

# **DSUAA Monthly Newsletter**



## **Homecoming Edition 2021**

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# Tribute to our Fallen Hornet

IN LOVING MEMORY  
SHAWNZETTA SUGGS



**We, the officers of the Delaware State University National Alumni Association, wish to express our profound sorrow upon the loss of our faithful and beloved Alumna, Mrs. Shawnzetta Suggs; who we remember with affection and deepest appreciation for the significant contributions she made to the Delaware State University family.**

**A copy of Shawnzetta's Celebration of Life Booklet can be found here:**  
<https://online.pubhtml5.com/pumd/eqcr/>

# Homecoming 2021



**Greetings Hornet Family,**

**On behalf of the Delaware State University Alumni Association, we would like to thank you for all of the Hornet love and support you showed DSUAA throughout this weekend. It brought us great joy to be "Back Together Again" on campus with many of you. We enjoyed every moment and hope you did as well!**

**If you were unable to make it to this year's Homecoming, we look forward to an opportunity in the future, to further engage with you. Let's stay connected.**

**Please feel free to reach out to us anytime.**

**Thank you for your support,  
DSUAA Leadership Team**



# Homecoming 2021

## DSU Coronation



**Congratulations to Mr. & Ms. Delaware State University 2021-2022, Mr. Jason Smith and Ms. Jewel Phillips! This Coronation Ceremony was historic as Ms. Phillips and her mother Ms. Kimberly D. Deal, Esq. became the first-ever mother and daughter to have both been named Delaware State University's Queen. Ms. Deal was the 1986-1987 Miss Delaware State College.**

# Homecoming 2021

## DSU Gratitude Reception



The Gratitude Reception was held on Thursday, October 21st, in the MLK Parlors. Congratulations to all who were recognized and thank you to all of the volunteers. The Gratitude Reception program booklet can be viewed here: [https://www.desu.edu/sites/flagship/files/gratitude\\_reception\\_program\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.desu.edu/sites/flagship/files/gratitude_reception_program_booklet.pdf).

## DSUAA Cocktail Hour



The DSUAA Cocktail Hour took place on Thursday, October 21st at the House of Lauffs in Wilmington, DE in partnership with the DSUCircle.



# Homecoming 2021

## Dorm Decorating Contest Winner



**CONGRATULATIONS TUBMAN-LAWS DORMITORY! Winners of the Dorm Decorating Contest for 2021 Homecoming. Prizes will be distributed at a later date.**

**DSUAA partnered with DSU's Offices of Residence Life, Student Leadership, and Alumni Relations to host Dorm Decorating Competition for students.**

# Homecoming 2021

## Dorm Decorating Contest Submissions

### Living and Learning Commons



### W. Richard Wynder Tower



### Meta V. Jenkins Hall





# Homecoming 2021

## Dorm Decorating Contest Submissions

### Medgar W. Evers Hall



### Warren-Franklin Hall



### University Village Apartments



### University Courtyard



# Homecoming 2021

## Dorm Decorating Contest - DSUAA Visitation



DSUAA visited the dorms Homecoming Friday to view the decorations live and greet students. It was great seeing the school spirit all throughout campus

# Homecoming 2021

## Alumni Art Exhibit



The Alumni Art Exhibit was on display in the Library Gallery

## Alumni Welcome Reception



DSUAA Welcome Reception held on Friday, October 22nd under the President's Tent. Thank you to all who attended.



# Homecoming 2021

## 130th Anniversary Bike Fundraiser



Robert Presbury, member of the DSUAA Greater Hampton Roads Chapter completed a 130-mile bike ride to raise funds for DSU Football. Robert made a stop halfway at the Berlin Police department. The Greater Hampton Roads Chapter was a made sponsor of the fundraiser and greatly showed their support of Robert during his journey.

## 130th Anniversary "Back on the Yard" Alumni Concert

**Back on the Yard  
Celebration**

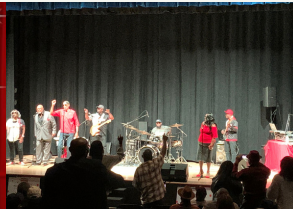
**130th Delaware State University**

Join us for a night of soul and entertainment, featuring:

- Darnerien McCants
- Aishah Iesha
- CC Scott
- Tony Smith
- Silky Soul
- Paulette Trent
- Simply Soulful Band

Friday, October 22, 2021  
EH Building  
Doors Open at 9:30 PM

Music, dance, and much more!  
General Admission \$30  
DSUAA Members \$25 (Please present card)  
Proceeds for this event go to the DSU Foundation.



The "Back of the Yard" Celebration was a big hit, and took place on Friday, October 22nd, in the EH Theater. There were several performances spanning many generations of alumni.

