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Dear Delaware Tech Alumni and Friends,

As you may know, the College aggressively sought legislation this session to solve our capital funding shortfall and address infrastructure needs at the campuses resulting from our aging facilities. Senate Bill 137 was introduced in Delaware’s General Assembly in June but, unfortunately, came a few votes short of passage in the Senate.

On behalf of our students, I would like to thank the Delaware Tech employees; trustees; development council and advisory committee members; employers; business and community leaders; and alumni and friends who invested their energy in this cause by contacting legislators and advocating for this legislation. There has seldom been a time when such a broad cross-section of our community mobilized and communicated in such an effective way to educate senators and representatives about Delaware Tech, our needs and our value to the community.

While our team is disappointed in the outcome for this session, we are very encouraged that the outreach and public awareness efforts over these past six months have placed our capital needs at the forefront of debate in the General Assembly and re-energized some members to resolve this critical problem in the near future.

And so, we press on! Delaware Tech will remain vigilant and re-assert our support of Senate Bill 137 when the General Assembly reconvenes in January. Learn more by visiting dtcc.edu/ccif.

A special thank you to the following legislators for their leadership in sponsoring SB 137: Senator Harris McDowell, Senator David Sokola, Representative Michael Mulrooney and Representative Edward Osienki.

We also thank the following co-sponsors: Senator Patricia Blevins, Senator Bethany Hall-Long, Senator Margaret Rose Henry, Senator Robert Marshall, Senator David McBride, Senator Bryan Townsend, Representative Paul Baumbach, Representative Stephanie Bolden, Representative Gerald Brady, Representative William Carson, Representative Helene Keeley, Representative Sean Lynn, Representative Michael Ramone and Representative Bryon Short.


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Mark T. Brainard
President
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MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI PRESIDENTS

Dear Alumni and Friends,

First, let us say “Congratulations to the Class of 2015! You are now officially Delaware Tech alumni.”

In this edition of Delaware Tech Magazine, you’ll find an infographic that quantifies the impact that Delaware Tech alumni have on our state. Historically, nearly 90% of our grads have stayed and worked in Delaware, fulfilling the workforce needs of local employers and contributing to the state’s economy. But what the numbers don’t show is how our graduates are succeeding in their careers, taking care of their families, and giving back.

As alumni association chapter presidents, we know first-hand the benefits of giving back. One of our responsibilities is to help coordinate opportunities for alumni to interact with students through various college events. What a difference an alumni can make in the life of a student! Sometimes that’s just sharing with them a few words of advice during a time of difficulty. Or it might mean setting up a networking opportunity for students to meet you and others in your field. Our alumni are involved at many levels.

And so whether you have been out of school for a few years or you just graduated, we encourage you to join the many graduates who are giving back and making a difference for Delaware Tech students. Contact us, tell us your story, and let us know how we can help you get involved! Just visit go.dtcc.edu/alumni and click on the green button that says “We want to hear from you!”

We wish you a safe and happy summer!
Delaware Tech Showcases Sustainable Energy Training Center at Grand Opening

Last fall, Stanton Campus held a grand opening for the Sustainable Energy Training Center (SETC). The SETC is now part of a statewide learning system of energy education facilities that serves as the region’s first comprehensive workforce development center to support a growing green economy. The network of facilities at the Owens, Terry and Stanton Campuses were built with the support of $4.3 million in grants from the Economic Development Administration.

The SETC consists of three state-of-the-art classrooms, four interactive labs, and a multi-purpose room capable of hosting community workshops. The 6,000 square foot hands-on learning facility was built in accordance with Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification standards and is equipped with solar systems, wind generation equipment and geothermal options. The use of multiple systems in one facility provides valuable comparison data for learning and applied research. In addition to being home to the College’s energy programs, the Center also provides non-credit workshops, conferences and company-specific training.

Solar lab in the SETC
This year, the State of Delaware and Delaware Tech celebrate a long-standing history of providing access to higher education. 2015 marks the 10th anniversary of providing free community college education to Delaware’s high school graduates through the Student Excellence Equals Degree (SEED) scholarship program.

Planting a SEED

In 2005, under the leadership of Governor Ruth Ann Minner and Senator Harris McDowell and with the support of the 147th General Assembly, legislation was passed to establish and fund the SEED program in Delaware. As Senator McDowell explained at a recent SEED event, “Our plan was that every high school graduate would have a chance to go to college.”

SEED was designed to provide a pathway to a college degree by providing a tuition-free college education for Delaware high school students who stayed out of trouble and maintained a 2.5 GPA. The name “SEED” came from the theme of Governor Minner’s 2005 inaugural address on the importance of doing things today, knowing that results would not occur until years later, therefore “planting seeds for the future.”

Harvesting the Benefits

Since 2005, even as Delaware struggled to recover from a national recession, Governor Jack Markell and the General Assembly have continued to fully fund and support the SEED program.

As a result, approximately 7,400 Delaware Tech students have benefitted from the program since its inception.

As Governor Minner said in a recent interview, “We planted the seeds and the state is now harvesting the benefits.” College data shows that SEED students are successful; they complete more credits, have a higher grade point average, and are more likely to complete a degree than non-SEED students. They are more successful than non-SEED students even after
their SEED benefits end – as in the case of students who drop from full-time to part-time and are no longer eligible for the scholarship.

Data also shows that SEED students are choosing programs that lead to careers that are in high-demand by employers throughout state. They include nursing and allied health, criminal justice, education and engineering technology. Victoria Varga, a Delaware Tech graduate, SEED recipient and nurse at Christiana Health Care System, chose nursing: “I knew Delaware Tech had an amazing nursing program, and I made my decision based on what would be financially savvy in the long-run.”

Omosanya “OJ” Cole, another SEED recipient, echoed Varga’s sentiments. “I chose Delaware Tech because of the SEED scholarship. I was fortunate to graduate debt free which was a real benefit for me in thinking about my future,” said Cole who went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in marketing.

“The SEED program has been a tremendous success,” said Delaware Tech President Dr. Mark Brainard, “not only in helping students like OJ graduate debt free but also in providing an incentive for Delaware’s youth. Students as young as middle school are motivated to work hard because they know that getting a college degree can be a reality.”

A National Model

On January 9, 2015, President Barack Obama announced his goal of providing a free community college education for responsible students in the United States through “America’s College Promise.” Since then, Delaware Tech and the SEED scholarship have received national attention with visits from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and the American Association of Community Colleges.

During his February 19 visit to the College, Secretary Duncan participated in a roundtable discussion with Governor Markell and U.S. Senators Christopher Coons and Thomas Carper to learn more about innovative initiatives like SEED and the Pathways to Manufacturing Program for high school students. “I keep coming back to Delaware because you are doing amazing work here. I appreciate the hard work, tenacity, and the investment in education,” Duncan said.

