

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Delaware Technical & Community College

Stanton/Wilmington Campus



Are you our next Distinguished Alumni?

Are you or someone you know a potential Distinguished Alumni? Distinguished Alumni Awards are given for excellence in service and achievement to alumni who exemplify what Delaware Tech graduates can accomplish. The award honors those graduates who have achieved success in their chosen careers and made significant contributions to the community as well as to Delaware Tech. If you fit this criteria or know someone who does, submit a nomination form by January 15, 2009.

To find out more and download the nomination form visit www.dtcc.edu/sw/alumni.

Save the Date
An Evening of Mardi Gras
February 21, 2009

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.

For information, please call Kate Berster at 302 454-3994 or visit www.dtcc.edu/mardigras.

Delaware Tech Specialty License Plate Program

Alumni, employees and friends of Delaware Tech will be offered the opportunity to purchase a Delaware Tech specialty license tag which will have the College logo, DT and up to four numbers. Money raised will benefit the Delaware Technical & Community College Educational Foundation and the Delaware Tech Alumni Association for scholarships.



The tags will be offered in October 2008, by online auction to the highest bidder, starting with a minimum bid of \$50. This is a onetime fee. Please visit www.dtcc.edu/ia for more information.

From the Campus Director

After 36 years of service to Delaware Technical & Community College, Connie Winner has informed me of her intent to retire in December of 2008. As many of you know, Connie has been an invaluable asset to Delaware Tech. During her time at Delaware Technical & Community College, Connie has served as a faculty member, department chair, assistant dean of instruction, dean of instruction, acting vice president for academic affairs and the assistant campus director. In each of these roles, her performance has been exemplary. Her dedication to our mission and our students is unparalleled. Connie's presence in our organization has made us the institution we are today, focused on excellence, yet never ignoring the importance of the individual.

As Alumni, you know the importance of the Delaware Tech family. Connie was an integral part of our family for a long time, and her absence in these halls will be felt. On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with such a gifted, caring and talented person. Connie and I have been together for many years and her presence at this institution will be greatly missed.

Lawrence H. Miller
Stanton/Wilmington Campus Director

Assistant Campus Director Connie Winner to Retire

Following, are Dr. Winner's comments during Inservice, August 18, 2008

As you may have heard, I have announced my retirement from Delaware Tech after 36 years. I will be here probably until the end of December.

Last May our graduation speaker, Tony Allen, said "It ain't about you." I get it. It isn't about me; therefore, it must be about you. I know it is about you.

It has been about you; all of it is about you. How you act and interact, how you work with each other, how you serve students and bring them along to become successful individuals.

It is about you and how you have changed so many lives and how you decide every day to do what you do.

It is about you and how you bring your best self with you every day.

It has been my privilege to work with you, learn with you, laugh with you, cry with you.

I am retiring—But my retirement is also about you—I know the Stanton/Wilmington Campus is in good hands—your hands—and you will continue to bring your best to work every day, overcome challenges, and accomplish a great deal.

I have been at Delaware Tech for over 36 years—for many of you, that is a lifetime!

My question to you is this: To what are you willing to give your life? The years go by so quickly, and—I'm talking about just your work life—if you are going to be here, you need to realize that you are giving your life.

I wish you all the best!



Welcome Dennis Harris

The Delaware Tech Alumni Association is pleased to introduce the newest member of the Alumni Board; Dennis R. Harris, Jr. Dennis is a member of the Stanton/Wilmington Campus Class of 2008, graduating with an associate degree in nursing. He was the winner of the Frank Linzenbold Award, which is given to the student who displays superior qualities of caring in nursing practice. He was also selected to address his graduating class as the Awards Night speaker. Prior to earning his nursing degree, Dennis received a bachelor of arts degree from La Salle University and a master of arts degree from Beaver College.

Dennis is currently employed by Christiana Care Health System as a registered nurse. Most of you will agree with Dennis' remarks from Awards Night, when he stated, "A Delaware Tech degree does not lay quietly tucked away behind a glass frame. Our Delaware Tech degrees live and breathe with us." Welcome to the Alumni Board, Dennis!



Stanton/Wilmington Campus
333 N. Shipley Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

NON-PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 387
WILMINGTON, DE

Alumni & Friends

The Alumni Board is again pleased to announce that Alumni Board Scholarships are available to alumni and family members of alumni. Please spread the word to applicants that may be eligible to receive the \$1,000 scholarships. We had two recipients this year who exemplified the successful Delaware Tech student. We wish them many further accomplishments with their educational endeavors.

The Board is also happy to be sponsoring our first Annual Alumni & Friends 5K Run/Walk. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends, exercise and visit the Wilmington Riverfront area. We hope that many of our alumni will come to support this event.