# Homecoming 2021

## Class of 1971 Reunion



Photo taken by Bernard W. Carr

**The Class of 1971 celebrated their Golden "50th" Anniversary and processed in wearing their cap and gowns during the Homecoming Church Service.**

## Class of 1981 Reunion



**The Class of 1981 celebrated their 40th Anniversary**



# Homecoming 2021

## DSU Homecoming Parade



**DSUAA served as one of three Grand Marshal for the 2021 Homecoming Parade. The other two Grand Marshal's were Dr. Allen and Board of Trustee John Ridgeway**

Several of the photos above were taken by Bernard W. Carr



# Homecoming 2021

## Alumni House



University leadership and DSUAA held a ribbon cutting ceremony to signify the promise fulfilled of replacing the former Delaware State Alumni House, previously located on College Road, with a new on-campus location. The President's Residence will undergo minor construction to prepare it for use by the Office of Alumni Relations and the DSUAA to build alumni support and engagement.



# Homecoming 2021

## DSU Downtown Welcome Reception



The Homecoming Parade route ended at DSU Downtown with a reception welcome alumni, family, and friends to the campus

## Football Game



Photos on the left taken by Bernard W. Carr

The DSU Hornets fought hard against SCSU but came up short, the final score was 13-7 SCSU





# Homecoming 2021

## DSUAA "Carpe Diem" Tailgate & Tents



Photo taken by Bernard W. Carr



DSUAA partnered with the DSU Circle to hold a "Carpe Diem" tailgate for alumni. Thank you to everyone who came by the tailgate or one of the DSUAA tents.

## DSUAA "We Back Outside"



DSUAA partnered with an Alumni Business to hold the Friday Night "We Back Outside" event in Wilmington

## DSUAA "Back Together Again"



DSUAA held a "Back Together Again" Alumni Party Saturday Night outside on campus



# Homecoming 2021

## Homecoming Church Service



Photos taken by Bernard W. Carr

**The Homecoming Church Service was a wonderful way to end the weekend. Bishop Thomas Douglas, Vice President of the DSUAA Florida Sunshine Chapter gave a wonderful sermon, DSUAA Chaplain Cheryl Latney Bridges gave a beautiful prayer, and DSUAA Alumni Representative Dawn Gibson was an excellent worship leader**

## Some additional Homecoming Photos



# Homecoming 2021

## Homecoming Fundraiser : Hats, Sweatshirts, & Hoodies

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|---|--|
|  <b>Q2 Homecoming Fundraiser</b> <br><small>Available for order online</small> |  |
| <br><b>\$20 per hat</b>   | <br><b>\$30 per sweatshirt</b>  |
| <br><b>\$35 per hoodie</b>  | <b>Use QR code to purchase:</b><br><br><small><a href="https://www.customink.com/fundraising/dsuahomecoming21">https://www.customink.com/fundraising/dsuahomecoming21</a></small> |
|  <a href="mailto:dsuaa@alumni.com">dsuaa@alumni.com</a>   |  <a href="http://dsualumniassociation.com">dsualumniassociation.com</a>   |

**Hornets, winter is right around the corner. We encourage you to purchase a winter hat, sweatshirt, or hoodie today! The fundraiser will fund through the end of the month - November 30th.**

**DSUAA Q2 Homecoming Fundraiser :**

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/dsuahomecoming21>

## Homecoming Raffle Ticket Winners

**Congratulations to all of our Homecoming Raffle Ticket Winners:**

**Jayne Alexander  
Quentin Carse  
Tuana Goldsborough  
Tony Fulton**



# Local Chapter Participation

## Greater Hampton Roads



**The Greater Hampton Roads Chapter served as a major sponsor for GHR Chapter Member Robert Presbury's 130-mile bike fundraiser**

## New Castle County Chapter



**Several New Castle County Chapter Members attended various Homecoming activities including the football game, tailgate, and more! NCC President Carmen Harmon and several chapter members also served as volunteers assisting with the Gratitude Reception**

# Local Chapter Participation

## Kent County Chapter



**Kent County participated in several Homecoming activities including in the parade, tailgating, and the Homecoming Church Service**

## Greater Hampton Roads



**Chapter President Al Weal pictured while attending DSUAA Alumni Welcome Reception**

**Greater Hampton Roads member Treasurer and Program Coordinator, Frankie Manley, is the MEAC Distinguished Alumna from DSU participated in the parade and several other Homecoming activities**



# Local Chapter Participation

## Greater Washington Chapter



Several GWC Members were involved in Homecoming activities, including Dwight Deloatch who was selected to serve as Mr. Graduate Student Association (GSA), Secretary Monica Peele assisted in coordinating and volunteered for the "Back on the Yard" Celebration event

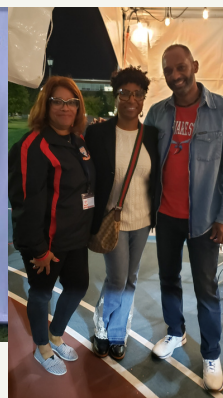
## Metro New York Chapter & Greater New Jersey Chapter



Metro NY Chapter President pictured with GNJ Past President



GNJ Duane Dey & Ursula Harvey showcasing the DSU Connect platform, pictured with Graduate Student Dionne Williams



Duane & Margaret Dey pictured with DSUAA Recording Secretary Antionette Blake

# Announcements

DSUAA AND DSU PRESENTS...

