, Jackson had engaged in a casual half-court basketball game with some friends in Memorial Hall. As 10 p.m. approached, he left the gym, passing by Jones and Brown on the way to his parked car.

Having arrived there to pick up a piece of equipment, the two custodial workers were chatting when they heard Jackson calling in distress.

“He yelled ‘Bob,’ and when we turned to look at him, he was falling to the ground,” Jones said. “When we rushed over, he was down on the ground, conscious but in distress, gasping for air.”

While Brown talked to the student, urging him to “stay with me,” Jones called Public Safety and 911. While security officers and the paramedics were in route, the 911 operator gave Brown step-by-step instructions on how to administer CPR. Following the directions as perfectly as they could, the custodians proceeded to administer CPR by rescue breathing and performing chest compressions.

Shortly after the custodians initiated CPR, DSU Public Safety officers and the paramedics showed up simultaneously and took over the care of Jackson. “The whole ordeal took about 10 minutes,” Jones said.

Jackson had suffered from congestive heart failure, according to his father Coach Jackson. Upon their arrival, the paramedics found him with a weak pulse and had to apply electric defibrillator paddles to keep his heart going before transporting him to the hospital.

Jackson might have been down for some time — and could have possibly died — if the custodians had not been there to come to his aid. Brown said the area is usually relatively busy with people playing outdoor basketball as well as traffic in and out of Memorial Hall. “But that night, there was nobody out there but us,” Brown said. “It was like we were by ourselves on an island.”

Ironically, Jones was supposed to be working on the other side of the campus and Brown should have been involved in a project on the other side of the building. If it weren’t for a piece of equipment they had to retrieve together, the custodians would not have been there for young Jackson.

“I am forever thankful for those young men to be there to give my son a second chance,” said Coach Jackson. “I praise God for allowing them to be in the area and for using them in that situation.”

Both Brown and Jones said it was a poignant demonstration of the value of CPR training. “My wife has been telling me for some time that I should get some CPR training,” Jones said. “So when I got home that night, she was kind of like ‘I told you so.’”

After a period of hospitalization, in mid May Jackson returned home, where he continues to recover from his ordeal. “These guys saved my life,” he said.
CELEBRATING OUR MILESTONES

HOMECOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES—OCT. 18–25, 2009
(Schedule subject to change.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Mr. and Miss DSU Coronation
Theater, Education & Humanities Building

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
7 p.m.–11 p.m.
Homecoming Kickoff (games, pep rally, etc.)
Gymnasium, Memorial Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
7 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Faculty/Staff vs. Students Basketball Game
Gymnasium, Memorial Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
8 p.m.–10 p.m.,
Student Fashion Show
Theater, Education & Humanities Building
Ticket price: TBA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Career Fair, New Wellness & Recreation Center
8 p.m.–11 p.m.
Comedy Show
Gymnasium, Memorial Hall
Ticket price: TBA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
10 a.m., Shotgun Start
Golf Outing Legacy Scholarship Fundraiser
Wild Quail Golf and Country Club, Wyoming, DE
Contact Alfred Outlaw 215.877.6055 or Anthony Lawson 609.970.8197
Ticket price: $125 per golfer; $60 non-golfer—luncheon only (Proceeds benefit the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund)

6 p.m.–9 p.m.
Alumni Legacy Banquet and Hall of Fame Inductions
Dover Downs Hotel & Casino
For ticket information, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (302) 857-6050
Banquet co-chairs: Albert S. Weal, Jr. and Josephine Stevenson-Seals

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 (CONT.)
9 p.m.–1:30 a.m.
Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Forever Friends Homecoming Party:
A Capital City “Q” Event
Lobby, Bank of America Building
Ticket price: TBA

8 p.m.–11 p.m.
Step Show
Gymnasium, Memorial Hall
Ticket price: TBA

9 p.m.–1 a.m.
80s Reunion
Lobby, Education & Humanities Building

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Homecoming Parade, Downtown Dover
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
100th Anniversary (1909–2009)
Family and Consumer Sciences Reunion, Fashion Show, Displays
Price Building Auditorium
11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Tours of New Wellness & Recreation Center
11 a.m.–2 p.m.
“The Milestones in History Quilt Collection,”
by the Stitch in Time Quilt Guild, Dover, DE
Loockerman Hall
12:30 p.m.
Homecoming Pregame Show
1 p.m.–4 p.m.
Homecoming Game: DSU vs. Morgan State
Alumni Stadium (featuring a DSU Aviation Program flyover)
4 p.m.–6 p.m.
Postgame Reception for Alumni
President’s Tent, Price Building Lawn
4 p.m.–7 p.m.
Class of 1969–40th Reunion
Delaware Hall, Room 138

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 (CONT.)
4 p.m.–7 p.m.
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Reception Reunion
Bank of America Building, Room 309
4 p.m.–7 p.m.
Class of 1974–35th Reunion
Bank of America Building, Room 204
and Atrium
5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Class of 1959–50th Reunion
Delaware Hall, Room 125
8 p.m.–10 p.m.
Homecoming Concert, Artist TBA
Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Rollins Center
8 p.m.–11 p.m.
Student Concert, Artist TBA
Gymnasium, Memorial Hall
10 p.m.–1 a.m.
Alumni Post-concert Party, “DSU After Dark”
Location: TBA
11 p.m.–2 a.m.
Student Post-concert Party, “DSU After Dark”
Gymnasium, Memorial Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
6 p.m.–8 p.m.
Gospel concert
Theater, Education & Humanities Building
Ticket price: TBA

Please visit www.desu.edu/homecoming for more details.

—Brenda Farmer, director of events and ceremonies, DSU homecoming committee chair, 302.857.6082, bfarmer@desu.edu
DSU has named Dr. Marshall F. Stevenson Jr. as the new academic dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Stevenson most recently served as the dean of the Division of Social Sciences and Professor of History at Dillard University in New Orleans. During his 1997–2008 tenure, he directed Dillard University's National Center for Black-Jewish Relations from 1999–2004. He also served as interim associate provost and provost at Dillard at various times post-Hurricane Katrina. Stevenson was the governor’s appointee as the vice chairman of the Louisiana State Police Commission from 2001–08.

He served on the faculty of the History Department at The Ohio State University from 1988–97. He was also a teaching and research assistant at the University of Michigan from 1985–87.

Stevenson said he is excited about this new chapter of his academic career. “I look forward to joining the Delaware State family and the opportunity to work with faculty and students to advance the tradition and mission of the University,” he said.

He holds a BA in history from the University of Cincinnati and a MA and a PhD in history from the University of Michigan. He has been a Lowenstein-Weiner fellow of the American Jewish Archives at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, a post-doctoral fellow at the Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American Studies at the University of Virginia, and Kaiser Foundation fellow at the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University in Detroit. In 2007 he participated in the Andrew Mellon Foundation/United Negro College Fund faculty seminar in Ghana.


His latest essay on the history of Dillard University appears in the Oxford University Press Encyclopedia of African-American History (2009). In April, Stevenson was inducted in the Morehouse University Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars for his work in the area of Black-Jewish relations. He continues to serve as a consultant to various organizations and institutions that focus on Black-Jewish relations.
Delaware State University announced Derek A. Carter as its new athletics director to oversee 17 intercollegiate sports programs.

Since July 2003, Carter has been the athletics director for Bowie State University in Bowie, MD, where he oversaw 13 athletics programs. In that post, he coordinated aggressive fundraising efforts, created a strategic plan for the department and served as a sports management instructor.

