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Dear DSU alumni and friends,

As DSU continues upward climb, your support is key to its success.

Like an athlete who has been able to produce a sudden burst of speed in the midst of his or her competition, Delaware State University has recently experienced the same in its drive to become the top Historically Black University in the country. In September, DSU learned that it had moved into the top 10 of U.S. News & World Report’s annual ranking of HBCUs, tied with two other schools for 9th place. Two months later, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) named Delaware State University as the 1890 Land-Grant Institution of the Year and also presented DSU with the 1890 Land-Grant Research Award.

These developments represent further confirmation that all things are possible for DSU. It has been my fervent prayer that all of our stakeholders — students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and supporters — embrace the visionary potential and do all that we can in our individual capacities to catapult DSU to the pinnacle of HBCUs.

As DSU continues upward climb, your support is key to its success. Do not merely be a witness to the active participation. Your steadfast support will make the greatest of difference in our levels of excellence and achievements.

As a movement toward the beginning of 2014, progressive developments continue at the University. By the time you receive this edition of The Echo, DSU will have begun the construction of the Optical Science Center for Applied Research (OSCAR) Building. In addition, you will learn inside, a U.S. Department of Energy grant has facilitated DSU’s research portfolio expansion into the solar energy arena.

Also in this edition, you will read of the fundraising commitment of DSU’s Class of 1965 and the example that this alumni group is setting in supporting its alma mater. Their belief in this institution — as well as that of other alumni and supporters — is highly motivational, constantly spurring the University on to even greater levels of excellence and achievements. Do not merely be a witness to the development at DSU. Help the University make it happen with your financial support through the DSU Foundation and your active participation.

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The University received the awards during the 126th APLU Annual Meeting, at which the organization held its inaugural 1890 Land-Grant Universities Teaching, Research and Innovation Awards ceremony.

The 14 award categories included: retention, degree completion, agriculture degree completion, education degree completion, STEM degree completion, intellectual property, innovation, research, international research, experiential student learning, international student development, alumni engagement and exemplary alumni.

The Land-Grant Institution of the Year Award was given for the best overall performance in each category from 2011-2013. DSU scored the highest of all 1890 land-grant institutions for being the best overall performance in each category from 2011-2013. DSU also garnered the Research Award for its 129 percent increase in total federal research funding between 2012 and 2013.

"DSU’s success in obtaining such grants demonstrates the significant and intentional growth in our research and innovation enterprise by our talented faculty in focused lines of scientific inquiry at the federal level," said Dr. Alton Thompson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "While receiving the Research Award is an honor for the University, it also shows that DSU’s expectations with respect to its research activities are at an all-time high, and we will continue to push the boundaries of knowledge that benefit Delawareans and people across the globe."

Delaware State University has moved up to 9th place among 81 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the country in an annual U.S. News & World Report ranking.

DSU is tied with two other HBCUs — Clark Atlanta and Florida A&M universities — for 9th place. Among Mid-Atlantic region schools, DSU joins Howard University (3rd) among the top 10 HBCUs in the 2014 ranking.

President Harry L. Williams said the University’s rise in the HBCU rankings confirms everything he has believed about DSU since he first arrived as president in 2009.

"There has never been any doubt in my mind that the continuation of DSU’s rise in the U.S. News & World Report Best HBCU rankings has been within our capacity because of some very strategic work by the entire DSU family," Williams said. "To move from number 13 to number 9 is a validation of the ongoing successes of our faculty, staff, students, administration and alumni."

The HBCU rankings are based on the following categories to assess academic quality: assessment by administrators at peer institutions, student retention and graduation rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. The areas are broken down into 11 statistical scores that are evaluated toward reaching a final overall score.

DSU’s improvements in peer assessments, SAT scores of incoming freshmen, federal research funding and graduation rates are among the statistics that are reflected in its rise in the ranking. Those improvements reflect that the University is attracting a stronger freshman class than ever before and increasing student success.

"In addition to another year of record enrollment, our academic quality continues to increase. This year our incoming freshmen have an average grade point average of 3.0, the highest ever at DSU."

President Harry L. Williams
Dr. Christopher Heckscher identifies new species in Delaware

The newly discovered firefly was distinguished from other species by its distinct oval body, small size, flash pattern and dense pubescent elytra (wing covers), according to Dr. Christopher Heckscher.

"I think it’s a great example of how much we still have to learn about our natural world. If a firefly can go undiscovered, so everything I find out will be new," Dr. Heckscher said. "So everything I find out will be new."
The Buzz

Five faculty projects have been named to receive funding as part of the University’s first-ever PRIDE 2020 — Innovation Grants awards, the brainchild of President Harry L. Williams. The projects — awarded $20,000 each — were selected from among 29 submitted faculty proposals. The recipients were determined to be the top proposals that advance the priorities and goals of DSU’s strategic plan.

"Next-Generation Sensors for Improving Human Health and Urban Air Quality: A Technology-Driven Business Model for Young Entrepreneurs"

• Principal investigator: Dr. Mohammed Khan, left, assistant professor of physics
• Co-principal investigators: Dr. Mukti Rana, center, assistant professor of physics, and Dr. Nandita Das, associate professor of business

This project entails a prototype greenhouse gas sensor technology for environmental applications, developed indigenously at DSU’s engineering laboratories. It will be transformed into a marketable product through a model business plan developed by the College of Business team.

"Affordable Solar Thin-Film Technologies Based on Sustainable Materials"

• Principal investigator: Dr. Daniela R. Radu, left, assistant professor of chemistry
• Co-principal investigators: Dr. Cheng-Yu Lai, right, associate professor of physics; Dr. Yuri Markushin, center, senior research scientist; and Dr. Chaoying Ni, University of Delaware

The project will contribute to establishing the foundation for a strong solar program at DSU by demonstrating novel nanoparticles precursors to thin film photovoltaics (PV).

"Using Study-Abroad Exchanges to Enhance Global Learning at DSU"

• Principal investigator: Dr. Ladji Sacko, associate professor of foreign languages, right
• Co-principal investigator: Dr. Raymond Tutu, assistant professor of history and political science

This project’s primary objective is to implement best practices for integrating study-abroad opportunities for students and faculty — with specific courses and coursework — into a more comprehensive and structured globalization of the DSU campus.

