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**GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

The Graduate Student of the Month award recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate leadership skills, academic success and/or commitment to community service through their involvement at DSU.

For the month of August the honor goes to: **Edward Hurley Jr.**, M.S. Sport Administration in the area of Leadership.

Submission by GSA Board:

Mr. Hurley whose most recent position of Fitness Coordinator with the Wellness & Recreation Center was temporarily halted due to a great career opportunity. He was one of a few individuals to be a recipient of one of the most competitive internship opportunities at UCLA this summer. He served in the Youth & Family Services division. Mr. Hurley will now return to the DSU to help improve the WRC as the Student Staff Development Coordinator.
Strive to Be a Healthy Hornet

Wellness is more than just the absence of disease. It's a state of achieving your best self in many different aspects of your life, such as your physical health, fitness, nutrition and emotional health.

At DSU, we care about your health and want you to leave our institution armed with the knowledge and skills that will allow you to lead a healthy and productive life!

The Healthy Hornet Program offers a variety of wellness services that can guide you to make healthier lifestyle choices:

- Participate in Healthy Hornet programs such as our walking and weight loss programs, take advantage of the health screenings we offer, and be sure to get a flu shot.
- To help you feel energized, utilize the Wellness and Recreation Center, which offers basketball courts, work-out equipment, fitness classes and an indoor walking track.
- DSU is a smoke and tobacco-free campus. If you smoke, you can receive free help to quit by calling the Delaware Quitline: 1-800-QUIT NOW.
- Feeling overly stressed? Contact the Counseling Center at 302-857-7381 for individualized guidance.

For more information about healthy lifestyle habits, contact M. Carter at mscarter@desu.edu or e-mail healthyhornets@desu.edu.

GSA supports the effort by the Wellness & Recreation Center promoting healthy living amongst the student population. We encourage the graduate students to register and participate.

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Please visit the Office of Career Services or Student Employment located on the 3rd Floor of the MLK Building or contact career services at 302-857-6120.

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