

## University Mission

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Delaware State University is a public, comprehensive, 1890 land-grant institution. The mission of the University is to provide for the people of Delaware and others who are admitted, meaningful and relevant education that emphasized both the liberal and professional assets of higher education. Within this context, the University provides educational opportunities to all qualified citizens of this state and other states at a cost consistent with the economic status of the students as a whole. While recognizing its historical heritage, the University serves a diverse student population with a broad range of programs in institution, service, and research, so that its graduates will become competent, productive and contributing citizens.

## University Vision

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Delaware State University will be diverse, selective teaching, research and service university in the land-grant tradition, serving the people of state of Delaware and the region. It will be university of first choice for students from the state. It will:

- Excel in education of undergraduates in the Liberal Arts and in the professional, technical and scientific development of the work force.
- Attain a significant educational presence in all three Delaware counties, emphasizing also services for adult learners and providing for re-certification needs of professionals.
- Provide an important engine for research and economic development in Delaware, especially in Kent and Sussex counties.
- Offer an array of master's and doctoral programs in areas of importance to the social and economic development of Delaware. Through this programs graduate leaders in areas such as Education, the Natural, Social and Health-related Sciences and professions, Agriculture, Social Work, Aviation and Business.
- Develop a community of scholars with talent and expertise that will garner regional and national recognition.
- Enhance competition in intercollegiate athletics at the NCAA division I level, with an increasing emphasis on the participation of female student- athletics.
- Develop the arts as an integral part of the University's programs and cultivate relationships in the arts across the state and region.
- Continue to build a culture of global awareness through internationally focused teaching and learning activities and by cultivating collaborative relationships with international programs, higher education institutions and global communities.

## Basic Philosophy and Values

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Delaware State University is committed to excellence. It seeks to be the best in all that it does. The University believes that this uncompromising pursuit of excellence is best achieved through teamwork.

The University is committed to providing all undergraduate students with a strong liberal arts education. This essential part of the student's education serves as the foundation for studies in the major areas.

Delaware State University considers the changing needs of students as a major institutional priority. The University believes that: (1) students must receive education required for employment and upward mobility; (2) more minority students must be prepared for graduate and professional education, especially in areas in which they are traditionally under-represented; and (3) students should be exposed to new developments in currently existing curricula using diverse teaching strategies. Delaware State University places major emphasis on quality teaching. At the same time, the University recognizes that the faculty are obligated engage in research to increase the storehouse of knowledge in various disciplines and fields, and, as appropriate, to apply the knowledge to the solution of community, regional, national, and international problems. The University also believes that faculty involvement in research substantially enhances the quality of teaching and expects that students will be provided opportunities to engage in research. Through research, faculty members can continually expand their professional knowledge base and maintain the vitality of their teaching. In addition to the primary emphasis on higher quality teaching and accompanying obligation to engage in research and outreach, the University is committed to serving the surrounding communities, the state of Delaware and the nation.