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It All Matters.

WELCOME DAYS

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August 23 – 27, 2023

Welcome to Hornet Country!

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WELCOME!

to Delaware State University

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Students, Parents, Families, and Friends,

Welcome to Delaware State University!

On behalf of “Hornet Nation”—your new University community at America’s most diverse, contemporary HBCU—please accept our warmest welcome!

Your growth as a student, leader, artist, athlete, and Hornet are your University’s top priority! Here is where you belong. Since 1891, Delaware State University has been preparing bright young people like you to step onto the path of learning, growing, and becoming . . . becoming the brightest, boldest, and best YOU.

At the start of your journey, we welcome you . . . to one big family! You’re about to enter a community of professors, researchers, scholars, and advisors—renowned experts in their fields—who want to know you, teach you, and help you to become the finest version of yourself both personally and professionally.

From fellow students to folks on staff, everyone here wants to help you find your way. Every day. The first steps on the path can be both exciting and scary, but if you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to ask.

For parents and families, know that you, too, have become valued members of our Hornet community and we are here to support you. We’ll communicate with you on a regular basis, so you know what’s happening on our campus, but we want you to know that you are welcome here anytime! Ours is a big embrace that reaches all around the world, but sometimes it’s good to feel the warmth of a hug and a reassuring smile from your student. Everything you do is for them, and that’s something we’ve got in common.

Together!

Tony Allen, Ph.D. | President

GREETINGS FROM THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS



Welcome to Delaware State University!

My name is Tony Tucker, and I am your Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to Delaware State University and the Hornet family.

The DSU Division of Student Affairs consists of three student-focused areas:

- **Wellness and Recreation** (Intramural Sports, Aquatics, and Personal Health)
- **Student Services** (Student Conduct, Student Employment, and Residential Education)
- **Student Experience** (Student Leadership & Development, Campus Events, and Spiritual Life)

My vision for Student Affairs allows us to build and maintain a student-centered division that always puts our students first! Always remember that the Student Affairs staff is committed to being available to support our student body individually and collectively. Using our four-pillar approach, “**Encourage, Empower, Enable, and Embrace,**” we have created a welcoming community where every Hornet can feel a sense of belonging, both academically and socially.

Delaware State University is an amazing institution with so much to offer. My staff and I look forward to welcoming you to campus and helping to make this an exciting year of learning, exploring, and achieving. Thank you for choosing Delaware State University, and once again, welcome to the Hornet family!

Mr. C. Tony Tucker | Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs



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Welcome, Class of 2027

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Breakfast

Conrad Café

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Move In Day

Campus Wide

- If you have received a Hornet Express FastPass, please report to your residence hall to receive keys and any room information.
- If you are not in possession of a Hornet Express FastPass, please report to the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center Parlors for assistance in satisfying your enrollment obligations (Student Accounts, Health Services, Admissions and more).
- Student IDs will be available at the front desk of your residence hall location.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Bookstore and Post Office

Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center 1st Floor

Stop by the University Bookstore and Post Office for services and products.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lunch

Conrad Café

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Parents Association

Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center 1st Floor

Join the Parents Association to receive application and university information.

4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Dinner

Conrad Café

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Residence Life Meetings ****MANDATORY****

Campus Wide

Residential Education will conduct meetings on building policy, procedures and other important information.

9 p.m. – 11 p.m.

“Game Room Mania!”

Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center Game Room

Sign-ups will be available for billiards, cards and ping pong.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Breakfast

Conrad Café

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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Student Affairs “Freshman Class BBQ” (Dinner)

Conrad Café

The Senior Associate Vice President of Student Affairs humbly invites the Freshman Class, family and friends to the Freshman Class BBQ. ID is required for students on the meal plan. Meal tickets can be purchased for \$9.10 per person.

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Residence Life Meetings ****MANDATORY****

Campus Wide

Residential Education will conduct meetings on building policy, procedures and other important information.

9 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Outdoor Movie on the Courts

Wellness and Recreation Basketball Courts

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Breakfast
Conrad Café

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hornet Street Fair
Memorial Hall Gymnasium
Prospective local vendors will set up tables for the distribution of information, brochures and novelty items. Local banks, hospitals, insurance companies and restaurants will be in attendance. Prizes, games and fun!

Office of Student Success	Information Technology
Public Safety	Title IX
Student Conduct	Bookstore
Athletics	Spiritual Life
Counseling Center	Career Center
Library Services	Student Health Services
Wellness and Recreation	Student Experience
Health Promotions	and So Much More!!!
HUD "Housing and Homeowner"	

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lunch
Conrad Café

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

HUD Session
Memorial Hall Gymnasium
HUD will offer several informational opportunities for our students. Information, snacks, giveaways and prizes will be given out during this time.

