Aviation Program flies high

MARC Program first step to success for Dr. Michael Anderson ’91

Dr. Fatma Helmy’s impact on students’ lives remembered

Lacrosse, golf two new Hornet women’s sports
Dear DSU alumni and friends,

Have you ever known something that was so exciting, you just couldn’t keep it to yourself?

That’s how I feel about the transformation that is going on at Delaware State University, so much so that I am taking this good news on the road.

By the time you receive this edition of The Echo, I will have started a Pride Tour, in which I will travel to selected cities in the Mid-Atlantic region to share good news of the University’s rising success. Alumni and friends will be invited to attend the Pride Tour event, as well as the parents of returning students and prospective students.

It is important that the DSU alumni know about the record enrollment and retention, the continued success from our scientists’ research endeavors, the culture of giving growth, the development of new academic programs and the increasing partnership connections we are making in Delaware, throughout the country and abroad. When you proudly talk about your alma mater, I want you to be armed about your alma mater, I want you to be armed with the most current information about DSU’s accomplishments.

“Friend-raising” continues to be a top priority of mine. In expanding the circles of people who are connecting with DSU, I always take advantage of the opportunity to not only tell them the University’s story, but also to share the latest accomplishments.

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I am working hard to keep the momentum going, and I invite you to help me. As you help get people excited about your alma mater, you too will be able to take credit in assisting the underwriting of this transformation that will have a wide impact for generations to come.

Dr. Harry Lee Williams
President

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A growing number of students train for careers as professional pilots, airport managers or air traffic controllers at DSU.

Since the 1988 establishment of Delaware State University’s Aviation Program (formerly called Airway Science), its degree concentration offerings of Professional Pilot and Aviation Management have been a mainstay among the most unique available at DSU. Aviation degree-seekers can earn their licenses to become professional pilots or pursue the management side and become airport managers or air traffic controllers.

Today with its great emphasis on mentorship and professionalism, the program is operating at close to its capacity in terms of the number of students it can handle.

Capt. Stephen Speed, Aviation Program director, said that enrollment in the program struggled for many years. However, over the last three years that has changed. Enrollment in the program an academic and professional fixture.

During the 2008-2009 school year, 45 students were enrolled. Each year since, enrollment has steadily risen—

- 56 students in 2009-2010
- 65 in 2010-2011
- 83 in 2011-2012

“In terms of the number of students it can handle, DSU is one of about 150 institutions of higher education that offer an aviation program, and it is the only Historically Black College or University that possesses its own fleet of planes. The DSU fleet—

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“This program made it possible for a lot of young men and women to fly and pursue aviation careers, who otherwise may not have been able to afford such training at other places,” Coons said.

“In addition, Speed said, the program is fortunate to have other experienced pilots—Hans Keigle, John Sherman, Don Lemke and Tom Biang—all of whom possess an abundance of real world professional aviation experience that makes their instruction particularly valuable.

Such instructors have been important to the philosophical thrust of the program—professionalism—which is one of the most important aspects of aviation. That makes learning and being mentored by experienced pilots all the more important, Speed said.

“A lot of our students previously hadn’t had such personal examples in their lives,” Speed said. “It is interesting to watch their transformation from freshman to senior.”

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CAPT. RAY-SEAN SILVERA ’92
Boeing 737 assistant chief pilot, United Airlines

Silvera—a native of Jamaica who moved to New Jersey at age 12—always wanted to be a pilot. However, in a survey of aviation schools, he found most were too expensive—that is, until he was introduced to then-Delaware State College.

While taking a test for the military at the University of Delaware, someone told him about the then-Airway Science Program at DSU. He took a trip down Route 13 to the college where Dr. Dan Coons, founding director of the program, embraced him immediately and took him on an introductory flight.

The young Ray-Sean enrolled in the program, working his way through school as a full-time 40-hour hotel desk clerk in New Jersey doing two weekend double shifts and then returning to the college during the week.

“It was hard working full-time,” Silvera said. “Dr. Dan Coons was my biggest influence; he really motivated me.”

Upon graduating in 1992, Silvera served as a flight instructor for two years (chief flight instructor the last year) and then worked as a pilot for the West Coast United Express Commuter airline for three years. In 1998, he was hired as a 1st officer pilot by Continental Airlines, which initially based him out of Guam flying Boeing 737s. He was promoted to captain of Boeing 737s in 2006 and that same year was tapped to become a flight instructor for that aircraft.

Two years later, Silvera was promoted to assistant chief pilot of the 737.

Never forgetful of his alma mater and the program that molded him into an aviator, Silvera facilitated the creation of an internship program for DSU aviation students with Continental in 2009. Although the airline underwent a merger and now is known as United Airlines, the internship program remains intact.

Silvera said it is all about providing opportunity.

“If it wasn’t for people giving back, I wouldn’t have gotten the opportunity to compete for promotion,” he said. “Without giving back, others won’t have that same opportunity.”
Benjamin S. Clendaniel '00

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extension of the Tuskegee Airmen legacy.

“We want to see the program continue to produce graduates in aviation who can compete on the global level and continue the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen,” Jackson said.

David Harding, a 1995 graduate of the DSU Aviation Program, has joined Jackson and several others to form an informal advisory committee for the program, providing recommendations designed to help it get stronger.

Harding notes that only a little less than 2 percent of airline pilots are African-American.

“We are trying to close that gap,” said Harding, who is a pilot for the United Parcel Service. “We want to see the DSU Aviation Program elevated to flagship status and inspire other HBCUs to upgrade their aviation programs.”

Coons, even in retirement, continues to stay connected with the aviation faculty and students. He said the success of the program in preparing aviation industry professionals is no mystery.

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Phil Jackson ’73, left, is the president of the John H. Porter Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen and David Harding ’95 is an Aviation Program graduate. The pair have joined several others in forming an informal advisory committee to provide recommendations for strengthening the program.

Christopher Garland, College of Business IT manager, checks out the MET bus computers along with U.S. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, DSU President Harry L. Williams and MET director Ilona Figat.

The MET bus is refurbished in ways that are consistent with the University’s “Go Green” environmental sustainability efforts. The features are designed to reduce energy consumption, which includes an energy-efficient computer workstation that draws less than 25 watts each. Fluorescent and LED lights have also been installed. The bus is being converted to run on locally produced biodiesel.

SU’s Delaware Center for Enterprise Development (DCED) and its College of Agriculture and Related Sciences’ Cooperative Extension have unveiled a new Mobile Entrepreneurial Training Program that will take business and agriculture-related education to underserved rural areas of Kent and Sussex counties.

