

DSUAA Monthly Newsletter



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National Convention 2024



On behalf of the Delaware State University Alumni Association, thank you to everyone who was able to attend the 2024 Annual Convention, both in person and online. We appreciate your support. The annual meeting was a great success.

Some of the key highlights from the convention include:

- **DSUAA announced having the largest financial membership count in history during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.**
- **Vote conducted to transition organization to using only digital membership cards.**
- **Bylaws updated to reflect an International organization.**
- **The Greater Hampton Roads and the New Castle County Chapters were recognized as Chapters of the Year (small and large categories).**
- **Carmen Harmon was recognized as Chapter President of the Year.**
- **Arnold Nearn, Dawn Tennent, and Jasmine Manley were recognized as Alumni of the Year.**

We are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing to work with you during the 2024-2025 year.

**Thank you,
DSUAA Leadership Team**

Past Events

2024 Annual Convention - Award Presentations

[Download the pdf version of the Awards Presentation here](#)

2023-2024 FY

AWARDS

IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- Student of the Year
- Alumni of the Year
- Chapter President of the Year
- Chapter of the Year

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Sydney Glisson



Sydney has truly stepped into the Hornet zone and accomplished all the goals set forth upon herself. Sydney has attended the Greater New Jersey Alumni Chapter meetings and volunteered alongside alumni. Sydney was a Hornet Mentor and Ambassador, Women's Senate Big Sister Leader, Student athlete advisory committee lead and Member of the student sports management organization. On top of her activities, Sydney maintained being on the Deans list 8xs, was inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society, and received the award for academic achievement by the College of Business. Sydney lost her Father in 2020 during the Pandemic, 2 months before her High School Graduation. Her Father Dr. Gerald Glisson, was also a graduate of Delaware State University, in the mid 90s and was a top Football athlete and Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. She leans on his spirit to get her through her 4 years of College and has prevailed, effortlessly. Sydney is the epitome of a sweet girl with a great head on her shoulders, bound for greatness!

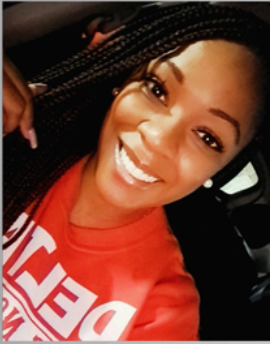
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ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Dawn Tennent

Greater New Jersey Chapter



Dawn is a Class of 2006 graduate, member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and current president of the Greater New Jersey Chapter. Dawn participates in monthly events in and outside of New Jersey including an HBCU Panel Discussion and Mixer which she has branded and facilitated the past seven years. Dawn has supported DSU Admissions at college fairs throughout New Jersey and New York and has support the DSU Career Pathways Expo, twice a year, since 2021. Dawn also started a \$10,000 endowment scholarship in name of her cousin, Michael J. Feeney. Dawn is a current Senior Client Manager climbing the ladder from a support assistant position.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Jasmine Manley

Sussex County Chapter



Jasmine is a Class of 2014 graduate and currently serves as the Recording Secretary for the DSUAA Sussex County Chapter. Jasmine has been a member of Sussex County Chapter since 2021 and is the DSUAA SCC 2023-2024 Member of the Year. Jasmine has served on several committees for the chapter and runs the chapter's facebook page. Jasmine has participated in all events hosted by the DSUAA SCC during her time in the chapter. She has encouraged participation of other members as well as the community through her promotion of chapter events and fundraisers. She has also been a leader in planning and implementing various events such as the Black History Month Luncheon and the Chapter 75th Anniversary Celebration. Jasmine has helped to modernize the chapter's event hosting and fundraising capabilities by creating a chapter social media page and by utilizing Eventbrite for ticket sales. Jasmine has consistently maintained her status as a financial member of the National and Local chapter. Jasmine has also planned and implemented successful fundraisers on behalf of the local chapter including the chapter's annual DoubleGood Fundraiser. When Jasmine does not lead the fundraisers, she always supports the fundraisers through promotion (email blasts, flyer creation, social media) and through any other requests of her.

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ALUMNI OF THE YEAR *Arnold Nearn*

Florida "Sunshine" Chapter



Arnold is past president of the Florida "Sunshine" Chapter and continues to remain very involved. Arnold served as Florida Chapter President for seven years and National DSUAA Alumni Representative for two years. Arnold has been retired for seven years after a 30+ year career across several industries including as both an entrepreneur and in Corporate America. Arnold has been a tremendous asset to Delaware State University. Arnold has helped to promote and expand the Aviation Program, connect with corporations to partner and support the aviation program initiatives. Arnold's contributions, drive and tenacity have been an asset for the national and local DSUAA.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT *Carmen Harmon*

New Castle County Chapter



Carmen is a Class of 1988 graduate and current president of the New Castle County Chapter. Carmen has held multiple leadership positions within the chapter include Chapter President for two terms from 2020-2022 and 2022-2024. Carmen has served as Chairperson of the DSUAA, NCC 39th Annual Scholarship Luncheon, and also served on both the Scholarship and Outreach committees at the National level. Under Carmen's leadership, during the last 4 years, the NCC Chapter has averaged more than 100+ members. The chapter has had the opportunity to appear on local community stations and has awarded more than \$23k in scholarships since 2020.

