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**Dear DelVal Community,**

Nearly one-third of our undergraduate students are student athletes. In this issue we celebrate Aggie success on the court, field, golf course and track, along with an update on our current athletic programs. We also highlight a few student athletes and their varied interests off the field.

The athletic programs at DelVal provide the opportunity for these students to play and improve in their chosen sport. Just as importantly, our athletics programs provide opportunities for these students to develop leadership and communication skills, and to work as a team as they are mentored by our talented coaching staff. These experiences are another example of the many ways our students grow through experiential learning at our institution.

For these students, athletics is a critical part of their overall experience at DelVal. For other students, their interests may be student government, participation in clubs and organizations, study abroad trips or A-Day. For all of our students, the hands-on learning opportunities that every student receives through our Experience360 program are an integral part of their experience here. You will find examples of this throughout this magazine, from the MANNRS students who organized and executed the Harvest Festival, to **Ashleigh Moss '24** who is one of DelVal's current Ag Ambassadors and president of A-Day. **Tim Weingartner '24** believes his experience crafting beer for a student project helped him attain the paid internship he had last summer at the Molson Coors headquarters in Milwaukee. He is exploring a career in research and development in the food and beverage industry.

As we shared in the last issue of Horizons, this type of experience elevates success for our DelVal graduates. Three of our five students who had paid internships at Terrain last summer are continuing their employment with Terrain, along with more than 20 students who are currently employed during the academic year. We share additional recent graduate success stories on pages 18–19.

As a member of the DelVal community, your support makes our student success possible. Without your generosity we could not adequately support athletic programs, student clubs or field trips, nor could we offer the quality hands-on learning in our science laboratories, media and field laboratories that deliver the unique learning opportunities that define a DelVal education. I ask that you consider a year-end contribution during our December Month of Giving campaign to help support success for our students. No matter the size of the donation, every single gift matters and makes a difference.

I hope to see many of you at one of our athletic events, lectures, musical performances and, of course, A-Day, this spring.

**Let's go Aggies!**

**Benjamin E. Rusiloski, Ph.D.**  
President

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DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY  
**ATHLETICS**



# Fear the Ram

How DelVal Football used tradition, hard work, a family-like approach, and the pillars of Delaware Valley University to go from worst to first and establish itself as one of the elite college football programs in the nation.

*By Chris Elliott '12, MBA '15, Manager of Copy and Content*

“Every time we go to work, go to practice, break down film, or play a game, we are doing it for one another, for those that came before us, and for everyone that takes pride in being a part of Delaware Valley University.”

*-Head Coach Duke Greco '03*

◀ (From left to right) Quarterback Louie Barrios IV (#4) '25, Linebacker Ahmad Jones (#2) '24, Cheerleader Ashlyn Crisafulli '24, Caesar the Mascot, Running Back Jack Fallon (#3) '26 and Defensive End Shaun Balkcom (#7) '25



## Homegrown Coaching Talent at DelVal

In the DelVal Athletics department, you'll find many shining examples of DelVal pride. Remarkably, nine of our head coaches or full-time assistant coaches are proud alumni of the University. At DelVal, the goal is always to prepare our students, including our athletes, for success and leadership. These coaches embody our University pillars, use their platforms to pay it forward and ensure the legacy of success continues.

- ▶ **Laura Hogan '90, Head Women's Basketball Coach**
- ▶ **Doug Linde '91, Head Men's Golf Coach**
- ▶ **Duke Greco '03, Head Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator**
- ▶ **Nick Brady '05, Assistant Head Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator**
- ▶ **Mike Isgro '11, Assistant Football Coach/Special Teams Coordinator**
- ▶ **Taylor Adams '11, M.S. '19, Assistant Equestrian Dressage Coach**
- ▶ **Gabby Reddell '16, Head Cheerleading Coach**
- ▶ **Stefania Swider '17, MBA '19, Head Field Hockey Coach**
- ▶ **Jamie Stefani '19, Head Softball Coach**



▶ *Jamie Stefani pitching during her All-American season in 2018. Stefani, as the head coach in 2023 sharing a special moment with one of her student-athletes on the field.*

## “The Turnaround” of 2003: DelVal Football Legacy Begins

Over the past 20 seasons, the Delaware Valley University football program has won 82 percent of their games, with an astounding record of 190 wins and 42 losses.

In that time, the Aggies have cemented themselves as one of the elite college football programs in the country with 12 Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Championship titles, 11 NCAA Playoff appearances, and five trips to the NCAA quarterfinal round. With every winning season, the momentum builds and the accomplishments grow. This season, the Aggies extended their win-streak against conference opponents to 53 with another undefeated conference slate. The last time DelVal lost to a MAC opponent was October 22, 2016. It is the longest such streak in the 70-year history of MAC football.