In March, the College hosted a SEED anniversary event for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Members of AACC’s communication team were joined by Governor Markell, The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner, Senator Harris McDowell, President Mark Brainard, and three graduates and SEED scholarship recipients: “OJ” Cole, Joseph DeGrace and Victoria Varga. AACC, the primary advocacy organization for community colleges nationwide, covered the event online in Community College Daily (bit.ly/1GuKwsK) and in the April/May 2015 edition of Community College Journal.

“Having seen the impact of the SEED scholarship first-hand, I know what an incentive program like SEED can do to ensure that more high school graduates are pursuing a college education and pursuing careers that will give them a salary and a promising career,” said Brainard.

“We’ve been doing this for 10 years, and I encourage other states to look at our model,” stated Governor Markell.

For more information about the SEED scholarship program, visit www.dtcc.edu/seed. For more information on how to get started at Delaware Tech, visit www.dtcc.edu.

Above: President Mark Brainard, The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner, Governor Jack Markell and Senator Harris McDowell discuss the SEED program with AACC representatives Matthew Dembicki, Anna Miars and Tabitha Whissemore at a roundtable event in March.

Students and instructors from the Terry and Stanton Campus culinary arts programs traveled to the nation’s capital last December to participate in a premier event celebrating Delaware with a spread of delectable foods and beverages from across the First State.

The fourth annual Taste of Delaware, co-hosted by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and Senator Chris Coons, showcased more than 20 restaurants, bakeries, breweries and wineries and brought hundreds of guests to the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. In the College’s first appearance at the event, Stanton’s culinary team served mini crab cakes and curried chicken tarts with a peach compote and micro greens. The culinary team from Terry showcased their baking talents with macaroons and assorted pastries.

“It was an honor to be included in such a wonderful event that highlights Delaware’s culinary scene.”

- Chef Ed Hennessy

Delaware’s culinary scene,” said Chef Ed Hennessy, instructional director of the Terry Campus culinary arts program. “Collaborating with Chef Dave (Nolker) and his students to represent Delaware Tech resulted in a fun, rewarding and valuable experience for all of us.”

Nolker, chair of culinary arts and food service management at the Stanton Campus, echoed Hennessy’s sentiments. “The Taste of Delaware was a very dignified event to represent our state and was a great opportunity to promote the success of our culinary arts students.”

For more information about Delaware Tech’s culinary arts program, visit www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study.
During Delaware Tech’s second annual Engineering Week Career Fair, engineering technology companies from across the region came together to network with students. More than 130 students attended the three-hour event on March 31, 2015 at the College’s Stanton Campus.

The event was designed to help increase job placement and educational opportunities by exposing engineering technology students to potential employers, professional organizations and higher education institutions. There were more than 60 vendors in attendance including ABHA Architects, Aerotek, Bancroft Construction, DiSabatino Construction Company, DNREC, DuPont, EDiS Company, Pennsylvania College of Technology and Schell Brothers.

“We saw the fair really grow this year thanks to funding through a student success grant, the support of our deans and the collaboration among all of the engineering technology departments to help attract a wide variety of companies and organizations,” said Kymberlie Kelly, the Stanton civil engineering instructor who helped conceive the idea for the event. “We’re already looking forward to planning next year’s event!”

For more information about Delaware Tech’s engineering technologies, visit www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study.

Bottom: Students network with company representatives at the second annual Engineering Career Fair
Right: Whiting-Turner, a Delaware construction organization, provides information to students
Bottom right: Penn College’s Carol Lugg, Delaware Tech’s Dean of Instruction Dr. Kathy Friel and Stacey Hampton promote the new engineering technologies transfer agreements
I learned at a very early age that things would not just be given to me. I had to earn them,” said Delaware Tech graduate Begoña Blasco.

Born in Oxapampa, Peru, Blasco immigrated to the United States at age 12 with her mother and two siblings. As a resident of Georgetown, she attended Selbyville Middle School and mastered English in just one year.

As high school graduation approached, Blasco, who would go on to graduate Summa Cum Laude, seemingly faced a grim reality. “Although I had dreamed of becoming an architect since I was 13, I was without any possibilities for attending a four-year college because of my legal status and my family’s finances,” said Blasco.

Then she took a life-changing trip to the Owens Campus with her college prep class, and Blasco realized she had an opportunity to pursue her dream and do so affordably. “Until I visited Delaware Tech, I didn’t think I would go to college, let alone possibly graduate debt free,” she said. As a recipient of the Student Excellence Equals Degree (SEED) scholarship and a handful of private scholarships, Blasco was able to focus solely on her schoolwork. “If I would’ve had to worry about the money, then I probably would have never gone,” she admitted.

After graduating from Delaware Tech with her associate degree in architectural engineering technology, Blasco was accepted into the School of Architecture and Planning at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. There, she is ambitiously pursuing dual master’s degrees in sustainable design and architecture with a concentration in urban practice. “I believe that if you want to do something badly enough, then you will,” she emphasized. She attributes much of her confidence in taking master-level courses as a first-year student to her experiences at Delaware Tech. “My experiences there also gave me the confidence to load up on credits, something unheard of for most first-year students,” she explained.

Recently, Blasco was recognized for her studio work. “I think what makes my work stand out is the fact that I come from a different background. I’ve experienced and been exposed to different things and as such, I feel I’m more aware of the little things. I’m sensitive to the bigger picture that is architecture. It’s about more than building a building,” she said.

“Begoña’s success speaks volumes for her and, likewise, for Delaware Tech. She has demonstrated the hard work and dedication required to work in this industry. It’s great to see her thrive and know that she’s truly in her element,” said Architectural and Construction Technologies Department Chair and Instructor David Pedersen. The admiration is mutual. “Mr. Pedersen was the catalyst who spurred me to think about architecture school,” Blasco said. “I am so thankful for him and everyone else who has helped me along the way to accomplishing my goal of being an architect.”

Building a Brighter Future
Owens Campus graduate pursues her master’s degrees at Catholic University of America

Begoña on the campus of Catholic University.
Delaware Tech Proves to Be Sound Investment

Delaware Tech graduate Omosanya “OJ” Cole grew up with parents who worked in the banking industry, so it’s not surprising how quickly he’s established a successful career at Discover Financial Services. First employed as a customer service representative just over two years ago, he is now an assistant manager thanks to a series of four promotions.

Given his background, it’s also not surprising that finances played an important role in choosing a college. As a Smyrna High School graduate, Cole was eligible to attend Delaware Tech tuition-free through the SEED scholarship program. He was also able to cover the cost of books and various fees through a Wallace Family Scholarship established by Legacy Society members Margo and Howell Wallace.

“That combination of scholarships truly helped me,” said Cole, who did not want college to turn into a financial burden on his family. “I wanted to rely on myself and those scholarships.”