"Interdisciplinary Computational Laboratory (ICL)"

• Principal investigator: Dr. Hacene Boukari, left, associate professor of physics
• Co-principal investigator: Dr. Essaid Zerrad, professor of physics

This lab will be established to engage DSU undergraduate and graduate students in diverse STEM disciplines through computational, physical and mathematical modeling. ICL will be used to assemble appropriate scientific codes and media-oriented software for STEM teaching and to develop computational capabilities for interdisciplinary research.

"Managing Indoor/Outdoor Transitions in Autonomous Robot Wheelchairs"

• Principal investigator: Dr. Gary Holness, assistant professor of computer science

A number of efforts in the robotics and machine perception research communities have pursued the idea of an autonomous wheelchair as a mobility solution for those with both physical and perceptuo-cognitive impairments. The research project will aim to address issues concerning the development of autonomous wheelchairs that transition between outdoor-to-indoor and indoor-to-outdoor navigation.

Five faculty projects awarded Innovation Grants

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The Buzz
GRANT TO ESTABLISH LIBRARY ARCHIVAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, WALKING TOUR

Department of Social Work’s accreditation reaffirmed

The Department of Social Work has received notification that the Commission on Accreditation for the Council on Social Work Education has reaffirmed the accreditation of both its undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Both programs are now fully accredited until 2020. Dr. Michelle Saunders, Department of Social Work chair, said the full reaffirmation of accreditation speaks to the quality and integrity of the curricula of the Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Social Work programs.

“This achievement also exemplifies Delaware State University’s capacity to provide the social work profession with competent social workers who exemplify the University’s mission, vision and values,” Saunders said.

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Delaware State University holds its 133rd Commencement on Dec. 14, awarding diplomas to more than 200 graduates. Danielle Riber of Felton, Del., who maintained a 4.0 grade point average while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, was presented the Presidential Academic Award.

Keynote speaker Kent Amos, an alumnus of the Class of 1970, told the graduates that now that DSU has prepared them, it is their responsibility to move forward. “I see a sea of roses and daffodils nurtured and flowered by the raindrops of Delaware State University’s … pantheon of heroes who came before us,” Amos said. “You are young men and women who now have a certificate of entry into the world beyond the institution.”

INSPIRE EXCELLENCE AND VICE PRESIDENT CHOICE AWARDS

Delaware State University took time out to honor its faculty and staff during the annual Employee Recognition Ceremony in September.

DR. DONALD BROWN NAMED DELAWARE INBRE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

Dr. Eric R. Kienzle, professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry within the College of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology, has been named the director of research for the Delaware INBRE program, a statewide biomedical research initiative.

The purpose of the Delaware IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) is to create an inter-institutional biomedical research capability by developing a statewide pipeline of capable and competitive biomedical research personnel who can successfully compete for biomedical research grants funded by the National Institutes of Health and other agencies. Kienzle, principal investigator of the DSU INBRE grant, will be the first director of research for Delaware INBRE at an institution outside of the University of Delaware.

Widely recognized as a pioneer of gene editing—a technique in which synthetic DNA molecules are used to patch or repair mutations in human chromosomes—Kienzle heads DSU’s Laboratory of Chemical Genetics.

INSPIRE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Michelle Fisher, director of Student Health Services, received the evening’s top award.

Vice President Choice Awards

Business

- Jeff DeMoss, executive director of Dining and Auxiliary
- Greg Hilliard, Fleet Services/Transportation supervisor

Finance

- Karen Fair, director of Facilities Management
- Cindy Koegle, payroll clerk

Student Affairs

- Paula Duffy, director of Judicial Affairs
- Michelle Fisher, director of Student Health Services

Institutional Advancement

- Lynn locono, executive director of Student Financial Services
- Brandon Maddox, marketing specialist

Research

- Dr. Tomasz Smolinski, assistant professor of computer and information sciences
- Dr. Jenjie Liu, assistant professor of mathematics

Academic Affairs

- Terrell Holmes, University registrar
- Eric Hart, senior associate athletic director

Athletics

- Eidos Piper, senior secretary of football operations
- Mark Springs, head equipment athletics manager

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Donald Brown
associate professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages

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DSU’s Archives and Special Collections in the William C. Jason Library has been awarded a two-year, $145,194 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Museum Grants for African-American History and Culture program.

The funds will be used to establish an archival fellowship program. Two nine-month archival fellows as well as two summer interns will be hired during the project, which will provide recent graduates with valuable hands-on experience in a wide range of archival responsibilities. The second year of the project—which will run through 2015—will culminate in the creation of a historic campus walking tour.

Emily R. Cottle, University archivist and special collections librarian, is the project director.

PASSWORD VULNERABILITY

CO-AUTHORS PAPER ON PASSWORD VULNERABILITY

Dr. Hongxin Hu, assistant professor of computer science, is part of a research team that raised security concerns over a relatively new “picture password” that comes with Microsoft Windows 8, the latest operating system from that software giant.

Along with three researchers from Arizona State University—Dr. Gall-Joon Ahn, professor of computer science; doctoral student Ziming Zhao; and master degree student Jong-Jin Seo—Hu has co-authored a paper that details how they have developed algorithms that reveal vulnerabilities in the otherwise innovative picture password.

In their paper—On the Security of Picture Gesture-Authentication—presented at the USENIX Security Symposium in Washington, D.C., the researchers say that people’s choices of “gesture passwords” tended to follow predictable patterns.

Hu and his research colleagues claim in the paper that they collected more than 10,000 picture passwords from over 800 subjects through online user studies. The passwords were connected with a variety of images, which included people, animals, landscape, civilization and computer-generated pictures. By developing algorithms that identified the points of interest that users were likely to choose for password patterns, the research team—led by Ahn—was able to crack 48.8 percent of the passwords for previously unseen pictures in one data set and 24.0 percent in another, according to their paper.

“We implemented a picture-password-strength meter,” Hu said. He added that was a critical part of the research project.

Efforts to get comment from Microsoft were unsuccessful.

DR. CONSTANT BEUGE NAMED FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR IN GHANA

Dr. Constant D. Beuge, professor of management, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. Beuge will spend the 2014 spring and summer semesters at Methodist University of Ghana. During his time there, he will help Methodist University establish a Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and a business incubator. Beuge will also teach a class on entrepreneurship and conduct research on “Fostering Entrepreneurial Eco-Systems in sub-Saharan Africa.”

