DSUAA Monthly Newsletter



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The date of Homecoming 2022 has been announced. Please save the date.

We hope to see you there! More details to come!

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Delaware State University

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Reach 2026 Strategic Plan



As stated by DSU President, Dr. Tony Allen, "REACH 2026 rededicates Delaware State University to our focus on the whole student in terms of Student Success and Academic Excellence, while acknowledging that we can only achieve our objectives by transforming our Operational Excellence. Infrastructure, and Financial Health." This plan, developed under the leadership of Dr. Stacy Downing, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, will lay the foundation for the university to take its next bold steps into the future. In the future, information will be posted on this site regarding key metrics and how those metrics will be assessed and evaluated.

<u>delawarestateuniversity_reach2026_strategicplan_lo.pdf (desu.edu)</u>

2021 Report of the President



faculty and staff are impacting students' lives, but also illustrate just how many exciting things are happening at our various campuses and throughout the entire extended Hornet community." ~ Dr. Tony Allen, DSU President

"This report is structured

month by month so that you will be able to see not only how our dedicated

The 2021 Report of the President can be accessed below. Delaware State University 2021 Report of the President

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Zoom information

Meeting ID: 258 302 9216

Passcode: DSUAA

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Must register in advance by April 4th to ensure supplies are received in time for event.

Register here:

https://www.paintthetown.com/shop/dsuaa/

Class of 1972: Golden Anniversary

Join the Class of '72 To Celebrate 50 Years of Hornet Pride

Reunion Committee Members

Audrey Skrine Chase Teresa Roberson Edmonson Annie Felton Hardiman Cheryl Calicott-Trawick

K. Bernard Chase Michael North



Golden Anniversary Event Planning Now Underway

Classmates should send contact information to the Reunion Committee via email:

DSU72Reunion.50Yrs@gmail.com

Members of the Class of 1972 who are interested in serving on the Golden Anniversary Reunion Committee, please contact the committee at classof1973@gmail.com1973

Class of 1973





Calling all members of the Class of 1973!
Please send your email addresses to the
DSU Class of 1973 Golden Anniversary
Reunion Committee's email address at
DSUclassof1973@gmail.com

Class of 1990



Please help the Class of 1990 leave a legacy @ DSU by Donating \$10 or more to our Endowed Scholarship Fundraiser Browser Link:

www.tinyurl.com/DSU1990endowedmentfund



Life Member Feature



Hugh F. Williams, Jr

Class of 1973

Hugh became a lifetime member of DSUAA in 2015, the same year he retired from the US Department of State as a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the personal rank of Minister Counselor. During his 38 years of distinguished service as a Foreign Service Officer, he held numerous positions overseas and domestically and was the recipient of multiple Meritorious Honor performance awards and the Department's Superior Honor award.

His wealth of experience at U.S. diplomatic missions abroad were developed during assignments in Hong Kong, Canada, Malaysia, India, Indonesia, Belgium and Jamaica. Additionally, he held a variety of positions domestically in the bureaus of Human Resources, Consular Affairs and African Affairs. Most satisfying for him professionally was his tenure as Diplomat in Residence at Florida A&M University, Spelman College and at Morehouse College where he designed and taught a course entitled "Pathways to Diplomacy and Global Leadership". He also served on multiple Foreign Service promotion boards at the Department of State and on selection panels for the prestigious Thomas R. Pickering and the Charles B. Rangel international fellowship programs administered by the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center at Howard University.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Hugh taught Math as a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) in Sierra Leone, West Africa, at inner city public schools in Philadelphia and as an adjunct professor at Delaware State University. He was honored nationally by the Peace Corps in 2014 with the Franklin H. Williams award in recognition of his efforts to promote and advance opportunities for service as volunteers within ethnically diverse communities. Beyond his BSc in Math from DSU in 1973, he also earned Masters degrees from Texas Southern University and the Air War College respectively. Additionally, he received French and Malay language training at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center where he also received extensive professional development training in senior management and executive leadership.

A past recipient of the DSUAA distinguished alumnus award, Hugh maintained his engagement with DSU over the years as a financial supporter, through active membership of his local DSUAA chapter and when he served as a DSUAA national officer (2018-20). He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, a husband of 43 years, a dad and a proud grandfather. He is an active member of New Bethel AME Church in Lithonia, GA where he serves on the Stewards Board and the Community Development Corporation Board. He is a member of the Oglethorpe University Museum Association advisory board in Atlanta and serves as Executive Director for a non-profit organization that he helped to establish to raise funds to build a new school for mentally disabled children in Chennai, India. He is the national president of the Williams and Locke family reunion organization which has been celebrating this annual tradition for the past 109 years. Today, Hugh makes his home in Stone Mountain, Georgia.



Local Chapter Feature

Metro New York Chapter

Chapter President: Renee LeGendre

Contact Information: rdlegendre23@hotmail.com







The Metro/New York Chapter participated in the 130th Anniversary of Delaware State University. Chapter President, Renee LeGendre and Joseph Collins enjoyed the day's festivities and reminisced over their wonderful times on campus. The historical day was amazing, and to witness the years of rich memories will never be forgotten.