Prior to Bowie, he was the athletics director for Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA, from 2001 – 03. He also had two stints at Virginia Tech University. From 2000 – 01 he was the director of the athletic program’s Monogram Club, which is designed to foster fellowship among student athletes, and from 1994 – 98, Carter was an assistant athletics director there in posts that focused on spring sports, compliance and student life.

In between his Virginia Tech stints, 1998 – 2000, Carter served as the director of athletics at Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, VA.

Carter, who officially began his DSU post on May 11, said he is grateful for the opportunity to provide executive leadership for DSU’s intercollegiate sports programs. “I am excited for the opportunity and challenge to join Delaware State and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference,” Carter said. “I am looking forward to all the great things that will take place.”

Amir Mohammadi, DSU vice president for Finance and Administration and the chair of the University’s AD search committee, said Carter was the top choice among 65 candidates who were considered for the post. “He has a wealth of experience at the Division I and Division II levels, and DSU is very fortunate to attract and hire an athletics director with such experience,” Mohammadi said.

Carter will assume leadership of DSU’s athletics department, which features 17 intercollegiate sports: football, baseball, women’s bowling, equestrian, softball, volleyball and soccer, as well as men’s and women’s basketball, indoor and outdoor track and field, cross country and tennis.

Carter earned a BS in marketing education from Virginia Tech University in 1985 and a MS in sports management from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1991. He is a 1997 graduate of the Sports Management Institute’s “The Executive Program.”

Born and raised in Washington, DC, Carter played football and basketball at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, MD. He went on to become a starring cornerback for the Virginia Tech football team, where he was teammates with former Buffalo Bills defensive lineman and 2009 NFL Hall of Fame inductee Bruce Smith. As a result of his defensive exploits, Carter was named to the 1980s Virginia Tech All-Decade Hokies’ Football Team. He also earned an opportunity to try out as a free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1985.

We welcome Carter, his wife of 10 years, Karen, and their two sons, Bryce (7) and Cole (4), to the DSU family.
Delaware State University recently received a five-year $3.7 million grant as part of its collaborative work with other institutions in the state to develop Delaware’s biomedical research capacity. The grant’s principal investigator is Dr. Noureddine Melikechi.

DSU’s share is part of a $17.4 million grant from the National Center for Research Resources at the National Institutes of Health. The grant has been awarded to institutional and clinical members of the Delaware IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), which includes DSU, Christiana Care Health System, Delaware Technical & Community College, Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, the University of Delaware and Wesley College.

Delaware State University received its second three-year $1 million grant from the National Science Foundation to increase the capabilities of its neuroscience research faculty, such as Dr. Princy Mennella, and to support students in a new PhD degree in neuroscience. The funds are also supporting the development of a statewide network of neuroscience-related partnerships. The grant PIs are Dr. Leonard Davis and Dr. Melissa Harrington.
Neuroblastoma research: This is a cancer-related research project in which DSU researchers will work to understand the molecular mechanisms underlying the development of neuroblastoma, the second most common solid tumor in childhood cancer cases. Largely incurable in its advanced stages, it is believed that a better understanding of how and why it is found primarily in the bone and identifying targets for treatment is critical for improving advanced stage patient survival. The research principal investigator is Dr. Cynthia VanGolen, assistant professor of biology.

Lifetime risk assessment for breast cancer: This is a project that will use novel breast surface reconstructions from optical digitizer images to improve the accuracy of volumetric breast density estimation, which is used to estimate the lifetime risk of breast cancer. The research principal investigator of the project is Dr. Fengshan Liu, professor and chair of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.

Learning and memory study: This is a biology study on the genes involved in learning and memory. DSU faculty and students will focus on the role of dopamine and acid sensing ion channels in learning behavior. The research principal investigator is Dr. Harbinder Dhillon, associate professor of biology.

THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH PROJECTS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY DSU’S PORTION OF THE INBRE GRANT:

Above: Graduate student Gianna Brisbone and Dr. Princy Mennella prepare solutions for staining brain sections.

Left: Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences Dr. Princy Mennella helps undergraduate biology major Tayyaba Toseef to identify brain areas in a dissected sheep brain.
The College of Agriculture and Related Sciences (CARS) has a rich legacy, the origin of which extends back to the beginning of the University as one of its initial academic programs in 1892. In addition to producing agriculture, natural resources and consumer science professionals for more than 100 years, the campus farming activities in the first 70 years were essential to feeding the students during those lean times.

DSU has maintained agriculture as a vital academic program through a steady line of chair/dean leadership that included Dr. Richard Wynder in the 1940s to 1967, followed by Dr. Ulysses S. Washington until 1991. In 1995, the department became a college, originally named the School of Agriculture and Family Consumer Science, elevating Dr. Kenneth Bell from chair to the college’s first dean. Bell was succeeded in 2007 by current dean Dr. Dyremple Marsh of what is now known as the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences.

CARS offers undergraduate degrees in agriculture with concentrations in agri-business, general agriculture, animal and poultry science, preveterinary science and plant science, with options in horticulture and agronomy. Natural resources bachelor’s degree concentrations include environmental science, fisheries management and wildlife management.

Beyond the rich diversity of offerings in agriculture and natural resources, CARS is also home to the Department of Human Ecology, where undergraduate students can pursue degrees in food and nutritional studies, consumer studies and textiles and apparel studies.

The college offers Master of Science degree programs in natural resources and agriculture, with the latter discipline offering concentrations in animal science, plant science and, its newest concentration, food science. The graduate food science program is a collaborative effort with the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which combines DSU’s scientific experts on campus with the commercial grade research laboratories and equipment at ARS, where students work to complete their master’s theses. The first graduates of this new program received their Master of Science diplomas with the class of 2009 in May.
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH

CARS is a research-intensive agricultural college that incorporates partnerships with several governmental agencies and universities. However, what many people do not know is that Dr. Washington's efforts with the federal government made research a regular endeavor among agriculture and natural science faculty and students at 1890 land-grant institutions.

In the mid 1970s, Washington led a group of 1890 land-grant agriculture educators to Washington, DC, to prevail upon lawmakers to give their schools a more equitable slice of the research funding pie. Not only did he succeed, his influence prompted Congress to pass the U.S. Washington Jr. Financial Anti-Discrimination Act, which prohibited the federal government from cutting out 1890 land-grant institutions from sustained research funding.

More than 92% of CARS faculty members are involved in research. The breadth of research ranges from molecular investigations in genomics to organismal research in plant and animal sciences; from restoration of devastated habitats in Blackbird National Estuarine Research Reserve to mapping of Phragmites australis in coastal Delaware; and from oyster restoration and water quality studies to the tracking and population biology of marine and freshwater finfish in Delaware Bay.

The college is also rich in agricultural mammal research, especially small ruminants, aquaculture research and demonstration and soil enhancement studies and is a revered resource for integrated pest management. The college is home to the Claude E. Phillips Herbarium, one of the best-known facilities in the country and region for the classification, preservation and long-term storage of plant species, many of which are rare and endangered.

The Center for Integrated Biological and Environmental Research recently opened and is housed in the Agriculture Annex on campus. The CIBER serves as a regional faculty network hub that includes DSU, Wesley College, Delaware Technical Community College and the University of Delaware. The center identifies funding opportunities, assists in bringing together groups of researchers to secure grants and communicates the availability of and training on the use of research instrumentation and equipment across the network. Through this center, the use of key common research facilities at DSU are coordinated for partner institutions, and outreach and integration activities are developed.