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Figat said that in the course of scheduling workshops over the years, it was evident that transportation was a barrier for people in underserved rural areas. “We kept hearing ‘we can’t come up to Dover,’ which led to thoughts about how to bring our training to them,” she said. “Developing our MET classroom was a great fit, and we are very excited about servicing these areas in a mobile classroom with high-tech computers and Wi-Fi capability.”

“This new community outreach is consistent with the established vision of DSU,” said Williams. “In taking our business and agriculture workshops out to the underserved rural areas, we are helping the people who access such education to be more successful and thereby invigorate the economy more in Delaware.”

The DCED has been supported in this program with funding from a three-year $175,500 Small Business Administration PRIME grant as well as a one-year $72,000 USDA Rural Development grant.
Updated Mission Statement adopted

Delaware State University now has a revised Mission Statement that is more current and reflective of the University’s purpose, according to President Harry L. Williams. “While the former mission defined DSU’s identity and important role in the community, it was time to examine it in light of the University’s new vision, its core values and its expanding portfolio of academic and service in its baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral programs. Building on its heritage as a historically black college, the University purposefully produces capable and productive leaders who contribute to and service in the betterment of the global community.

FACULTY & STAFF

CARLOS HOLMES | 2011 Black Achiever

Carlos Holmes, DSU’s director of News Services, was recognized as a 2011 Black Achiever at the annual Black Achievers in Business and Industry awards sponsored by the YMCA of Delaware to honor men and women who succeed in both business and community involvement. As part of the award, Holmes will serve as a youth and teen mentor for the YMCA and assist with related workshops and events that promote positive life skills in young people.

Mukti Rana, assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Pre-Engineering and an Optical Science Center for Applied Research scientist, has published an online book titled Applications of IR Spotlighted: GeSi1-x and GeSi1-x/In1-yGa1-yAs Films for Uncooled Infrared Detectors. Co-authored by Donald R. Butler of University of Texas at Arlington and published by Nova Science Publishers, the book will help the researchers working in the infrared detection area, which is used in night vision cameras, law enforcement, search and rescue in toxic or smoke-filled environments, surveillance, medical imaging, and in other ways.

Mukti Rana | Author, online book

Delaware’s first public radio station to be based at DSU

DSU hosts first-ever Parent University

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$200,000 NOAA grant will help develop environmental scientists

Delaware State University was awarded a one-year, $208,000 grant to be part of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration effort to meet the federal agency’s workforce needs in areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics that support NOAA’s mission. DSU received the grant as part of its partnership with Florida A&M University, which is serving as the lead agency in allocation of a $15 million education and research grant among nine universities and environmental entities. The grant will provide funds to support students as they pursue NOAA-relevant education, research and training in environmental science. It also supports enhancing environmental literacy from K-12 to the doctoral level.

Samantha V. Holsey

DSU TAKE PART IN OBAMA’S BETTER BUILDING CHALLENGE

DSU is one of 60 university, corporate, community and industrial partners in this elite corps, Sando will help keep faculty and students informed of changes and developments in the field of nursing, and will help to promote and develop the profession. Dr. Carol R. Sando, assistant professor of nursing, was appointed by the National League for Nursing to serve as an NLN ambassador. As a participant in this elite corps, Sando will help keep faculty and administration informed about the NLN’s initiatives, grant opportunities, conferences, publications, workshops and other benefits available to NLN member institutions.

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Honors

DR. MELISSA HARRINGTON | Neuroscientist of the Year

Dr. Melissa A. Harrington, professor of biological sciences, was named Neuroscientist of the Year by the Delaware Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience. Harrington was honored for her work in bringing neuroscience research and education across the state.

Dr. Melissa Harrington | 2011 Neuroscientist of the Year

Delaware State University’s Go Green initiative on campus since 2009. DSU is one of 60 university, corporate, community and industrial partners in the Better Buildings Initiative. Of the 10 universities, DSU is the only HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) selected. “Higher education should play a meaningful role in modeling best practices for their states. Delaware State University is honored to join President Obama in the Challenge and also to contribute to Delaware’s becoming an emerging leader in reducing its carbon footprint,” said President Harry L. Williams, who attended the announcement and gathering of participants in Washington, D.C.

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About 140 parents and other family members attended DSU’s first-ever Parent University in February. Held in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center on campus, the event gave parents the opportunity to attend sessions about study-abroad opportunities, the University’s health emphasis, DSU programs that develop leadership skills and financial aid. Parents also participated in roundtable discussions with DSU officials on the topics of public safety, advising and housing. First Lady Dr. Robin Williams gave the keynote address, in which she unveiled a parent-to-parent mentor program to be developed.

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The cooperative effort responds to the recommendation of the Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Democracy to “increase the role of higher education, community and nonprofit institutions as hubs of journalistic activity.”

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The revised mission, approved at a December 2011 special Board of Trustees meeting, is as follows:

Delaware State University is a public, comprehensive, 1890 land-grant institution that offers access and opportunity to diverse populations from Delaware, the nation, and the world. Building on its heritage as a historically black college, the University purposefully integrates the highest standards of excellence in teaching, research, and service in its baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral programs. Its commitment to advance science, technology, liberal arts, and the professions produces capable and productive leaders who contribute to the sustainability and economic development of the global community.
Dr. Fatma Helmy | 1927-2012
preparing students for advanced research studies, careers

In addition to teaching, Helmy published 67 scientific articles in scientific refereed journals. She presented her research at 37 international and national professional scientific meetings. She was a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, International Association for Women Biocoscientists, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, American Association of Anatomists, Sigma Xi, New York Academy of Sciences, and the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Fatma Helmy in 1969

Dr. Fatma Helmy, left, received the Minority Access Inc.’s National Role Model Faculty Award in 2006 from an unidentified representative of the organization.

Education and career

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As founding director of DSU’s Minority Access to Research Careers Program, Helmy made her indelible “MARC” on the University, working to ensure that minority students were provided an environment that would make research careers possible for them. Toward that goal, she was awarded the Minority Biomedical Research Support grant from the National Institutes of Health from 1980 to 1991.

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Due to Helmy’s dedicated work in teaching, research and mentoring, she received the DSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Special Award for Excellence in Service for two years, and she was nominated for “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.”

Dr. Fatma Helmy in 1969
Inspired Day of Service

DSU's core values of “Community” and “Outreach” were highlighted as about 250 students engaged in service projects at locations statewide as part of the first-ever Inspired Day of Service on March 31.

About half of the students participating in the Inspired Day of Service were recipients of the Inspire Scholarship, which requires each recipient to do 10 hours of community service work each semester. The event allowed many of the Inspire students to fulfill some of that requirement.

The rest of the student volunteers, including dozens of athletes, joined their friends to give back and serve.