## ALUMNI FORUM: GIVING

Featuring Justin Rodstrom  
All Alumni are welcome

**Justin Rodstrom**  
Director of Major Gifts  
Division of Institutional Advancement



**Delaware State University**  
It All MATTERS

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Alumni Association

November 17, 2021  
Wednesday 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 258 302 9216  
Passcode: DSUAA

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**Alumni Forum on Giving, featuring Justin Rodstrom, DSU Director of Major Gifts. Justin will share with alumni customized ways that they can give back to DSU.**



**Save the date! The 3rd Annual "DSU Day" is right around the corner. Pull out your DSU Swag and get ready to flood your social media page. DSU Day will take place on November 17, 2021 (3rd Wednesday of November) #DSUDay**

*Become Financial Today!*

## JOIN DSUAA!



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**We encourage you to become a financial member of DSUAA by paying annual dues using the QR code above. Life membership dues are also available to be paid over a three year period.**

**Delaware State University**

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INFORMATION USING QR CODE



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# Chaplain's Chat

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

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

"Live carefree before God; He is most careful with you."  
1 Peter 5:7

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Sometimes you gotta push through even when it's tough. Let's push this week, Hornets!!!

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

"A dear friend will love you no matter what..."  
Proverbs 17:17(a)

Absolutely nothing, Hornets!

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

"Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy."  
Proverbs 27:9

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"Brothers & sisters, continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected."  
Philippians 4:8 ICB

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

Encourage one another and build each other up.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Start off the week strong, Hornets! Let's goooo! He's got you!

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.  
2 Chron 15:7

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Let's encourage each other, Hornet family!!

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

"I know for sure what we dwell on we become."  
Oprah Winfrey

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DSU Homecoming 2021...no better time than NOW to reconnect with those sweet friends! The countdown is on!!!

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

Yes, I am sure that NOTHING can separate us from the love God has for us.  
Romans 8:38

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DSU Homecoming 2021 was nothing short of the ultimate display of friendship and love!

DSUAA Chaplain's Chat

Easier is not always better.

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Give it all to Him, He cares for you!!



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# Local Chapter Announcements

## New Castle County Chapter



**Delaware State University Alumni Association  
New Castle County Chapter**  
Join Us!

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

For Meeting Credentials Contact: [dsuaanewcastlecounty@gmail.com](mailto:dsuaanewcastlecounty@gmail.com)

The DSUAA, New Castle County Alumni Chapter is pleased to announce that we have 94 financial members and our monthly meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. every 4th Tuesday of the month.

**Upcoming Events:** The Chapter is in the planning stages and is looking forward to doing Community Service projects during the upcoming Holiday Season.

The Chapter held a successful meet and greet with the DSU Athletic Department and members of the New Castle County Alumni Chapter on September 28, 2021.

Chapter Members had the opportunity to support and volunteer at the Delaware State University Homecoming Gratitude Reception held on Thursday, October 21, 2021.

Justin Rodstrom, CFRE Director of Major Gifts presented information to the Chapter about endowment and planned giving during the October 26, 2021 Chapter meeting.

## Greater Washington Chapter



On October 9, the Greater Washington Chapter participated in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's, and was able to exceed their fundraising goal!

# Additional Past Events

**DSUAA Tailgate with Howard University's Alumni Association & the HBCU Tailgate Tour**



**DSUAA Vice President Wesley Ridgeway & Recording Secretary Antionette Blake participated in the HBCU Tailgate Tour alongside students, and also welcomed Howard University's Alumni Association of Delaware at Saturday's home football game. DSU won over Howard 30-23.**

## **New Testament Gospel Worldwide Ministries (NTG) Church Service in Atlanta, GA**



**DSUAA Recording Secretary Shannon Booker, DSUAA Past President Burrell, First Gentleman & Alumnus Norman Oliver, and several alumni pictured with Dr. Harry L. Williams who was the guest speaker for this Sunday's Service**



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DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY  
**President's  
SCHOLARSHIP BALL**

ON **TURSDAY**  
DEC **11** 2021

CHASE CENTER ON THE RIVERFRONT  
815 WASHINGTON ST. WILMINGTON, DE 19801

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
[DSU.EDU/PSB](http://DSU.EDU/PSB)

FEATURING MUSICAL GUEST  
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## President's Scholarship Ball

Tickets can be purchased here:

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# 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.



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# Local Chapters

Please get involved in a local chapter near you!

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