Left: CARS grad student Johnny Moore prepares to tag a sand tiger shark. Right: CARS grad student Naem Willett (foreground) and sophomore Ernest Eirman tag, weigh and measure a sandbar shark in Delaware Bay.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The Cooperative Extension program at DSU is a vital component of the national land-grant tripartite mission. Extension links DSU to the University of Delaware to form Delaware Cooperative Extension and to the national extension system of outreach programs at the other land-grant colleges and universities. DSU Cooperative Extension offers research-based education to diverse audiences with special emphasis on minority and underserved Delawareans through its Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H and Youth Development program areas.

Cooperative Extension helps farmers with limited resources by suggesting ways to make more informed and sound decisions to secure the viability of their production enterprises. A benefit of such programming is the early exposure to agriculture that youths receive, which has encouraged some to seek education programs at DSU. Active agriculture extension programs:

- The Outreach and Technical Assistance Program for the Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program assists socially, disadvantaged farmers and ranchers with information and technical assistance in production, marketing, management, business planning and USDA programs.
- The Risk Management and Community Outreach Program for Limited Resource and Underserved Producers in Delaware provides hands-on training in on-farm risk management tools for small, minority and female farmers.
- The Small Ruminant Extension program provides research-based education to producers in the sheep and goat industry on goat breeds, management practices, parasite control and effective marketing tools.
- The Aquaculture Technical Assistance and Outreach Program fosters the creation of a viable aquaculture industry in Delaware by identifying suitable aquaculture species for Delaware and the mid-Atlantic region and by exploring low-input methods to raise them in economically and environmentally sustainable ways.
- The Master Gardener program applies the train-the-trainer educational model to teach Delaware residents how to plan, plant and care for gardens and landscaping on their property. DSU and the University of Delaware collaborate to address home, lawn and garden concerns through the Master Gardener volunteer program. A Backyard Gardening Program helps Delawareans to establish produce gardens to supplement their family meals and income.

Obesity and weight-related medical conditions have become epidemic health issues in the United States leading to chronic health problems including diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. In the area of family and consumer sciences, Cooperative Extension programs target people in all age ranges to teach them more effective ways to control their diets and to improve their overall health conditions. Education initiatives address nutrition and food safety and stress the importance of daily exercise.

The 4-H Youth Development Program at DSU creates supportive environments for culturally-diverse, underserved youths 9–19 so they can reach their fullest developmental potential. Focusing mainly in Kent and Sussex counties, the program focuses on the organization’s national mandates – science, engineering and technology, citizenship and healthy living. DSU has active 4-H Youth Development programs that reach nearly 5,000 young people annually.

“Our charge is to provide our students, public audiences and stakeholders with the informational resources they need to make informed decisions that will help shape their lives,” said Dr. Dyremple Marsh, dean, 1890 administrator and research director for the college.
DSU opened the newly-constructed Wellness Center this June and is still on track for the late 2009 completion of the new Martin Luther King Student Center.

The completion of the Wellness Center is the end of a two-phase, $21.4 million construction project. Last year, DSU completed the construction of the first phase—a NCAA Division I-A level strength and conditioning facility for the University’s intercollegiate student athletes.

While the strength and conditioning facility is equipped with free weights, weight machines and locker rooms for dedicated student athletes, the 54,000-square-foot Wellness Center is designed for the rest of the campus community and the public with basketball courts, weight machines and exercise equipment, a swimming pool, locker room facilities and other amenities. The recreation pool in the Wellness Center features a fountain in its center, three lap lanes, an interpool bench with water jets, and four interpool basketball hoops.

“The new Wellness & Recreation Center is an excellent addition to the Delaware State campus. The whole student body is excited about the state-of-the-art equipment and the new swimming pool. This facility will provide and promote a healthier campus.”

—Jonathan Hucks, 22, senior Management Information Systems Major
DSU officials have tentatively planned to dedicate the Wellness Center in September. DSU officials will gather items to place in a time capsule that will be placed in the cornerstone of the new facility. DSU students will have a new 68,000-square-foot student center sometime in late 2009. The $24 million Martin Luther King Student Center will have two full floors and a partial third floor to accommodate many recreational and organizational activities.

The student center will have a large multipurpose room for auditorium needs and other uses. It will also have a commuter lounge, a convenience store and a spacious bookstore that will be three times the size of the current one. In addition, the center will feature a 200-person capacity club for evening entertainment.
The 2008–09 season marked the debut of the Delaware State University women’s bowling team onto the national stage. A journey that began with preseason practice in October ended just two wins shy of an appearance in the NCAA Tournament championship final in April. Along the way, the Hornets made team and University history while earning recognition as one of the top programs in the country.

Led by second-year head coach and touring professional Kim Terrell-Kearney, the Hornets reached the “Final Four” in the first NCAA Tournament appearance in team history. During the three-day tournament in Canton, MI, the team added another first. With its tournament victories over New Jersey City (4–3) and Central Missouri (4–1), the Hornets became the first DSU team in any sport to win a NCAA Tournament contest. Delaware State previously competed in NCAA Tournaments in men’s basketball (2005), women’s basketball (2007), football (2007) and softball (2008). Delaware State’s bid for the national bowling championship ended with a 4–2 loss to eventual champ Nebraska in the tournament semifinals. The seventh-seeded Hornets were ahead two-games-to-one in the contest, but the top-seeded Cornhuskers won the last three games to advance the championship match.

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The Hornets were undefeated in four Baker matches the last two days to claim the title. Florida A&M upset Maryland-Eastern Shore (UMES) to advance to the championship round. UMES, the defending NCAA champion, had won the previous three conference titles.

“This is a great achievement for our team and the University,” said Terrell-Kearney. “Our girls have worked so hard all season, and its great to be rewarded with a conference championship. The MEAC is well respected in women’s bowling, so winning the championship means so much to our program. Winning the conference and earning a NCAA Tournament bid were among our top goals this season.”

The Hornets claimed their first ECAC title by defeating Fairleigh Dickinson four-games-to-one. FDU also reached the “Final Four” of the 2009 NCAA Tournament.

Kim Terrell-Kearney has stepped down as head coach of the Delaware State University bowling team for a position at the United States Bowling Congress in Arlington, Texas.
Five DSU Ball Players Earn All-MEAC Honors

HORNETS CLAIM BOTH PLAYER AND PITCHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Five Hornets earned All-MEAC honors, including Ross Babineaux and Dan Perkins, who were named MEAC Player of the Year and MEAC Pitcher of the Year, respectively. Along with Babineaux and Perkins, Brandon Penick was named to the All-MEAC First Team, while Abe Eubank and Justin Bittner earned Second Team All-MEAC honors.

Babineaux ranked second in the conference and 46th in the nation with a .412 batting average in 42 games. The New Iberia, LA, native tallied one home run, one triple, eight doubles and 33 RBI during the 2009 campaign. In 136 at-bat appearances, he recorded 56 hits, stole a team-high 11 bases and walked 16 times. He added 105 putouts and 56 assists from the third base position.

Perkins pitched 78 innings and recorded five wins on the mound. He was second in the MEAC and 35th in the nation with a 2.65 ERA. Perkins started in 11 games, striking out 77 batters and allowing just 24 walks. The five-time MEAC Pitcher of the Week posted a 4–2 record against conference opponents and tallied a 1.17 ERA.

In his first year with the club, Penick appeared in 21 games with a 1.52 ERA in 23 and two-thirds innings pitched. The 2009 closer, Penick earned a conference-best five saves, striking out 21 batters and allowing just seven walks.

Eubank finished the year, hitting .370 with a team-high nine home runs and 31 RBI. The Medford, OR, native registered a team-best .639 slugging percentage with 14 extra-base hits. Scoring 24 runs, Eubank recorded 44 hits in 119 at bats.