Supporting the initiative was Opportunity Nation, a national organization that selected DSU along with 11 other institutions of higher education as partners to work together in its campaign to promote opportunity, social mobility and access to the American Dream.

Volunteers at the Food Bank of Delaware prepared food bags and baskets for Delawareans in need.

1. Raequan Jones joined the inspired Day of Service effort.
2. Quira Parker, left, and a group of volunteers help to put food bags together.
3. An Inspired Day of Service volunteer puts the final touch on a completed food bag.
4. Participants add containers of peaches to the food bags.

In Frederica, volunteers assisted in the construction of a home on Purnell Avenue.

1. Students Jarai Lee, Mercy Esuh, Shanice Jordan and Shannon Moulton were among the students who took part in the project.
2. Students Asian Rochester, left, and Aurie Hutley install insulation inside the home.
3. DSU First Lady Robin Williams and son, Gavin, pitched in to support the project. President Harry L. Williams also worked at the site.

Delaware high school students with a minimum 2.75 GPA who are admitted to DSU the fall semester after their graduation are eligible to apply for the Inspire Scholarship. Recipients must maintain that GPA and perform 10 hours of community service per semester. The scholarship provides a maximum of $3,000 in tuition assistance yearly and can be renewed for six consecutive fall and spring semesters. In 2011-2012, 303 students were recipients.

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Good looking out, Dr. Helmy.

Anderson’s story of his academic journey and subsequent career is a textbook example of how a strong mixture of hard work guided by outstanding mentorship can result in marketable success and abundant career options.

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Colleges Road (Adopt-A-Highway) in Dover

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Inspired Day of Service volunteers performed clean-up and landscaping at the Boys and Girls Club.

1. Students Amy Ruth, Daajah Davis and Bria Shelton help the Western Sussex Boys and Girls Club to sort through donated books.
2. Students Michael Livingston, Jasmine Holt and Tiffany Traewick trim some shrubbery.
3. Students Grace Ratten and Katurah Adesiyu haul away a bag of clippings.
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Department of Physics, who would first identify Anderson as a potential University alumna to lead an institution of higher education. It would be during his tenure as president of Martin University, a predominately African-American liberal arts institution located near downtown Indianapolis, Ind., that Miller experienced what he calls “the biggest goal.”

Miller commences his new academic career chapter after spending a year outside of higher education working as chief executive officer of a developing company, Organic Bio Energy in Columbia, S.C.

Prior to his involvement with that company, Miller spent the previous 28 years in academia at several institutions of higher education, including vice president of Academic Affairs posts at Claflin University, Bowie State University and Johnson C. Smith University. Early in his career he held teaching positions at Howard University and Jackson State University.

“I determine whether a patent claim — an alleged invention — is truly patentable,” he said.

“I actually stayed an extra year to earn a triple major,” Anderson said. “They advised me how to look good to get into graduate school.”

Post-DSC academia and career

After graduating from DSC in 1991 with a triple-major Bachelor of Science in Physics/Physics with an Engineering emphasis/Chemistry, an entity what would provide grant funding for MARC students to travel and attend scientific conferences.

But in 2006, while he was entertaining several other job offers — including one with Duke University — he was introduced to the possibility of working for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which had come to a job fair being held at Johns Hopkins.

He added that to his list of options, applied for the job and got it.

The catch was he had to start working in two weeks.

“Then I found out that I could work at home, and that sealed the deal,” Anderson said. “I could have stayed in academia and made less money, I could have gone into industry and made more, but probably would have had to work long hours.”

Using his biomedical background, Anderson now works as an examiner of patent applications for medical devices.

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“I tell students that they should find a good mentor that will help you and have your best interest at heart,” Anderson said. “And you will be able to tell, because you will feel it.”

He added that he also encourages students to follow their mentors’ guidance and then go beyond what they advise and do more.

His lifelong diligence shows that that formula works. The hard work and great guidance made his academic journey costless, resulting in scholarships and stipends that sustained him from his undergraduate track record was good enough for admission to the University of Delaware, with a 1994 DSU alumnus, below, are also parents to Johnathan, below left, and Michael Jr., below right.

Dr. George E. Miller III ‘70: Alumnus becomes university president

Dr. George E. Miller III ‘70 has become the first Delaware State University alumnus to lead an institution of higher education. In February, Miller began his tenure as president of Martin University, a predominately African-American liberal arts institution located near downtown Indianapolis, Ind.

Miller said he is excited about his new career chapter at the 1,400- enrollment university.

“It is a young institution (established in 1977), where there is a lot of opportunity to put in new ideas that older universities might not be so open to,” Miller said.

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Members of the Class of 1971 gathered in Dover during the 2011 Homecoming Weekend for their 40th reunion. Jacqueline Debrick-Sudler served as the lead coordinator. She was assisted by several classmates, including Joyce Lawson, Ethel King-Evans, Harriet Tompkins, Zakia Minshak and Cynthia Clark Short. The class headquarters was the Fairfield Inn in Dover, where fun and fellowship ran high.
Greater Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter

S H A P E S 
November. The chapter thanks all who helped to make this event a success.

Food baskets — turkey and all the trimmings — were delivered in November.

HIGHLIGHTS

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Greater Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter meets at 1 p.m. every other second Saturday 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#).

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Kent County Alumni Chapter

HIGHLIGHTS

Food baskets

Each year the Kent County Chapter provides food baskets for families who have lived in the care of the Delaware Hospice Care agency. Twelve complete baskets — turkey and all the trimmings — were delivered in November. The chapter thanks all who helped to make this event a success.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Kent County Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7 p.m. in the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences Building. New members are always welcome to join!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates, times and locations will be announced:
• DSU Staff Membership Drive Reception
• Summer Kent County Chapter Social

New Castle County Alumni Chapter

31ST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The New Castle County Chapter’s 31st Annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. at Bella Vita at Cavaliers Country Club, 100 Addison Drive in Newark, Del. Several individuals from New Castle County will be honored for their service to the community and to the University. Tickets will be $50 and may be purchased online through the DSU Foundation Inc. or from individual chapter members. As a result of last year’s successful scholarship fundraiser, $1,000 each was awarded to five DSU students. The continued support of the DSU community is anticipated and appreciated. For additional information, please contact contact event chairperson Scott Hurrell at theressa.w.holmes@usdhs.org.

Philadelphia Alumni Chapter

HIGHLIGHTS

Members want to congratulate chapter secretary Jillian Inge ’98 on passing her boards for her Ed.D. Congratulations, Dr. Jill!