The Metro/NY chapter gathered to celebrate the holiday season. The group met at The Lobster House on City Island, Bronx, NY. Members had a great time enjoying delicious seafood, and selected beverages. There was awesome conversation sharing memorable DSU stories.

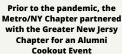




Chapter President, Renee LeGendre and DSU Board Trustee & classmate, John Ridgeway



Metro/NY Chapter member, Joseph Collins, Dr. Lorene K. Robinson, and the late Frankie Manley pose for the camera.





On August 7, 2021, the chapter held a "Summer Chat & Chew" at the historical Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla, New York. The venue is centrally located in mid Westchester County, NY. Due to COVID and the monthly zoom meetings, the chapter was eager to meet at an outside setting and bond with each other. The event was organized by Chapter President, Renee LeGendre. It was absolutely a beautiful day to come together with alumni, family and friends. The chapter's goal is to

continue to increase membership and serve DSUAA. Those in attendance recommend this event should be held annually.



New Castle County Chapter





Delaware State University Alumni Association New Castle County Chapter

oin Us!

Our Delaware State University Alumni Association Monthly Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. every 4th Tuesday of the

For Meeting Credentials Contact: dsua

dsuaanewcastlecounty@gmail.com

The DSUAA, New Castle County Alumni Chapter continues to meet virtually and our monthly meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Sussex County Chapter



Sussex County Alumni Chapter President Bernard W. Carr (picture in photo) was among those who donated blood at DSU on March 2, 2022 in Memorial Hall at DSU. Photo by: Haiti Voltaire

There is a nationwide shortage of blood in reserve and the state of Delaware's supply is no exception. Low donor turnout, and blood drive cancellations due to bad weather and the pandemic are the leading reasons. Accordingly, the Blood Bank of Delaware, Bayhealth and Delaware State University Athletics partnered together to organize a blood drive event entitled "Ballin for Blood". The purpose of the initiative was to raise awareness of the importance of giving blood and to help save lives by increasing the blood supply in local communities. The event was held on Wednesday, March 2, in Memorial Hall gym on campus.

On Saturday, February 26, Bayhealth began the campaign at the DSU Alumni basketball game double header against Morgan State University. Donors could sign up to donate blood a few days later. Donors were rewarded with ten dollar Chickfil-A gift cards, courtesy of Bayhealth, plus the chance to win an Apple Watch. DSU donated free t-shirts and blankets.

On the Eastern Shore nearly 79,000 blood donations are needed each year, according to the Blood Bank of Delaware. They also informed that a single unit of blood can save up to three lives. The campaign ended with 33 units. It's never too late to donate. Anyone interested in donating blood should visit delmarvablood.org or call 888-8-BLOOD-8. The Blood Bank of Delaware has donor centers in Dover, Newark, Dagsboro, and Salisbury Maryland. It also hosts mobile drives throughout Delmarva.

Atlanta Chapter



It's an Old School/New School Challenge Hornets young and old... which team will take the title? Gather your Hornet family (Wesley College too) and stay tuned for details.

> #HornetFamilyCulture #AtlMetroHornets



Georgia Hornets it's going down... You Ready? All are welcome to participate. Please contact Chapter President Renee Gallman-Jones via email at president.atldsuaa@gmail.com for more information.

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Philadelphia Chapter



If you are interested in serving as a member of the Philadelphia Chapter's Leadership Team, please reach out to Chapter President Tyrone Manning: tmanning314@yahoo.com.

Maryland Chapter



If you are interested in joining the Maryland Chapter, please reach out to Chapter President Thomas Berry at dsuaamdmetro@gmail.com.

Leadership roles are available.



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Florida "Sunshine" Chapter



The Florida Chapter invites you to support their DSU Aviation Scholarship Programs by purchasing a t-shirt.

The full flyer and T-shirt Order Form can be downloaded using the link below. T-shirts can be purchased using cash app, zelle, or money order. Please fill out your t-shirt order form below online and email it back to Gail Obas - LAWSY2575@YAHOO.COM.

Please also feel free to contact Chapter President Arnold Nearn at arnoldnearn72@gmail.com with any additional questions.

Flyer & T-shirt order form:

DSUAA Florida T-shirt Order Form





Chaplain's Chat

Some words of inspiration shared by our DSUAA Chaplain throughout the month of March



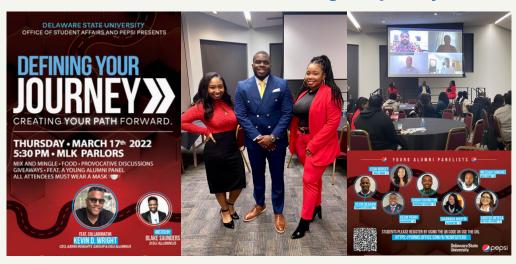








Alumni Panel Discussion: Defining Your Journey



Several members of DSUAA, including DSUAA National Sergeant-at-Arms, Kevin Perry, and DSUAA Greater Washington Chapter, Leah Dorsey participated in a panel discussion hosted by the DSU Office of Student Affairs. DSUAA member Kevin Wright moderated the panel discussion.