With that self-determination and drive, Cole graduated from Delaware Tech in 2010 with an associate degree in general business and promptly went on to obtain a bachelor’s in marketing in 2011.

“Having to pay tuition at Delaware Tech would have delayed my ability to graduate and move on to my bachelor’s degree,” said Cole, who graduated free of debt. By working while earning his associate degree, he was able to save the money needed to continue his education – an important priority in his life.

“I enjoy learning,” Cole stated. “I’m always trying to increase my knowledge, whether through a different job or educational opportunities.”

In addition to his success at Discover, Cole has married, bought his first house and has a second child on the way. Yet, he still has goals to strive toward.

“I have a dream to be an entrepreneur,” he said. “I would like to own my own business.”

Cole is currently developing a mobile app designed to help someone determine the best gift to purchase for someone else – a purchase that could be made directly from the application.

While Cole has put in a tremendous amount of work and effort into reaching his goals, he acknowledges that Delaware Tech played an important role in getting him started.

“I took what Delaware Tech gave me and utilized it,” he said, “and it worked out well for me.”

Graduate Leads Communication Efforts at CDCC

Heather Patosky knew she wanted to attend the Delaware Tech Terry Campus after graduating from Caesar Rodney High School in 2010. There was never any doubt. Patosky liked the convenient location of the campus and the prospect of attending tuition free through the SEED scholarship program.

“It was my choice from the beginning,” she said. “I was not interested in going anywhere else.”

Since then, Patosky has earned two associate degrees from Delaware Tech and a bachelor’s degree in business management through a Connected Degree with Wilmington University. She is now working on her MBA.

Professionally, Patosky is an integral part of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC), serving as director of communications. Her responsibilities as the CDCC’s chief public information officer include attending most of their 73 annual networking events as well as various ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

As a Terry Campus business student, Patosky initially worked at the Chamber during a three-month internship, and her performance during that period made a strong and lasting impression.

“We are very grateful to Delaware Tech for making the internship connection. She was an amazing young lady with a great education,” said Judy Diogo, president of the CDCC. “We were so impressed with her that as soon as we had an opening on our staff, we contacted Heather and offered her the job. You don’t always find people who have the drive and desire to succeed that Heather has, and we knew that she would be an asset to us and a great member of our CDCC team.”

Patosky readily acknowledges the on-campus support she received during her time at the College.

“I credit Delaware Tech 100 percent for introducing me to my career at the Chamber,” Patosky said. “Lisa Strusowski was my marketing advisor at Delaware Tech, and I consider her a mentor of mine. She truly took an interest in her students and we had regular meetings. She found the Chamber internship, fast forward a couple of years, and now I am the director of communications.”

Inspired by her mentor, Patosky is exploring the possibility of becoming an adjunct instructor on the Terry Campus.
Delaware Tech creates value in many ways. As the state’s only community college, the College plays a key role in helping students increase their employability and achieve their individual potential by preparing them with the skills they need to have a fulfilling and prosperous career.

Delaware Tech also promotes economic growth. While the College’s programs are designed to meet the needs of local business and industry, the College is also an employer and buyer of goods and services.

And the benefits created by Delaware Tech extend to state government through increased tax revenues and public sector savings.

Sources:
An independent 2014 study by Economic Modeling Specialists International: Demonstrating the Economic Value of Delaware Technical Community College

2014 Collegewide Graduate Employment Report

BENEFITS TO GRADUATES

Return on investment on a Delaware Tech education 18.2%

Expected annual income by educational level at career midpoint:

- Less than high school diploma: $19,200
- High school diploma: $33,900
- Associate degree: $45,400

70% of students graduate debt free
ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF THE FIRST STATE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DELAWARE TECH'S CRITICAL IMPACT ON THE STATE ECONOMY

**BENEFITS TO TAXPayers**

- **85%**
  - Percentage of Delaware Tech graduates who stay in Delaware and contribute to the state

- **9%**
  - Average annual Delaware taxpayer return on investment in Delaware Tech

**BENEFITS TO BUSINESS**

- **$1.1 Billion**
  - Spending by the College, its employees, students, graduates and enhanced productivity for the businesses who hire Delaware Tech graduates

- **600**
  - Number of businesses who hire our graduates

- **1,706**
  - Graduates in the Class of 2015

- **46,310**
  - Degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded in the College's 49-year history
School’s in for Summer with a Focus on STEM

Each year at all four campus locations, Delaware Tech offers a variety of summer camps for ages 5-15 with a focus on the special interests of Delaware’s youth. Campers can participate in an all-day general interest camp (Camp on Campus) or specialty camps focusing on career, sports and special interests like cooking, photography, comic book illustration and more. All programs are designed to be educational and entertaining and are staffed by experienced educators and camp counselors.

Through generous donations from AstraZeneca and DuPont, qualified students can receive scholarships for camps.

This year, 44 of the College’s camp offerings focus on a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) theme. Examples include: Crime Scene Investigation; Little Scientists; Magical Travel into the Human Body; Number Brainpower; Sid the Science Kid Comes to Kamp; Video Games: Behind the Scenes; Engineers R Us; Wonders of Web Design; and Mythbusters. These camps encourage students to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math and support Governor Jack Markell’s STEM initiative, helping to ensure Delaware’s children graduate more ready to succeed in the high-wage jobs of tomorrow.

For more information and a listing of all camps, visit go.dtcc.edu/camps.
Why did you decide to become a board member?
Just about every good thing in my professional life is the direct result of getting a great education in public schools in Delaware from great teachers … from grade school up through college. In addition, having worked with Delaware Tech on a few of its newer programs such as aviation maintenance, it became clear to me how incredibly nimble and successful Delaware Tech is at translating workforce needs into programs. So when the Governor approached me about becoming chair, it took about two seconds for me to say yes. It’s really a culmination of my public service over the last 20 years and my way of paying back the teachers who helped me get where I am today.

What do you love most about the College?
About five years ago, Dr. Ileana Smith gave me the opportunity to teach at the Owens Campus as an adjunct in political science. The experience gave me a window into the quality of students and faculty and the role the campus plays in Sussex County. What I found most intriguing is how connected the College is to the communities it serves and how much the students and faculty reflect those communities.

An interview with Scott Green
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Scott is the executive director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) where he is responsible for management and operations of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Forts Ferry Crossing which connects Fort Mott, Fort Delaware and Delaware City, and five regional airports, including Wilmington Airport - ILG.

Prior to joining DRBA, he was a senior executive vice president with MBNA/Bank of America; a partner in several Delaware law firms and counsel to the Delaware State House of Representatives; county attorney for New Castle County; law clerk for the Superior Court of Delaware and legislative aide for U.S. Senator William Roth.