CHAPTER MEETINGS

The New Castle County Chapter meets at 6 p.m. monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the DSU Wilmington Campus, located at 621 Market St. All alumni are invited and welcome to participate. Questions? Contact Chapter President Ned Brown Jr. at nedbrown1900@comcast.net.

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Alumni and friends of the Sussex County Chapter celebrated the Second Annual Holiday Dinner Dance in December, highlighted by a late evening stroll down the Soul Train Line prompted by DSUAA Alumni Representative Bernard Carr.

The toast of the evening went to the scholarship recipients attending DSU from Sussex County. The chapter is appreciative of the support and assistance given by the University to these students.

Alumni guests included DSUAA President Dr. Bernard Chaser, Audrey Chaser, DSUAA Secretary Sheila Davis, Philadelphia Alumni Chapter President Anthony Lawson and Director of Alumni Relations Lorene Robinson, who is an appreciated source for disseminated information to alumni of Sussex County throughout the year.

The chapter urges you to place the date Dec. 15, 2012, on your calendar for the Third Annual Holiday Dinner Dance.

SAVE THE DATES

The Kent County Chapter member Martha Hopkins ’74, Sussex County Chapter members Hibbs Norwood ’47 and Sylvia Pesenti ’51, and Kent County member Janice Hopkins-Williams ’75 in Loockerman Hall’s dining room, shown decorated for the open house at right.

From left, alumni Janice Nyland ’69, Kent County Chapter President Phil Sadler ’62 and alumni Nathaniel Deleskie ’89 also took part in the Loockerman Hall Holiday Open House.

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Hollingsworth receives Distinguished Alumni Award

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te would think at age 85, Dr. Reba Hollingsworth would slow down a bit and take it easy — but not. Currently she is busy studying to become a nationally registered parliamentarian.

It is her lifelong passion to “Go Forth to Serve” that provided ample rationale to honor the 1949 Delaware State College graduate as DSU’s nominee for the 2012 MEAC Distinguished Alumnus Award. She received the award during the March Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament in Winston-Salem, N.C., along with esteemed recipients from the other MEAC schools.

A native of Milford, Del., and a longtime resident of Dover, Hollingsworth said while she was honored to receive the award, she was surprised by it. “I was unexpectsted, especially considering that there are hundreds of DSU alumni who are worthy of such an award,” she said.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from then-Delaware State College, she began an education career that included 12 years at the segregated William C. Jason High School in Georgetown, Del. With school integration she was hired in 1966 as a guidance counselor at Dover High School. Prior to her retirement, she served also as an adjunct professor at several institutions (including DSU) as well as a counseling practicum supervisor.

Her personal education path included a 1970 M.Ed. degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Delaware and a 2003 Ph.D. in Counseling from Pacific Western University in Los Angeles, Calif.

As a nationally certified counselor, Hollingsworth participated in the standardizing of the National Counselor Certification Test. She is a life member of the DSU Alumni Association and serves as its parliamentarian. Her community service involvements includes membership in the NAACP, president of the Alto American Society of Delaware, vice chairman of the Delaware Heritage Commission and countless other civic endeavors.

Hollingsworth said her current pursuit in providing parliamentary education is much needed.

“It’s important. You go to meetings that sometimes go on and on, and it is sometimes because people don’t always know how to get things done,” she said.

She is currently the president of the Delaware State Association of Parliamentarians, assisted by Dr. Berlin Hollingsworth (DSC Class of 1967), her husband of 64 years who serves as the association’s vice president.

* Story by Carlos Holmes

Alfred Outlaw ’71, Anthony Lawson ’80 and President Harry L. Williams share a laugh in the President’s Suite at the MEAC Tournament. In DSU’s tournament semifinal game against Florida A&M, the Hornets lost in overtime. The tournament appearance followed a regular season in which the team won 11 of its 13 final games and 11 of its last 12 MEAC contests.

At left, former president Dr. William B. DeLauder and his wife, Vernell, made the trip to MEAC to watch the Hornets play. Visit www.desu.edu/news for a photo slideshow from the tournament.

Dr. Reba Hollingsworth, Class of 1949, second from right, was honored as DSU’s Distinguished Alumnus at the 2012 MEAC Tournament. Hollingsworth shows her award with her family, daughter Vivian Davis, left, husband Dr. Berlin Hollingsworth ’67, right, and DSU President Harry L. Williams.
Workshop series offers insight on gift planning

A series of planning seminars is being created to assist alumni and donors to the Delaware State University Foundation with planning and giving strategies.

The first program, Gift Planning, was held in January in conjunction with the Delaware Community Foundation. Presenters from DSU included Vita Piekarski, associate vice president for Development, who spoke about the DSU Foundation and why it is important to give; and Bryant Bell, director of major gifts, who highlighted the impact that donors can have on first-generation students.

Delaware Community Foundation representatives assisted with the presentation. Hugh Leedy Jr., senior vice president for Southern Delaware, spoke about life goals and legacy. Mary Hopkins, senior vice president for development, discussed ways to consider planning for charitable gifts, and Fred Sears II, president and CEO, gave some examples about how charitable gifting is making a difference in people’s lives.

The next program in the series, April 24 and 26 for faculty, staff and alumni, focused on creating a legacy using wills, bequests and insurance. Future programs are scheduled for August and October.

For more information on the Gift Planning seminar series or for a personal consultation, contact Bell at 302.857.7771 or tbell@desu.edu.

Gift planning

The permanent benefits derived from gift planning will serve to preserve DSU’s legacy as an HBCU as well as advance knowledge, propel research and assist DSU students for generations to come. Contact the Office of Development to discuss any of the gift planning options below:

- **Life Income Gifts:** You may transfer cash or stock to DSU and establish charitable gift annuities that will provide you with an annual return greater than most bank Certificates of Deposit. This income is paid to you for life, after which the assets are distributed to the University. This type of gift has the dual advantages of increasing your income and making a significant and deductible gift.

- **Bequests:** The federal estate tax can still take 40–50 percent of one’s estate at the time of death. A charitable bequest to the DSU Foundation in your will will benefit the University and reduce your estate taxes. Your legal counsel will assist you in this matter.

ALUMNI REMEMBERS DSU WITH ANNUITY

A planned gift was recently received from the estate of alumnus Marvin N. Williams ’60 after his recent passing. Sincere condolences are extended to Mr. Williams’ family and friends. A talented football player for then Delaware State College during his college days, Williams was also a 1966 DSU Athletics Hall of Fame honoree, Williams, a generous supporter of DSU and a President’s Society member since 2002, remembered DSU with an annuity. A bequest of $977,722 benefits the Football Scholarship Fund.

- **Giving appreciated securities (stocks):** Gifts of securities offer significant tax advantages and are easy to transfer. Contact the Office of the Development for specific transaction transfer instructions.