Greater Washington Chapter



DSUAA Greater Washington Chapter President, Dr. Robert Saunders, and Scholarship Committee Chair, Dwight Deloatch, presented scholarship check to GWC Scholarship recipient, Karisma Long. Congratulations Karisma!

Atlanta Chapter



Atlanta Hornets participating in Hornet Social on Saturday, March 26th



HBCU Night at Madison Square Garden



Delaware State University celebrated HBCU Night at Madison Square Garden, New York City, NY on March 22, 2022. The New York Knicks took on the Atlanta Hawks which was a nail-biting game. To intensify the evening there was a pregame networking opportunity and intergeneration conversation featuring HBCU alumni, Earl (the Pearl) Monroe. The half-time performance was no other than our own **Delaware State University Marching Band,** Approaching Storm. Alumni members from the New York Metropolitan area, and Greater New Jersey Chapters were out in numbers. Other HBCU alumni came out as well. A great evening to remember.

Metro New York Chapter



Metro/NY & Greater New Jersey Chapter members celebrating with our Hornet Pride



Metro/NY Alumni Renee LeGendre, and Charelle Hassell-Gilbert

Stefanie L. Barrett showing her HBCU/DSU spirit.

Greater New Jersey Chapter



Greater Hampton Roads Chapter



The GHR Chapter sponsored the MEAC 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser during the games on Thursday. Congratulations to the winner - Dr. Vita Pickrum. Chapter members and DSU student Hornets socializing in the Exhibition Hall at the Norfolk Scope in Norfolk, VA.



The chapter sponsored a **Membership Drive** on Wednesday. It was nice to fellowship with alumni, students, faculty and friends at the MEAC!

Chapter President Al Weal, Jr. of the **GHR Alumni** Chapter presented Ms. Alecia Shields-Gadson (AD) a welcome gift at the DSU MEAC Reception.

Greater Washington Chapter



On Saturday, March 26th. the Greater Washington Chapter volunteered at the DC Capital **Area Food Bank**

Alumni Forum: Career Opportunities with Crewcial Partners



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Alumni Forum Event, which took place March 15th featuring Crewcial Partners. We hope you enjoyed the discussion.

Attached below is a link to the recording of the event. Please feel free to share with other alumni and view at your leisure.

The recording from the event can be viewed using this link:

https://youtu.be/dZxR5Wxbw9M

Virtual Rain Gear Donation Drive



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Q3 Rain Gear Donation Drive. As a result of your support, we were able to donate more than \$300 worth of rain gear to the shelter.

Alumni Career Engagement (ACE)



Thank you to the alumni who participated in providing career fair prep to students.

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Attention All Car Clubs DSU and LTD wish to invite you to our First Meet and Greet and DSU Alumni Football Game





2022 DELAWARE STATE RED WHITE SPRING GAME

on April 9 2022 from 10am to 3pm game starts at 12 noon 1200 N dupont hwy Dover De 19901

ALUMNI STADIUM | SATURDAY | AFRIL 9TH | 2:00FM

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Featuring Dr. Tony Allen All Alumni are welcome.





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Hornet Golf Classic

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Hornet Golf Classic | Delaware State University (desu.edu)

June 18



Saturday, June 18th
DSUAA National Convention
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Membership is available to all graduates and former DSU students who attended for one year or more. Active DSUAA membership is achieved by paying annual dues, ranging from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00 for Life Memberships.

Payment of dues to the DSUAA provides the funds for the organization to carry out its goals and objectives, specifically for its operations and initiatives relative to the support of university programs and the achievement of university goals.

As members of the association, alumni can also take advantage of great benefits including voting privileges in the DSU Alumni Association, 10% <u>discount at the DSU Bookstore</u>, Networking Opportunities, and more!

The fiscal year shall be July 1 to June 30. Membership dues are to be paid during each fiscal year. More information on the types of Memberships, Rights and Benefits of Membership, and the link to pay your Membership dues is listed below.





Types of Membership

CLASS A (REGULAR)

Any person who received a degree from Delaware State University or who was in attendance for one or more years shall be eligible for Class A membership in the Association

Class A Membership dues are \$50 per year.

Class A Membership Dues are active from July 1 to June 30th of the current fiscal year.

CLASS B (ASSOCIATE)

Husbands, wives, parents of alumni members and Delaware State University faculty and staff members shall be eligible for Class B membership in the Association

Class B Membership dues are \$25.00 per year.

Class B Membership Dues are active from July 1 to June 30th of the current fiscal year.

LIFE MEMBERS

Class A and Class B members shall be eligible to be Life Members in the Association upon payment of Life Membership dues.

Class A Life membership dues are \$1,000. Class B Life membership dues are \$500. Payments of any amount can be made to complete the life membership dues, as long as the dues amount is paid in full within the three year time period.

Life Membership dues do not expire.





DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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