

# An Evening of Mardi Gras February 9, 2008

Delaware Tech Stanton/Wilmington, has just the right *finishing touch* for the holiday season.

Music and dancing, delectable cuisine and beverages, exciting gaming, a silent auction — and so much more.

### Reunite with alumni!

Enjoy a magical evening designed to raise funds for Delaware Tech student scholarships. This event helps fill the gap left when support from the State of Delaware, alumni and employees is exhausted.

Achieving higher education comes at a cost. All too often, students' resources don't cover all of their needs. Besides tuition, there is transportation, fees, books, and often, child care, just to name a few of the additional financial burdens our students carry.

An Evening of Mardi Gras is the culmination of effort from hundreds of Delaware Tech volunteers, corporate and individual sponsorships, contributions, ticket sales and gifts-in-kind. Mark February 9 on your 2008 calendar for the fourth annual An Evening of Mardi Gras.

For information, please call Ruth Anne Clarke at 302 292-3872.

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# ALUMNI & FRIENDS

## Delaware Technical & Community College Stanton/Wilmington Campus



### From the Campus Director

Throughout the nearly 40 years I have been involved in higher education, I have witnessed many ideas, concepts, and techniques designed to help students succeed. The one constant throughout my tenure has been the effect role models and mentors have on the success of students. As Delaware Tech alumni, you represent the clearest picture of what it means to be a role model. Current students are inspired by your Delaware Tech story; many of you attended Delaware Tech full-time right out of high school and graduated after two years. Many of you were working full-time while taking classes on a part-time basis and graduated in four or five years. Some of you continued your education, earning bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Some of you immediately put the knowledge and education you gained at Delaware Tech to work, and began your career reaching new levels of professional success. With all these different characteristics of your individual experiences at Delaware Tech, you have one thing in common—Delaware Tech is an important chapter in your personal history.

What is most impressive about our alumni is that being a mentor and a role model does not stop with academics. Your commitment to the Stanton/Wilmington Campus and the community is admirable and commendable. I see many of you at various events within the College and campus, and see and hear about your involvement with activities and functions within your various communities. Many of you have also taken an active interest in the growth of the campus. If you notice on the back of this newsletter, our annual Mardi Gras event is right around the corner. In years past, it has been gratifying to see so many alumni at our Mardi Gras party and I look forward to seeing many more of you this year. It is through fundraising efforts like Mardi Gras that students who would otherwise not have an opportunity to attend college are afforded the chance at higher education.

I extend to you and your family the warmest wishes for a happy new year. Thank you for your continued efforts in enhancing the Delaware Tech family for generations to come.

*Lawrence H. Miller*  
Lawrence H. Miller

### Alumni Board Scholarship .....

The Stanton/Wilmington Alumni Association Board of Directors would like to congratulate this year's scholarship recipient, Garan Callaway. Garan is a dental hygiene student, class of 2009. She is the daughter of Susan Lynn Calloway, a 1989 graduate of Delaware Tech's dental hygiene program.

Garan holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from Salisbury University and a master of science degree from Wilmington University. Her interest in the field of dentistry was a result of working in an administrative position in a dental practice.

Once Garan graduates and obtains her dental hygiene license, she plans to apply to dental school. We wish Garan much luck and best wishes with her future endeavors.



Garan Callaway

### Alumni Association Welcomes New Board Member. . . .

The Delaware Tech Alumni Association is pleased to introduce the newest member of the Alumni Board; Willard F. Preston III. Bill graduated from the Stanton/Wilmington Campus in May 2001 with an associate degree in Emergency Management, adding to his existing bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wilmington University. Continuing his education, Bill earned his law degree from Widener University School of Law in May of 2004.

Bill began his career as a paramedic for the New Castle County Department of Public Safety. After serving in multiple positions, Bill was appointed Delaware State Fire Marshal. He retired in 2007 to devote his attention to his law career. In addition to over 25 years of public service, Bill has served as a volunteer fire fighter since 1973.

Bill is employed by the Lundy Law Firm, where he serves as managing attorney for the Wilmington office, concentrating in personal injury law. In 2003, Bill was awarded the title of Chief Emeritus at the Talleyville Fire Company, where he continues to serve his community. Welcome to the Alumni Board, Bill!

