

Vanguard Society Members Celebrate Success



STANTON/WILMINGTON - Members of Delaware Tech's Vanguard Society gathered at the Wilmington Campus recently for an event to honor the members' personal and academic achievements over the fall semester. The Vanguard Society is an organization of diverse male students who are community-conscious and driven to raise social and self-awareness. Members participate in activities such as rap sessions, tutoring and community service. They receive academic and personal support and are encouraged to become leaders within the College.

The Vanguard Society has been active at the College's Wilmington Campus for several years and has recently expanded to include the Stanton Campus. All male students from the Stanton/Wilmington Campus are invited to join. The Vanguard Society has more than 30 members, including College alumni who remain in the group to mentor current students.

Rodney Jackson is one such alumnus who recently graduated from Delaware Tech and is attending Goldey-Beacom College on a full scholarship. Jackson, who said he comes from a challenging background, said Vanguard helped him to rise above his circumstances and dream of a brighter future. He hopes to become a policeman in the future. "Vanguard gives men a sense of community and belonging," Jackson said. "When we come together, we can be more effective than we are alone."

Vanguard President David Lassiter said that Vanguard helped him to grow and mature. When he came to Delaware Tech, he said he was unfocused, but the group helped him to become motivated and succeed. He received an academic achievement award during the ceremony.

During the event, in between the presentation of awards, several of the Vanguard members shared their stories - the common denominator was that the Vanguard Society showed them a positive future despite rough beginnings.

Dr. Kathy Janvier, acting vice president and campus director of the Stanton/Wilmington Campus told the group that both Delaware Tech and the community needed them to succeed. She praised them for being role models for other students.

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