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

WELCOME AND **MANDATORY SESSIONS**
Memorial Hall Gymnasium
Welcome from our Administrators, VPs and Student Leaders

**ATTEND FOUR
MANDATORY
SESSIONS FOR
LOCK IN ARMBAND!**

All freshmen
must attend all four
mandatory sessions
to receive your "SGA
Lock In" armband.
**NO ARMBAND –
NO ENTRY!**

Session #1: "Code Red"

Hear how to keep yourself safe and in good standing by making the right choice in this session with DSU Police, Title IX & Conduct.

Session #2: "Thrive in the Hive!"

Learn about expectations along with valuable strategies and resources for academic success from the Office of Student Success.

Session #3: "Get Connected!"

Join the DSU Information Network. Let's get connected, freshmen! Prizes will be given out in this session with Information Technology, the DSU HUB and Ticketing.

Session #4: Get Hired!

Obtain tools for career readiness and success in this session with the Career Services Career-Readiness Initiative. Students will be separated by Colleges. Sweet treats and prizes included!

- College of Agriculture, Science and Technology and Wesley College of Health and Behavioral Sciences — Memorial Hall
- College of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences and College of Business — Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center Second Floor Parlors

4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Dinner
Conrad Café

7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

International "Splash of Culture" Fashion Show and Carnival
Wellness and Recreation Basketball Courts
Students will have the chance to learn about international customs, music and culture. Freshmen will be able to sign up for the fashion show.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** **Brunch** | Conrad Café
- 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.** **Freshman Class Picture** | Memorial Hall Gymnasium ****MANDATORY EVENT****
Please wear black and white business casual attire.
- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **Hornet Induction Ceremony** | Memorial Hall Gymnasium ****MANDATORY EVENT****
Take your final steps to becoming a member of the Hornet Nation's legacy of future leaders. Experience this cherished tradition and rite of passage!
- 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **The President's Reception** | Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center
- 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.** **Class of 2027 T-Shirt Pickup** | Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center 2nd Floor
Students can pick up their class T-shirt for the SGA Lock In. You must show and swipe your ID for the shirt. Wear your T-shirt to the Lock In!
- 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.** **Commuter Welcome and Tours** | Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center 1st Floor
It's your time, commuters! DSU will host a welcome for you in the MLK Student Center! We will offer tours of the campus and information about services.
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Freshman Class "Student Leaders" Interest Meeting** | Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center 2nd Floor Parlors
Are you the kind of student who looks for opportunities to lead? Do you believe in the awesome potential of the Class of 2027? Do you want to help your class make its mark on Delaware State University? If so, we are looking for the next President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding & Recording Secretaries and Mister & Miss of the Freshman Class!
— Hosted by the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement & The Dream Administration
- Community Service will be announced.**
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** **Dinner** | Conrad Café
- 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.** **SGA "Lock In"** | Memorial Hall Gymnasium
"Lock In" with your Student Government Association for the evening ... Pep Rally Style! Games, prizes, class picture, music and more!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** **Brunch** | Conrad Café
- 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** **The S.T.I.N.G. Service** | Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center 2nd Floor Parlors
Join the Department of Spiritual Life for a Sunday service for enlightenment and positivity! Plus, learn about the "Sting Service" offered on Sundays!
- 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **DSU Prayer** | DSU Flag Poles / Circle
Join the Department of Spiritual Life for a University prayer.
- 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.** **Squad Goals** | Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center 2nd Floor Parlors
Hear SGA/CAB straight talk with a panel of student leaders about life at DSU.
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** **Dinner** | Conrad Café
- 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.** **R&B Quad Vibes** | Wellness and Recreation Basketball Courts
Join us for R&B music on the yard.

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Rigorously leverage a proud HBCU legacy and commitment to excellence in every field of human endeavor to enhance the recruitment and preparation of talented professionals to contribute to a sustainable, global community.

VISION STATEMENT

Delaware State University strives to become America's most diverse, contemporary HBCU by expanding its capacity to provide a life-changing, high-quality, low-cost education to 10,000+ students; continuing our efforts to achieve R1 "very high research activity" status; and having a significant, measurable impact on the social, technological, and economic challenges that face our State, the nation, and the world.

CORE VALUES

Community, Integrity, Diversity, Scholarship, Outreach, Contemporary

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Hail Alma Mater! Thy children greet Thee
Greet Thee with loyalty, love, strength and truth
Here in Thine ancient halls, o'er Thy plains so verdant
Thou art our guide in the pathways of youth.
From the broad world without, come Thy sons and daughters
Bearing our laurels to lay at Thy shrine
E'er shall we heed Thy call. Ne'er shall we fail Thee
Loved Alma Mater, God bless Thee and Thine.
—*Pauline Williams LeCompte '26*
—Music by Alexis Lvov, 1833

UNIVERSITY FACTS

Mascot: The Hornet
University Colors: Columbia Blue and Red

PRESIDENT

Dr. Tony Allen

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