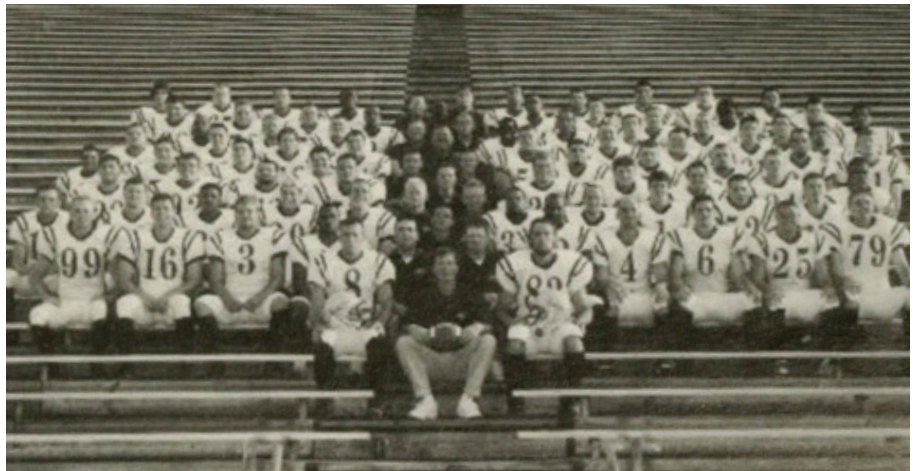
The records and the stats alone speak for themselves, but the story of where the program came from to

get to where they are now is equally impressive.

In the 20 years before “The Turnaround,” from 1983-2002, the team had a mere 66 wins to 131 losses and just two winning seasons, in 1983 and 1985. Even more astounding, to match the 190 wins the Aggies have in the last 20 seasons, you would have to add up all of the program’s victories from the previous 53 years, spanning 1950 to 2002.

Great leadership from both coaches and players, combined with a careful recruiting strategy and a family-like environment, have paved the way for the program’s success. Tradition, dedication, pride and well-played football are responsible for sustaining success.

▼ *2003 football team*





## Chrissy Lambert '22 Turned Adversity to Opportunity and Landed Her Dream Job

Lambert was a standout on the women's soccer team before her career was cut short by a series of unfortunate events. She used the adversity to reshape her identity from college athlete to young professional.

**Chrissy Lambert '22** was an all-conference honoree for the women's soccer team in 2019 and had aspirations of improving her game and leading her team to success through her four years at DelVal. Unfortunately, those plans took a turn when the COVID-19 pandemic cancelled her junior season and an ACL tear during an exhibition game derailed her senior campaign, essentially ending her career.

"It was really, really hard," described Lambert. "I knew that I had to have some form of a positive outlook, just find some light at the end of the tunnel; that I had to find some purpose in it all and not just let it be a waste of a trial."

That mindset helped her find a new way to lead her team. Together, they decided it would be best to have her around as much as

possible, so despite being sidelined, Lambert attended as many games and practices as she could – for her teammates, and for her own mental health. She also used it as a chance to grow.

"I used that experience as a talking point in my interview for my current job. I talked about how I found a new strength in my ability to adapt in the face of adversity and I found that I could be a leader in a way I didn't think I could."

A conservation and wildlife alumna, Lambert moved to Kalispell, Montana after graduation and is working as a non-lethal conflict prevention specialist for the USDA Wildlife Services.



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*-Chrissy Lambert '22*

## Building Toward Success On and Off the Field



▲ *Head Soccer Coach Shaquille Stephenson encouraging his team and sophomore defender Austin Voisine (#6) on the sideline during their match at Eastern on September 19th.*



While DelVal football has established itself as one of the elite programs in all of Division III, Delaware Valley University's other fall athletic teams are eyeing up similar success with fresh new coaches at the helm who have plans in place to help the department to a bright future.

The newest faces to the coaching staff, getting their first crack at the helm of a collegiate program, are Shaquille Stephenson, head men's soccer coach; Stefania Swider '17, MBA '19, head field hockey coach; and Gabby Reddell '16, head cheerleading coach. They joined second-year head coaches Rachel Menin, volleyball; Ben Wilson, women's soccer; and Tim Wilson, men's and women's cross country to round out the young and enthusiastic staff of fall coaches for the Aggies.

Each program brought in new talent during the recruiting process, to mix with the steady returners they inherited, that together helped pave the way toward a new era of DelVal Athletics. Some teams saw immediate results on the field, while other programs recognized the start of any successful rebuild begins with a strong foundation, and that foundation may take a year or two to settle before the finished product can flourish.

In the coming offseason, the goal for each team will be to maintain the healthy roster sizes they have established while continuing to bring in new talent that will elevate the team's level of competition against a stout pact of athletic schools that make up the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC). Another common goal for each head coach and their team is to increase alumni engagement to bolster fundraising efforts while showing appreciation for those that came before and paved the way for today's generation of student athletes. That begins with hosting alumni events on campus, inviting alumni to games, engaging on social media and sharing the latest news from the team with their biggest supporters.

"I really like where each program is right now and I truly believe that we have great people in place to help elevate every one of our programs to sustained success," Delaware Valley's director of Athletics Dave Duda said. "Success for every team looks different and not every program is at the same stage in its growth, but the process and the overall goals look





◀ *Field Hockey gets fired up before its home opener against Widener on September 1st*

the same; and when you can share common goals and realize that we are all working toward the same success, that makes it all the more enjoyable because coaches root for each other and different teams support one another.”

