The Office of Alumni Relations is pleased to announce that the Delaware State University Alumni Association now has a centralized office on campus to increase visibility and foster collaborative efforts for alumni outreach.

The office opened in the Thomasson Building in late February with a celebration for alumni and friends. DSUAA’s move to campus will cultivate greater alignment of strategic goals between the association and DSU’s administration and continue to build upon a stronger united presence that aims for greater alumni impact.

“When you see DSUAA President Mrs. Sheila Davis during alumni events, you will also see DSU President Dr. Harry L. Williams and/or the Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations Dr. Lisa Dunning,” said Davis.

Chapter Meetings

Greater Hampton Roads Alumni Chapter
The Greater Hampton Roads 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: 2513164). Questions? Contact Chapter President Victor W. “Teez” Holmes at 302.229.5809 or teeswholmes@gmail.com.

Sussex County Alumni Chapter
The Sussex County Alumni Chapter meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Old Landing 11 Community Center, 400 Wilton St. in Milford. Del. Questions? Contact Chapter President Al Weil Jr. at mastercook3@icloud.net.

Kent County Alumni Chapter
The Kent County Alumni Chapter meets 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 philipsadler@comcast.net.

Philadelphia Alumni Chapter
Philadelphia Alumni Chapter meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Bromley House Apartments, 6891 Old York Road, Philadelphia. Questions? Contact Chapter President Dr. Jillian Inge atinge5901@aol.com.

DSUAA is moving on campus

The DSUAA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, May 16, in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center on the DSU campus during Commencement weekend.

New Castle County Alumni Chapter
The New Castle County Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at DSUAA Wilmingto 2015 on Killarney Highway. Questions? Contact Chapter President Theresa W. “Trissy” Holmes at 302.229.5809 or teeswholmes@gmail.com.

Sussex County Alumni Chapter
The Sussex County Alumni Chapter meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Old Landing 11 Community Center, 400 Wilton St. in Milford, Del. Questions? Contact Chapter President Robert Draine Sr. at 302.947.4580 or draines@wilmtd.com.

Kent, Philadelphia and Sussex photos courtesy of Bernard Carr

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Chapter President Philip Sadler at philipsadler@comcast.net.

From left are Shannon Booker, President Harry L. Williams, Larry Williams, DSUAA President Sheila Davis, Arnold Nearn, Melodyna Noel, Alfred Outlaw, First Lady Robin Williams and Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations Dr. Lisa Dunning at an October pre-football game reception held in Daytona Beach, Fla.

FLORIDA ALUMNI LOOK AT CREATING A CHAPTER
The Office of Alumni Relations partnered with DSUAA to increase visibility in Daytona Beach, Fla., for the DSU vs. Bethune-Cookman Football game in October, with President Harry L. Williams hosting alumni for a pre-football game reception. As a result, Florida alumni are in the process of establishing a potential alumni chapter in central Florida. Alfred Outlaw ‘71 is the point of contact and will lead the initiative for the Florida Alumni Chapter development group, which is in the process of defining the goals and objectives for a chapter. Plans are underway to conduct a chapter officer’s forum and election. Florida alumni also hosted a Christmas Meet and Greet Party in Daytona in December.

3 CHAPTERS JOIN FOR PREGAME TAILGATE
Members of the Philadelphia, New Castle and Kent County alumni chapters showed their Hornet pride during a pre-game tailgate in September before the DSU vs. Temple football game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

KENT CHAPTER HOLDS POST-GAME RECEPTION
The Kent County Alumni Chapter hosted a post-game reception for alumni following the last home football game vs. Florida A&M in November. At the event, from left, are Chapter President Philip Sadler, DSUAA President Sheila Davis and Udaa “DJ Mega Skills” Morgan.

From left are Rachelle Purnell, 2014 scholarship awardee Jalesa Johnson, Chapter President Robert Draine and 2011 scholarship awardee Joshua Hackney.