Online

For your convenience, the DSU Foundation offers the option of 24/7 secure online giving at www.desu.edu/giving. After making a donation online, the gift will be processed immediately, at which time a receipt will promptly be emailed to you, followed by a mailed acknowledgment letter. In addition to the convenience of online giving, you may also earn miles and other rewards, if offered by your credit card company for using its card. Debit cards may also be used for contributions, as well as credit cards: Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Matching gifts

- **Did you know that most employers will match their employees’ gifts to nonprofit entities like DSU?** Check with your Human Resources office or the Office of Development to determine whether your employer offers such a program. If eligible, simply fill out the appropriate matching gift form supplied by your employer and mail it to the DSU Foundation’s address. Matching gifts are also included as part of your total gifts for giving society level memberships.

Mail or phone

- **If a check or money order is your preferred method of giving,** you may use the envelope supplied in this issue of The Echo or visit www.desu.edu/giving to download and print a Contribution Form. Mail the completed Contribution Form with your preferred method of payment to the DSU Foundation. You can reach the Office of Development staff by phone Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Reunion giving

Class anniversaries present chance to remember DSU

During Commencement weekend, May 19–20, the Class of 1962 will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The University will honor the class with a reception Saturday, May 19, and on May 20 will acknowledge members during Commencement exercises, where they will help lead the procession. The class will also honor the University with a contribution to the general scholarship fund.

Through the years, 50-year anniversary classes have given commemorative gifts sporadically to the University. Beginning last year with the Class of 1961, and continuing with the Class of 62, golden classes have established a tradition, committing to raising a minimum of $10,000 through individual contributions.

The Class of ’62 launched its class gift drive last fall. Philip G. Sadler, who has been at the forefront of Class of ’62 celebrations over the years, spearheaded reunion activities and hosting get-togethers at his residence during Homecoming, has been the force behind the drive. Joining him are a dedicated corps of classmates who have been consistently involved with the University over the past 50 years.

Also committed to making a sizable class gift is the Class of 1965, who will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015. In 2010, the class launched a five-year anniversary class gift drive. The class’ 50th anniversary committee, headed by Dr. Martin Drew, has set an ambitious goal of $100,000, asking each member to individually contribute $5,000 toward the goal.

To date, members of the Class of ’65 have made contributions totaling more than one quarter of the $100,000 goal.

DSU’s alumni giving participation rate is 4 percent, compared to 8 percent among like schools. Fundraising initiatives such as the anniversary class gift program are done in an effort to positively impact the overall response from individual alumni and, as a result, increase DSU’s alumni participation rates.

The classes of ’61 and ’62 have heard the clarion call sounded by the Class of ’65. Classes from years ending in 3 and 8, 4 and 9, 5 and 0 — your anniversaries are approaching. Join the 25s, the 75s and the Class of ’65 in building a strong tradition of giving that will continue to inspire and drive the giving habits of future generations of DSU alumni.

To learn more about anniversary class giving, or to represent your class on the support team, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 302.857.6050 or lebinson@desu.edu.
Late professor’s gift provides scholarships

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delaware, an MBA from Mammoth College
rank of lieutenant colonel in 1991. A native
point averages higher than 3.0.
lengthy battle with cancer, was the largest by
Haysbert, who passed away in 2010 after a

Thompson Hospitality Corp.

harry L. Williams, his wife, Dr. Robin
Roper and his wife, Mary, and U.S. Sen. Thomas
Corper joined in the festivities.

The 2012 annual President’s Scholarship Ball
The President’s Scholarship Ball, the Delaware
State University Foundation’s signature fundraising
event of the year, raised more than $70,000 in

Downs Hotel and Casino.

Sponsor levels for the event were premier
Sponsor — $7,500, Gold Sponsor — $5,000,
Premier Event Sponsor — $15,000, Platinum

The President’s Scholarship Ball were, from left, Delmarva Power Regional Vice President John
Allen, Issac and Peggy Muns, Senior Public Affairs Manager Enid Wallace-Simms ’75 and William Haley.

WELFARE FOUNDATION GRANT
$400K will help renovate STEM laboratories

Delaware State University has
received great assistance in its work to
further strengthen the emphasis on its
Science, Technology, Engineering and
Mathematics disciplines with the award
of a $400,000 grant from the Welfare
Foundation.

The grant will go toward an $826,000 project
to renovate STEM laboratories in the
Mishoe Science Center.

The original portion of the Mishoe
Science Center (north side) was built in
1964, and a south addition was completed in
1995. The building annually

The renovation project will include
critical upgrades of air control systems,
HVAC equipment and new

In addition to improving the
research environment and

The Mishoe Science Center

Mathematics Center will be
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Mathematics Center...
In memoriam

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

Alumni

Rev. Robert Earl Young Sr. ’82 Aug. 25
Arman A. Martin ’09 Nov. 25
Kenneth D. Fountain ’90 Dec. 2
John Raymond Croll ’72 Jan. 21
Elvis P. Pepples Jr. ’66 March 2

Faculty and Staff

Dr. Eva W. Adams, former professor April 9
Dr. Fatima Helmy, professor Feb. 13

Akiash S. Powell

The DSU community mourns the loss of Akiash S. Powell, a senior political science major who passed away unexpectedly Feb. 4 due to natural causes.

A political science major with a minor in pre-law, Powell would have graduated in May and expected to enroll in law school in the fall. She was on the Dean’s List during her entire academic journey at DSU.

“When it came to legal studies, I believe that Akiash found her niche and a path to a successful career,” said Dr. Sam Hoff, director of the DSU Law Studies Program.

“She had demonstrated the requisite skills to become an attorney and she was on the precipice of being accepted to law schools.” Powell had been a McNair Scholar, Akiash quickly bonded with her peers in the program and demonstrated her leadership and innate strengths among them.

“We could always depend on the warmth of her personality and the beauty of her smile,” Conley said. “Akiash epitomized our program’s slogan: Pursuing Excellence Without Excuse.” She was certainly more than a student... she was a scholar!”

History of DSU

State College for Colored Students President Richard Grossley cultivated a better relationship with the state General Assembly and the governor than his predecessors, evidenced by the state’s allocation of $125,000 for the construction of the 1929 Administration Building, currently Delaware Hall.

Delaware philanthropist Pierre S. DuPont donated almost $158,913 toward improvements to the State College for Colored Students through the Delaware State Auxiliary Association.

Grossley’s accomplishments

• Grossley arrived at the SCCS after having served as the president of Bates College (a new-defunct HBCU) from 1914-1916 and then as the assistant state supervisor of colored schools in Mississippi. With him came his wife, Helen, who he installed as the director of Women’s Industries on campus.