One program that competes in the fall, but is primarily regarded as a spring sport, is off to a fast start in 2023. Doug Linde, a 1991 graduate of DelVal and former basketball and golf student athlete, is in his 27th season as the head men’s golf coach and saw his team take first place overall in its most recent tournament outing to close the fall season. The Aggies competed at the

Turtle Creek Invitational hosted by Arcadia University, and outlasted 13 other teams to take home their first invitational trophy since 2004. The squad combined to shoot 17-over par (305) at the course that plays to a par 72 at 6,683 yards. The Aggies had the most top-10 finishers at the event, with four student athletes reaching the feat. First-year John Brennan led DelVal with a 3-over par 75 that included 13 pars and a birdie to earn a tied-4th finish. Senior Robby Meredith fired a 76 (+4) to finish tied-7th while first-year Adam Profrock and senior Ethan Saxe each carded a 5-over par 76 to finish tied-10th. Junior Mark Gates rounded out the group with a nine-over par 81 to help

secure the win. The men’s golf team will look to carry the success through the spring season and ultimately into the MAC Freedom Championships that take place April 27-28.

As football puts a bow on its sixth-straight conference championship title and the fall seasons come to an end, DelVal Athletics and its fans eagerly await the winter season with anticipation of success for the wrestling, basketball and indoor track and field programs.

## Hall of Fame Induction

On Friday, September 22, the Delaware Valley University Athletics Department celebrated the induction of four distinguished alumni into its Hall of Fame. The class of 2023 included Darren Bethke '93 (football), Michelle (Cernobyl) Schwendeman '09 (field hockey), Matt Cook '11 (football) and Meghan Donovan '12 (indoor and outdoor track & field).

These outstanding student athletes set numerous school records, led as team captains and continue to give back to the community post-graduation. They achieved All-America, All-Region, and All-Conference honors, serving as role models for future Aggies.

The evening also honored Frank Wolfgang, a legendary figure in athletics who served the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) for 50 years, 45 of which were dedicated to DelVal as the director of athletics and head baseball coach. His induction into the MAC Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2023 celebrated his enduring contributions to both the University and the MAC.



▲ (L-R) Michelle (Cernobyl) Schwendeman '09, Frank Wolfgang, Matt Cook '11, and Darren Bethke '93, pose for a picture after the 2023 DelVal Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Not pictured is 2023 Hall of Famer Meghan Donovan '12 who could not make the trip back to campus from her home in Ireland, but plans to visit soon to accept her plaque.

# AGGIES OFF THE FIELD

Did you know 1 in 3 DelVal students is a student athlete? Here are some highlights of what our Aggies are doing OFF the field.

## Olivia Rexrode '26 Shines as a Dual Sport Athlete and the National Anthem Singer

Olivia Rexrode '26 is a sophomore student athlete and a main contributor on the field hockey and softball teams. A small animal science major, Rexrode came to DelVal with a background in singing and performing. She found a way to show off all of her skill sets when she got to the University and offered to perform the national anthem. You can now see and hear Rexrode sing (in uniform!) before every home field hockey and softball game and can even catch her at select football and basketball games.

## Graduate Students Take Advantage of DelVal's Graduate Physician Assistant Program

Kaylee Horton '23 earned her bachelor's degree in biological sciences while playing for the women's soccer team at Division I Drexel University. With a year of athletic eligibility remaining, Horton enrolled in DelVal's graduate physician assistant program and joined the Aggie women's soccer team to finish her athletic career. She started in 17 of 18 games and finished tied-third on the team with 18 points.

## Student Athlete Advisory Committee Gives Back to Local Elementary School

Every semester, members of the **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)** coordinate a visit with Barclay Elementary School to bring some fun and energy to the classroom. The boys and girls of Barclay enjoy hearing books read by DelVal student athletes and have fun playing outside at recess. It is extra special when Caesar the Ram, the Aggies mascot, shows up to join in on the fun.



- ▶ *Olivia Rexrode '26 performing the national anthem before taking the field with her teammates during a home game against Widener.*
- ▶ *Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) during their visit at Barclay Elementary School.*





◀ *Marley Bramsway '25 in action, shooting photos at the Bild Festival in NYC as part of a hands-on learning experience for DelVal media and communication students. Inset: A photo shot by Bramsway during the Bild Festival, a new and very special event that celebrates the creation of image, video and audio.*

## DelVal Men's Golf Finds Success Playing on the Courses They Work on

A unique aspect of the **DelVal men's golf team** is that a majority of the roster is also turf management majors. Many of the student athletes, like **Robby Meredith '24**, aspire to one day work at some of the finest courses in the country – like many alumni who have come through the program before them. Meredith, a senior on the team, has a competitive and comprehensive resume thanks to the opportunities created by DelVal's turf management program led by head men's golf coach and turf professor Doug Linde. Meredith has worked on the maintenance crews at Lookaway Golf Club, Pikewood National, & Pine Valley. Last summer he interned for a golf course builder, McDonald and Sons, where he spent time on three different projects.