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR AMONG BLACK ACHIEVERS

Michelle Fisher, director of Student Health Services, was named among Delaware’s 2013 Black Achievers in Business and Industry at an annual awards ceremony held by the Walnut Street YMCA in Wilmington, Del.

Fisher was presented her Black Achiever award by Hil Harper, actor/author/role model activist, the keynote speaker for the event. She was among 17 honorees selected this year.

“Under Ms. Fisher’s leadership, DSU has a Student Health Service Center that would rival health services provided at institutions twice our size,” said Vice President for Student Affairs Kernal Alkins.
Delaware State University has commemorated a once-prominent motto that greeted all who entered the institution’s front gate from the 1950s to the 1990s. While Making Our Mark on the World continues to be DSU’s current guiding motto of expectation, the University has honored another motto that guided students for more than 40 years — “Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve.”

That latter motto has been reincarnated in a 10-foot-high black iron arch installed at the front entrance of the gate that surrounds historic Loockerman Hall, where President Harry L. Williams led an October dedication ceremony.

“We have chosen to install it outside Loockerman Hall because this building was the main place on a very fledgling campus where early students ‘entered to learn.’ It served as the Main College Building for this institution’s first 37 years of existence,” Williams said.

“The unveiling of the famous words at the entrance of this historic building...
Through its partnerships around the globe, Delaware State University builds connections with international institutions, hosting students each semester who enroll to earn their degrees and enhance their English skills and knowledge of American culture. During fall 2013, there are 235 international students on campus from countries including China, South Korea, India, Canada and Africa.

Among those students is Yue Zhang, a graduate student from Dong Bei University of Finance and Economics in Dalian, China, completing his studies in DSU’s Master of Business Administration Program. Zhang recently shared his experiences on campus and in the Dover community as part of an essay contest hosted by the Office of International Affairs during International Education Week. In an excerpt from his winning essay, written as a letter to his parents, he describes a welcoming learning environment during his two years studying at DSU.

“Being in the U.S. for more than two years, I have experienced a lot, changed a lot and grown a lot. I can’t forget the moment when I was looking down from the top of the Empire State Building and I can’t forget the time when I was walking by the reflecting pool of the Washington Monument. The rainbow over Niagara Falls painted my mood green and blue, the glaciers on Mount McKinley cleansed me from impurities of my soul. Yet my heart still belongs to this town, Dover, and my stories and memories scatter along the path of my everyday life, College Road.”

“My story started at the beginning of College Road, Delaware State University. Studying abroad for me is challenging, but DSU surprises me with its wide erudition, broad inclusiveness and strong vitality. It seems just like yesterday that I was sitting in the classroom, struggling with language barriers and cultural adjustments. As an international student, it takes time and even troubles to really fit in a different campus, but faculty and staff at DSU never hesitate to assist me with my difficulties in study or school life. Professors here encourage me to share my opinion about course topics and to work in a team to tackle a project. Moreover, no one treats me differently because of my nationality or accent. Instead, they treat me with ‘Hi Han!’, they offer advice about my course registration, they help me to find the book I need in the library, and they show me the shuttle stop.

“Gradually, I am no longer afraid of speaking out in class. I start to enjoy a simple lunch with friends at the student cafe, and I position myself in a student association to enrich my experience. Today, when I am being professionally seasoned in my academic field and taking advantage of various school resources, I think of all the help I have gotten from people at DSU. And now when I meet with new Chinese students who are undergoing the same transition in their lives, I feel them they will get through it and they will enjoy their future in this University as I do. To me, DSU is like a knowledgeable teacher, a considerate family and a charming friend.”

**WHAT DOES THE MOTTO MEAN TO YOU?**

*via Facebook [facebook.com/DESUedu]*

**To me it means that while we are alive our sense of purpose and our happiness come from serving our community and helping others, and we have a duty to make each generation better able to be of service to society, in every community, and in every neighborhood. The world needs people who know how to contribute to the well-being and happiness of others.**

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**Richard Page**

**To me it means ... when you come here your purpose is to gain knowledge and when you leave, take what you learned and use it in your life, your career and in your community. Knowledge is power; use it!**

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**Martha Sims Wilson**

**To me it means that no matter what we major in, we should go forth and serve our communities, neighborhoods and mankind to make this world a better, safer more informed world, showing kindness and compassion along the way.**

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**Donna M. Harris**

Left: About 50 people attended the Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve arch dedication at Loockerman Hall. From left are Dr. Gladys Motley, former vice president for Student Affairs; President Harry L. Williams and alumni couple Delores ’62 and Dr. Donald Blakely ’58.

Center: Motley speaks during the dedication ceremony, held inside Loockerman Hall due to the rain.

Right: Williams and Samuel L. Guy ‘81 pause for a photo with the arch.

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**DSU’S PI ETA OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI WINS NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR**

The Pi Eta Chapter (Delaware State University) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. has been honored as the Edward G. Irvin Undergraduate Chapter of the Year award recipient by the national Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. The award is the Highest Grand Chapter award available to undergraduate chapters for outstanding achievement in the community and at their respective university. Pi Eta was able to win this award among 700-plus chapters in the fraternity.

Left: Brandon Allen, Pi Eta president, and Calvin Carter, advisor; accept the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity’s Edward G. Irvin Undergraduate Chapter of the Year award at the fraternity’s national meeting in Texas.

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**IN THE WORDS OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

**Yue Zhang  GRADUATE STUDENT  |  MBA PROGRAM**

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Delaware State,” Guy said. “And it was all because there was a physical manifestation of the motto there.”

In addition to the dedication of the arch, a new historical item was also unveiled to the gathering at Loockerman Hall.

Earlier this year while doing research at the Kent County Recorder of Deeds, Carlos Holmes, DSU director of News Services, was able to unearth a copy of the original 1891 deed that legally establishes a landmark that will be just as meaningful to our present and future DSU students as it was to many of DSU’s alumni in the latter half of the 1900s.

The restored motto was first established in 1952 when the late Felmon Motley, a 1948 graduate of then-Delaware State College, constructed a sign for the front entrance of the campus stating “May All Who Enter Here, Enter to Learn and Go Forth to Serve.”

Felmon loved Delaware State, and Delaware State loved Felmon,” Dr. Motley said.

“The motto was a part of the front gate of the campus for 45 years; however, the sign was removed when the University launched a project in 1997 to eliminate the two one-way streets that formerly stretched from the main gate to the center of the campus and replaced them with the current pedestrian mall.