### A Step Beyond .....

Delaware Tech students have the opportunity to build on the terrific education they receive at Delaware Tech and pursue a bachelor's degree and beyond. Agreements with area four-year colleges and universities in specific connected degree programs allow students to graduate with their associate degree, be accepted at the partner institution and smoothly transfer as a junior. The College currently has 66 programs that are articulated with bachelor's degree granting colleges and universities.

Special partnerships allow Delaware Tech students in connected degree programs to further their education at either Wilmington University or Delaware State University. Not only can they transfer their Delaware Tech credits, but they'll have the opportunity to lock in their bachelor's degree requirements during their first year at Delaware Tech. Academic advisement for Delaware State and Wilmington University will be available to them on their Delaware Tech campus, and they'll be eligible for priority pre-registration their first semester at Delaware State or Wilmington University.

## Alumni & Friends .....

The Alumni Board is pleased to announce that scholarships are again being awarded to family of alumni. Please take a moment to see if your relative is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship to assist them in furthering their education. Applications for scholarships for the 2008 Fall Semester will be available soon. Scholarships will be awarded before the end of the 2008 Spring Semester.

The Alumni Board will contribute again this year to the Silent Auction fund-raising event at **An Evening of Mardi Gras 2008**. If you are an alumnus who would like to donate to the Alumni Association's gift basket this year, please contact Sharon Mossman at [ssmossman@dtcc.edu](mailto:ssmossman@dtcc.edu). Please include Mardi Gras Donation in the subject line. Donation Forms are available to contributors upon request.



Donald R. Roberts, Chair

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## Dear Delaware Tech Graduate,

This fall, Delaware Tech experienced record enrollment with nearly 15,000 credit students registering Collegewide — an increase of approximately 1,000 students in just one year. This November, the College once again presented its case to state budget officials for a Community College Infrastructure Fund (CCIF). The fund would be used to build the labs and classrooms we need to meet growing demand, so I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on our capacity challenge.

Over the past year, our employees, alumni, friends of the College, and students helped spread the word that the College was running out of space and that we were in desperate need of a Community College Infrastructure Fund in order to keep the doors of access open. We received tremendous support, and for this, I thank you. Your postcards, letters, e-mails and phone calls to legislators helped remind them that Delaware Tech graduates are filling important jobs in business, industry and health care — jobs that touch our lives each and every day.

While we were successful in communicating our message, the fact of the matter is that our biggest challenge has yet to be resolved — finding a revenue stream for capital projects that is able to keep pace with growing enrollment and workforce needs. The demand for the College's specialized labs, science labs, computer labs and classrooms has now exceeded our existing capacity, and Delaware Tech is facing a crisis.

At our annual Budget Hearing on November 15, for the first time in the history of the College, Delaware Tech did not request funding for new or expanded academic degree programs due to a lack of space to accommodate them. In addition, in more than 30 of the College's existing academic programs, students have been assigned to waiting lists or did not have access to at least one of the courses they needed this fall to make progress towards their degree. The bottom line is that Delawareans are being denied access to their future.

Last June, two pieces of legislation were introduced in the General Assembly. Senate Bill No. 167, if passed, would create the Community College Infrastructure Fund we are proposing, but it does not identify a revenue source to support it. Senate Concurrent Resolution #22 was passed by both the House and Senate and directs the co-chairs of the Bond Bill Committee — the Committee responsible for the state's capital budget — to recommend a stable revenue source for the proposed CCIF. I look forward to working with the Bond Bill Committee, the Governor and the Legislature to find a solution so that Delaware Tech can continue to provide access for all Delawareans. I'll continue to keep you updated on our progress.

As a Delaware Tech alum, your support has always been valued and crucial to our success, and I have greatly appreciated your help throughout this campaign. On behalf of the College's Board of Trustees, our employees and our students, thank you and best wishes for a happy new year.



Dr. Orlando J. George, Jr., President

## In Memoriam .....

The Delaware Tech Alumni family sadly mourns the loss of Reverend Naomi Ruth Gaines Winchester, Human Services '74, who passed away on July 4, 2007. Naomi, of New Castle, DE, was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Stanton/Wilmington Campus in 1996. This award honors those graduates who have achieved success in their chosen field and have made significant contributions to the community and Delaware Tech. Naomi epitomized what it means to be a Distinguished Alumni. She was very active in the Methodist church, serving in many roles including Pastor. She was a member of Wilmington Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., National Assoc. of Social Workers; and a lifetime member of the NAACP.