• Given his background, it is clear that Grossley had more administrative leadership experience than either of his two predecessors at the start of their terms. Apparently, such impressive managerial skills inspired the state’s confidence in Grossley’s leadership.

• By his second year as president, SCCS had established a Junior College, and a year later a Normal School was launched.

Richard Grossley

Tenure: 1923-1942

In 1923, Richard Grossley became the third president of the State College for Colored Students in Delaware — a college that essentially was one in name only.

It was through his 10-year presidential leadership that the college became one in reality.

In 1916 the U.S. Commission on Education released its findings that the State College for Colored Students offered a quality of education that was deemed no better than a secondary school. At that time the main value of the SCCS was serving as one of two places in the state where secondary education was available for blacks.

Fortunately for the new president, prior to his arrival a renowned Delaware philanthropist had already taken interest in the SCCS and would provide the institution with financial assistance that would be critically instrumental in its development into a full-fledged college.

Pierre S. DuPont is best known in education circles for providing more than $2.1 million for the construction of schools for black children throughout Delaware and another $3.1 million for white schools in the state. He would also donate almost $158,913 toward improvements to the SCCS through the Delaware State Auxiliary Association, which the philanthropist had already established.

Part of the DuPont money financed the construction of a Practice School (circa 1921 at the cost of $17,382) and the current president’s house (built in 1923, $20,269). The Practice School (later renamed the DuPont Building and currently serving as the DSU Health Center) was the only high school in Kent and Sussex counties for black teens until the 1950s, and provided a place for SCCS teaching students to gain actual classroom experience.

More importantly, DuPont would donate more than $100,000 for vital campus improvements, including the installation of a reliable water supply system and sewage system, electric upgrades, and much-needed updates to the existing buildings on campus. DuPont also paid for a bookkeeper to get the SCCS’ cost accounting system in order.

The DuPont improvements gave Grossley a more stable campus foundation on which he could work to develop the institution.

Osher Reentry Scholarship Fund benefits nontraditional students

- A new source of scholarships for nontraditional students has become available with a grant to DSU of $50,000 by the Bernard Osher Foundation to establish the Osher Reentry Scholarship Fund. The fund will be allocated during the 2012-2013 academic year using the following guidelines to select Osher Reentry Scholars:
  • Students have experienced a cumulative gap in their education of five or more years;
  • Students are at the undergraduate level and pursuing their first baccalaureate degree;
  • Students anticipate participation in the workforce for a significant period of time subsequent to graduation and are ideally between the ages of 25-50;
  • Students demonstrate financial need, as well as academic promise and a commitment to complete a degree program;

- Osher Reentry Scholars may be full-time or part-time students, and may be awarded the scholarship again in the second and subsequent years if they continue to meet the criteria and funds are available. The scholarship awards — up to $5,000 for full-time and up to $2,500 for part-time — will only be applied to tuition cost.

- This scholarship will not be made available to students seeking an additional degree, or for visiting international students.

- Apply online: Visit www.desu.edu/scholarships.

In Project Aspire, DSU was challenged to raise $1 million within a year in order to receive a second grant of $500,000.

In January 2012, the terms of the challenge grant were met. With a total award of $1 million from the Longwood Foundation, DSU will be able to support Aspire students through graduation.

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Osher Foundation $1M challenge met

Project Aspire gets under way

Through the receipt of a $500,000 grant from the Longwood Foundation, Delaware State University launched a program in fall 2011 designed to positively influence the graduation rate of the student body.

Project Aspire began with a group of 89 students and includes a multi-approach program of academic, social and financial supports for promising students who face financial difficulties in being able to completely secure their education.

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**Founders Day pays tribute to DSU’s presidents**

The 2012 Founders Day program in February honored the 10 permanent presidents and two acting presidents who have served during Delaware State University’s 121-year history. The program, written and directed by Brenda F. Farmer, director of DSU Ceremonies and Events, featured faculty, staff and students in portrayals of the presidents. Interpersed were performances by students showing the dances of each period.

The DSU Wind Ensemble and representatives of the DSU Choir also performed.

President Harry L. Williams and former acting president Clubbourn D. Smith attended, as well as members of the families of former presidents Dr. Luna L. Mishoe, Richard Grossley and William C. J. Jason.

Dr. Luna L. Mishoe, visited campus for Founders Day. Shown with them, from left, are Dr. Mishoe’s great-nephew, Ray Sulder, left, and Travis Sulder, right, and Dr. Donald Blakley ‘56, center.

**Celebrate spring**

Whether you are an urban gardener, suburban or farm gardener, these tips will be helpful as you incorporate environmentally friendly practices into gardening.

1. LOCATION. Think of convenience (watering, weeding), amount of sun (6 to 8 hours), good drainage and protection from rabbits, deer, etc. Avoid areas with point or oil leakage.

2. PLAN. Garden size depends on available land, time and produce amount. Start small. Choose plants based on soil requirements, seasonal time, root depth and light, water and fertilizer needs.

3. CHOOSE PLANT TYPES, VARIETIES AND PLANTING STYLES. Consider pest-resistant varieties. Practice rotation, companion and trap cropping for better harvest, natural pest control and more pollinators.

4. REACH OUT TO OTHER GARDENERS AND OTHER ENTREPRENEURS. Visit neighbors and gardening groups, learn about local plant sources.

5. TEST SOIL AND PLAN FOR AMENDMENTS. A timely soil test is a helpful guide on how you can amend your soil according to your plant needs. For more information, visit www.udel.edu/dgt or contact your local Extension service.

6. CONSIDER COMPOSTING. Compost or humus is excellent for improving the texture of soil and enriching the soil. Invest in a compost bin, or kill to save money on municipal trash disposal.

7. LEARN ABOUT INSECTS AND DISEASES IN YOUR GARDEN. Use Integrated Pest Management techniques that are sustainable and avoid unnecessary use of pesticides.

8. TIMELY PLANTING. Sow seeds or plant transplants at the right time. Let ground temperature be consistently 65 degrees. For season extension, use low or high tunnels, hot beds or cold frames.

9. WATER RIGHT. Conserve water. Overwatering kills most plants, while too little water causes plants to experience drought. Fill the entire root zone with water, and then allow the soil to dry out partially before the next irrigation.

10. EXERCISE PATIENCE. Satisfaction from your garden comes over time (no instant gardening). Anyone can develop a “green thumb” with patience and perseverance. Do not give up gardening.

**From the Experts**

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Lacrosse: Coaches ‘will search near and far’ to build team slated to start play in 2013

Who would have imagined less than a year ago the sight of young ladies, sticks in hand, tossing a lacrosse ball around the ‘lawm’ on the Delaware State University campus? Interest in the sport has increased since the University announced last year that it would establish a women’s lacrosse team to begin NCAA Division I competition in 2013.