When the project was completed, the sign was never restored. Many alumni never forgot the motto, however, without the physical sign bearing its words, incoming students from that point on never knew it existed. Alumni Dr. Donald A. Blakely ’58 said it was invigorating to see the University bring back the motto, and noted that both mottos complement each other well.

‘Students come to DSU to be educated and then they are expected to go out and serve,’ said Blakely. ‘While they are doing that, they are making their mark on the world in a positive way.’

Leonard Hudson ’71, who went on use his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to work for AT&T and Verizon, said the motto encouraged him to continue to serve his alma mater.

“I had a strong motivation to send students to Delaware State,” Hudson said. “I believe the motto had a strong impact on my life, my career and in my community. Knowledge is power; use it!”

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**Martha Sims Wilson**

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**Donna M. Harris**
Despite a dreary October day, spirits were high on the sidelines during the Hornets’ 14-7 Homecoming win over Norfolk State.

A Comedy Show, the annual Step Show and DSUAA Legacy Hall of Fame Mixer, and the Class of 1973 40th Anniversary Reunion were among the highlights at Homecoming 2013.

SAVE THE DATE
HOMECOMING 2014
OCTOBER 18, 2014

1. Eddie Epps ’78 has his caricature drawn at the Office of Development’s Be Counted booth in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center.

2. Enid Wallace-Simms ’74 shows her pride for DSYOU by having her image captured at the Office of Development’s Be Counted booth.

3. Clockwise, from bottom left, are Sheila Davis ’01, J. Cagney France ’69, Joy Hopkins-Keita ’99, Krystal McKenney, head women’s track and field/cross country coach, and Albert Vest ’74 at the DSUAA booth.

4. 2013-14 Miss DSU Chascidy Reeves and Mr. DSU Charles Robinson-Snead strike a pose during their official coronation ceremony, “An Evening in Paris.”

5. Student Government Association members, from left, Darnell Liburd, Marcus Delancy, and Shashanna Simeon wave to the crowd as they enter Alumni Stadium.

6. Paula Wright stands as a tribute is paid to her late husband, alumnus and DSU advocate Donald Wright ’65, at a pre-football game reception hosted by President Harry L. Williams.

7. Senior Tamika Hurdle, Dr. Marshá Horton, interim dean of the College of Education, Health and Public Policy, and Dr. Judi Coffield, director of the Early College High School/DSU, share information about the new charter school set to open next fall.
Adisa Bakari ’95 made his dream of becoming a sports attorney a reality. Today, he helps professional athletes take a long-term view of their futures.

The SEG represents 34 NFL players — including Maurice Jones-Drew of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Antoine Bethea of the Indianapolis Colts, Matt Forté of the Chicago Bears and Le’Veon Bell of the Pittsburgh Steelers — as well as six professional boxers and one NBA player.

Most of the players were represented by Bakari when he was with Dow Lobehes, another Washington law firm where he began his legal career 15 years ago. A merger between Dow Lobehes and another firm prompted Bakari to start a new chapter elsewhere, and when that ended up being at Kelley Drye & Warren, his sports clients followed him there.

Bakari has established a reputation as a sports agent who is not only there to represent his clients in salary negotiations and product endorsements, but also in getting his athletes to take a long-term view of their futures.

“Many NFL players’ careers do not extend beyond that first three-year contract,” Bakari said. “Eighty percent of NFL players end up broke or in financial disarray after their football career is over.”

Bakari said he works to drive home the point with his athletes that they are more than just entertainers.

“I tell them that being an athlete is their job, but it is not who they are,” he said. “It is important that they understand the athletic business of which they are part.”

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“She is a remarkable woman who raised her children and her children’s children,” Bakari said. “She didn’t have a degree or a lot of money, but we always knew that we were going college.”

Time at DSU

It was playing football for Calvin Coolidge High School that led him to DSU.

“Some of my coaches, most notably Robert Sanders, were graduates of DSU,” Bakari said. “Coach Sanders drove me to DSU and introduced me to (Hornet football coach) Bill Collick.”

While he performed well as a defensive back in high school, once he arrived at DSU and began competing at the next level, it became crystal clear to him that an NFL playing career would not be in the cards. Nevertheless, Bakari played on the Hornet football team during his first three years at DSU.

Soon after he arrived on campus his freshman year, another momentous event took place — he began dating Josephine Carter, who would be his future wife.

“I wasn’t doing a lot of dating at the time,” said Josephine, who graduated in 1995 from DSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. “I knew he had my attention, and because of that, I knew he had something.”

Bakari, who majored in political science at DSU, believes he made the most of his experience and he reserves his highest praise for a group of professors — Dr. Baruti Kapano, Dr. Akwesi Osei, Dr. Demas Kenjyatta and Joyce Breasure — who all impacted him deeply.

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The SEG represents 34 NFL players — including Maurice Jones-Drew of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Antoine Bethea of the Indianapolis Colts, Matt Forté of the Chicago Bears and Le’Veon Bell of the Pittsburgh Steelers — as well as six professional boxers and one NBA player.

Most of the players were represented by Bakari when he was with Dow Lobehes, another Washington law firm where he began his legal career 15 years ago. A merger between Dow Lobehes and another firm prompted Bakari to start a new chapter elsewhere, and when that ended up being at Kelley Drye & Warren, his sports clients followed him there.

Bakari has established a reputation as a sports agent who is not only there to represent his clients in salary negotiations and product endorsements, but also in getting his athletes to take a long-term view of their futures.

“Many NFL players’ careers do not extend beyond that first three-year contract,” Bakari said. “Eighty percent of NFL players end up broke or in financial disarray after their football career is over.”

Bakari said he works to drive home the point with his athletes that they are more than just entertainers.

“I tell them that being an athlete is their job, but it is not who they are,” he said. “It is important that they understand the athletic business of which they are part.”

To put his sports clients in a position to provide for their family in their post-professional sport years, Bakari annually holds a three-day “Life Retreat” that focuses on how they can succeed as athletes and business men.

Bakari has made his mark in Washington, where he was born as Clinton Tucker and raised, and, with the exception of his ancestry and heritage. Bakari is Swahili and means the promise of nobility, he said. Raised in Northwest Washington by his grandmother Evelyn Pitts, Bakari said she was adamant in her belief that he would go to college and become an attorney.