Carmen has attended several DSUAA and DSU events throughout the year and previously supported the university as a member of the 130th Anniversary Planning Committee. Carmen frequently attends DSU sporting events to support athletes.

Carmen has 20 years of experience in the Financial Services Industry with JP Morgan Chase. Carmen has 15 years of experience as a Workforce Development Professional. In 2023, Carmen was awarded the Community Service Award from District 720 for Empowering the Community. Carmen volunteers with the Girl Scouts of Chesapeake and is a Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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CHAPTER OF THE YEAR *Greater Hampton Roads*



The Greater Hampton Roads Chapter routinely participates in National meetings, events, surveys and workshops hosted by DSUAA. The Greater Hampton Roads chapter has annually participated in the Welcome activity for the MEAC Basketball Tournament and has represented DSUAA on the program. Various chapter members serve on various committees for DSUAA and the University where Alumni are able to serve. The GHR has donated to the funding for the Jazz Band's Christmas recording, participated in High School Day and offer mentoring opportunities for students on campus.

The GHR chapter has tripled in membership in the last three years, and diligently works within the community to bring awareness to our beloved University in a state where we are surrounded by other HBCUs. The chapter is routinely sought after to appear at College Fairs as we pride ourselves on our dedication to our university, sending students to school and raising awareness of the University's academic and athletic offerings. The chapter are the Keepers of the Legacy, while we are small, we are mighty.

The Greater Hampton Roads chapter participates in Career Fairs/High School Days for recruitment, host meet and greet opportunities for University games held in the Tidewater area to give Alumni an opportunity to fellowship, and sponsor a local aviation training program, YAEF (Youth Aeronautics Educational Foundation) via their annual Golf Tournament and other endeavors with the intent to bring awareness to the University's Aviation program and interest to the students in the program. The GHR have brought YAEF students to the campus for High School Day and had a plane flown to Mattaponi, Virginia to showcase our fleet of planes.

The GHR chapter is an avid supporter of the Do Gooders of Hampton Roads, Virginia; The GHR chapter provides back to school supplies, meals during Thanksgiving and Christmas, clean historical Black Cemeteries in the area and distribute flags to the tombs of veterans

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR *New Castle County*



The DSUAA, NCC strives to promote the University and its programs, to assist students with financial support, to unite graduates and ex-students, and members of the community and the University into a strong organization for their mutual, social, and cultural well-being. The chapter meets monthly and can average as many as 30 members in attendance. Some of the signature events of the chapter over the past year include the 40th Annual Scholarship Luncheon where six incoming freshmen from NCC were recognized and awarded a total of \$7,500 in scholarships. The chapter also hosted its 13th Annual Summer Send Off where seven students were awarded in book stipends totaling \$2,750. DSUAA leadership and members have support DSUAA events and committees as well as University events including the University's Scholarship Ball and Prayer Breakfast. The chapter is also very involved in the community with donations to the NAACP and support of community service activities. The chapter has supported several recruitment events including at Wilmington Christian Center Church and Delaware Department of Education. The chapter has also support events hosted by other chapters within DSUAA including the Sussex County Band at the Beach event.

Announcements

2023-2024 Year In Review

DSUAA YEAR IN REVIEW



JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024

We are excited to share the "DSUAA 2023-2024 Year in Review" highlight video with you, summarizing several of the DSUAA activities and accomplishments at both the national and local levels, over the past year.

[DSUAA 2024-2025 Year in Review Video](#)

Homecoming 2024: Back on the Yard - The Show

Early-bird Tickets Now Available!

HOMECOMING 2024

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

BACK ON THE YARD - THE SHOW

JOIN US FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, FOOD, AND MORE! BYOB!
LAST YEAR WAS SOLD OUT! EARLY BIRD SALE FROM NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST.
PRICE INCREASES AFTER 9/1.

PURCHASE TICKET



COAD BANQUET HALL
1243 COLLEGE PARK
DRIVE, DOVER DE, 19904



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/DSUAABACKONTHEYARD2024](https://tinyurl.com/dsuaabackontheyard2024)

Early-bird tickets are now on sale!

Last year's sold out event is back!
For Homecoming 2024, we invite you to join us for the DSUAA "Back on the Yard - the Show" Scholarship Fundraiser.

The event will take place on Friday, October 4th.
Join us for live music, dancing, food, and more! BYOB!

Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm.

Tickets can be purchased at:
www.tinyurl.com/dsuaabackontheyard2024

Announcements

Membership Dues Renewal for 2024-2025 FY

2024-2025 Fiscal Year

JOIN DSUAA TODAY!



