

Staff Senate Recognition Award

A call for nominations was sent out to the Stanton/Wilmington Campus community in July, 2008. Thanks to everyone who responded with some great recommendations.

The Staff Senate Awards committee felt that it was important to publicly recognize the contributions, achievements, dedication and talents of our salary Plan B/Plan C Delaware Technical & Community College Stanton/Wilmington Campus employees, and recognize an individual or group who exemplify the highest standards of excellence and commitment to the College community. The nominee who was chosen embodies those standards, and provides invaluable contributions to the College. This year's Staff Senate Recognition Award winners are:



Dan Stevens
Stanton Campus

Dan Stevens started out with the College in 1999 as a TPT Computer Operator. Dan has continually strived for more challenging positions, up to his current position of Computing Support Specialist III. Not only does Dan challenge himself professionally, but intellectually as well. He has attained AA degrees in Business and Management Information Systems in 2007 and General Business in 2008. Dan is responsible for the day to day operations of the help desk and desktop support for all the computer workstations on the Stanton Campus. He was nominated due to his extreme attentiveness to staff and faculty needs, always having time to listen to concerns, and working to resolve issues in a timely manner. As co-workers can attest, Dan goes beyond the call of duty almost every day. Among the positive comments about Dan's work ethic are "As always, he responded to my request very quickly, was professional and very helpful!" and "Dan has been so flexible with our multiple moves in financial aid. He made the many moves much easier with his easy going personality!"



Rebecca Bailey-Bell
Wilmington Campus

Rebecca Bailey-Bell has been with Delaware Tech for 18 years, and was first employed with the College in 1980 as a Secretary I for CETA in Continuing Education. Rebecca then honed her skills in other departments, such as the Library, Registrar's Office, and then to the Admissions Department in 1986. She has continued her work in Admissions, advancing from a Student Records Technician to the Foreign Student and Admissions coordinator in June of 2003. She obtained her AA degree from Delaware Tech in the area of Office Administration Technology. She was nominated due to her calm demeanor, professionalism, and reassuring manner, whether working with foreign students in Admissions or with co-workers. A presence at Stanton campus as well as Wilmington, Rebecca has been a team player in providing coverage and in training new staff. Her passion and enthusiasm for her work "instills in her direct reports a sense of purpose about the work of the department." In addition, many of her foreign students "consider her a friend and speak highly of her efforts on their behalf."



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Keeping you up to date with the latest information regarding Plan B & C employees.

Executive Committee

Cathy Hagan, Chair
Robbie McCray, Vice Chair
Sandy Hinish, Secretary-Treasurer

Mission Statement

The Staff Senate is an advocacy group for staff members of Delaware Technical and Community College, Stanton and Wilmington Campuses. The purpose of the Staff Senate is to support the staff members by providing a platform for addressing their concerns.

Visit us on the web at:

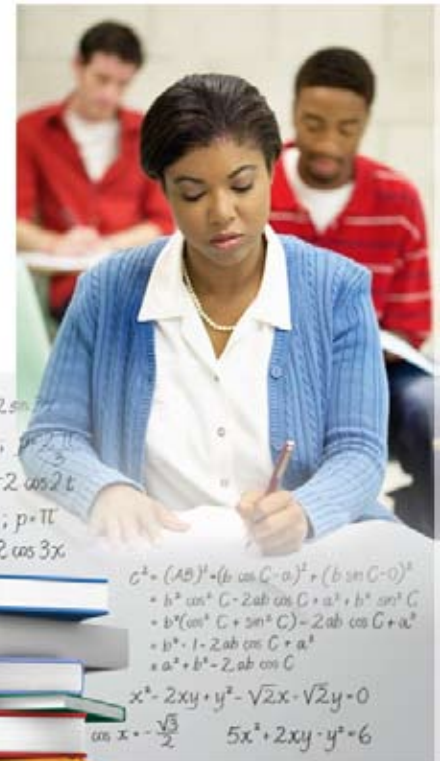
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Staff Senate Scholarships

This year's fundraising committee has again given us a big help by continuing the work of previous Staff Senate fundraising committees. With all of the support of our Campus community, we have been able to offer our first-ever scholarship to a deserving Plan B or C person. In case you missed it, the Staff Senate offers a scholarship to Regular Full-Time (RFT) Plan B (B01 – B15) employees or Regular Part-Time (RPT) Plan C (C01-C15) employees who have been employed with Delaware Tech Stanton/Wilmington campus for longer than a year. The money can be used for books, course fees not covered by educational benefits, professional training programs, certification testing fees, or any other College or University tuition, fees, books, etc. Although a scholarship has been awarded for this year, check our website for the guidelines and deadlines on applying for next year.

