

DSU at 125

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WASHINGTON

April 25, 2016

I am pleased to join in celebrating your school's 125th anniversary.

America's schools serve as gateways to opportunity and engines for our Nation's progress. Inspiring students to be the best version of themselves and equipping them with the tools to thrive, our halls of learning can instill in our next generation the fundamental belief that with hard work nothing is beyond reach.

Since your school's founding, faculty and staff have prepared students to meet the challenges of their time. And by cultivating passion for learning, schools like yours help ensure the doors of opportunity continue to open wide for all who are willing to dream big.

I hope your community takes pride in the ways your school has touched lives. As you celebrate this special milestone, I wish you all the best for the years ahead.



Since its founding in

1891 as the State College for Colored Students, DSU has:

- **Grown from a dozen students in its first year to a diverse campus of 4,500-plus today.**
- Increased its offerings from five bachelor's degree options to a wide array of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.
- **Operated two secondary schools on campus – from the 1920s-1952, the second high school for black youths in Delaware, and today, the Early College High School.**
- Benefited from the leadership of 10 presidents, including Dr. Jerome Holland, who navigated the institution through instability in the 1950s with the promise of future prosperity, and it continues today with President Harry L. Williams.
- **Become an active member of the scientific, solution-seeking research community, with \$25 million in federal research grants since 2010 and the opening of the state-of-the-art Optical Science Center for Applied Research (OSCAR) Building last year.**
- Expanded its presence abroad with institutional partnerships in China, Ghana, South Korea, South Africa, Vietnam and more.
- **Earned recognition as the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities' 1890 University of the Year twice in recent years.**
- Focused on academics and innovation in achieving student success, most recently with the support of a \$1.2 million Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant.

President's Letter



This year, I hope you'll join me as we reflect upon our 1891 founding as the State College for Colored Students and our 125-year evolution into today's Delaware State University.

The official start date of the anniversary year is **May 15, 2016**.

We're planning a grand celebration with many opportunities throughout the year for the campus community to take part in marking this milestone. For more information on the events and activities, please regularly visit the 125th anniversary website: desu.edu/125 [3].

President Harry L. Williams

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Events

May 15, 2016 marks the 125th anniversary and we will incorporate a celebration into the following events and ceremonies.

Event/Ceremony	Date	Time	Location
Founders Day 2016—Then and Now	02/11/16	11-11:50 a.m.	Loockerman Hall [4]
Scholarship Sunday	03/13/16		State-wide
Earth Day/Arbor Day	4/22/16	All day	MLK Student Center [5]
May Commencement [6]	05/07/16	10-12 p.m.	Alumni Stadium [7]
New Student Orientations [8]	Summer-on-going	2-day events	MLKSC [5]; campus-wide
Prayer Breakfast [9]	09/16/16	7 – 9 a.m.	MLKSC all parlors [5]
Convocation	09/15/16	11-11:50 a.m.	EH Theater [10]
Homecoming [11]	10/15/16	All day	Campus-wide
President's Scholarship Ball	12/10/16	5-11 p.m.	Dover Downs Hotel and Casino
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December Commencement	12/17/16	10-12 p.m.	Memorial Hall Gymnasium [14]

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