Scott holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Delaware and a Juris Doctor from American University, Washington College of Law. He is a member of the Delaware Judicial Nominating Commission and resides in Rehoboth Beach with his wife Barbara.

What do you hope will be your greatest contribution to the board/College?
I want to help the College further increase and strengthen its connections to the business community. Having made many connections over the years and having done a great deal of fundraising, I want to focus on opening new doors and bringing smart people together in the interest of getting things done.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?
My wife and I live at the beach where we enjoy spending time with our new Golden Retriever puppy. I am also a diehard Philadelphia Sports Fan, so although I am used to a lifetime of disappointment, my mood still rises and falls with their respective records! ♦
A partnership between Delaware Tech’s Terry Campus and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware has resulted in a remarkable new nursing simulation lab on the Dover campus.

Over the past two years, the Highmark BluePrints for the Community grant program has contributed $238,660 toward the lab, allowing a traditional classroom space to be transformed into a state-of-the-art facility that creates a realistic patient care environment.

The five-bay lab, which opened for the 2014 fall semester, features a pediatric unit, three medical-surgical simulation mannequins and a maternal child mannequin. The high-fidelity mannequins, electronically controlled by instructors positioned behind a one-way mirror, can talk, breathe, exhibit a pulse and temperature fluctuations, and replicate any medical scenario – from giving birth to going into cardiac arrest.

Additional equipment funded by the grants, including a ventilator, defibrillator, and infant radiant warmer, will soon be introduced in the lab as well.

“Highmark’s grant program has single-handedly funded the simulation lab equipment for which we are extremely grateful and appreciative,” said Dr. June Turansky, Terry’s vice president and campus director. “That generous support will allow the Terry Campus to continue to serve the healthcare needs of our community by producing well-trained and highly-qualified graduates who are job-ready.”

The lab allows students to practice and refine their skills in a safe and controlled environment prior to interaction with an actual patient.

“Technology has tremendously changed the role of nursing,” said Dr. Jo Ann Baker, instructional director for the Terry Campus nursing department, “and this simulation lab allows our students to become familiar with today’s modern technology and equipment and acquire the specialized skills required to use it.”

According to Tim Constantine, president of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware, the BluePrints for the Community grant program and the lab project were a perfect fit. The BluePrints program was established in 2007 to address issues faced by the underserved and underinsured in the community.

“One of the areas the program focuses on is recruiting and training health care professionals,” said Constantine. “Through these grants we were able to help create a state-of-the-art simulation lab so Delaware Tech can continue to attract and graduate highly-trained nurses that provide high-quality care throughout Delaware.”

For more information about Delaware Tech’s health and science programs, visit www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study.
Housed within the biological sciences department, the Delaware Tech food safety program provides students with a scientific understanding of the food we eat and how it is made, preserved, processed, packaged and distributed, but most important, how it is kept safe from foodborne illnesses and disease.

“All too often people align food safety with culinary arts when in fact, we are scientists, not chefs. We do work in the kitchen, but most of our work is focused in a laboratory setting,” explained Program Coordinator Tamekia Broughton.

Currently, Delaware Tech offers the only degree program for food safety in the nation. “Other colleges offer degrees in food science but otherwise, we are alone in that respect,” said Broughton. Established in 2011 at the urging of Delaware Department of Agriculture Secretary Ed Kee, Broughton drafted the program’s curriculum with the purpose of creating a unique and innovative program that would allow students to enter the workforce with knowledge unknown to others currently working in the profession.

“Our students understand the latest rules and regulations in the food industry and as such, can walk in the door ready to help our local companies maintain or improve upon their quality assurance,” Broughton explained.

Caitlyn Hardy, who graduated this past spring, had worked in the restaurant industry for years before enrolling in the food safety program with aspirations of becoming a health inspector. “Food safety is my life now. This program opened my eyes to so much. I can’t walk into a restaurant or kitchen without looking for the mistakes that we too often overlook in the food industry,” she explained.

Along with Hardy, Kapree Batson also graduated in May. The duo will be the first graduates of the program since its creation just a few years ago. “I’m excited about what’s to come. There are so many options for us to pursue with this degree. We aren’t limited whatsoever,” Batson explained. “Our degree isn’t terminal. Our students can start here and advance as far as a doctorate if they choose to do so,” Broughton added.
Beyond food handling, the program teaches students the behind-the-scenes science that is integral to preventing outbreaks of foodborne diseases and other concerns that are detrimental to public health. “We touch on the chemistry that is associated with maintaining food safety standards. Our students are using microscopes to examine their food; testing for E. coli, salmonella and other bacteria; conducting starch and lipid tests; and learning how to sanitize foods properly. Basically all of the aspects the industry wants and needs our students to know,” Broughton said.

In addition to the degree program, in partnership with Workforce Development and Community Education Delaware Tech offers a non-credit certificate option for individuals interested in learning the necessary principles of commercial kitchen safety and the skills that employers are requiring. Under the direction of Chef Lee Stewart, students can also earn the ServSafe Food Handler Certification as recognized by the National Restaurant Association. These program options were funded by the U.S. Department of Labor through a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant.*

“The extraordinary thing about the certificate program is that it attracts new students to the classroom and empowers them to be more employable,” said Instructional Director and Biological Sciences Department Chairperson Barbara Wiggins. “Then hopefully, they’ll continue with us to pursue the degree, or they can choose to return later and complete the program.”

Currently, both the food safety degree program and the non-credit certificate program are offered at the Jack F. Owens Campus in Georgetown.

For more information on Delaware Tech’s food safety program, visit www.dtcc.edu/academics/programs-study/food-safety.

“Delaware Tech offers the only degree program for food safety in the nation.”

- Tamekia Broughton
Program Coordinator

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*This workforce solution was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration. The solution was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This program is supported by a $2.5 million Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant. Delaware Technical Community College is an Equal Opportunity Institution.
For Charles Wideline, a William Penn High School junior, the Pathways to Manufacturing dual enrollment program at Delaware Tech changed his mind about the future. After finishing the first year of the program, he now plans to attend college to study engineering or manufacturing, something that was decidedly not part of his plan just 12 months ago.

“Students like Charles are exactly why this program was needed,” said Paul Morris, assistant vice president for workforce development at Delaware Tech. “It opens their eyes to the many options available to them beyond high school,” Morris added, citing the data on how dual enrollment programs increase the chances that students will obtain a college degree. Morris worked closely with President Mark Brainard, Governor Jack Markell, the Department of Education, Delaware legislators and the manufacturing community to help create the manufacturing pathway program as an option for Delaware high school juniors and seniors. “We need all of our high school graduates contributing to Delaware’s economy, and this program prepares students for today’s in-demand jobs and provides them with a foundation for the next step in their education,” Morris added.