## Marley Bramsway '25 and Lexan Coleman '25 Explore Passion for Photography and Media in the Big Apple

Delaware Valley University's media and communication students went to New York City to take part in the annual B&H Depth of Field Photo conference, an educational and

practical experience that afforded our students the chance to try out new gear, hone their skills and produce professional work. As part of the kickoff to Fashion Week, students had the opportunity to shoot alongside professional photographers from across the globe, capturing beautiful images of Fashion Week models. **Marley Bramsway '25**, a standout on the women's soccer team, and **Lexan Coleman '25**, a member of the football team, shared their experience and some of their best shots in a blog piece they collaborated on for DelVal's full360 blog. Read the blog at [full360delval.blog](http://full360delval.blog).

## Kyra McKeegan '24 Shows Off Skills in the Kitchen and on the Field

**Kyra McKeegan '24** is a food science major and had the opportunity to work hands-on with industry-renowned chef Michael Solomonov during a filming for an episode of *The Chef's Kitchen: College Campus Cooking*, which was shot right on campus in DelVal's food science kitchen. The show aired on NBC10 and several other networks, reaching over 78 million households. "I had a great experience here working side by side with Chef Solomonov, learning great tips and techniques, and I'd love to do it again," said McKeegan. On

the field last season, McKeegan set single-game records with 10 assists and 12 points to lead the women's lacrosse team to a win over Lancaster Bible College.



▲ *Kyra McKeegan '24 on the set of *The Chef's Kitchen: College Campus Cooking**

## DelVal Community Offers Warm Welcome For Danish Exchange Students

Every fall for the past nine years, Delaware Valley University has welcomed students from the Tradium School of Business in Randers, Denmark to study with our students and experience culture in America as part of a thriving exchange student program.

The program continued this past September, with 13 Danish students visiting and staying with DelVal students, faculty, and staff members for 15 days.

Before arriving at our vibrant campus, the Danish students spend a few days in New York City immersing themselves in the fast-paced American culture and visiting iconic sites like the 9/11 memorials, Times Square, Rockefeller Center and more.

From there, they are welcomed to the University and meet their host families. The host families are volunteers from the DelVal community that include faculty, staff, and even students. This year, commuter students **Ben Ghilon '25** and **Caitlin Rivera '26**, who traveled to Denmark with DelVal in the spring of 2023 as part of the exchange program, hosted Danish students at their homes.

For Ghilon, this year's visit served as a reunion of long-distance friends. When he studied in Denmark, he stayed with Phillip Snerle Kronborg and his family in Randers. He and Kronborg sparked an immediate friendship and kept in touch after he left and returned home. The two friends were reunited this year when Kronborg came over with the Tradium students and Ghilon returned the favor by hosting Kronborg at his family's home in Hellertown.

"Having Phillip at our home was a great experience for my family and me," said Ghilon. "He and I hit it off the day we met and now I consider him one of my very good friends. It is hard that we are so far away from each other, but it makes reuniting that much more fun."

One of the greatest takeaways for the exchange students is the time spent with host families and the lasting relationships formed. Memories are created while preparing meals at





▲ *Ben Ghilon '25 with his good friend Phillip Snerle Kronborg, a student at the Tradium School in Randers, Denmark*

home with the family, sharing stories that shed light on cultural traditions and their differences, and spending time doing different activities. This year, host families coordinated a bonfire that all the students enjoyed together. The hosts provided s'mores, a treat unfamiliar to the Danish, while the Danish students taught their hosts about Snobrød. Snobrød, or twist bread, is a Danish tradition of baking bread on sticks, over a fire – like how we roast marshmallows. A group of students and hosts even visited Dorney Park for its Halloween Haunt and enjoyed a spooky, thrilling time riding roller coasters.

While on campus, the Danish students join DelVal students and professors in classes like operations management, economics, stock market simulations, sports management and leadership and more. For many of the students, this is their first experience in the United States, and they aim to take in as much as they can. Through the program, they are afforded the opportunity to visit historical landmarks in Philadelphia, spend time in Amish Country, visit the Martin Guitar Factory, and even check out a Phillies game and a DelVal football game.

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*-Ben Ghilon '25*

Exchange programs like this one are made possible thanks to the hard work and coordination from members of the DelVal business department, including Sarah Masucci, Larry Stelmach, Dr. Tanya Casas and Dr. Craig Stutman, and the teachers at Tradium. The host families play important roles, as do supporters of the program, who donate time and money to boost resources that help keep the program going.

**To learn how you can support programs like this and all of DelVal's offerings, visit [delval.edu/give](http://delval.edu/give)**



## **Did you know Dr. Ben studied in Denmark for 11 months as a senior in high school?**

As an 18-year-old high school senior, Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski traveled alone to Denmark for an 11-month study abroad experience. His key takeaways from this adventure were the global perspective he acquired and the invaluable relationship he established with his host family that would last a lifetime. This transformative trip broadened his view of American and world issues, enabling him to approach learning and critical thinking from a new, global context. Dr. Ben hopes that current students in our exchange programs come away with similarly enriching experiences. He underscores the significance of full buy-in from student and host families, highlighting the need to fully immerse oneself in the culture by learning the language, savoring local cuisine, getting out and making new friends and actively participating in different activities. This formative experience continues to influence his vision for Delaware Valley University, emphasizing the importance of global engagement and understanding.