“She is a remarkable woman who raised her children and her children’s children,” Bakari said. “She didn’t have a degree or a lot of money, but we always knew that we were going college.”

Time at DSU

It was playing football for Calvin Coolidge High School that led him to DSU.

“Some of my coaches, most notably Robert Sanders, were graduates of DSU,” Bakari said. “Coach Sanders drove me to DSU and introduced me to (Hornet football coach) Bill Collick.”

While he performed well as a defensive back in high school, once he arrived at DSU and began competing at the next level, it became crystal clear to him that an NFL playing career would not be in the cards. Nevertheless, Bakari played on the Hornet football team during his first three years at DSU.

Soon after he arrived on campus his freshman year, another momentous event took place — he began dating Josephine Carter, who would be his future wife.

“I wasn’t doing a lot of dating at the time,” said Josephine, who graduated in 1995 from DSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. “I knew he had my attention, and because of that, I knew he had something.”

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BOTTOM RIGHT: During his years at DSU, Bakari, top right, was president of the student group Pepukayi, which brought in speakers and discussed the issues of the time.

He stepped away from Hornet football after his junior year to concentrate on preparing himself for law school. Following his cum laude graduation, Bakari went on to earn a law degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1998.

Career start and family
Before he finished studying law, he was already thinking about becoming a sports agent and broached such possibilities with Len Baxt, chairman of the Washington-based law firm Dow Lohnes, who responded by telling Bakari to get a job with the law firm and maybe such a venture would be possible later.

That is exactly what he did. Bakari began at Dow Lohnes as an executive compensation lawyer. After he proved himself with the firm, in his third year he brought up the sports representation idea with his bosses. He was allowed to use one-fifth of his required executive compensation lawyer. After he proved himself with the firm and maybe such a venture would be possible later.

“(At DSU) we knew we were going to be together and because of that, we knew we had to make each other better people,” said Josephine, who originally came to DSU on a track scholarship but who actually excelled even more on the Lady Hornets volleyball team.

Right after their DSU graduation, Adisa and Josephine were married. She would go on to teach biology in a junior high school and then she served as a teacher in New York City for 35 years.

As his wife and the mother of their four children, Josephine said she is not surprised by his success, nor by their success as a family.

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From the Drews, a long line of graduates
Loretta Drew Chowdhury ’54 and Dr. Martin Drew ’65 led the way for family at Delaware State

E. Martin A. Drew, Class of 1965, is truly challenged as he tries to recall all the members of his family who have graduated from or are attending Delaware State University. Just when he thinks he has covered everyone, another one comes to mind.

“There are a number of us who have been at Del State,” said Drew.

The Drew family legacy at DSU began with Loretta Drew Chowdhury, who graduated with a degree in Home Economics from then-Delaware State College in 1954.

Martin said that his father Orlando, who was born in 1915, outlived most of his 17 siblings. As such, he became the patriarch of the family and sent his younger sister — Loretta — to DSC. She would be the first of 14 Drew family descendants who would earn degrees at Del State.

Loretta would work as a dietician at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, N.Y., and then she served as a teacher in New York City for 35 years.

As the second in the family to earn a degree, Martin also took his DSC diploma in Elementary English to New York City, where he would teach junior high and high school, as well as serve as an assistant principal and principal. Along the way, he would earn two master’s degrees (Education Administration and Philosophy) and a doctorate in Education (Curriculum and Instruction).


Currently, Martin is a professor of English at his DSU alma mater. His oldest daughter, Monique Drew Woodley, graduated from DSC with a bachelor’s
Attending a Class of 1965 meeting in October, from left, are Jimmie Strong ‘66, Tina Maynard Strong, Dr. Martin Drew, Evallyn Brunswick, Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard and Sharon Dixon Drew ‘66. In the back row, from left, are Albert Rue, Dandy Stillwell, H. Allen Hamilton ‘66, Luke Chappel, J. Cagney France, Keith Dorman, Paula Wright, wife of late classmate Donald Wright, and Maurice Pritchett.

Class of 1965 alumni setting the giving example

The Class of 1965 has decided to take the alumni lead in the development of a strong “Culture of Giving” at DSU. In advance of the class’ 50-year anniversary — which it will celebrate in 2015 — a group of the 1965 class members has made a five-year pledge to raise $100,000 to go to DSU.

“We were the largest class to graduate at DSC at the time, and we have stayed in contact with each other,” said Dr. Martin A. Drew, who is chairing the class’ fundraising initiative. “We want to leave the largest donation from a class to our alma mater.”

Drew said that the project began in 2010 and to date in 2013, the class has raised more than half of the $110,000 pledged among class members. Major giver includes the late Donald Wright ($20,000), the late Wilbur Johnson ($10,000) as well as ten $5,000-level contributors.

All told to date, 22 class members have donated money to the DSU Foundation toward the class fundraiser. The contributions accelerated as a result of a challenge grant by Wright to match up to a certain amount.

“This is an example for other classes,” Drew said. “Other classes have talked to us to find out how we are doing this.”

Jason A. Allen

Degrees from DSU:
- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business (2003)
- Master of Business Administration (2004)

Current Job:
Allen has been a senior environmental specialist with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) since January 2005. Under the Site Remediation Program within the NDEP, he identifies, locates and links responsible parties to contaminated sites throughout New Jersey via responsible party searches and informs them of their obligation to comply with state site remediation laws in an attempt to decrease the threat of contamination to public health and safety, and the environment.

While working full-time, Allen pursued his second master’s degree in Environmental Policy Studies at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, graduating in 2009. Since 2008, he has also worked for a military contractor as a Civilian on the Battlefield (COB), assisting the military with training exercises for military personnel prior to their departure for upcoming assignments abroad.

Community Involvement:
In 2010, Allen was elected to the Pemberton Township (N.J.) Town Council for a four-year term and is the youngest African-American in township history to serve on the council. In July 2013, he was honored by the Burlington County Times as one of its “Forty Under 40.” He was described as one of Burlington County’s “best and brightest rising stars” as a result of his career achievements, local leadership and community service.

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I initially enrolled as an undeclared major because, unlike many, I had no idea what I wanted to be when I grew up. Shortly after being on campus, I started researching the environmental field and selected Agriculture Business as my major. This would provide me with a great foundation in the fast-growing environmental field and satisfy my desire to learn more about business management.