Bittner led the team in RBI with 42, hitting .326 with seven home runs and a club-best 12 doubles. The Newark, DE, native appeared in all 43 games for DSU this season, scoring 36 runs. Bittner also made 11 appearances on the mound, finishing the year with a 5–3 record and a 6.05 ERA.

Rounding out the awards, Ali Simpson of Bethune-Cookman earned Rookie of the Year and Mervyl Melendez of Bethune-Cookman earned Coach of the Year in the 2009 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Baseball All-Conference Awards.

Three Softball Players Make All-MEAC Teams

Andrea Waters, Brittney Ruark, JoJo Shields

Prior to the MEAC Conference Tournament in Daytona Beach, FL, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference announced that three DSU softball players made the 2009 All-MEAC teams. Sophomore Andrea Waters was named to the All-MEAC First Team, while juniors Brittney Ruark and JoJo Shields were Second Team selections.

Waters was the Hornets’ most consistent offensive player this season. She led the team with a .321 batting average, five home runs, 36 runs scored, 42 hits, 70 total bases, four triples, a .534 slugging percentage and 19 steals. This is the Anchorage, Alaska, native’s first All-MEAC honor.

Ruark held the team together on the mound this season, leading the team with a 15–10 mark and a 2.25 ERA in 146 innings. She also tallied 13 complete games, four shutouts and 119 strikeouts. She showcased her talent on the national stage, throwing a complete-game shutout against Hampton on ESPNU (April 26). This is the Seaford, DE, native’s first All-MEAC honor.

Shields had a solid season for the Hornets, batting .302 with 22 RBI in 44 games. She was stellar in the field, too, with a .992 fielding percentage, which led the team. This is the Daytona Beach, FL, native’s second All-MEAC award. She was a Second Team selection in 2008.
Hornets’ Murray and Holmes Shine at NCAA Track & Field Championships

Delaware State University sophomore Donte Holmes and freshman Leslie Murray have earned All-America recognition after their performance at the 2009 NCAA National Track & Field Championships held at the University of Arkansas.

Finishing sixth in the 400-meter hurdles, Murray was clocked at 49.91 seconds in the NCAA championship race. The 2009 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion, Murray set a DSU record in the 400 hurdles with a time of 49.83 seconds at the NCAA championships. His sixth place finish in the 400-meter hurdles final also earned three points for DSU in the NCAA team standings, the first for the Hornets in the national championship competition.

Holmes also achieved All-America status for his performance at the 2009 NCAA National Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Holmes was 11th in the semifinals of the NCAA championship 800-meter run with a time of 1:47.61. He had reached the semifinals with a time of 1:48.05 in the preliminaries the day before. The 2009 MEAC 800-meter champion, Holmes has competed in the NCAA nationals the last two years.

Holmes and Murray are DSU’s first track & field All-Americas since the NCAA adopted its current championship format in 2000.

The Hornets came up short in the 1600-meter relay at the NCAA Championships. The DSU team of Murray, Holmes, Burton Clarke and Larrone Moore were 10th in the preliminaries with a school-record time of 3:05.21, just behind final qualifier LSU, which posted a time of 3:05.09.

Murray, Holmes and the 1600-meter relay team were named to the U.S. Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association 2009 NCAA Division I All-East Region.

Murray has been honored for his accomplishments in the 400-meter hurdles and as a member of DSU’s 1600-meter relay team, while Holmes was cited for his achievements in the 800-meter run and on the relay team.

2009 MEAC Basketball Tournament Celebrated

In March, the annual MEAC Basketball Tournament was held at a new venue in Winston-Salem, NC. Although our teams did not fair as well as we had hoped, fans took advantage of the opportunity to celebrate our team spirit at the Holiday Inn Select there, where the University hosted a fan center on Friday of the tournament.

More than 70 alums hung out at the center, socializing, having fun and commiserating. Food was plentiful and the atmosphere was festive. Several members of the Class of 1974 were in attendance and took the opportunity to hold an impromptu “class meeting” to discuss plans for a 35th reunion that will take place during homecoming. Alumni Darnesha Eddinfield, Yolanda Yoesoep and other representatives from the Charlotte alumni chapter were also on hand to meet and greet.

Former Hornets football great Darnerien McCants joined the festivities and offered words of encouragement to attendees about giving back to the University. McCants, who went on to make his mark on the world in professional football, is among the top four donors to the University. He was the University’s nominee for the MEAC Distinguished Alumni award and was among those honored during halftime of the men’s Thursday night game.

Staff from the University’s athletics department, institutional advancement and alumni affairs worked the fan center, while alumni president Deidre Ottley represented the DSUAA. Fan center volunteers Martha Sims Wilson ’95, along with DSU staffer husband Earl Wilson, Grace Reaves Garrett ’74 and Bernice Stewart ’74 assisted with organizing and staffing display tables.

The DSUAA executive board held its meeting during the tournament and hosted a hospitality suite at the Holiday Inn Select during the tournament weekend.
Hornets Football Preview

The 2009 Delaware State football team will be a solid mixture of veterans and promising newcomers taking on challenging road games and marquee, nonconference opponents.

Head Coach Al Lavan, now in his sixth season with the Hornets, expects to return 12 starters and 41 letter winners from his 2008 squad, which won its last two games to post a 5–6 overall record and 5–3 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

The Hornet offense expects to have seven returning starters, including four offensive linemen. Center Nick Richmond (r-sr. 6’-3”/300), guards Kellen Kemp (sr. 6’-3”/315) and Jermaine Morrison (sr. 6’-3”/330), and tackle Mike Maloney (sr. 6’-6”/290) have combined for nearly 100 starts along the offensive line.

The 2009 Hornets will also feature a battle to replace four-year starting quarterback Vashon Winton, who compiled a 33–14 record as a starter at DSU, including 25–6 vs. MEAC opponents. Winton ended his career last season as No. 2 on the Hornets’ all-time list for passing yards (6,595), completions (520) and touchdown passes (38). He also rushed for 1,144 yards and 25 touchdowns the last four years.

Anthony Glaud (r-jr. 6’-3”/215), who appeared in eight games with the Hornets after transferring from Bowling Green last summer, will compete with former Maryland high school all-star Nick Elko (r-fr. 6’-2”/200) and Boston College transfer Chris Johnson (r-so. 6’-2”/215), who enrolled at Delaware State in January. Elko is in his second year with the program, while Johnson was recruited by a number of major colleges after a standout career at John F. Kennedy High School in New Jersey. Glaud stood out in this year’s Red/White Spring Game, completing eight of 11 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown. He also had an eight-yard TD run in the contest.

The receiving corps features four players with double figures in catches during the 2008 season. Larfone Moore (jr. 6’-0”/185) is tops among returning players with 32 catches, while Eric Jones (sr. 6’-3”/200) had a team-high four touchdown catches last season.

The Hornets are expected to employ a “running back by committee” system this season. Jason Randall (jr. 5’-11”/195), Jaashawn Jones (r-so. 6’-1”/230) and Cincinnati transfer Tahree McQueen (r-so. 5’-10”/200) received the most work during spring camp.

On defense, the Hornets will have just four returning starters in summer camp. Strong safety Avery Grant (jr. 5’-11”/195) is tops among returning players with 68 total tackles last season. Grant was also tied for the team lead with 8.5 tackles-for-loss in 2008. Tackle Andre Carroll (r-jr. 6’-2”/280) was sixth on the team and second among returning players with 41 tackles last season. Free safety Jerome Strums also returns. He had 40 tackles and was tied for second in the team with three interceptions in 2008. The linebacker corps will be headed by three-year starter John Pope (r-sr. 6’-1”/230), who had 32 tackles last season and 144 for his career.

