## July 1 is 20th Anniversary of Del State Achieving University Status

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July 1 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the renaming of Delaware State College to Delaware State University.

With then-DSU President William B. DeLauder and his wife Vermell, then-state Rep. Nancy Wagner and the late state Sen. Herman Holloway present then Government R. Carper signed the legislation into law that made the institution a full-fledged University on July 1, 1993.

The milestone took place in the institution?s 102th year of existence, a tremendous accomplishment primarily attributed to the presidencies of Dr. Jerome Holland (1953-1960), Dr. Luna I. Mishoe (1960-1987) and Dr. Williams B. DeLauder (1987-2003), who guided the institution from its challenging years of the early 1950s to becoming prominent state university.

Now in its 122<sup>nd</sup> year, DSU is now ranked 13<sup>th</sup> among Historically Black Colleges and Universities, according to the annual survey by *U.S. News and World Report*. Currently the University offers 52 bachelor?s degree programs, 25 master?s degree programs and five doctoral degree programs.

The University?s research portfolio continues to soar in the areas of optics, neuroscience, chemistry, natural resources programs (Lar) Then-state Rep. Nancy Wagner, the late state Neuroscience faculty have attracted more than 15 million way. Verine in the late and the

Twenty years ago, DSU?s enrollment had grown to 4,425.

DSU President William B. DeLauder flank then-Goy Was 30 T. By the fall 20 12, the student population DSU Thomas R. Carper as his signs the legislation on July 1, 1993 renaming the institution as Delaware

The institution was established in 189 State University lege for Colored Students; the state legislature changed its name to Delaware State College in 1947.

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