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The Smiths: Among the COOLEST of families

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RECOGNIZED AS EBONY MAGAZINE’S NO. 28 ‘COOLEST BLACK FAMILY IN AMERICA,’ ROSA ‘76, HER HUSBAND, CARY, AND DAUGHTER, CHAUNTEL SMITH ’02 ‘05 FIND BUSINESS SUCCESS SELLING PRODUCTS TO FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Delaware State College apparently gave Rosa F. Smith, Class of 1976, a good eye for a business opportunity.

In 1983 she discovered the market viability of selling Greek-related items to sororities, fraternities and social organizations, and started her own business that focused on those product lines.

Her passion for the business became a part of her husband Cary and her daughter Chautel — herself twice a DSU graduate — leading them not only to business success, but also to be recognized by Ebony magazine in its October 2013 online edition as "The Coolest Black Family in America, No. 28: The Smiths."

One could say that two critical parts of the path to being the "Coolest" began in 1973 with Rosa's marriage to Cary, as well as the fact that she was majoring in Business Education at DSC. Following her graduation, she entered the Air Force as a 1976 graduate of Delaware State College,

Rosa Smiith, 76, right, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Education, started Rosa's Greek Boutique in 1984. She also had a 30-plus-year career in education.

Chautel Smith '02 and '05, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. After seven years of teaching, she joined the family business full-time. In 2012 she was named president/CEO of both the boutique and another family business, Transportation Unlimited.

When it was a family decision, it was not an easy transition. "It was a struggle for Rosa to relinquish control," Chautel said as she looked straight at her mother, who affirmed that statement by nodding. "The struggles notwithstanding, like her father before her, Chautel has taken the business to a new level. She introduced new software to sharpen the accounting practices and used social media to assist in the marketing of their products. The youngest in the family businesses also convinced her parents of the benefit of separately incorporating each business.

Today, Rosa's Greek Boutique boasts of serving more than 20,000. The family notes that since Chautel took over the leadership of the business, sales have increased by 40 percent. Whereas at one time the family had a physical store in downtown Dover, all sales are now done solely online or by selling the products at Greek events or other venues. Sometimes Potts was in a reconnaissance plane that was shot down. He and other members of the flight survived and initially had radio contact with their unit — but ultimately Potts was missing in action. His remains were never found.

"Play was written and directed by Dr. Donald A. Blakey ’58," Drama "Nam" tells story of alumnus missing in action

In November, Delaware State University presented the dramatic production "Nam," a musical play written and directed by Dr. Donald A. Blakey ’58 which told the story of a DSU connection to the Vietnam War. After their 1969 graduation from then-Delaware State College, Larry Fletcher Potts and Charles "Butch" Harmon, on a bet with each other, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps as officers. While both served in Vietnam, only one of them returned home alive.

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Blakey researched this true story through correspondence from Potts, as well as by interviewing family members and Harmon, who currently resides in Milford.

Class of 1974 celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2014

Members of the Class of 1974 are invited to kick off the anniversary year during the weekend of Friday, February 28-Saturday, March 1, when the class will host a '70s Weekend Extravaganza at the Hilton Garden Inn in Dover. Events will include: A Friday night meet and greet at the host hotel, a class reunion update, a DSU walking tour and Hornets basketball on Saturday. The weekend will end with a '70s Old School Party at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Limited rooms are available under the name of classmate Calvin Jones. To make reservations, call 302.674.3784. For more information about the weekend, visit the class Web page: www.desu.edu/class74reunion.
Chapter Notes

Greater Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter

HIGHLIGHTS
The DSU Athletic Boosters, alumni and friends joined Greater Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter members at a football pregame mixer Oct. 26 on the Hampton University campus. Among those in attendance were members Al Weal ’74, Jayne Carr-Alexander ’85, Frankie Marley ’79 and Annetta Howard ’78. President of the Athletic Boosters Constance Hall ’82 and several members traveled to the game on a Boosters-sponsored bus. Also traveling with the group was Director of Alumni Relations Lorene Robinson.

CHAPTER MEETINGS
The Greater Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter meets every other second Saturday at 1 p.m. at Dudley’s Driving Center, 2845 N. Armistead Ave. in Hampton, Va. Conference call meetings are held every other second Tuesday at 8 p.m. (Free call-in number: 559.546.1000. Participant access code: 251316#). Questions? Contact Chapter President Al Weal Jr. at mastercook3@cox.net.

Kent County Alumni Chapter

HIGHLIGHTS
Kent County Alumni Chapter activities for the 2013-2014 year include:
• The chapter awarded a $1,000 scholarship to a Kent County high school student entering DSU.
• The chapter hosted its annual summer membership cookout in August.
• In partnership with the DSU Athletic Boosters Club, the chapter sponsored a post-game reception after the Nov. 23 home football game vs. Morgan State University. This activity was also supported by the DSU National Alumni Association.
• Community outreach included the donation of 12 Thanksgiving baskets to Delaware Hospice to aid needy families.
• The chapter plans a post-holiday membership mixer Jan. 17, 2014.

Kent County Alumni Chapter officers:
President: Philip Sadler ’62
Vice President: William Tootie ’77
Recording Secretary: Eutrice Augustus ’02
Corresponding Secretary: Heather Adams ’00
Treasurer: Veronica Hopkins ’96
Chaplain: Geraldine Jones ’61

CHAPTER MEETINGS
The Kent County Alumni Chapter meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. on the DSU campus in Room 104 in the Agriculture Annex Building. Questions? Contact Chapter President Philip Sadler at philsa@comcast.net.

New Castle County Alumni Chapter

HIGHLIGHTS
More than 25 alumni and friends attended the New Castle County Alumni Chapter’s meet and greet membership event Nov. 16. New Chapter President the Rev. Theresa “Tessie” Webster Holmes ’78 presided over the gathering at the new DSU@Wilmington location on Kirkwood Highway. Among those in attendance were Immediate Past Chapter President Neid W. Brown Jr. ’71, current Vice President Keith Dorman and his wife, alumna Claudia Dorman ’74, and longtime members Jerome Pinkett ’61, Michael Davis ’67 and Irene Jones 94. Special guest Women’s Basketball Head Coach Tamika Louis was the keynote speaker. Director of Alumni Relations Lorene Robinson also attended and brought greetings on behalf of the University.

CHAPTER MEETINGS
The New Castle County Alumni Chapter meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the DSU@Wilmington on Kirkwood Highway. Contact New Castle County Alumni Chapter President Theresa W. “Tessie” Holmes at 302.229.5969 or tesswholmes@gmail.com.