## Reaching Above and Beyond: Opportunities with DeVal's Honors Program

The Honors Program at Delaware Valley University has grown to include 125 undergraduate students!

*By Dr. Allison Buskirk-Cohen, Ph.D., Director, Honors Program*

“The (honors) program has facilitated new friendships with other students and professional relationships with the faculty involved. I'm ‘honored’ to be a member of the society and encourage any prospective students that are inducted to pursue it.”

*-Parker Kilkenny '24, Biology*

Students in the program complete Honors academic credits through colloquium classes that range in topics, such as Advanced Vertebrate Reproductive Morphology, History of Rock n Roll, and Ecobotany. They also complete an independent project that allows them to explore their own unique academic, vocational or personal interests in a meaningful way. For example, Parker Kilkenny '24 led a presentation on hydroponics during the A-Day festival. She shared her expertise with the community, gaining experience in public speaking and education.

Outside the classroom, students participate in Honors Program activities throughout the year, intending to build community and educate students in a holistic manner. This fall, activities included a presentation on transforming the commercial fishing industry, a guided forest therapy walk focused on meditation, and learning about a family's escape from Nazi Germany during the Holocaust. Through innovative programming, the Honors Program enhances the education of motivated and talented learners from diverse academic areas.



▼ *Brad Bittner '90*



## Ag Ambassadors Then and Now

The Ag Ambassador Program at DelVal was established in 1988 and has played a significant role in the development of leaders in agriculture at the University for the last 35 years.

Students from the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences are chosen as Ag Ambassadors based on academic performance, leadership qualities, and their knowledge and experience in agriculture. They represent DelVal at campus and public events, meet with industry leaders, public officials and high school students, and participate in state-sponsored events.

Linda Dolby was the first advisor and is credited with starting the program that was modeled after Penn State University's Ag Ambassador program. She recruited a sophomore horticulture major, **Brad Bittner '90**, to be the first representative for DelVal. Bittner remembers attending the Pennsylvania Farm Show, doing radio interviews to promote the University and giving tours to prospective students. He credits this program for giving him a sense of confidence and experience in communication.

"It was the best four years of my life, going to DelVal," said Bittner. "I was so proud of where I went to school that the Ag Ambassador was the perfect position for me because of my enthusiasm for the College and all the different majors. My intentionality to get to know people in programs that weren't necessarily my major is

something I enjoyed as well."

The program is still thriving today under the direction of Dr. Broc Sandelin, dean of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, and with **Ashleigh Moss '24** carrying the torch in her second year as the Ag Ambassador. An animal science major with a specialization in livestock science and management, Ashleigh is one of four Ag Ambassadors who represent DelVal in the same fashion that Bittner did over 30 years ago. Claire Cohick '24, Rianne Green '26, and Justin Rosenberger '24 join Moss as the current representatives.

DelVal now has a booth at the Pennsylvania Farm Show that Moss and her peers decorate where they host activities to provide an interactive and engaging experience for children and families.

"I am most looking forward to the week of Farm Show because I am able to talk to the public about our school and meet alumni and see where their degrees have taken them," Moss explained with enthusiasm.

A native of Kutztown, Pa. and a Kutztown Area High School graduate, Moss has been working in agriculture for a long time, making her a perfect fit for the role.

"I was so proud of where I went to school that the Ag Ambassador was the perfect position for me because my enthusiasm for the College and all the different majors."

-*Brad Bittner '90*

"I started working in the agriculture industry in eighth grade, so I was not raised on a farm, but I got involved at a young age. On campus, I am the president of Block and Bridle, a RAMbassador and president of A-Day, which I feel has helped me to get comfortable talking all about the agriculture programs at DelVal," she continued. "My favorite parts of being in the Ag Ambassador program are working with other students in the program, working with Dean Sandelin, and talking to the public."



▲ *Ashleigh Moss '24 at the 2023 PA Farm Show*

## Dream Internship at Molson Coors Exceeded Expectations for Tim Weingartner '24

Weingartner spent a summer at Molson Coors' pilot brewery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and walked away with clarity and confidence ahead of his senior year at DelVal.



▲ *Host Tina Marie Lavan, Tim Weingartner '24 and Chef Lee Chizmar on the set of The Chef's Kitchen: College Campus Cooking*

**Tim Weingartner '24**, a food technology major at DelVal, spent last summer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin working in the pilot brewery at Molson Coors headquarters. He saw the job posting on LinkedIn and immediately applied, knowing that this was an opportunity he could not pass up. Weingartner was one of about 30 interns selected for the program in Milwaukee.

Weingartner, who was featured on an episode of *The Chef's Kitchen: College Campus Cooking*, spent a year in culinary school before transferring to DelVal. His decision to transfer stemmed from a desire to explore the science and research and development side of the food and beverage industry and the generous transfer package he received.