SUSSUS HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE
The Sussex County Alumni Chapter held its 5th annual Holiday Dinner-Dance and Scholarship Fundraiser in December at the Milfordic Civic Center, where it awarded six community stalwarts and recognized three 2014 scholarship recipients. Each year the association hosts the event in partnership with the DSU Foundation Inc. and awards $1,000 scholarships to DSU students from Sussex County. The 2014 awardees were Jalesa Johnson, Lijehensa Bailey and Antonio D. Saez. Community honorees were Sen. George Bunting, the Rev. Annie J. Custis, William “Bill” Collick, Bernice Saez. Community honorees were Sen. George Bunting, the Rev. Annie J. Custis, William “Bill” Collick, Bernice Saez.
Harvey Hyland Jr. was recently named the town of Laurel, Del.'s Citizen of the Year. Hyland, the first African-American male to receive the award, was a plumbing and pipe fitter instructor at Sussex County Vocational-Technical School in Georgetown for 28 years and a member of the Laurel School District Board of Education for 12 years.

Hugh F. Williams Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., was honored with the Peace Corps' Franklin H. Williams Award. Williams is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the personal rank of minister counselor. He held numerous assignments overseas and domestically and received Meritorious Honor awards and the department's Superior Honor award. His current assignment is as diplomatic resident at Spelman College and Morehouse College. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Williams served in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, and he taught math in public schools and at Delaware State University. He and his wife, Marie, have two adult daughters.

Frank Burton Jr. retired from the FBI after a 22 1/2-year career in which he was a national recruiter and the media representative for Philadelphia Division. He is the pastor of Perfect Will Ministries in New Castle, Del., a church he founded with his wife Theresa Burton 11 years ago. Burton's son, Frank Burton III, was team captain for the William Penn High School football state champions and as a junior was named All-State Lineman of the Year and 1st Team All-State Tight End and Defensive End.

Norman Oliver organized the Stormin' Norman Turkey Drive for the 32nd year this past Thanksgiving, working with volunteers and organizations to expand turkey donations for needy families statewide in 2014 for the first time. Oliver is a former Delaware State University trustee and a former Wilmington City Council member.

Esther Purnell was promoted to principal of Rader Middle School in Wayne, Pa., where she previously was an emotional support teacher, assistant principal and interim principal. She earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Delaware State College and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Delaware State University.

Dr. Lydia J. Williams earned a doctorate degree in Management of Community College Policy and Administration from the University of Maryland University College. She is currently the executive director of Student Services at The College of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick. Williams received a bachelor's degree in English from Delaware State College and also has a master's degree in Personnel Service from Miami University. Williams received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Delaware State University.

Cindy Cunningham, a clinical nurse specialist, joined the staff of the La Feed Health Center in Seaford. She received her bachelor's degree in Nursing from Delaware State University, master's degrees in Nursing and Business — Health Care Administration from Wilmington College and post-master's degrees in Psychiatric Nursing and Nursing Administration from the University of Delaware and Family Psychiatric NP from Vandebilt University.

Dr. James L. Moore III, associate provost in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, director of the Todd Anthony Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male and College of Education and Human Ecology Distinguished Professor of Urban Education at The Ohio State University, was recently included in The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education's listing of African-Americans Who Hold Endowed and Distinguished Professorships in Education.

Kelley Wilson-Everett was a featured guest on the Shave Harry talk show and was recognized as Philadelphia's Harvey Hero for the impact she's made on students nationwide through her tutoring company and her nonprofit organization, Youth Angel Scholars Inc. She is also newly appointed professor of Early Childhood Education with Esperanza College of Eastern University.

Dr. Ann E. Booth earned her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Argosy University in Sarasota, Fla. She is currently principal at All Saints-Academy in Breez, R. Booth earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Delaware State University.

Dr. David Carter was inducted into the Sussex Central High School Hall of Fame Class of 2014. A 1997 alum of SCHS, Carter went on to receive a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education and a master's degree in Graduate Education from Delaware State University. He currently is a high school principal in the Milford School District.

Dr. Quincy A. Rose has been accepted into the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Women in Education Leadership Program, which convenes senior leaders from around the world who are interested in strengthening and leveraging their leadership skills to advance education initiatives while driving organizational change.

Emmanuel Lalande was appointed the new dean of student success for Harris-Stowe State University. Lalande previously served as assistant dean/ director of student centered involvement at Bethune-Cookman University and as director of student services at Washington College. He holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Delaware State University.