Last fall, Delaware Tech piloted the manufacturing program with the Colonial and New Castle County Vocational Technical School Districts. Students gain hands-on training through the College’s Innovation and Technology Center in New Castle and real-world experience through a paid summer craftsmanship. Participants will graduate from high school with Delaware Tech credit, industry credentials, and a jumpstart on a career in manufacturing.

“I’ve witnessed a motivated group of students who are gaining a leg up for the future,” said Cassandra Freeman, a Delaware Tech counselor who works with dually-enrolled students like Joe Zecca, another participant from William Penn High School, who enjoys the hands-on teaching that occurs in his manufacturing classes. Zecca will graduate from high school with a diploma and several manufacturing certificates that make him instantly employable. He plans to continue his education and said he is looking forward to finding a well-paying job in the field.

The program will expand to Sussex County in the fall of 2015, serving students from both Seaford and Woodbridge High Schools. It’s just the first of several career pathways currently
in development as part of Governor Markell’s Pathways to Prosperity Initiative. They include allied health, business, computer science, culinary arts and hospitality management, and engineering.

Markell recognized the support of Delaware Tech at a recent event, thanking President Brainard for his personal commitment to the “critical initiative.” The state is dedicating more than $1 million of its federal career and technical education funding over the next year to offer school districts grants to defray the cost of these programs.

“The manufacturing program has demonstrated the power of collaboration among business, government and education to create a curriculum that engages students in learning skills most valued in the economy,” said Brainard. “Delaware Tech has an important role in these efforts given our work with industry. We look forward to taking part in other pathways to prepare students for jobs in other high-demand industries.”

For the program’s first class of manufacturing students, and the many who will follow in their footsteps, the future is full of possibility and potential.
College Responds to Needs of Advanced Manufacturing – No Longer Dark, Dirty, and Dangerous

Traditionally, the word “manufacturing” has conjured up images of assembly lines in large factories where the work environment was dark, dirty and sometimes dangerous. But Delaware’s manufacturing industry has evolved to rely on clean, high-tech and efficient production processes – known as advanced manufacturing – as well as workers with an expanded skill set to apply today’s technology. Today, as in the past, the College is listening closely to employers and industry experts and adapting its programs to help manufacturers succeed.

Jeff Hall, department chair of engineering technologies, is leading the efforts on his campus to translate the needs of companies using advanced manufacturing techniques into programs that prepare Delawareans to work in the industry. The College’s Terry Campus now offers an exclusive degree program which provides the skills technicians need to operate, maintain and repair today’s modern production equipment and motor control circuits. ELM classes are taught in a state-of-the-art lab outfitted with $500,000 of new equipment purchased through the support of a U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant.*

Jim Stephens, ELM program instructor, works directly with students in a hands-on learning environment. “We know there is a documented need for these technicians,” said Stephens, “so I enjoy being able to teach them and help them learn in a field of study they like as well as one that will also provide them a viable career.”

Stephens also works with the College’s Workforce Development and Community Education division, which has partnered with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) to provide portable manufacturing training.

“Through this program, we have the ability to bring customized training directly to an employer’s business or worksite,” said Stephens, who is an NCCER-certified instructor. “The training is developed to meet the specific needs of the business, and it includes all printed curriculum, textbooks and equipment.”

The Certified Production Technician (CPT) program is another collaborative effort between engineering technologies and Workforce Development that can help employees with manufacturing experience find a new or better job. The program consists of four exams that are based on industry-defined and federally-endorsed standards in safety, quality practices and measurement, manufacturing process and production, and maintenance awareness.

The CPT certificate is so well-regarded that the state has turned to the Terry Campus to provide the training to Delawareans who receive food benefits and have limited job skills or work experience. It’s part of a Delaware Department of Health and Social Services’ (DHSS) federal grant that aims to provide job training and intensive case management to help Delawareans gain employment and reduce or eliminate their need for assistance.

According to Terry Campus Vice President and Campus Director Dr. June Turansky, “The partnership with DHSS is another great example of how Delaware Tech is successfully responding to the changes in the manufacturing industry. At the same time, we’re developing educational programs that ensure that every Delawarean has the opportunity to contribute to our economy. Overall, it’s a win-win for our state.”

For more information on these programs, visit www.dtcc.edu.

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When Robert Weis joined Delaware Tech 15 years ago, he was excited to embark on a second career. Having just retired from DuPont after 35 years as a chemical engineer, Weis was ready for a new challenge and he got it. First as an adjunct instructor and then as coordinator for the chemical process operator (CPO) program at the Stanton Campus, Weis has taken the small program and shaped it into the cutting-edge educational experience it is today.

Weis says the most gratifying part of his job is helping students to succeed and attain a higher standard of living with well-paying jobs as chemical process operators at regional companies. Many of his students continue their education to become engineers as well.

As part of the CPO associate degree program, students complete an internship in the field. Weis has worked for many years to develop partnerships for these placements. He recently established an internship program with the Delaware City Refinery. The students in the internship program learn and perform the duties of the process operator in a plant production unit. The first two students who completed the paid internship met with great success; both individuals were offered employment opportunities contingent upon completion of their degree.

“The interns applied what they learned in the classroom, combined with additional training received at the refinery, to perform the work of an entry-level operator,” said Esteban Gonzales, training coordinator at the Delaware City Refinery. “Thanks to the hard work of Bob Weis and our partners at Delaware City Refining Company, we were able to create an opportunity that resulted in invaluable hands-on experience for these students,” said Mary Doody, assistant dean of instruction for the Stanton/George Campus. “It was a win-win for the Delaware Tech CPO students and the refinery: the students were exposed to real-world scenarios, and the refinery will benefit from well-prepared students who will be workforce ready employees.”

One such student is Lawrence Carter, a first-year student in the CPO program who is inspired by his classmates’ success. Carter hopes to have the opportunity to work at the refinery in the future. Until then, he enjoys the hands-on learning afforded to him at Delaware Tech, which includes laboratories with high-tech mechanical equipment, modern instrument trainers and five pilot plant units.

For more information about Delaware Tech’s chemical process operator program, visit go.dtcc.edu/cpot.
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Paves the Way for Dover Resident
The day after she moved back to Dover, Jacqueline Cameron made the decision to visit the Terry Campus and speak with an advisor. It was 2013, and 10 years had passed since she graduated high school, a decade spent pursuing interests other than education.

“I always knew that obtaining a degree was important, but I didn’t make it a high enough priority,” said Cameron, noting that her return to Delaware was a catalyst for change.

During that first unscheduled visit to campus, Cameron was welcomed and is forever grateful that she found the assistance she needed at a critical time in her life.

“I asked for the help I knew I needed, and everything started to finally come together,” reflected Cameron, who found comfort in the safe and structured campus environment. She took advantage of the one-on-one academic attention and access to positive professional role models. “I engulfed myself in seeking positive change and growth, and Delaware Tech fulfilled every need.”