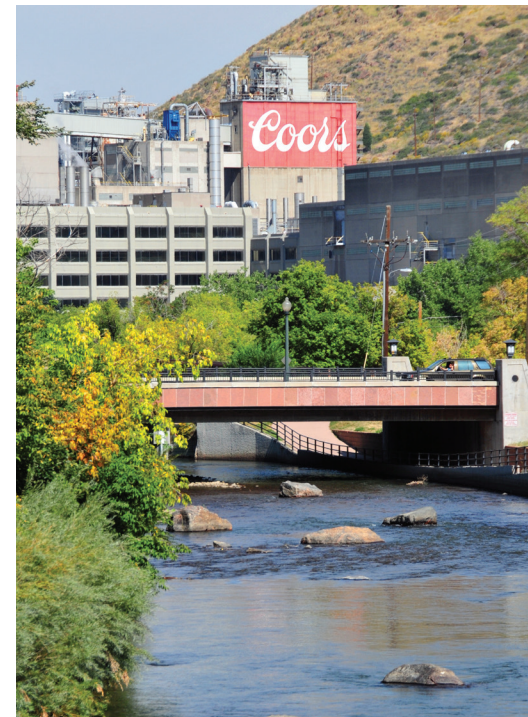
The pilot brewery is where Molson Coors carries out R&D for new products. In his role as a beverage research and development intern, Weingartner worked with various beverage lines, from seltzers and non-alcoholic beers to some of the more popular products like Blue Moon. He also participated in sensory testing, a process in which the brewery invites industry professionals to sample and evaluate new products in preparation for production.

One aspect he cherished most about the job was the people he encountered. "I've never met so many different people passionate about the same thing working together," Weingartner expressed. "There were a lot of people that were chefs who switched [industries], so to see things full circle and to see professionals with a similar career path as me was very cool."

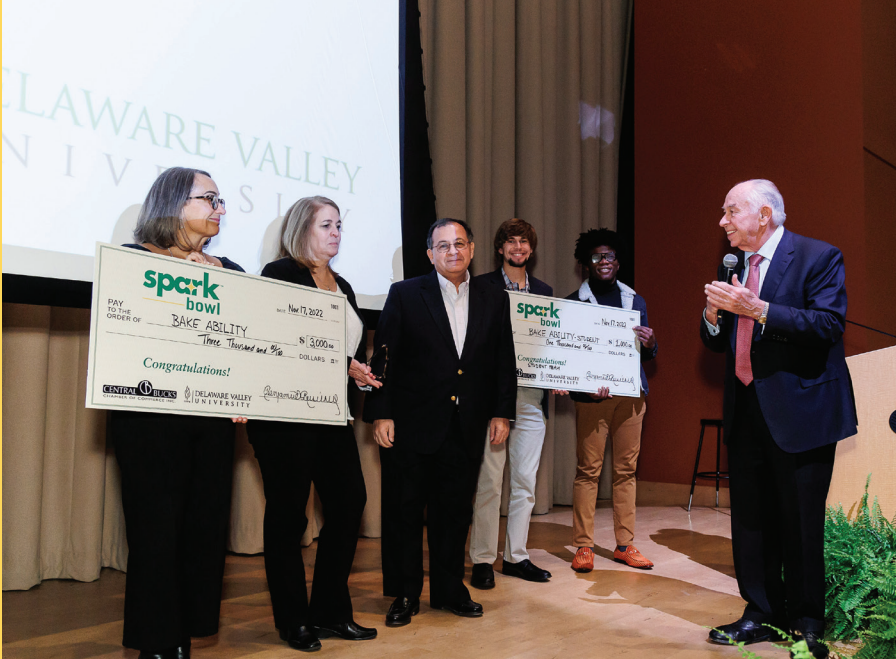
Before he knew he would venture into the beer industry, Weingartner had an opportunity to work hands-on with the product as part of his curriculum at DelVal. During one of his courses, students crafted their own beer, and Weingartner drew from this experience, along with his chemistry coursework, in his interviews with Molson Coors, which he believes played a pivotal role in securing the internship. While at DelVal, he also completed internships

at Bakerly, a food manufacturing supply company in Easton, Pa and with Schreiber Foods, a consumer brand leader in cream cheese, natural cheese, processed cheese, beverages and yogurt.

With a well-rounded resume and a wealth of hands-on experience, Weingartner is confident that his credentials and knowledge will pave the way for a job he's passionate about upon his graduation in May 2024.







◀ *Spark Bowl 2022: Paula Fasciano, Owner of Bake Ability Bakery, Denise Campbell, Store Manager, Dom Boffa, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Center Advisor, Ryan Wiggins '23, Joseph Musa '23, MBA '25*

## Spark Bowl Inspires Student Entrepreneurs

This year's Spark Bowl competition, hosted by the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, Startup Bucks, and Delaware Valley University, features five small businesses from various industries.

The competition, held in the Life Sciences Building auditorium, gives each finalist team 15 minutes to pitch their idea to a panel of judges. In a “Shark Tank”-like style, the judges then ask the finalists questions and debrief. The judges then place the businesses as first, second or third.

As part of DelVal's experiential learning program, DelVal students work with the businesses to prepare for the competition under the guidance of DelVal faculty and advisors of our Small Business and Entrepreneurship Center.

The five finalist teams this year represent the following industries: food, management software and applications, indoor farming and baby products.