The Hornets will also have returning placekicker Riley Flickinger (sr. 5’-9”/240) and punter Nick Lochner (sr. 6’-1”/170) on the roster this season.

Delaware State will kick off the 2009 season vs. MEAC rival Florida A&M on Sept. 5 in Tallahassee, FL. The ’09 slate also includes the first regular season meeting with the University of Delaware on Sept. 19 at Delaware Stadium in Newark, DE, and a clash against the Michigan Wolverines before more than 106,000 fans on Oct. 17 in Ann Arbor, MI.

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### 2009 DSU Football Schedule

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*MEAC game
DSU Salutes Student Athletes & Teams

Fifteen DSU athletes received academic honors at this year’s student athlete awards banquet on May 4 for having the top grade point average in their sport. Nearly 350 student athletes, coaches, athletics department staff and University administrators attended the affair, held at the Sheraton Dover Hotel and Conference Center.

Volleyball player Martina Ferrari recorded the highest GPA (4.00) among all DSU female athletes, and tennis player Milos Velickovic had the highest GPA (3.88) among all male athletes. Other student athletes who comprise the 2008–09 All-Hornet Academic Team with Ferrari and Velickovic are: Ryan Agan (men’s track & field), Harry Broomall (wrestling), Ashley Butler (equestrian), Alan Laws (men’s cross country), Victoria McGroary (women’s cross country), Kelli Thibou. Coach’s Award: Randy Smith. Coach’s Award: Alan Laws.

Women’s cross country—MVP: senior Mallory Ross. Coach’s Award: Kristen Johnson. Leadership Award: Kendra Mayers.

Equestrian—Most Valuable Performer: sophomore Frayser Tuttle. Coach’s Award: sophomore Ashley Butler. Leadership Award: second-year rider Amanda Hotz.


Cheerleading—MVP: Jasmine Brown. Leadership Award: Miesha Dockery. Coach’s Award: Courtney Jacobs.

Men’s cross country—MVP: Kelli Thibou. Leadership Award: Randy Smith. Coach’s Award: Alan Laws.

Women’s cross country—MVP: senior Mallory Ross. Coach’s Award: Kristen Johnson. Leadership Award: Kendra Mayers.


Men’s track & field—indoor track MVP: MEAC 800-meter champion Dante Holmes. Coach’s Award: Andre Easton. Leadership Award: Larrone Moore. Outdoor track MVP and Leadership Award: Larrone Moore, who qualified for the NCAA Outdoor East Regional Championships in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and Hornets’ 4x400-meter relay team. Coach’s Award: pole vaulter Ryan Agan.

Women’s track & field—indoor track MVP: senior sprinter Nekisha Franklin. Leadership Award: Jessica Shell. Coach’s Award: Nykeisha Shell. Outdoor track MVP: Nekisha Franklin, who won the MEAC outdoor 100-meter dash championship. Coach’s Award: Christen Dillard. Leadership Award: Morgan Hovington.

Volleyball—Leadership Award: junior Cassandra Joyner. Coach’s Award: freshman Megan McDonald.

Wrestling—MVP: sophomore Matt Cathell, NCAA East Regional 149-pound champion and MVP. He went on to compete in the NCAA Division I National Championships. Leadership Award: Kyle Skinner. Coach’s Award: Brandon Gardner.
For the second-straight year, Delaware State University topped the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Commissioner’s All-Academic list with 78 academic all-conference honorees, the league office announced. The All-Academic team recognized 593 student athletes from the conference’s 12 member institutions who achieved academic success during the 2008–09 school year.

“I am extremely proud of our student athletes. The commitment to excellence, both academically and athletically, is something that we take great pride in at Delaware State,” said DSU Director of Athletics Derek Carter. “This is a credit to the hard work and dedication that our student athletes have demonstrated this year. It also shows the dedication that the school’s administration and faculty have toward maintaining a standard of academic excellence.”

The team honors sophomore to senior student athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better who compete in MEAC-sponsored sports. For the fourth-straight season, DSU has had 75 or more student athletes named to the Commissioner’s All-Academic list. Last year, DSU topped the conference with a school-record 82 All-Academic honorees. In 2007, 77 Delaware State student athletes were named to that year’s Commissioner’s All-Academic list. Seventy-five Hornets were named to the 2005–06 list.

**2008-09 MEAC COMMISSIONER’S ALL-ACADEMIC WINNERS (BY SCHOOL):**

Delaware State (78), Howard (75), Bethune-Cookman (58), Hampton (51), Morgan State (48), South Carolina State (47), North Carolina A&T (46), Maryland Eastern Shore (45), Winston-Salem State (44), Norfolk State (42), Florida A&M (30), Coppin State (29).

**DELAWARE STATE’S 2009 MEAC COMMISSIONER’S ALL-ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS ARE—**

**Women (43):** Ashley Blake (WTR, Elem. Special Ed.), Alma Brit (WTR, Elem. Ed.), Christen Dillard (WTR, Pre-Vet Science), Kendra Mayers (WTR, Physical Ed.), Victoria McGroary (WTR, Political Science), Samantha Koonce (WBB, Biology), Ashley Thompson (WBB, Physics/Pre-Engineering), Keyhana Wakefield (WBB, Acc), Savitre Bachoo (WSC, Undecided), Kelly Cheng (WSC, Movement Sciences), Brianna Dingman (WSC, Mgt.), Ashley Gourdine (WSC, History), Courtney Haas (WSC, Physical Ed.), Leah Hontz (WSC, Mathematics/Education), Janelle Lee (WSC, Sports Mgt.), Kristin Mathis (WSC, Movement Sciences), Danielle Miller (WSC, Finance & Banking), Casey Murphy (WSC, Textiles & Apparel Mgt.), Natalie Robbins, (WSC, Public Relations), Jori Victory (WSC, Sports Mgt.), Malie McCrory (EQ, Psychology), Jennifer Pierson (EQ, Pre-Veterinary), Elizabeth Turtle (EQ, Environmental Sciences), Juliesta Yung (WT, Business), Polina Razborova (WT, Finance & Banking), Cassandra Newton (WT, Sport Science), Anna Kovton (WT, Criminal Justice), Yaroslava Eskridge (WT, French), Hannah Adewumi (WT, Computer Sciences), Quinn Armstrong (BO, Communications), Tara McQueen (BO, Information Technology), Samantha Sciinti (BO, Music), Courtery Varin (BO, Biology), Kalyn Washburn (BO, English), Megan Lambertz (SB, Public Relations), Andrea Waters (SB, Political Science), Allison Rubin (SB, History), Shereille Sheppard (SB, History), JoJo Shields (SB, Sports Mgt.), Princess Pucket (VB, Sport Management), Erica Tajchman (VB, Biology), Ashley Herman (VB, Biology).

