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***First-ever Kent County Economic Summit
Hosted by Delaware Tech***

DOVER, DE- Economic concerns and questions dominate the headlines as Delaware Technical & Community College Terry Campus hosts the first-ever Kent County Economic Summit on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with networking beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Organized by the Corporate and Community Programs Division of Delaware Tech's Terry Campus and the Central Delaware Business and Entrepreneurship Consortium, the summit will bring together citizens, community leaders, business leaders, and local government officials in an interactive program designed to stimulate discussion regarding economic development and related issues within the County.

The event will feature presenters who are actively involved in the major economic engines within the County. Four sessions will be offered in the following subject areas: Economic Outlook, Economic Concerns, Issues and Initiatives, Supporting Job and Enterprise Creation, and Economic Stimulus Initiatives.

The keynote speaker Tommy Goodrow, founder of the National Association for Community College (NACCE) Entrepreneurship, will discuss "Building a Better Community." NACCE helps community colleges nationwide link their traditional role of workforce development with entrepreneurial development. The result is innovative ideas and programs that advance economic growth and prosperity in the communities served by the colleges.

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The topics and speaker schedule are as follows:

The Kent County Economic Outlook

Edward Ratledge, Director, Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research,
University of Delaware

The Kent County Economy: Concerns, Issues and Initiatives

Healthcare – *Terry Murphy*, Chief Executive Officer, Bayhealth Medical Center

Travel and Tourism – *Cynthia S. Small*, Director, Kent County Tourism

Gaming – *Edward J. Sutor*, Chief Executive Officer, Dover Downs Hotel & Casino

Agriculture – *Honorable Edwin Kee*, Secretary of Agriculture, State of Delaware

Real Estate and Construction – *Tom Burns*, Owner/Broker, Burns & Ellis Real Estate

Utilities and Green Initiatives – *Honorable Collin O'Mara*, Secretary,
Natural Resources and Environmental Control, State of Delaware

Questions and Answers

Creating a Culture That Supports Job and Enterprise Creation

Communities – *Anthony DePrima*, City Manager, Dover

Kent County – *Michael J. Petit de Mange*, County Administrator

Dover Air Force Base Update – *Lt. Col. Thomas J. Davison*, Commander, 436th CES

Department of Labor – *Honorable John McMahon*, Secretary of Labor, State of
Delaware

Delaware Economic Development Office – *Kenneth Anderson*, Director,
Entrepreneurial & Small Business Support

Questions and Answers

Economic Stimulus Initiatives in Kent County

Honorable Matthew P. Denn, Lieutenant Governor, State of Delaware

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The event will be held in the Delaware Tech Conference Center in the Educational Technology Building. For more information on the Kent County Economic Summit please call 857-1400 or visit <http://www.dtcc.edu/terry/ccp/>

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