Last fall, DSU hired former Wesley College player and assistant coach Jillian Lontz as the first head coach of the Hornets’ lacrosse team. A 2006 Wesley grad, Lontz is also a former Delaware high school lacrosse coach and official.

“I was informed that Delaware State University was establishing a lacrosse team and encouraged to apply for the head coach position,” said Lontz. “First, it was exciting to hear of the establishment of another collegiate women’s lacrosse program in the area. Given the popularity of lacrosse in the Mid-Atlantic region and the desire to someday be a head coach, I accepted the challenge of building the program at DSU.”

Given the task before her, Lontz has hit the ground running. She recently hired former Wilmington College standout Kei-Lee Maddox as an assistant coach.

“The biggest challenge in establishing a new program at a school which is not very well known with the sport is convincing Division I level players to give you a look,” said Lontz. “We believe DSU’s location and growth as a University, along with the opportunity to play right away, will convince some quality student-athletes to join us.”

Somewhat surprisingly, Lontz and Maddox may have found the building blocks for the new team right on the DSU campus.

“A number of current Delaware State students have filled out the paperwork to try out for the team,” Lontz said. “We are not allowed to work out with any of them just yet, but I’ve been told there are a handful of ladies on campus with the ability to help us right away.”

Still, the future success of the new DSU lacrosse program will be determined by the University’s ability to attract talented athletes to the program.

“We will search near and far to build our team. Although Delaware sits in the middle of a strong region for lacrosse, we believe there are high school players and potential transfers throughout the country who will be interested in joining us,” Jillian Lontz

Golf: Program’s first season will tee off in August

The brand new Delaware State University women’s golf program is set to swing into action by late summer. Head coach Scott Thornton has already signed two team members and expects to ink three others who expressed verbal commitments this spring.

“The Hornets plan to field of team of eight to ten golfers when the historic first season begins in August.

Thornton was hired to build the new DSU golf team after previously serving as an assistant/swing coach for the Towson University men’s and women’s golf teams from 2007 to 2009. In addition, he was the assistant director of instruction at the Nike Golf Learning Center in Potomac, Md. While there, he provided instruction to more than a thousand junior golfers.

Thornton’s experience has also taken him to some of the world’s top golf academies, including the Ken Venturi Academy in Orlando, Fla., and the IMG-Leibetter Junior Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Thornton played two seasons at Essex Community College (Md.) before attending the University of Baltimore, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in corporate communications. He also competed in a number of mini-tours in the mid-1990s.

“I’m excited to join the Delaware State University family to help build the women’s golf program,” said Thornton. “I believe DSU can quickly compete with the fine golf programs in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. I’m looking forward to the challenge of bringing Division I women’s golf to Delaware State University.”

Delaware State is the fifth MEAC school to offer women’s golf. The conference must have six teams to qualify for an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament each year.

In the meantime, Thornton is directing his efforts to recruiting student-athletes, scheduling events and building relationships.

“We’re selling the program to potential student-athletes as an opportunity to receive a quality education, compete right away and help build a legacy here at DSU,” said Thornton. “I have travelled throughout the country attending various golf events and academies in search of players. Also, I have made contacts with local high schools and reached out to young ladies on campus in search of talent.”

The new DSU golf program has also attracted interest from international students.

Thornton has secured the Maple Dale Country Club in Dover as the host course for Delaware State University competitions.

“Maple Dale is extremely excited about the relationship with the University,” said Thornton. “It is a first-rate course with a history of hosting major events in the state.”

The NCAA requires Division I women’s golf teams to compete in eight qualifying events during the season, which runs during the fall and spring.
**Contributions to women's sports recognized at Delaware Diamond Extravaganza**

Two Delaware State University alumni and one faculty member were among the eight honorees at the third annual Delaware Diamond Extravaganza. The eight individuals who were recognized at February’s event for outstanding contributions to women’s sports in the state were:

- Robert Hastings, former Seaford High School tennis coach
- Maxine Lewis ’73, former DSU sports information director/ABC Sports publicist
- Mary Ann Hitchens, former University of Delaware coach/administrator
- Dr. Josette McCullough ’96, former DSU student-athlete/Delaware scholastic coach and school administrator
- Chris Morgan, former Goldy-Beacom College coach and director of athletics
- Mable Morrison, DSU associate professor
- George Pepper, former Cape Henlopen High School track and field/cross country coach.
- John Travis, girls softball scholarship donor

Morrison, a concert pianist, recital collaborator, mezzo soprano, associate professor and DSU’s grand marshal, has been a Department of Music member since 1962. She has performed piano and vocal recitals in Sierra Leone, and Liberia, West Africa. She has received many honors, among which was the French Government Grant for studies at l’Academie Internationale d’été Nice, France.

Lewis, a Delaware State Hall of Famer, is an alumna who was named the University’s first sports information director. She was responsible for Delaware State’s media relations when the school earned the first Mary McLeod Bethune Award as the top women’s athletic program in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. After leaving then-Delaware State College in 1989, Lewis went on to work for the ABC television network. She is now an entrepreneur in downtown Dover.

Alumna Dr. Josette McCullough has worked in several school districts throughout the state of Delaware and is presently supervisor of special education in the Appoquinimink School District. She was selected as the 2011 Kent County Administrator of the Year and has received several other awards in the field of athletics and education. McCullough was a three-sport athlete while at DSU and she earned two degrees from her alma mater.

Morrison, Lewis and McCullough are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Actor and singer Leon Robinson was the speaker for the event, which was attended by more than 200 people. Proceeds benefit DSU women’s sports.

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**HORNET BASKETBALL PLAYERS RECEIVE MEAC ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS**

Several Horntet basketball players were honored with Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference 2011-12 All-Conference Awards:

- Redshirt freshman Tierra Hawkins was named the Rookie of the Year.
- Freshman Chelsea DuBois earned All-Rookie honors.
- Senior Jay Threatt was named to the All-MEAC First Team.
- Freshman Talia Tate was selected as the Rookie of the Year and to the All-MEAC Second Team.
- Freshman Tyshawn Bell joined Tate on the MEAC Rookie Team.
- Junior Marques Oliver was named to the All-MEAC Second Team.

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**HORNET Basketball Players**

Have you met **Too-Fly**?