**Men (35):** Brian Gelis (MT, Mgt.), Oleg Mironchikov (MT, Public Relations), Milos Velickovic (MT, Mgt.), Gregory Smith (MBB, Movement Sciences), Trevor Welcher (MBB, Sports Mgt.), Andre Caroli (FB, Psychology), B.J. Conley (FB, Criminal Justice), Mike Gable (FB, Sport Science), Jarin Geisler (FB, Political Science), Kellen Kemp, (FB, Business), Nick Lochner (FB, Psychology), Mike Maloney, (FB, Business), Nick Richmond (FB, Sport Science), Chris Sears (FB, Psychology), Steven Steinbacher (FB, Business), Justin Bittner (BB, Criminal Justice), Michael Ingram (BB, Sports Mgt.), James Johnson (BB, Sports Mgt.), David Langton (BB, Mgt.), Ryne Mailen (BB, Sports Mgt.), Kevin Noriega (BB, Marketing), Brandon Penick (BB, Psychology), Jose Sanchez (BB, Mgt.), Wynton Weather (BB, English Ed.), Ryan Agan (TR, Airway Science), David Bruce (TR, Sports Mgt.), Alan Laws (TR, Criminal Justice), Kelli Thibou (TR, Pre-Physical Therapy), Harry Broomall (Wrestling, History), Matthew Cathell (Wrestling, Criminal Justice), William Farrell (Wrestling, Pre-Nursing), Brandon Gardner (Wrestling, Criminal Justice), Kyle Skinner (Wrestling, Mgt.).

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Athletics

Cathell & Jaime Named Top Student Athletes

Sophomore wrestler Matt Cathell was named Delaware State University’s 2008–09 Male Student Athlete of the Year, and freshman bowler Adriana Jaime was the top female during the University’s annual athletics awards banquet at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Dover.

Cathell and Jaime (pronounced “Hi-may”) were selected by a panel of University administrators on the basis of athletic and academic performance, leadership and community service.

A native of Dover and a graduate of Caesar Rodney High School, Cathell competed in the 2009 NCAA National Championship Tournament, his second straight tourney appearance. He was named MVP of the 2009 NCAA East Regional after winning the 149-pound championship for the consecutive year. Cathell was 16–2 this season, suffering his only losses in the NCAA nationals. He was ranked as high as No. 9 in the national 149-pound coach’s polls during the 2008–09 season.

Jaime, a native of Canoga Park, CA, was a National Tenpin Coaches Association Second Team All-America, All-MEAC First Team selection and MEAC Rookie-of-the-Year for the 2008–09 season. She helped lead the Hornets to the first MEAC and ECAC championships and NCAA Tournament appearance in team history. DSU was 2–2 and reached the Final 4 in the 2009 NCAA Tournament. Jaime was tops on the Hornets team and second in the MEAC with a 197.3 average.

The other candidates for Delaware State Male Athlete of the Year were Ross Babineaux (baseball), Donte Holmes (cross country, indoor & outdoor track and field), Larrone Moore (indoor/outdoor track & field, football), Dan Perkins (baseball) and Nick Richmond (football), while other female candidates were Hannah Adewumi (tennis), Nekisha Franklin (indoor/outdoor track & field), Sonia Johnson (basketball), Cassandra Joyner (volleyball), Angela Reynolds (bowling), Mallory Ross (cross country, indoor & outdoor track and field) and Brittney Ruark (softball).

College football great Gene Lake ’85 inducted into MEAC Hall of Fame

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference has inducted former Delaware State College star running back Gene Lake into its 2009 MEAC Hall of Fame.

Lake, a Milford native, played football for the Hornets in 1982–84 and holds DSU records in four categories: rushing touchdowns in a season (20), career-rushing touchdowns (35), points scored in a season (120) and single-season rushing yards (1,722), which he achieved in his junior year, 1983. He led all MEAC collegiate players that year in rushing yards. Lake finished his career with 3,123 rushing yards.

Lake was a 1983 and 1984 Sheridan Black College All-American and a 1984 Kodak All-American. He earned All-MEAC First Team accolades in 1982 and 1984 and was named MEAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1984.

Also inducted into the MEAC Hall of Fame this year were Norfolk State track star Chris Brown in the student athlete class with Lake, South Carolina State University sports information director William Hamilton in the conference administrator class, Morgan State University sports information director Joseph McIver, and ESPN sports broadcaster Charlie Neal as a special contributor to the conference.
Hattie Dabney Mishoe, longtime first lady of Delaware State College, passed away on Tuesday morning, March 17 at her Dover home. She would have been 95 in July.

Known as “Mother Mishoe” in the Dover-area church community, Mrs. Mishoe was the widow of Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, whose 27-year tenure (1960–1987) made him the second longest-serving president in the history of the University.

Mrs. Mishoe earned her RN from Mercy Douglas School of Nursing in Philadelphia and attended the University of Michigan’s Graduate School Nursing, where she met the love of her life, Luna Mishoe. They were united in holy matrimony in 1944. The Mishoes raised five children together in Dover.

Although Mrs. Mishoe put her nursing career on hold to support her husband’s career in academia, she used her nursing experience to help DSC develop its first nursing degree program, and she supported the college in many ways, opening her home to faculty, staff, students and the community. There were even times the Mishoes boarded students in their home during campus housing shortages.

Mrs. Mishoe loved attending Hornets’ basketball and football games, traveling with her husband to away games to cheer the Hornets on to victory. Even after Dr. Mishoe passed away in 1989, Mrs. Mishoe continued to attend home games while her health permitted and later continued to follow the Hornet games on the radio.

In October 2008, Mrs. Mishoe was inducted into the DSU Alumni Association Hall of Fame. She was honored for her dedication and exemplary service as a mentor to thousands of DSC students.

She was a member of numerous organizations, including: The Links of Dover, Electra Chapter No. 6 of the Order of Eastern Stars, the Golden Circle #43, Mercy Douglas Hospital, the School for Nurses Alumni Association and the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Volunteer Services. Until the time of her death, “Mother Mishoe” was an active member of Mt. Zion AME Church in Dover, where she served as a deaconess and Mother of the Church. She also served as a church stewardess for many years.

Mrs. Mishoe is survived by her children Dr. Wilma Mishoe, Rev. Rita Paige, Bernelllyn Carey and Luna Mishoe II and by her nephew Henry Mishoe, whom she raised as a son, as well as a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives.
Alumni ‘Ride Wave of Change,’

TOUR NEW WELLNESS & RECREATION CENTER

On May 16, members of the DSU Alumni Association met at the Bank of America building to hear about recent changes on campus, including updates on the search for a new University president and a preview of the new wellness center. Alumni couple Mary and Frank Marshall received the Bridge Award for their support of DSU athletics, and the class of ’59 celebrated their golden anniversary.

Alumni President Deidre Y. Ottley presided over the day-long event, branded “Riding the Wave of Change.” Acting President Dr. Claibourne Smith gave an update of events at DSU, followed by a Q & A session with the chair of the presidential search committee, Dr. Wesley Perkins. Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Harry Williams and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Carolyn Curry gave brief presentations, and admissions counselor Joshwyn Abrams, a former Hornets athlete, gave an overview on student recruitment and invited alumni to participate through the Office of Alumni Affairs.

An impassioned Frank Marshall accepted the Bridge Award from Ottley on behalf of him and his wife Mary during an awards luncheon. The award was given to the Marshalls in recognition of their outstanding support of DSU athletics as long-time members of the Athletics Boosters Club. Mr. Marshall expressed his deep appreciation for the award, recommitting himself to continue serving his alma mater. Charity Shockley, director of donor relations and the annual fund, during the luncheon gave a presentation about the 2009 Tom Joyner Foundation Campaign.

Following the luncheon, alumni took guided tours of the new Wellness & Recreation Center at the site of the old Memorial Hall. The business meeting resumed in the Bank of America building, where officers gave reports and alumni representative Sheila Davis was elected to one of two alumni representative positions. Her term will expire in 2011. Elections for other offices will be held in May 2010.