## A Delaware Tech Story .....

By Bob Foraker, M.Ed., CFPS, CFI,  
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I have been fortunate to have spent almost 30 years studying with, working with, and learning from some of the most exceptional individuals I have ever met. I am amazed that as young as I am (or maybe feel) I have been "with" the College for almost ¾ of its existence. In 1977, I was a 19-year-old washout from a major university engineering program who had been academically demoralized by classes of over 400 students in lecture halls so large the professor could not see the back wall. At the beginning of one course the professor stated: "At the end of the semester only the top 20% will pass the class. Look at the two persons on either side of you, only one of the five will pass, regardless of your grades." Coupled with working a student job to pay for tuition, this environment (not, as has been rumored, the wild parties at my co-ed dorm) led me down a path of frustration and failure. I came home after two semesters with my tail between my legs, believing I was not smart enough for college level work.

After working 80-hour weeks over the summer on a well-drilling crew, I started to look for other options. I had started my volunteer fire service career at the age of 16, and I was looking for something that would fit with my passion for the fire service. At a meeting of the Delaware State Volunteer Firemen's Association, I spoke with Roger Boyce (AASFET 1973), Fire Protection Engineer for the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office. Roger encouraged me to contact Department Chair Joe Buchanan at the Stanton campus to find out about Delaware Tech's Fire and Safety Technology programs.

After meeting with Joe, I applied to the College and began attending classes in the spring quarter of March 1978. During the pursuit of my AAS degree, many of my instructors served as mentors and role models. Joe Buchanan and Roger Boyce in particular helped me to grasp the intricacies of the science of fire protection and to believe in myself. Because of their help and support, I graduated in June of 1980, the first person in my family to ever earn a college degree.

Because of the excellent education I received at Delaware Tech, I was able to secure an intern position with Automatic Sprinkler Design Associates in Baltimore, then a fire protection specialist position in the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office in Nashville, followed by a field rating representative position with Insurance Services Office in Philadelphia. During my first year with ISO I helped coordinate and teach a seminar for ISO employees at Delaware Tech's fire labs.

After four years with ISO I returned to Delaware Tech in the fall of 1985 as an adjunct instructor for Frank Richardson, the Fire and Safety Department's new chair. My full-time career at Delaware Tech began in December 1985, when I became an instructor. I have served as department chair since Frank's retirement in the summer of 2001. My job has permitted me to pursue my interests and avocation each day while passing my passion for fire protection on to my students.

The foundation of educational success laid during my student days at Delaware Tech encouraged me to attain my engineering technology bachelor's degree in 1995 and my master of education degree in 2000 from the University of Delaware. This foundation of success has continued to impact my family. Both of my daughters, my wife, mother, brother, and two nephews have attended classes at the College. I proudly count among the members of the Alumni Association both my brother Jeff (AASFET 1995) and my daughter Kristen (AASECE 2005).



Bob with his daughter, Kristen

## Delaware Tech is Going Global .....

We have all heard the saying, "It's a small world." As technology increases, borders break down and international relations increase, the world is indeed small and getting smaller. Delaware Tech recognizes that knowledge and understanding of local, regional, and global factors influence science, business and trade in today's world. Our ability to look beyond our own "world" and move comfortably within other cultures greatly impacts our ability to survive, as well as succeed and thrive, in the growing international community. It is for this reason Delaware Tech has launched several international study abroad programs.

The programs are ideal vehicles to promote professional development and enhance academic offerings. Through international programs, Delaware Tech nurtures individual and collective efforts that bring into focus the need for understanding global issues.

Delaware Tech's Office of International Education is currently organizing short-term study abroad opportunities. They are credit courses with an integrated study abroad component.

Past programs have included trips to Mexico and Turkey. Spring '08 will see nursing students visiting Mexico for Cultural Competency and Health. And students enrolled in the summer '08 session, as well as faculty, will have several trips to choose from: Scotland and the Republic of Ireland, Turkey, Italy, Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, Spain, and France.

## Delaware Tech Introduces Homeland Defense Program .....

This spring, Delaware Tech will offer the first courses in the new Homeland Defense and Emergency Management Program. This degree program is designed to meet the growing need for qualified homeland defense workers both in government facilities and in the private sector. Graduates will be prepared for a broad spectrum of careers in risk management and loss prevention. They will also learn to manage the relief of natural and man-made disasters of all types. Course material will cover topics such as homeland defense law, psychology of terrorism and criminology.