Last year, a total of \$21,000 was awarded to businesses, and student teams received a total of \$6,000.

**Joseph Musa '23, MBA'25** is working with Samantha Myers, CEO and founder of 365DayDreams, LLC. Samantha's finalist team, Bye Bye Cry, is introducing the first ever portable sound machine that has been designed to soothe colicky

and fussy babies. Musa notes that his participation in Spark Bowl is a distinctive and instructive journey, leaving an enduring imprint on his understanding of the intricacies within a startup enterprise. “This experience has proven to be an invaluable resource that continues to shape my approach to professional endeavors,” explained Musa. He has been a student consultant for the past three Spark Bowl competitions. Last year, Musa collaborated with Bake Ability Bakery. This partnership provided him with an enlightening firsthand experience of the multifaceted demands and realities of entrepreneurship, and allowed him to gain a comprehensive grasp of the costs involved in launching and maintaining a business, as well as the strategies required for enduring success.

**Evan Royer '25**, a business administration major and horticulture minor, has paired with Jerah Siegal, founder of BioDome. BioDome places indoor farming units (BioDomes) on top of apartment buildings in cities, and offers a CSA service to the tenants who live there.

The BioDomes use solar energy, rainwater collection and filtration, and aeroponics, and are fully computer automated in the growing process. For Royer, BioDome combines his two biggest passions, gardening and greenhouse work. The student team for BioDome includes Evan and **Christopher Adschiew '25**. “Chris and I have helped Jerah form a 5-minute pitch based off a rubric we have which the judges will be using,” said Royer. He notes that Jerah gave great insight on what it means to start up a business. Having worked in his own family business, Royer had prior knowledge of business operations. “Hearing Jerah's perspective about how he started his business and the challenges he has faced was very insightful for me,” explained Royer.

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**This year's competing businesses are BioDome, 365DayDreams LLC, HousMthr Inc., Living Smart Granola LLC, and Spabilyty Inc. Our winners are not listed in this issue due to deadline. Please visit [delval.edu/spark](http://delval.edu/spark) to see our 2023 winners.**

# experienceDELVAL

## Experience Elevates Success

Our alumni are successful in the real-world because they're DelVal grown. Through mentorship and guidance, our students graduate ready to pursue their dreams.

### A Passion for the Field of Large Animal Science Meets a Passion for the Military Community

Alexandria Walden '22, dairy science

Walden is a large animal veterinary nurse at the University of Tennessee Center of Veterinary Medicine. In her role, she uses her experience and knowledge to assess and treat large animals, which mostly includes bovine, camelids, equine, and porcine. Walden hopes to use this experience as a stepping stone to launch her dream career as a business owner, operating her own farm that gives back to the military community, specifically veterans, and Gold Star Families.

### New Opportunities Bring Real-World Experiences for a DelVal Student at Terrain on Campus

Joseph Musa '23, business administration, '25 MBA

After his customer service internship at Terrain on campus, Musa was offered a full-time position. He is also an MBA student in DelVal's 4+1 program, gaining his master's degree in just one more year. Musa has also been an active student consultant for local businesses as part of DelVal's Spark Bowl competition for the past three years.

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▲ Alexandria Walden '22



▲ Joseph Musa '23, MBA '25

▼ Jasmine Coates '22



▼ Jarrett Kramer '19, Kevin Johnson '20 and Wyatt Yabsura '22



## Alumna Starts Her Own Equine Massage Therapy Business, Mane Kneads, LLC

**Jasmine Coates '22, conservation and wildlife management, equine massage certificate**

Coates launched her own business in equine massage therapy after receiving her bachelor's in wildlife conservation and management and a certificate in equine massage therapy. Mane Kneads, LLC is based in Hartford County, Maryland. Her goal is to help make horses healthier and more comfortable in their everyday lives and to educate horse owners on new concepts in horse care.

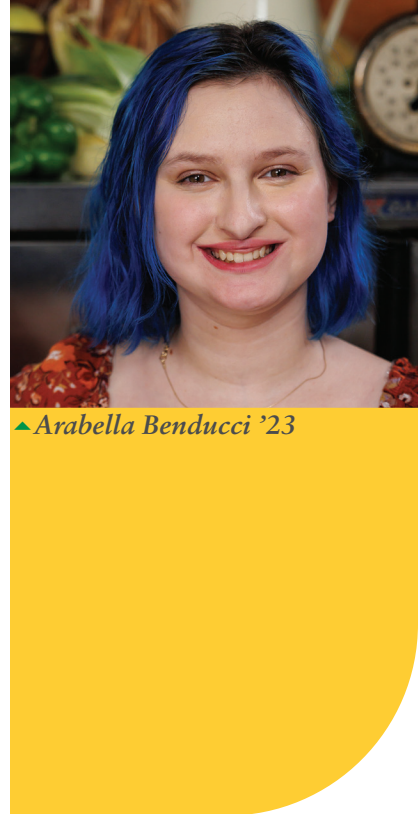
## Food Science Alumna Pursues Dreams of Becoming a Flavor Chemist

**Arabella Benducci '23, food science**

Benducci is a research and development tech at the the Flavor Development Corporation in Closter, NJ. As an R&D Tech, she works on flavor revisions, new flavors, and compound flavors. In addition, she validates quality control, fills sample requests, works hand in hand with production, and conducts certificate analysis. Currently, Benducci is training to be a flavor chemist.