The day of events culminated in the evening with the class of 1959’s 50th anniversary celebration in Loockerman Hall. The University presented the celebrants with certificates and commemorative pins. Among the well-wishers were family, friends, DSU administrators and staff. Enjoying an evening of reminiscing and reconnecting were 1959 classmates Bettye Henry Bellamy, Equilla Watson Boyce, Donald Evans, Cornell Harvell, Minnie Harris Hill, Wilbert “Bunny” Miller, Greta Naylor-Yorkman, Richard Turner and Herbert Watson. Celebrating with them were friends from the classes before and after: James Moody ’60, Vera White Chism ’58, her husband Earl Chism ’58, Donald Blakey ’58 and his wife Delores Blakey ’62. Some class of ’59 alumni braved the elements the next day to participate in Commencement. Plans are in the works for the class to continue the celebration during the October homecoming weekend.

Class of ’59 is Golden

On Commencement Day this spring, eight members of the “golden” class of 1959 donned caps and gowns on a rainy day in May and braved the elements to reenact the day they received their degrees 50 years ago from Delaware State College.

On May 16, the day before commencement, members of the class of ’59 reunited at a gala reception at historic Loockerman Hall to commemorate their 50th class anniversary. Nine classmates were celebrated with awards and a champagne toast as acting DSU President Dr. Claibourne Smith and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Harry Williams welcomed and congratulated them.

Carolyn Curry, vice president for institutional advancement, Vita Pickrum, assistant vice president for development, and Charity Shockley, director of the annual fund and donor relations, were also there to salute the class of ’59.

Lorene Robinson, director of alumni affairs, and Teressa W. Murphy, alumni affairs technician, organized and hosted the annual affair.

The Class of 1959 poses outside of Memorial Hall on graduation day. (Photo provided by Minnie H. Hill)

Alumni FAQs

WHAT IS “ANNUAL GIVING?”

DSU alumni become annual givers when they make the decision to give back to DSU each and every year. Some alumni choose to give back to their academic college, some choose to support a specific program, a department, athletics or other campuswide needs through the DSU Annual Fund. No matter what area you choose to support, your consistent giving ensures DSU’s future as one of the nation’s premier Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

WHAT IS DSU’S “GREATEST NEED” FOR THE COMING YEAR?

Without a doubt, scholarship support remains DSU’s greatest need for the coming year. With a challenging economy and declining state and federal support, helping students offset the cost to attend DSU is the University’s greatest challenge. Enrollment at DSU is high, which is exciting, but providing resources to help these students pay for tuition and books is continually more difficult. That’s why private support from generous DSU alumni and friends is evermore crucial.

HOW DO I CHOOSE FROM THE VARIOUS REQUESTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO DSU?

There are many ways to be an annual supporter, so you may receive various requests to contribute, such as a call during the alumni phone-a-thon, requests from your academic college, and appeals for the DSU Annual Fund, the Tom Joyner Foundation Partnership and other programs. You may give back to the areas you care about most—it’s your choice.

DOES EVEN A SMALL GIFT EACH YEAR REALLY MAKE THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE?

A resounding “yes!” When it comes to the DSU family, there is strength in numbers. When all of our gifts are added together, DSU alumni and friends collectively make the biggest impact on the University’s future. Gifts from alumni, in particular, count toward our alumni participation rate, a key tool used by corporations and foundations for evaluating our great University.

Your gift—no matter the size—really does make its mark!

Top 10 things alumni can do to help DSU

10: Proudly wear your DSU red and Columbia blue whenever possible.

9: Check out DSU on Facebook and become a fan. Go to www.facebook.com, search “Delaware State University.” We are 865 fans strong and growing.

8: Encourage friends or classmates to support DSU.

7: Stay connected! Forward your email address to dsufoundation@desu.edu so that you may receive the DSUupdate, an informative online newsletter for DSU alumni and friends.

6: Come to Homecoming Weekend 2009, beginning October 24, and enjoy the festivities.

5: Have you been reflecting recently on the “good ole days” as a DSU student and your class’ milestone reunion is fast approaching? Become a reunion team captain for your graduating class by contacting Director of Alumni Affairs Lorene Robinson at lrobinson@desu.edu or 302.857.6050.

4: If your company or organization has a position opening, forward that information to Director of Alumni Affairs Lorene Robinson at lrobinson@desu.edu or 302.857.6050 for distribution to interested DSU alumni and students.

3: Consider using DSU student interns for your company or organization. Interested? Contact Robin Roberts, director of career services, at rroberts@desu.edu or 302.857.6124.

2: Consider becoming an alumni mentor to assist current DSU students in making their mark on the world. Interested? Contact Director of Alumni Affairs Lorene Robinson at lrobinson@desu.edu or 302.857.6050.

1: Give to DSU scholarships, Tom Joyner Scholarships for DSU students, or the Alumni Scholarship Campaign. Help financially needy students continue their education by visiting www.desu.edu/giving for online giving via credit or debit cards, by calling 302.857.6055 for giving via credit or debit cards, or by mailing your check or money order using the enclosed postage-paid envelope to the DSU Foundation, 1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Double your contribution! If your employer participates, send a matching gift form along with your donation.

We express our sincere appreciation of those whose generous support has contributed to the welfare and progress of DSU.
DSU Night at the National Constitution Center

On April 19, more than 50 members of the DSU community celebrated DSU Night with a private viewing of “America I AM: The African-American Imprint” at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The traveling exhibition, which debuted there, celebrates 500 years of African-American contributions to the United States. DSUAA President Deidre Ottley organized the outing as a special outreach event. DSU sponsored a bus for their students, accompanied by Vice President for Institutional Advancement Carolyn Curry and Alumni Director Lorene Robinson, and provided refreshments. The DSUAA Philadelphia chapter also sponsored a get-together at a local hotel prior to the event. Alfred Outlaw, Barry Robinson, Deidre Ottley, Laura Burnett, Nathan and Lola Thomas and their daughter Nathania, Rourke Moore, Beverly Swann and others attended.

Local Alumni Chapter Hosts Scholarship Luncheon

BY NED W. BROWN JR., CHAPTER PRESIDENT

On April 26, 150 people attended the New Castle County Alumni Chapter’s 28th Annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Waterfall Banquet and Conference Center in Claymont, DE. Keynote speaker Darnierien McCants (’01) gave a lively and entertaining talk about the importance of meeting life’s goals. McCants has been an outstanding financial contributor to Delaware State University.

The alumni chapter recognized McCants and several other people for their contributions or achievements by awarding them beautiful clocks. They were:

- Dr. Lillian M. Lowery, for her outstanding work as superintendent of the Christina School District. Lowery is a member of the Delaware State University Board of Trustees and was appointed Delaware’s secretary of education in January.

- The late Littleton P. Mitchell, in recognition of lifetime service and leadership to the country through the NAACP and Tuskegee Airmen.

- Amir Mohammadi, DSU vice president of finance and administration, for his extraordinary commitment and dedication to the University.

- John Ridgeway (’76), corporate manager of Toyota Financial Services, for his volunteer efforts in the DSU College of Business and for his outstanding financial contributions to the University and to the New Castle County Alumni Chapter.

- Maj. Gen. Ernest George Talbert, for his many firsts with the Delaware Air National Guard, including his elevation to chief of staff and vice commander. He is the son of Mr. Ernest Talbert, who taught business curricula for 28 years at then-Delaware State College.

A date for next year’s scholarship luncheon will be announced soon.

Local Alumni Chapter Awards Five DSU Scholarships

THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ALUMNI CHAPTER HAS AWARDED $1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO FIVE STUDENTS TO ATTEND DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY THIS FALL.