On May 9, the Staff Senate hosted a fundraising trip to New York City. Although the weather was not perfect, the trip itself was and everyone had a great time. What's more, the trip helped raise \$400.00 for Plan B & C Staff scholarships.



Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle



The Staff Senate is encouraging everyone to do their part in conserving our resources. Take every opportunity to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Here are some tips to get you thinking about how you can participate at work or at home:

- Recycle newspapers to use as compost or mulch.
- Shredding paper not only protects your identity, but creates less volume of paper waste.
- Power down lights in rooms that you're not using. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs. Use natural light if your work space is near a window.
- Turn off unneeded equipment at night, or use the "stand-by" or "power management" feature.
- Use coffee mugs (and other utensils) instead of disposable items.
- Shop for "Energy Star" compliant equipment and appliances.
- Preventive maintenance on your car means keeping it tuned up and tires properly inflated. This gives you the best gas mileage possible for your automobile. Adhering to the speed limit will also improve your gas mileage.

- Adding landscaping will not only provide beauty, natural noise filters and cleaner air, but may also provide reduced energy consumption for building heating and cooling. More landscaping means less lawn ~ less watering and less mowing.
- Using humidifiers in the home increases the warmth of your room without raising the thermostat.

Beyond the efforts listed above the Faculty Senate is working on a recycling program in conjunction with DSWA - the Staff Senate supports this initiative. The DSWA is waiving all fees and will provide the igloos for the Stanton Campus. The Wilmington campus recycling program is posing more of a challenge because recycling is done by the city and they do not have a commercial business program available.

We are hoping to implement an internal recycling program where paper could be taken to the math lab for scrap paper in addition to volunteers that would take the paper to recycling stations. Glass, plastic and aluminum also require volunteers to manually remove and drop off the collected items to recycling stations. This portion of the recycling program is on hold due to a lack of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for the recycling program as a person able to remove and drop off collected items to a recycling station, please contact Cathy Hagan at 830-5209.

Future Fund Raising Events



- **Rita's Water Ice fundraiser**
9/17 - Wilmington campus
- **NYC Bus Trip**
10/11

Please visit the Staff Senate website for final dates or check the Staff Senate bulletin boards at your campus for final dates and information.

Did You Know?

Have you heard of **DelaWELL?** If not, you're missing a



great opportunity to enrich your life through educational, FREE health seminars which are offered through the State of Delaware. You can attend seminars which cover topics such as "The Active Workday," "Managing Your Weight," "Stress and Your Workday," and "Eating for Performance and Health." These courses are offered at various sites throughout the state, and will be starting up this Fall. More information can be found at <http://delawell.delaware.gov/>. Here's to your health!

As state employees you're eligible for discounts on cell phone service, computers and software purchases.

Verizon Wireless - State employees are eligible for a 15% discount off your basic rate plan. Additional lines are excluded. Visit www.verizonwireless.com and click the Employee Discounts tab under Business.

DELL Computers - A link to DELL discount computer purchases can be accessed from the My DTCC portal. Log into the Portal, go to Employee Services tab, and then click on "Discounted Computer Purchase Option" under the Employee Resources heading. This link will direct you to DELL to purchase your system.

Software - Microsoft Vista, XP, Office 2007, Project 2007 and Visual Studio

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The State of Delaware provides great opportunities for state employees. Aside from the great health care, dental, and vision benefits, here at Delaware Tech we also enjoy generous educational benefits. However, what you may not know is that the State of Delaware also offers additional training and professional development opportunities which in many cases are free or low-cost. Check out some of the timely offerings:

- Conflict Resolution
- CyberSecurity...Now More Than Ever!
- Ethical Conduct for State Employees
- Grammar for the Workplace
- Leadership Skills For Women
- Microsoft Office software training
- Quality Service in the Public Sector
- Smoking Cessation Workshop
- The Balancing Act
- Workplace Communication/Active Listening

These courses are not only beneficial to state employees on a personal level, but in some cases, can look great on a resume! Invest in yourself!!! Find the details at <http://www.delawarepersonnel.com/training/>

Pre-Tax Commuter Benefit Program - will allow you to save 25% or more on the money you set aside to help pay for your out-of-pocket parking, van pooling or mass transit expenses incurred as you travel to work. The money is deducted pre-tax, meaning you avoid paying Federal and State income tax and FICA taxes on the money you set aside. You can enroll in the program at any time through ASI's website: www.asiflex.com/detra

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**Not pictured:
Marti Van Veen*



Check it out!!! The Staff Senate redesigned web site is up and running...come in, look around...

http://www.dtcc.edu/stanton-wilmington/senate/staff_senate/staff_senate.html

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