Sharon Mossman, Vice-Chair



September 2008
Volume 3 • Number 2

Delaware Technical & Community College
Board of Trustees

Dr. James R. Soles
Chairman

John M. Maiorano
Vice Chairman

Craig T. Eliassen, Esq.
Norman D. Griffiths, Esq.
Louis F. Owens Jr., M.D.
Selham Sue Saliba
Audrey Van Luven
Members

Dr. Orlando J. George, Jr.
College President

Lawrence H. Miller
College Vice President & Campus Director

Cornelia N. Winner
Assistant Campus Director

Stanton/Wilmington Alumni & Friends
Board of Directors

Donald R. Roberts '81, Esq.
Chair

Timothy J. Cox '80
Dawn M. Geldof '87
Dennis Harris '08
Sharon Mossman '82
Willard F. Preston III '01, Esq.

C. Cullen Rooney '81, Esq.
Theresa Schaedel '99
Members

Operation Smile Vietnam Mission – A Trip to Remember.....

By Sharon Mossman; R.D.H.; Delaware Technical & Community College

Many health professionals are familiar with the organization Operation Smile. When its name is mentioned, most respond by saying they repair cleft lips or cleft palates. My experience with the Vietnam Mission Operation Smile broadened my understanding of this organization's purpose and commitment.

Operation Smile has created beautiful smiles and life changing experiences for many underserved populations. These life changing experiences are not isolated to the third world countries that the organization helps; Operation Smile changes the lives of volunteers and dental professionals too. I found through my involvement with the Vietnam Mission that this voluntary assignment was unique from other Operation Smile missions. The Vietnam Mission is a dental mission that focuses on preventive, restorative, and emergency dental care. The goal is to provide our Vietnamese colleagues with an educational experience via lectures and clinical treatment. Participants from the United States offered a day of lectures that encompassed a variety of topics and focused on treating the "whole patient" through collaborative efforts of proper treatment planning. Our mission helped to build partnerships with our Vietnamese colleagues and to reach a common goal of utilizing all dental specialties to improve the overall oral health of our patients.

My involvement started after several conversations with one of my dental hygiene counterparts, who had been a participant in two previous missions. She and her stories were enlightening and inspirational, and she encouraged me to apply for the 2008 mission. I applied, was selected, and obtained a passport, visa, and immunizations. At this point, I thought I was ready to travel. I was wrong! A dental mission is a true volunteer commitment. I spent weeks organizing materials for home care instruction, and soliciting contributions to help us in our mission. Dental companies were very generous and their contributions made our efforts so much more attainable. Without the benefit of new dental instruments and supplies, we could not have reached the thousands of patients we did.

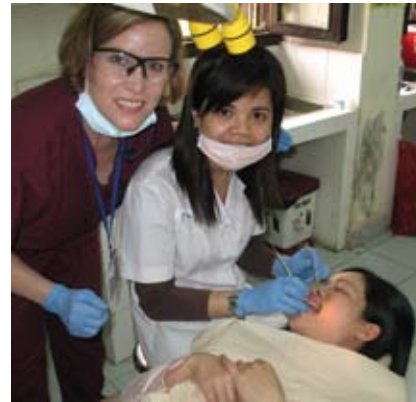
The Vietnam Mission consists of two sites, Hue and Hanoi, which provide very different experiences. Hue is more rural, and a significant portion of the mission is accomplished through vans that bring the dental volunteers to the surrounding provinces to visit schools and focus on education, screening patients and oral home care instruction. I participated at the Hanoi site, where the majority of our work was accomplished in the dental clinic at the University of Hanoi. At both sites, children were provided with a treatment plan, toothbrushes, toothpaste and fluoride treatments.

A lot of improvisation was necessary. Some of our obstacles included broken equipment, minimal supplies, and limited manpower. I volunteered to work with an operatory chair that had no lighting, water, suction or mechanical functions—and it worked! We taped flashlights to the operatory light, used a bucket for rinsing, and were able to see many more patients than originally planned. My colleague, Linda, managed to clean teeth by having the patient sit on a stool while she sat in an office chair and rested the patient's head in her lap. It was a wonderful joint effort to provide treatment to as many children as possible.

We also had some adult patients who were associated with the children. We treated several adults in their mid 40s who had never had their teeth cleaned. What a challenge! We did not have access to ultrasonic scaling, so all our cleanings were performed with hand scaling. This is where the contribution of new scalers was invaluable. We had some very memorable events, like the adult patient whose treatment plan was for a quadrant of scaling. She begged to have her entire mouth completed. Linda worked her in after morning patients and finished her cleaning during our lunch hour. We just couldn't resist. When was the last time that someone begged you to clean his or her teeth? The patient was very appreciative! We also had an adult patient whose calculus was so heavy we could not remove it with the hand scalers. Fortunately we had a periodontist on our team, and he was able to drill the calculus off. What an experience!