Once enrolled, Cameron fully embraced every opportunity she was presented and accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments. She was inducted into both the Alpha Beta Gamma and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies, was named Outstanding Graduate of the American Bar Association-approved paralegal associate degree program, took a study abroad trip to Japan, was selected to be the student speaker at May’s commencement, and earned an internship in Senator Tom Carper’s Kent County-based office.

Her internship primarily consisted of clerical duties and addressing constituent concerns, but it also provided an inside look at political operations within the state and the chance to travel locally with the senator and other dignitaries. Among other opportunities, she dined on Capitol Hill, attended the Dover Air Force Base Runway Repair Groundbreaking ceremony, and was involved with a job fair hosted by Delaware’s congressional delegation.

In addition to her internship and full-time class load, Cameron served as president of the Student Paralegal Association and worked 20 hours a week in the student life office as part of the Student Employment Opportunity Program.

“I really have a hard time articulating what Jacqueline meant to me and to Student Life,” said Kim Austin, student life counselor. “She was such an asset because of her rapport with students, faculty and staff and her attention to detail and completing tasks with very little instruction or guidance. I was very grateful to have her on my team and have the pleasure of watching her blossom with all of the wonderful opportunities Delaware Tech provided her.”

Reflecting on those opportunities and relationships makes the near future a tough topic for Cameron to discuss. She realizes her time as a Delaware Tech student and student employee is over, but she will never forget the impact the College had on her life. She hopes others in similar need reach out so they, too, can receive the same assistance.

“Everything you need to succeed is here,” Cameron said of the resources available at Delaware Tech. “You just need to seek it, want it and follow it. They have paved the road with arrows and directions.”

Student Life Counselor Kim Austin and Jacqueline Cameron

Jacqueline with Senator Tom Carper at the Dover Air Force Base Runway Repair Groundbreaking ceremony.

Jacqueline with President Brainard after introducing him at the College’s graduation in May.
LEO Program Offers an Accelerated Option for Hopeful Police Officers

For graduates like Sean Murray and Logan Pavlik, Delaware Tech’s criminal justice program law enforcement option – known as LEO – was an opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream of becoming a police officer. Murray and Pavlik are members of the inaugural LEO class that graduated in May 2014; both are now recruit troopers with the Delaware State Police.

Available in all three counties, the LEO program is offered in partnership with the Delaware State Police (DSP) Training Academy and prepares students to be a competitive applicant for the DSP or a municipal police agency. Designed to identify college students with a sincere interest in joining the law enforcement career field, it can shave weeks off of the traditional training academy timeline, a perk for both students and agencies who need resources more quickly. LEO is exclusively open to students enrolled in the criminal justice program, and interested students must have a 2.5 grade-point average and at least 30 college credits in order to apply.

According to Corporal Christopher M. Martin, TAC Officer at the Delaware State Police Training Academy, the program is “a win-win for all involved. Students can pursue their criminal justice degree while law enforcement agencies identify, interact with and recruit future applicants.” Students also get a taste of the rigor and challenge they may one day face in an academy environment while taking classes at the Delaware State Police Academy in Dover.

According to Pavlik, “The program introduces you to the system, and it’s nice to have that knowledge beforehand.”

Michael Terranova, instructional director at the Stanton Campus and one of the program’s original collaborators, said the instruction has been fine tuned each year, and the effort has paid off. Approximately 10 percent of this year’s DSP recruiting class are Delaware Tech students.

Currently, Recruit Trooper Pavlik has been assigned to Troop 3 in Camden while Recruit Trooper Murray is working with Troop 7 in Lewes. For these LEO grads, the future is full of exciting possibilities. “I learn something every day. It’s never boring,” said Murray.

For more information about Delaware Tech’s law enforcement option program, visit go.dtcc.edu/leo.
O n March 2, Delaware Tech partnered with United Way of Delaware to host National Read Across America Day. The annual event is held in March in honor of children’s book author Dr. Seuss, born March 2, 1904. Each year across the country, events are held to promote reading and close the readiness gap for young learners.

College President Dr. Mark Brainard and Delaware Representatives Trey Paradee, Andria Bennett and Gerald Brady joined members of United Way at each campus to encourage reading and academic success in Delaware. Children from Delaware Tech’s Child Development Centers and local day care centers celebrated the day with cupcakes and activities. Each child was given a book to take home.

Representative Gerald Brady, United Way Vice President of Operations and CFO Jerry Hunter, United Way Resource Development Associate Tierra Fair, and College President Dr. Mark Brainard participated in National Read Across America Day.
When Delaware Tech’s Kim Krzanowski began volunteering as a personal stylist for Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County’s annual runway fashion show, she knew she had found the right outlet for the two things she was most passionate about – teaching and fashion.

Krzanowski, an instructional director for education at the College’s George Campus, runs a personal style consulting service called Style Savvy with Kim. (You can find her on Facebook.) Krzanowski works with her clients to create stylish and savvy wardrobes by visiting clearance racks and shopping at Goodwill stores in Delaware and Delaware County. This work led her to begin volunteering with Goodwill’s annual runway fashion show, which raises funds for Goodwill’s Scholarship Program. Each year, the program helps up to 60 Goodwill employees and family members pursue a high school diploma or two-year degree.

“The fashion show started small, but has grown every year,” said Krzanowski. “All the clothing is from Goodwill, and we outfit 15-20 models from head to toe.” Krzanowski has been the lead stylist for three years and was named Goodwill’s Volunteer of the Year in 2012. This year, she also styled the runway show host, WSTW radio personality Nancy Johnson.

While working with clients and models, Krzanowski shares her passion for education and Delaware Tech. “Some of the models were taking classes at Delaware Tech or wanted to begin their education,” she said. “It’s great to be able to tell them about the school personally and offer guidance on how to start the process.”

According to Ted Sikorski, vice president of marketing and development for Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County, the scholarship program not only provides scholarships but also works with its established community partners to remove barriers and provide critical support such as career counseling, prepayment of fees and tuition, computers and books – or by offering flexible scheduling options and transportation assistance.

For Goodwill employees and their families, the program adds up to a benefit that will never go out of style.
Lady Roadrunners Finish Outstanding Season, Fall Short of Returning to National Championship

Making it to nationals two years in a row is a tough proposition as the Owens Campus softball team discovered this year. Despite another phenomenal season, the Lady Roadrunners’ 24-4 record did not earn them a return trip to the NJCAA Division II National Championship.

Mercyhurst North East (Pennsylvania) proved to be a roadblock in the district tournament. The Lady Roadrunners beat Mercyhurst 8-0 in the first meeting between the two, but lost back-to-back games a day later with scores of 3-2 and 3-1.

Yet the Lady Roadrunners captured the Region XIX title for the second year in a row by beating County College of Morris (New Jersey) 2-0 and Mercer County Community College (New Jersey) 7-1.