Philadelphia Alumni Chapter

CHAPTER MEETINGS
Philadelphia Alumni Chapter meetings are usually held the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Bromley House Apartments, 6901 Old York Road, “B” Building Library. Questions? Contact Chapter President Dr. Jillian Ingersoll at ingersollj01@aol.com.

Sussex County Alumni Chapter

HIGHLIGHTS
The Sussex County Alumni Chapter hosted its fourth annual Holiday Dinner Dance and Scholarship Fundraiser on Dec. 7 at the Milburn Town Center. The chapter is grateful for those who came out to support the event, including members of the Philadelphia, New Castle and Kent County chapters. President Harry L. Williams, in attendance with his wife, Dr. Robin Williams, thanked the chapter for hosting the fundraiser and for pulling together alumni and supporters in lower Delaware. Also at the event, the chapter honored Sussex Countians the Rev. Claudia Water, Jane Hovington, Darryl Burton ’75, Dr. Sabrina New ’90, Greg Fuller, Greg Short and Carlos Church for community leadership.

CHAPTER MEETINGS
The Sussex County Alumni Chapter meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Old Landing 11 Community Center, 400 Willow St. in Milburn. For questions? Contact Chapter President Robert Draine at 302.947.4580 or draine11@verizon.net. The chapter’s new mailing address is PO Box 108, Milburn, DE 19966.
The Honorable Dr. Donald Blakey ‘58 and Mrs. Delores Blakey ’62, continue to show their love and appreciation for Delaware State University through service and financial support. In November, the Blakeys, shown with President Harry L. Williams, left, were honored for their donations of $15,820 to the DSU Foundation over the last fiscal year.

The Blakeys continue to support their Dr. Donald A. and Delores F. Blakey Endowed Scholarship Fund and in 2013 established the Mkombozi (Don and Delores Blakey) Scholarship Fund specifically for students who are the first in their families to attend college. In addition, the Blakeys have supported various annual giving initiatives such as The Champion Fund and the President’s Scholarship Ball. Cumulatively over the years, the couple has given more than $68,000.

Through the Trustees Scholarship Fund (TSF) established in 2012 in the DSU Foundation, the 15-member Delaware State University Board of Trustees has raised $97,725 for student scholarships. Since that time, the scholarships—an average award of $3,000—have benefited a total of 34 students, with 21 of the recipients enrolled during fall 2013.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a full-time student must possess a 3.0 GPA or higher, be at least a sophomore with at least 24 accumulated credit hours and demonstrate a financial need.

“There is a lot of focus on retention, and the board felt that this was something we could do help the University keep students enrolled,” said Jim Stewart, trustee and chair of the board’s Development and Investment Committee.

Before the Trustees’ September meeting, 16 students impacted by the scholarships met with members and shared their gratitude.

Nikole Benjamin, a criminal justice major, said that coming from a single parent household, her return to DSU this semester was in question.

“It hurts being told that you may not be able to come back to continue your studies. Over the summer, my mother and I were very concerned,” she said. “But then this (Trustees) Scholarship came through, and it took a big load off of our shoulders. Without it, I probably wouldn’t have been able to come back.”

Retired Maj. Gen. Ernest Talbert and his wife, Richelle, shown with President Harry L. Williams, left, recently donated $10,000 to the DSU Foundation to establish the Ernest Talbert Sr. Endowed Scholarship. This newly created fund, made in memory of his father, will benefit qualified scholarship applicants who are in their sophomore, junior or senior year majoring in accounting or business administration. Ernest Talbert Sr., a longtime associate professor at DSU, taught in the School of Business from 1954 until the early 1980s.

Of special note, Maj. Gen. Talbert was the first African-American general in the history of the Delaware Air National Guard.
At their 50th anniversary celebration in October, Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc. Hornet Chapter members held a display check representing their $25,000 donation. From left are Luther Howard ’73, Dwight Williams ’70, Dana Bilikopka ’73, George Smith ’71, Larry Williams ’73, Sammuel Shepard ’75, Walt Turner ’73, Chris Joyner ’76, Mike Bailey ’65, Joseph Jackson ’72 and John Ridgeway ’75. Kneeling is Harry Wright ’76.

Alumni members of the Hornet Chapter of the Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc. returned to their alma mater Oct. 5 to provide financial support. Groove Phi Groove presented a $25,000 display check to President Harry L. Williams on the day of the Hornets’ home football game against Bethune-Cookman. Williams recognized the social fellowship organization’s donation during the pre-game Parents Day Luncheon as well as on the field during halftime of the game.

After the fellowship was founded in 1962 at Morgan State University, one year later Groove Phi Groove was established at then-Delaware State College as the second chapter in the country. The chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary the evening of Oct. 5 with a reception in Dover.

The scholarship is for full-time sophomores, juniors or seniors in good academic standing. Scholarships will be given to eligible students majoring in chemistry in even years and social work in odd years.

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**$18.5K Champion Fund gift will assist student athletes**

On behalf of the Champion Fund committee, Jimmie Strong ’66, right, recently presented a display check to President Harry L. Williams, left, for $18,539, a total raised from 90 donors.

The Champion Fund, a fund created in the DSU Foundation for athletics, began in 2011 as an initiative to help support Delaware State University student-athletic scholarships. All donations to the Champion Fund now provide scholarship support to student athletes during summer school, help to honor DSU alumni athletes and support overall athletic needs.

Also pictured is former coach and Director of Development Al Lavan, who is spearheading the development of the fund.

**Matching gift programs**

If your employer offers an eligible program, simply fill out the appropriate matching gift form and send it to the Office of Development.
$50K Bernard Osher Foundation grant benefits more than 20 students in 2013-14

Since 2011, the Bernard Osher Foundation has supported the Bernard Osher Foundation Re-entry Scholarship Fund at Delaware State University, which provides need-based aid for new and currently enrolled undergraduate students whose studies were interrupted for at least five years by life's circumstances, and who want to resume their education at DSU. The DSU Foundation administered and distributed $50,000 in Bernard Osher Foundation Reentry Scholarships to 12 students for the 2013-14 academic year. Award amounts — exclusively for tuition and fees — are based on the number of qualified scholarship award candidates and whether the recipient is a full- or part-time student.