- Special Gift of Appreciation based on Membership Level
- Voting privileges in the DSU Alumni Association
- 10% discount at the DSU Bookstore
- Stay informed of University events and activities
- Interact with current students, faculty, and staff
- Networking, Business Building Opportunities, AND MORE!

<https://www.joinit.org/o/delaware-state-university-alumni-association>

Dues renewal for the 2024-2025 year is now available through the [DSUAA Member Portal](#).

As a member of DSUAA, you can take advantage of these great benefits:

- Discounts on travel, shopping, entertainment, and more!
- Voting privileges in the DSU Alumni Association
- 10% discount at the DSU Bookstore
- Networking Opportunities
- And more.

Recent Graduates Survey

RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY

Share your feedback with us:



The survey can also be accessed using this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGRXN39>



We encourage recent graduates to complete the survey linked above to provide feedback on their DSUAA experience.

Bayhealth



At Bayhealth, you don't have to choose quality over convenience. You don't have to choose outstanding medical care over being cared about. We are a team of people who have chosen to make health care more of what you want it be, so you can choose to have it all. Because our commitment runs deep.

[Watch the video](#) or visit [Bayhealth.org](https://www.bayhealth.org)

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Local Chapters & Affinity Groups

The Names and Emails of Chapter Presidents is Listed Below

Local Chapters



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Local Chapter Announcements

Florida Chapter



Delaware State Alumni
We'll be there!

BRING THE KIDS, FAMILY, PICNIC BASKETS, AND LAWN CHAIRS!

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024 • 2-7PM

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
15800 NW 42ND AVE. MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33054

Get Tickets: www.sfhbcupicnic.com

GET YOUR ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS OR SCHOOL INVOLVED!

The DSUAA Florida Chapter invites you to join them in participating in the 8th Annual South Florida HBCU Picnic. The event will take place on Saturday, July 13th on the campus of Florida Memorial University. Last year more than 30 HBCUs participated in celebrating the legacy of HBCUs. Please see flyer or contact Florida Chapter President, Thomas Douglas thomasdouglas12@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome to participate.

New Castle County



DSUAA
NEW CASTLE COUNTY ALUMNI CHAPTER

41ST Annual Scholarship Luncheon

"Building A Secure Foundation For The Future"

Keynote Speaker

ASHLEY CHRISTOPHER, Esq.
Founder of HBCU Week

Chase Center Riverfront
815 Justison Street
Wilmington, DE

SATURDAY AUGUST 3rd
Doors Open @ 12:30 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ticket Sales \$75

Ad Booklet

Full Page \$125	Quarter Page \$60
Half Page \$75	Business Card \$35
Table Sales Seats (8) \$575	
Purchase Site	
NCCDSUAA.EVENTBRITE.COM	

More Info: DSUAANCEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

The New Castle County Chapter is hosting their 41st Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, August 3rd @ 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at NCCDSUAA.EVENTBRITE.com

Keynote Speaker:
Ashley Christopher, Esq
Founder of HBCU Week

Honorees:
Ms. Janet Williams-Coger;
Mr. Wesley Ridgeway;
Ms. Zakiyah Minkah;
The Hon. Theodore "Ted" Blunt.

Promote your business, your ministry, or your social organization by purchasing an Ad. Full Page \$125; Half Page \$75; Quarter page \$60; Business Card \$35. Deadline: July 19th

Payment Site NCCDSUAA.EVENTBRITE.com

Past Events

Kent County Chapter Juneteenth Celebrations



Celebrating Juneteenth with Brother James Marshall family and friends in his backyard 6/19/24. Also, Kent County Chapter mebers along with the DSU Boosters club celebrated Juneteenth at the Grand West honoring senior citizens.

Greater Washington Chapter Annual Crab Feast



On Friday, June 14th, the GWC hosted their annual crab feast which was a huge success. The crab feast raises funds in support of scholarships provided by the GWC to students from the DMV.

Past Events

Greater New Jersey - Summer BBQ



The DSUAA Greater New Jersey Chapter gathered for a Summer BBQ at the Dey's residence.

Sussex County Chapter Scholarship Awardee



DSUAA Sussex County Chapter President, Bernard Carr, and Scholarship Committee Chairman, Jerome Foster, presented Ty'Shayla Stones with a one thousand dollar scholarship on Thursday, May 23, 2024. The Senior Awards program was held at Carr's alma mater, Woodbridge High School. Stones also received a five hundred dollar scholarship from the Carr family. She will major in Elementary Education at DSU.

Kent County Chapter Voter Registration



President Jones and Democrats and friends celebrating Juneteenth on the Green by registering folks to vote 6/15/24.

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YOU CAN LEAVE THE NEST BUT YOU WILL
ALWAYS BE PART OF THE HIVE

Join DSUAA Today!



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% discount at the DSU Bookstore, 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.



LINK TO PAY
NATIONAL DUES:

[HTTPS://APPJOINIT.COM/O/DELAWARE-STATE-UNIVERSITY-ALUMNI-ASSOCIATION](https://appjoinit.com/o/delaware-state-university-alumni-association)

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