“We had a good season, but it’s never complete without going to the national championship,” head coach Wayne Price said. “But when you win the region, you’ve done something.”

Once again this year, the Lady Roadrunners were led by sophomore pitcher Mykala Steele of Georgetown, who followed up an amazing 2014 pitching performance with another standout season. Steele went 17-3 in 133 innings of pitching, recording 157 strikeouts and posting an ERA of 1.16. She also helped offensively, batting .344 with 32 hits and 13 RBI. Those accomplishments earned Steele the honor of Region XIX Player of the Year, MVP of the Region XIX tournament and First Team All-Region. She has a strong chance to be named All-American later this summer.

“She’s the real deal,” Price said. “She’s a pro and the best pitcher in the region. She dominated all the time.”

Joining Steele on the First Team All-Region team are: sophomore Lauren Illian of Millsboro, who led the team with 33 hits and had a .384 batting average; freshman Emily Pusey of Laurel, who had 32 hits, added 15 RBI and recorded a batting average of .421; and freshman Jodie Powell of Frankford, who had 24 hits, one home run and a batting average of .308.

Second Team All-Region players were freshman Kylie Melvin of Milford, who had 26 hits and batted .347 and sophomore Nicole Mendes of Camden, who had 23 hits, one home run and batted .348.

The end of the season is bittersweet for Price who is retiring after five years as head coach and five years as assistant coach. He finishes with an overall record of 140-27 as head coach, leading the team to three appearances in the NJCAA Division II National Championship.

“I’m going to miss it. We had some good years over the last 10 years,” Price said. “We’ve got a lot of good talent around here, and a lot of good talent came through here, and you can’t do anything as a coach without good talent.”
Colin Rhodes is a tremendous defensive player on the Delaware Tech Terry Campus men’s lacrosse team. In the past two seasons, he’s been selected First-Team All-Region XIX. But keeping an opposing team’s best offensive player from scoring hasn’t kept him from compiling an impressive number of goals of his own – goals of a different kind.

Rhodes is focused on the kind of goals that lead to achievement and accomplishment in his academic and professional life. While at one point he had decided not to pursue post-secondary education, he found a good fit on the Terry Campus in Dover.

“After speaking with Coach Edwards, I realized that attending Delaware Tech would be a great opportunity to get my degree and be able to play lacrosse a bit longer,” said Rhodes, recalling his recruiting conversations with Anthony Edwards, campus athletics director and head coach for lacrosse.

Edwards was excited about being able to bring Rhodes onto campus not simply because he would be a great addition to the lacrosse team, but because he also placed equal value on the education component.

“Colin is the ideal student-athlete because he is a student first,” said Edwards. “He certainly excels and has a strong presence on the field, but he has the same commitment in the classroom, and he is fully committed to graduating.”

Rhodes, who is enrolled in the criminal justice associate degree program, has thoroughly enjoyed his time on campus and in class and, in particular, his interactions with faculty and staff. “It has been an awesome experience,” he said. “I really like the instructors because they all have a background in law enforcement or criminal justice. That keeps it interesting.”

Rhodes’s ambitious goals on and off the field have served him well. He and his teammates have worked together to earn the lacrosse program’s first ever national ranking, and in May, he graduated with enough academic and athletic clout to pursue another goal – earning a bachelor’s degree.

“I am speaking with several four-year schools about transferring and playing lacrosse, so that opportunity is there,” said Rhodes, who is looking forward to continuing his education while playing a sport he has enjoyed since he was six years old.

The discussion about four-year schools leads Rhodes to admit he already has one more goal lined up after college – working his way through the rigors of law enforcement training to become a DEA agent.
The 2015 campaign was historic for the Delaware Tech Terry Campus men’s lacrosse team. The program finished 10-6 overall, attained its first-ever national ranking, won its league’s regular season title and advanced to the league’s championship game.

A final-seconds goal given up in the title game kept the team from attaining another program first – a coveted spot in the national tournament – but that doesn’t keep head coach Anthony Edwards from appreciating all his team accomplished this year.

“Winning our first league championship and advancing to the national tournament would certainly have been a well-deserved outcome for all the work and effort our players put into this season. But that didn’t happen, so we have to focus on the great success we did have and continue to build upon it,” said Edwards, who just completed his third year as head coach and has been part of the coaching staff since the program’s inception in 2007.

In recognition of Delaware Tech’s success, league coaches voted eight Hawks players to Region XIX All-Region teams.

First-team honors were bestowed upon Alexander Linder (midfield), Cory Melvin (attack), Colin Rhodes (defense) and Charles Yager (goalie). Rhodes was also a first-team honoree in 2014 while Melvin was a second-team selection that year.

Second-team accolades were presented to Anthony Cardile (midfield), Hunter Coho (midfield), Chase Evans (defense) and Michael Negrete (midfield).

After dropping the first two games of the year to top-10 opponents, the Hawks won seven straight. Following the fifth win in that streak, Delaware Tech found itself in the rankings, as it debuted in ninth place in the March 23 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) coaches poll.

“The national ranking was a tremendous team accomplishment that showed the commitment of our student athletes, coaches and college administrators,” said Edwards, who is also the Terry Campus athletics director. “There are 31 men’s lacrosse teams competing at the NJCAA level, so to be recognized as one of top programs was a great milestone.”

Edwards continues to enjoy the success of this year, but he’s already looking forward to the 2016 season and the opportunity it will present for that team to improve upon an impressive record.
Starry, Starry Night Gala  
This year’s black-tie optional gala was co-chaired by Rob and Susan Rider. The theme, “Hollywood’s Golden Age,” was carried out throughout the reception, dinner, performance, and Old Hollywood activities. Proceeds benefit the Educational Foundation.

Women’s Day  
On May 28, 2015, four exemplary women were honored at the annual Women’s Day celebration at Heritage Shores in Bridgeville. Neda Biggs, Esq., Dr. Carol Bunting, Patti Grimes and Antionette Wright Johnson were commended for their professional and community achievements.

Black History Month  
A variety of programs were offered on the Terry Campus to celebrate Black History Month, including a performance by Kamau Ngom (pictured above) titled “From Africa to the Americas via Music, Song, Dance and Stories.” Ngom, an educator, performer, community leader in the field of African and African American history and culture for more than 40 years, is the founder of the Delaware Kwanzaa Committee and founder and director of the Griots Wa Umoja Performing Cultural Arts Ensemble.

Flags for Heroes  
Hundreds of U.S. flags to honor military members, first responders and other heroes were prominently displayed on the Terry Campus over Memorial Day weekend. Held in partnership with the Dover Capital City Rotary Club, funds raised from the selling of flag sponsorships go toward scholarships and youth programs, as well as military and civic groups.