At a fall 2013 reception for Osher Re-entry Scholars hosted by President Harry L. Williams, recipients shared heartwarming stories of overcoming challenges in order to reach this level of scholarship. Among them were an Accounting major, a cargo inspector turned Economics major, a mortician’s assistant turned French Education major, a dialysis technician turned Nursing major, a single mother turned Social Work major and an Army veteran turned Accounting major. The statement by one of the students, “Even if you get off track, it is never too late to get back on track and finish your education,” was echoed among the nontraditional students in attendance.

Students participate in fall 2013 Mentoring Pilot Program with JPMorgan Chase and Co.

JPMorgan Chase and Co. at DSU established an agreement creating the Delaware State University Mentoring Pilot Program for fall 2013. Eight students — three Management Information Systems majors and five Computer Information Science majors — participated in the program, which aimed to enhance the students’ learning experience and prepare them for the world of work. Participants in the program, which paired JPMorgan Chase and Co. professionals with students, were sophomores and juniors who have achieved GPAs of 3.2 and above. While sharing past career successes and challenges during scheduled individual interactions, mentors provided guidance to the students based on actual business experience and encouraged their academic growth. The pilot program kicked off with an on-campus launch event in October attended by JPMorgan Chase and Co. executives as well as DSU Office of Development staff and faculty.

Hornets Pride Fan Tent at the University of Delaware football game

The Hornets Pride Fan Tent brought football supporters together for music, food and camaraderie before the season’s opener in September at the University of Delaware. The tent is hosted annually by the Division of Institutional Advancement.

Third annual President’s Prayer Breakfast

Right: U.S. Sen. Chris Coons, right, talks with Bebe Coker at the third annual President’s Prayer Breakfast. Below right: Keynote speaker the Rev. Christopher A. Bullock, pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in New Castle, Del., greets a student at the event. Keynote preacher the Rev. Christopher A. Bullock, pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in New Castle, Del., gave a rousing message at September’s third annual DSU President’s Prayer Breakfast, a diverse gathering of more than 400 people from faith communities throughout the state.

Prayer participants on the program included 1st Lt. Jonathan Averys, Dover Air Force Base chaplain; the Rev. Markel Zaragoza, co-pastor of Maranatha Christian Church of Dover; Bishop Doneria Miles, pastor of First Pilgrim Baptist Church of Camden, Del.; the Rev. Silvester S. Beamam, pastor of Bethel AME Church in Wilmington, Del.; and the Rev. Anthony Tinut, pastor of The Pentecostals of Dover. Representatives of the DSU Interfaith Council — students Ashton Haynes, Lennea Davis, Christian Williams and James Smith — spoke individually about their perspectives on the importance of faith and prayer, especially within DSU’s campus setting.

The featured music during the program was by the DSU Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Lloyd Mallory Jr., director of DSU Choral Activities. Prelude music was provided by pianist Carlos Holmes and violinist Andrima Wilkins. The event is produced annually by the Division of Institutional Advancement. The President’s Prayer Breakfast Committee chairperson was Vita Pickrum, associate vice president for Development.
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The Hornets will face MEAC champ Hampton University to Memorial Hall for the only scheduled meeting between the teams this season. DSU will try to snap an 11-game losing streak to the Pirates; the Lady Hornets have not defeated Hampton since February 2009. This season’s contest is the second of a three-game home stand that also includes visits by New Jersey Tech on Jan. 7 and Norfolk State on Jan. 13.

The Lady Hornets will host crossover rival Wesley College on Jan. 27. Delaware State is 4-0 all-time against the Wolverines.

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• Delaware State’s 2013-14 seniors will make their final Memorial Hall appearance on March 1 against Howard University. The senior class is headed by forward Casey Walker, the most recent addition to the team’s 1,000-point club and among the school’s all-time three-point shooters. Seniors Jordan Lawson and Alberta “K.J.” Thomas will also play their final home games that day.

Ther’es still plenty of time this winter to catch the Hornets in action.

The Echo
Hall of Fame honorees include 7 former athletes, coach, 1956 football and 1962 baseball teams

Seven former Hornet athletic greats, a coach and two championship teams were honored during Delaware State University’s 13th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. The latest Hall of Fame class includes:

• Baseball standout Scott Martin (2000-03), the Hornets’ all-time leader with 55 home runs and 221 runs batted in.
• Softball player Catrina Ansbach (2004-07), the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference’s all-time leader with 44 home runs, who also tops in school history in hits (224), runs batted in (164) and doubles (45).
• Football star receiver Shaheer McBride (2004-07), DSU’s career leader with 201 receptions and 3,007 receiving yards.
• Al Lavan, head coach of the Hornets’ 2007 MEAC championship team, DSU’s first in 16 years.
• Football great Dwight Williams (1967-70), the top defensive back on the Hornets’ 1970 squad that led all NCAA Division II teams in total defense (103.5 ypg) and rushing defense (4.9 ypg), which still stands as a national D-II record.
• Shirley Burns, a two-time All-MEAC and Black College All-America Third Team offensive lineman. A Division II-AA Academic All-America, he was a member of the Hornets’ 1991 MEAC championship team.
• Two-sport star Pedro Swann Sr., a baseball and football standout who was Delaware State’s 1970 Male Athlete of the Year.
• Basketball player Paul Newman, who ranked fifth in DSU men’s basketball history with 1,455 points when he graduated in 1991.
• The 1966 Delaware State football team, the first in school history to share the CIAA title at 7-1-1 overall and 5-1-1 in the CIAA.
• The 1962 Hornet baseball team, which captured a share of the CIAA championship for the first time in school history. Led by eight .300 hitters, DSU was 10-3 overall and 7-2 in the CIAA.

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**Question**

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Thomasson retired from teaching, his wife La Verne would continue as a sociology professor — including being named head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in 1968 — and teach until her retirement in 1974, one year after her husband’s death. She would be named professor emeritus in 1975.

“La Verne Thomasson was a dedicated sociologist and I thought she was a really good teacher,” said Dr. Donald A. Blakey ’58. “She was definitely interested in the expansion of education for blacks in Delaware; a lot of the sociology we studied was about the Negro.”

Blakey also recalled that she was very dedicated to her husband. “She spoke well of him and referenced him frequently in class,” he said.

Shortly after her retirement, La Verne Thomasson moved back to her native state of Massachusetts and lived in Quincy, Mass., until her death in 2003.

*Story by Carlos Holmes*
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