_This semester, DSU unveiled a new look mascot with a new name._

_The proud Hornet will carry on a tradition: Leading DSU’s teams to victory, while letting the whole world know that wherever Delaware State plays is “Hornet Territory.”_

**Photo courtesy of Morgan Raymond**

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**1965**


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**1971**

Arnold D. Neam Jr., along with wife and business partner, Sharon Anderson-Neam, is pleased to report that as of April 18, he is celebrating 25 years in business as owner/operator of Millennium Fire and Safety Equipment. Under the auspices of their parent corporation, Belle-Sue Associates Inc. in Dania Beach, Fla., the company is a commercial and industrial fire and safety equipment dealer. The organization provides sales, services, training, technical support and an extensive line of related fire safety products whose customers include Macy’s, Bloomingdale’s and Hertz.

Nearn holds a degree in Business Administration from DSU, while his partner is a graduate of Virginia State University and holds an MBA in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He reports that he is a proud DSU graduate and life member of the DSU Alumni Association.

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**1974**

Frank Alexander of Philadelphia was recently promoted to the position of senior vice president of PNC Bank.

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**1975/1994**

Bryant T.T. “Tee” Bell was recognized in January by the Delaware American Lung Association as its national Volunteer of the Week. Bell has served as a member of the Delaware Leadership Board that specializes in communications and helps to promote the Delaware Fight for Air Walk held by the ALA. A non-smoker, Bell was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis—a disease that causes scarring in the lungs—and was the recipient of a double lung transplant in 1994. He has been a volunteer with the ALA since 2010.

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**1976**

Thomas M. Maher, a senior project manager with independent building consulting firm zumBrunnen Inc., recently received the certified energy manager® designation from the Association of Energy Engineers, recognizing individuals who have demonstrated high levels of experience, competence, proficiency and ethical fitness in the energy management profession. Maher joined zumBrunnen in 2005, he has more than 30 years of professional work experience in the industry. He received a Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering from DSU.

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**1985**

MarkAnthony Henry was honored as a “Man of Vision” for his contributions to his community and fellow Americans by the Rev. Al Sharpton’s National Action Network Women’s Auxiliary NYC Chapter in New York City. Henry has held senior level management positions with companies including Johnson & Johnson, Proctor and Gamble, Roche/Genentech, Abbott Pharmaceuticals and AT&G. He has also had extensive involvement in the entertainment and arts industry for more than 30 years, serving as a musician and director for Bishop Hezekiah Walker and Casey Houston.

Henry has been festival chairman of the Tony Williams Scholarship Jazz Festival and co-hosted with Bill Cosby over a span of 11 years. He has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Accounting from DSU, an MBA in International Business from American InterContinental University, and is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Business Administration degree in Healthcare Management and International Business.

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**1989**

Dionne Wallace Oakley has self-published her first book, _Circles... Moving to the Spaces_. It has also assisted many with shaping their lives. Visit Shapesbyforyou.com.

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Everard Cornwall, for encouraging him to credits one of his DSU professors, Dr. Bracy reports that he has fulfilled a dream. Elementary School in Wilmington, Del., June 2011. Bracy has been employed with University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in of Education from Nova Southeastern University of Delaware and is director of special education for the Appoquinimink 

Lisa Reeves 


Brenda F. Farmer ‘99, ’07, DSU’s director of University Events and Ceremonies, had the opportunity to meet NAACP Image Award winner and actor Mehki Pinter, who starred in the hit series “ER” as Dr. Gregory Pratt. She grabbed this photo op after the January 2012 debut of the Broadway Play Stick Fly, where she caught Pinter’s performance portraying the character Flip (Hardie) Loyd. 

Norman L. Barcliff became general insect control product manager with the Environmental Science Division of Bayer CropScience LP at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina in February 2012. Barcliff is responsible for the conceptualization, planning and implementation of the marketing/brand plans for the spray portfolio, including Stoppard PolyZone, Bayer’s newest innovation for pest management professionals in the residential and commercial market segments. Barcliff previously served as a marketing manager for another large global manufacturer. He graduated from DSU with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business. He received a Master of Science in Agriculture Extension & Education from Virginia Tech and a Master of Business Administration from Wake Forest University. 

Rodney Davis of Dover recently performed a stage play, When It Rains, in Vineland, N.J., in front of a record-breaking sold-out audience of 1,400. Davis, CEO of Rodney Davis Productions Inc., is the writer, director and principal actor in the play, starring fellow DSU alums Destree Destee Neal of Praise 103.9 FM, Tamika Hudson, who is also dance instructor for DSU’s marching band, Kim Gladney, and Trina Johnson. It also featured Devin Trout, lead guitarist for national recording artist sensation Ty [Tribbett. The play has also toured in Salisbury, Md., and in Dover at the Schwartz Center for the Arts. Performances in Maryland and New Jersey are planned for 2012. Davis’ new play, All Together Broken, was set to debut at Calvary Assembly of God on Saturday, April 28. Davis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from DSU. He is employed by St. John’s School as a kindergarten teacher.

FASHION: 

Haircuts of the '60s. A medium hair length “Bouffant” styles. Beatles shaggy hair became the first novel style sport shirts were “in” for both women and men. Gained wider appeal. Pant suits came into style. During the 60s, straight dresses became popular, and polo-style sport shirts were “in” for both women and men. 

STYLES

Women’s hairstyles: Cuts had a British flavor: Prodigy volunteerism and recipients for the state Jefferson Award as one of the 2012 Developers of Black Journalists. Feeney was with the DCED’s Junior Entrepreneurship in matches students with small business owners directs the Small Business Institute, which Training youth program.

Michael Feeney, a reporter with the Daily News in New York, was elected president of the New York Association of Black Journalists, a role he began in January. The group is the state branch of the National Association of Black Journalists. Feeney was recognized as the National Association’s Emerging Journalist of the Year for 2010. Jewel Ogiste-McKoy accepted a position in January with Delaware Hospice as a medical social worker. Ogiste-McKoy holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in social work from DSU and has four years of experience in the medical social work field. She was married August 7, 2011, to Edmund McKoy, who is a helicopter mechanic for the Delaware Army National Guard.

Ilona M. Figat, an enterprise consultant for DSU’s Delaware Center for Entrepreneur Development, was named the 2011 Outstanding Entrepreneur Educator at the 26th annual Entrepreneurship Education Forum. Figat created the Child Care Business Training Program at the DCEO; she is currently the director of the new Mobile Entrepreneurship Training initiative designed to transport a Mobile Training Classroom into rural and underserved areas. Figat also established and directs the Small Business Institute, which matches students with small business owners to develop case studies. She is also involved with the DCEO’s Junior Entrepreneurship Training youth program.

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Jewel Ogiste-McKoy

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Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center

Scholarship Ball
December 7, 2012
6-7 p.m. Cocktail reception
7-11 p.m. Dinner-dance
Dover Downs Hotel and Casino

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