An Evening of Mardi Gras  
On Saturday, March 28, 2015, the 11th annual event was held at the George Campus in Wilmington. Proceeds go to the Educational Foundation, which funds student scholarships as well as financial assistance for books, supplies, fees and childcare. This year’s event, originally scheduled for February, was postponed due to snow. The rescheduled “Mini Gras” raised over $100,000.

Black History Month  
The campus celebrated Black History Month by honoring a member of the community. This year’s honoree was Maurice Pritchett, Sr. (pictured left), a highly-regarded education and community leader who has worked tirelessly for change in the City of Wilmington.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22  
Kent County Economic Summit  
Terry Campus, Dover  
Gathering of government officials, business and education leaders, and community members focused on improving economic conditions and quality of life in Kent County. Call (302) 857-1400.

October 7  
Alumni and Friends 5K Run/Walk  
Riverfront, Wilmington  
Provides scholarships for students through the Alumni Board Scholarship Fund. Call (302) 453-3763.

October 10  
Flavors of the World, Stanton  
This international food and wine tasting event benefits study abroad scholarships. Call (302) 292-3872.

October 17  
Gourmet Gala  
Terry Campus, Dover  
Fundraising event for student success; offers specialty food items and beverages from Delaware’s finest restaurateurs, brewers, vintners and distillers; live entertainment; and a silent auction. Call (302) 857-1125.

October 28  
Sussex County Today & Tomorrow Conference, Owens Campus, Georgetown  
Business, education, community and government leaders collaborate and discuss topics relevant to Sussex County. Call (302) 259-6090.

November 14  
Saturday Before the Season  
Owens Campus, Georgetown  
A day of elegant fashion and pre-holiday shopping. Proceeds support study abroad scholarships. Call (302) 259-6090.
Dr. Joanne Damminger, assistant vice president for student affairs, Office of the President

Dr. Joanne Damminger received the Bobbi Flaherty Service to National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Award. This award recognizes individuals who have provided exceptional service to NACADA in support of its efforts to enhance the development of students. Damminger, who is past-president of NACADA, was nominated by her peers for her dedication and long-term service to the association.

Tina Gary, program coordinator of the surgical technology program, Terry Campus

Tina Gary, program coordinator of the surgical technology program, Terry Campus was named Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) Didactic Educator of the Year. The annual award is given to an outstanding classroom educator to recognize commitment to the profession of surgical technology and to the advancement of education standards that result in high quality patient care. The surgical technology program was also awarded the 2014 Galaxy Star Award.

David Morris

David Morris appointed assistant vice president for development, Office of the President will have collegewide oversight and provide leadership for development, alumni relations, donor relations, annual giving, employee giving and major and planned gifts. Morris previously worked at the University of Delaware where he served for nine years as senior associate director for annual giving.

Dr. Jo Ann Baker

Dr. Jo Ann Baker, instructional director of the nursing department, Terry Campus chosen as a 2015 Top Nurse in Education by Delaware Today magazine. Honorees are chosen by their peers through an online poll conducted by the Delaware Nurses Association.

Dr. Melissa Rakes

Dr. Melissa Rakes, dean of student affairs, Owens Campus awarded the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Region 2 Outstanding Advising award in the Advising Administrator category. This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional advising abilities in a leadership role. Her leadership, experience and commitment to excellence in advising are evident in the success of our students.

Dr. Ileana Smith

Dr. Ileana Smith, vice president and campus director, Owens Campus inducted into the 2015 Hall of Fame of Delaware Women. This prestigious award honors women who have made significant, lasting and valuable accomplishments that greatly impact the lives of others. Smith, who has served at Delaware Tech for over 34 years, has greatly impacted countless lives through her hard work and dedication to education, economic development and student success.
Green was confirmed as chairman of Delaware Tech’s Board of Trustees, effective January 28, 2015.

Green is the executive director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA).

Prior to joining DRBA, Green was a senior executive vice president with MBNA/Bank of America. He served as a partner in several Delaware law firms and counsel to the Delaware State House of Representatives, county attorney for New Castle County, law clerk for the Superior Court of Delaware and legislative aide for U.S. Senator William Roth. During a brief retirement, he also worked as a sales representative for Ocean Atlantic Sotheby’s International Realty and an adjunct instructor at Delaware Tech’s Owens Campus.

Green holds a bachelor’s degree in international relations from the University of Delaware and a juris doctor from American University, Washington College of Law. He is a member of the Delaware Judicial Nominating Commission and resides in Rehoboth Beach with his wife Barbara.

Grimes was confirmed to Delaware Tech’s Board of Trustees, effective May 13, 2015.

Grimes is the executive director of the Carl M. Freeman Foundation. She leads the foundation in providing grants and oversight - managing millions in grant programs annually. Grimes also serves as executive director of the Joshua M. Freeman Foundation. In this role, she manages the programming and performances at The Freeman Stage at Bayside in Selbyville. Grimes previously worked as vice president of marketing, sales and customer relations for the Carl M. Freeman Companies.

Grimes is actively involved in the community and has served on the Delaware YMCA Advisory Board and Sussex Economic Development Action Committee and volunteered with Adopt-a-Family and Adopt-a-School programs. She also served as president of the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce and received its prestigious Lighthouse Award in 2011. Grimes graduated Magna Cum Laude from James Madison University.

Hagerty was confirmed to Delaware Tech’s Board of Trustees, effective June 10, 2015.

Hagerty has over 30 years of experience in information technology and business. He is currently the technology director and managing director for JPMorgan Chase in Newark. In this role, Hagerty is the Delaware location lead for the corporate and investment bank technology division overseeing several global applications for the investment bank. Hagerty is also responsible for vendor management and oversight of technology teams in New York, Singapore and Mumbai.

Hagerty graduated from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science. He lives in Newark with his wife and two children.
Congratulations
CLASS OF 2015

In May, Delaware Technical Community College held its 47th annual commencement ceremonies.

Including this year’s graduates, the College has awarded degrees, diplomas and certificates to more than 46,310 individuals in its 49-year history.

The College is proud to have provided access, opportunity, excellence and hope to the 1,706 graduates of the Class of 2015.

CLASS OF 2015 FACTS
• The graduating class was 60% female and 33% minority.
• Over 97% of the graduates were Delawareans who live in the state.
• Graduates of the Class of 2015 will go on to work for over 600 Delaware businesses.
• The largest number of 2015 associate degrees were awarded in nursing, criminal justice and human services.
• The class boasted the first graduates of the business administration transfer associate degree program and food safety associate degree program.

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Thank you to our nearly 2,000 donors who contributed more than $2.4 million to Delaware Technical Community College in academic year 2014-15. It is the generous support of our alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff, who helped more than 1,600 students further their education and earn a degree, diploma or certificate this May.

Private support touches every campus, program and department at Delaware Tech. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you!