THEY ARE:

Brandon Allen from Mt. Pleasant High School

Charré Allen from Hodgson Vo-Tech

Orien McLean from McKean High School

Anthony Mosely Jr. from Middletown High School

Dominique Broomer, a Delaware State University sophomore who received a scholarship last year. Broomer reapplied this year and was awarded the 2009–10 scholarship to DSU based on his impressive academic freshman year.

Congratulations to these students!
Alumna Chairs DSU Department of Psychology

Some measure success by the ability to give back to one’s alma mater. Dr. Gwendolyn N. Scott-Jones’ (BS ’96, MSW ’99) return to DSU to chair the Department of Psychology counts as evidence of her own professional success. The 36-year-old native Delawarean has been tapped to chair the department after serving only one year as an assistant professor of psychology at DSU. She brings a wealth of field and life experiences to her new leadership post – and an overabundance of enthusiasm – that she believes will benefit the faculty and students in her department.

After earning her Master of Social Work at DSU, Scott-Jones proceeded to fill her professional résumé with a number of career-building experiences. She served in mental health clinician positions for the Delaware Department of Correction, as a psychology assistant with the St. Jones Center for Behavior Health and the Delaware Psychiatric Center, and as a psychiatric social worker at the State of Delaware Crisis Prevention Service.

While working those jobs, she continued with her advanced studies at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she earned a master’s degree and a doctoral degree in clinical psychology. Her PsyD includes a subspecialty in forensic psychology.

Scott-Jones said that she has been interested in psychology since her Lake Forest High School days in Kent County, DE. “Knowing that there is a hair-thin line between saneness and insanity is fascinating,” she said. “I have always been interested in forensic psychology and in abnormalities from a psychological perspective.”

To DSU, Scott-Jones is a well-connected member of the professional mental health community. She was selected to be the keynote speaker at the 2008 People of Color Mental Health Conference in Wilmington, and she has created mental health professional connections throughout Delaware and beyond. She has also developed a Chisum Youth Basketball Program based in the Lake Forest School District in which DSU psychology and athletics students are getting valuable community service opportunities working with middle school-age children.

Not a stranger to adversity and obstacles, Scott-Jones said her challenges have taught her that “the occasion (of something adverse) does not have to lead to the conclusion.”

It is a lesson she is willing to pass on to any student or mental health client she works with.

For tickets, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Proceeds will benefit The Alumni Legacy Endowed Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact Albert S. Weal, Jr. at 757.461.1274, or via email: mastercook3@cox.net or weala@gabrobins.com.
Class Notes

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George Stevens, EdD, became an honorary member of the Cleveland State University Alpha Kappa Epsilon International Business Honor Society on April 30 and offered remarks at the recognition ceremony. AKE has the only international honor society whose mission is to recognize and promote excellence in scholarship, research, professionalism and leadership in international business. Stevens was recognized for his “superior record of professional activity in the field of international business…as one who has a distinguished list of accomplishments and further potential as a professional…[who has] earned a national and international professional reputation in international business.”

Stevens has been a business school dean for 20 years and serves on the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International’s board of directors and on Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society’s board of governors, and he is a mentor to deans in the U.S. and abroad. He works with HBCUs and serves as chair of AACSBS accreditation teams in Venezuela, Brazil, France, United Kingdom, Germany, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Taiwan, mainland China, Korea, Singapore and, most recently, Nigeria. Stevens is president of the 600,000-member International Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma, which exists only where business schools have earned AACSBS International accreditation. In recent years, nearly all of his accreditation work has been in Asia and in Europe.

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Hugh F. Williams, Jr, a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, will be transferring to the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong in August. He will be assigned there until 2012. Williams has been employed with the Department of State for the past 31 years and has served in Canada, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Belgium and Jamaica.

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Ralph Anthony Kemmerlin, for a second year, provided training and certification at the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association’s international conference in Wheeling, IL, in April. He also has been selected to be a member of the faculty of the American College of Forensic Examiners in Las Vegas in October. Kemmerlin is a certified forensic medical investigator with the Delaware Department of State, Division of Professional Regulation, and a special operations master instructor with the Confrontational Science Research Center in Milford, DE. He conducts yearly police, security and cadet in-service training for DSU’s Department of Public Safety.

In Memoriam

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

William Monroe Hearne ’50 . . . 6/28/09
Ida Mitchell Jones ’65 . . . . . . . . 5/18/09
Naomi Morris-Jennings ’49 . . . . 5/08/09
Hilda M. Thompson ’49 . . . . 5/07/09
Tammy R. Hammond ’86 . . . . 5/4/09
CORRECTION: Lennard L. Pritchett’s name (class of ’79) was incorrectly listed as Pritchett L. Layton under Deaths in the spring 2009 issue.

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Lee Jones, PhD, president and executive editor of “InSpire Magazine” (www.inspiremag.org) has released a movie titled “Let Your Haters Be Your Motivators.” The movie was developed from a highly popular speech he wrote and has delivered throughout the country. The movie will be on shelves in multiple locations. Jones will be on a national speaking tour during the 2009–10 academic year.

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Marc Stevens will be the Mass Communications Department chair for Randallstown High School in Randallstown, MD, in the 2009–10 academic year beginning this fall. He will also be enrolled in the Leadership Institute at Loyola College in Baltimore this fall.

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Chappell Wilson successfully passed the Certified Investments and Derivatives Auditor’s exam. The CIDA is a 4-hour test that allows professionals to audit swaps, options, forwards and futures contracts, which, she says, is “pretty much the spine of the credit crisis crippling the financial industry.” She continues, “These derivatives in particular have played an intricate part in how the securitization process is completed on Wall Street.” In order to sit for the CIDA, an individual must have two years of internal and external audit experience and be in a senior management position; Wilson is currently a manager and just made the cut.

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Jacqueline V. Kane Parham completed the doctoral program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, earning the Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership; conferred on May 15, 2009.

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Amystique Y. Harris-Church, associate director of operations with the DSU Office of Testing, has recently joined the cast and crew of “The Vanessa Waller Show” as its Dover correspondent. Billed as a faith-based, Christian talk show comprising a team of extraordinary women of different ages and one “punk rocker of a guy,” “The Vanessa Waller Show” uses a roundtable format where a panel of guests and talk team candidly engage in lively discussions and debate issues relative to everyday living. The show currently airs out of Tacoma, WA, and is scheduled for viewing in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Denver and Dover, DE.

In addition, The League League of Women Voters has nominated Harris-Church for its Making Democracy Work award, which recognizes individuals who positively impact their community.

Calling all Alumni: DSU Needs You!

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Class of 1959 50th Reunion: Another golden opportunity!
Class coordinator: Wilbert “Bunny” Miller

Class of 1969 40th Reunion: Ring those Bells!
Class coordinators: Esthelda Parker-Selby and Stephanie T. Bolden

Class of 1974 35th Reunion: Where has the time gone?
Class coordinators: Al Weal, Jr., Grace Reaves-Garrett, Bernice Stewart and Martha Hopkins

Class of 1999 10th Reunion: Has it really been TEN years?
Class coordinator: Marquita Thomas-Brown

80s Reunion—When people knew how to party.
Coordinator: Deidre Ottley

To contact reunion coordinators, email alumni@desu.edu or call the Alumni Office at 302.857.6050.

*Subject to change.

2009 HOMECOMING REUNIONS*

Students do a woodworking project in the workshop at State College for Colored Students, ca 1910.

Male students were required to take a two-year course in shop, agriculture or horticulture. Curiously, students and faculty in the photo are dressed in fine clothes, unfitting for a workshop environment. We can speculate that they dressed up for a planned photo opportunity or that this was taken on July 4, 1910, when renowned educator Booker T. Washington visited the campus.
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