We were fortunate to have an incredible Vietnamese volunteer team and an extremely organized Operation Smile coordinator on site. We also had a very cohesive U.S. team with a vast array of specialties that enabled us to collaborate on treatment recommendations. And we had fun! We spent free time with our Vietnamese volunteers at dinner and karaoke, as well as exploring some of the landscapes of Vietnam. We visited pagodas and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Ha Long Bay.

Our efforts in Vietnam were deeply appreciated by the organizers of Operation Smile. They treated us with respect and kindness. Their appreciation for our work was reiterated time and time again, but the experience that they provided to us was priceless.



Please join us for our inaugural Delaware Tech Alumni & Friends 5K Run/Walk at the Wilmington Riverfront!

Money raised will benefit students in need. If you wish to participate as a runner, log on to www.races2run.com for an entry form. Get a group of classmates together and register as a team!

If you want to be a part of the event (but maybe haven't been out for a run/walk in a while!) you can still volunteer to help out on the day of the race.

Call Tuck Mulrooney for a volunteer assignment at 571-5304!

DELAWARE TECH 5K RUN/WALK
10.08.08
6:00 PM
RAIN or SHINE
DELAWARE TECH ALUMNI & FRIENDS
PROCEEDS BENEFIT STUDENTS IN NEED
OVERLOOK PAVILION AT THE WILMINGTON RIVERFRONT
ADJACENT TO BARCLAYS BANK
ENTRY FORMS: WWW.RACES2RUN.COM
TO MAKE A DONATION: CALL KATE BERSTER AT 302.454.3994
AMENITIES: Tee shirts and refreshments. RUN AWARDS: Overall male and female plus top three in ten-year age groups 18 under through 70 over. ENTRY FEE: \$16 pre entry until Oct. 6 / \$20 after and day of event.

A Delaware Tech Story.....

By Willard F. Preston, III, Esquire



We now live in a disposable society, unfortunately, where everything seems to be built for speed and convenience, and is disposed of after its initial use. Education is that one constant that bucks the trend.

My educational path was anything but traditional. I began the pursuit of a college degree at Delaware Tech five years after graduating from high school. I was actively involved in volunteer fire service since the age of sixteen, and those interests quite naturally drew me to the Fire Protection Engineering program.

My parents taught me at an early age the importance of education, and I had made them a promise to complete what I had started. However, my college career lasted a little longer than normal ...

almost twenty five years. My love of public safety took me through many different career paths as an Emergency Call Operator, Paramedic, and as the Delaware State Fire Marshal. Classes were fit into a very busy schedule, sometimes with gaps of several semesters between courses.

Persistence and hard work finally paid off. I am now a proud graduate of Delaware Technical & Community College with a degree in Emergency Services Management, a BS in Criminal Justice from Wilmington University, and a Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law. I am now a practicing attorney in Wilmington with the firm of Goldfein & Joseph.

Shift work and a busy schedule would not allow me to be a "traditional" student. My educational path took some unusual twists and turns. This path taught me two important lessons.

First, persistence pays off. Don't be discouraged if your pursuit of a degree takes longer than anticipated. Keep plugging away, and you will reach your goal. Finally, and most importantly, your education is not disposable. It is something that no one can take away from you, and it will provide you with keys to your success in the future.

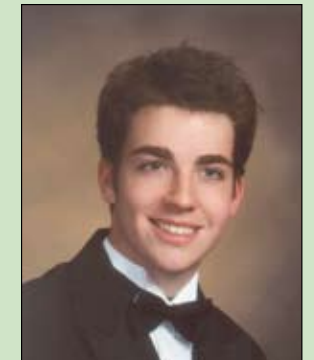
2008 Alumni Board Scholarship Recipients...

Please note: Use the enclosed application to apply for the 2008-2009 Alumni Board Scholarship Competition

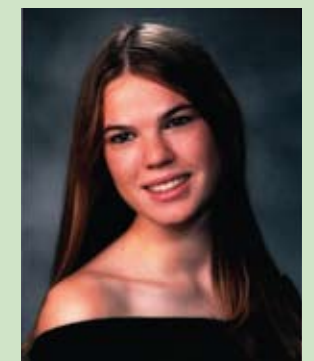
Ross Elkbold and Danielle Hall were each awarded a scholarship in the 2008 Alumni Board Scholarship Competition.

Ross is in the Nursing Technology Program and is currently in his second semester of nursing clinicals. Danielle has completed her fourth semester at Delaware Tech and is studying Criminal Justice Technology.

The Board wishes both Ross and Danielle much success in their education and eventual careers.



Ross Elkbold



Danielle Hall

Mark Brainard returns to Delaware Tech

Delaware Tech alumnus Mark Brainard has been appointed the new assistant campus director to succeed Connie Winner. Learn more about Mark in the upcoming *Alumni & Friends*, where we will be highlighting Mark and his new job.