## Turf Management Graduates Take Positions at Congressional Country Club in Washington, D.C.

Congressional Country Club is widely recognized as one of the top golf courses in the country and regularly hosts some of the biggest professional golf tournaments in the world. **Jarrett Kramer '19** became the first alumnus to work at Congressional and was soon followed by **Kevin Johnson '20** and **Wyatt Yabsura '22**. Pete Wendt, director of grounds at Congressional and a friend of the DelVal Turf Management program, has consistently mentored alumni of the University and has a history preparing his staff for a career as golf course superintendents.



▲ Arabella Benducci '23

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## DelVal Brings Farm to Table at Terrain

The Farm Stand, located at Terrain on DelVal's campus, provides the community with fresh produce each Saturday during the growing season.

A variety of produce is provided from weekend to weekend from early summer to mid-fall. Produce made available last season included peaches, pears, apples, radishes, cabbage, sweet corn, squash, peppers, cucumbers, heirloom tomatoes, eggplant, eggs, honey and more. Meats included pork belly, pork chops, kielbasa, pork sausage links, ribeye, ground beef, chip steak, beef short ribs and beef patties. The stand's produce is sourced from main campus, the Roth Center for Sustainable Agriculture, the Freight Farm and our greenhouses.

**Travis Henshaw '20**, hydroponics manager at DelVal and alumnus of the sustainable agriculture program, runs the farm stand each weekend. Terrain invited the community to participate in fall festivities, including the Autumn Bounty Festival, which was hosted on September 30. The festival included live music, live demos, local artisan makers, hayrides run by DelVal students that toured South Campus, and more fall fun. Terrain also held pick-your-own peaches at our peach orchards on campus, and pick-your-own apples at our fields.

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### Intern Update

Three out of five of our summer interns were hired for positions with Terrain.

**Jennifer Salvatore '23**, a business administration alumna, is working in events part time. **Annie Clemmer '23** and **Joseph Musa, '23, MBA '25**, also business administration alumni, were hired part time in retail following their internship.

### Student Employment

In addition to the interns, more than 20 DelVal students are currently working part time at Terrain during the academic year. Employment opportunities also exist during the summer.





## DeVal Hosts Pennsylvania State of the State

Delaware Valley University hosted the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce program, "The State of the State", on Friday, September 15 in the Life Sciences Building. The event included an informative discussion with PA State Legislators and the business community. The participants covered a range of issues, including a push to make Bucks County a biotech hub, the need for more support of Bucks County tourism due to its economic impact on our communities, childcare accessibility and reform, and the importance of maintaining civil discourse amidst opposing views on a variety of issues.

### FEATURED GUESTS INCLUDED:

- ▶ Secretary Rick Siger, Pa. Department of Community & Economic Development
- ▶ Frank Farry, Senator, District 6
- ▶ Steve Santarsiero, Senator, District 10
- ▶ Tim Brennan, State Representative, District 29
- ▶ Shelby Labs, State Representative, District 143
- ▶ Brian Munroe, State Representative, District 144
- ▶ Perry Warren, State Representative, District 31

## “Hope and Help”

Event spotlights available resources and highlights need for equity in how mental health services are funded

*By Marion Callahan, Assistant Professor, Media and Communication*

Delaware Valley University’s media and communication and psychology programs teamed up to host a regional event on October 5 to unite local, state and federal experts together in one place to share resources and words of hope for those wanting to learn more about mental health services.

Doctors, peer specialists, crisis-response police officials and state policy directors offered words of advice and hope to more than 150

people in attendance. U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, John Fetterman, also appeared via video recording. The event, titled “Our Mental Health Crisis: A Path to Hope and Help”, educated community members on both medical and peer services available to help save lives both during and after crisis. It addressed both the shortage of mental health professionals and the need for laws to change to create more equity in available care.





## DeVal MANRRS Hosts Annual Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival, hosted by DeVal's chapter of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), was held on October 11. Students, faculty and staff gathered on the quad to enjoy food, game, music, hayrides to South Campus and student club tables.



## Watson Executive in Residence

This semester's speaker for the Watson Executive In Residence program (WEIR) was Dr. Randal Pinkett, co-founder, chairman and CEO of BCT Partners, who discussed "The Three Essential Mindsets to Compete in the 21st Century." Dr. Pinkett is an established entrepreneur, innovator, speaker, author and media personality. He is an expert in several areas relating to emerging technologies, "big data" analytics, social innovation, culture, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), and is a regular contributor on MSNBC, CNN and Fox Business News.

The program brings an executive to the University for a presentation about his or her career and to talk with students about how they got to where they are today. This program is sponsored by Dr. Thomas Watson '57 and every semester a business student is chosen to receive a scholarship. More than \$120,000 in scholarships have been provided through Dr. Watson's program. This semester's scholarship recipient is Brianna Wood, an MBA student in the 4+1 program. The 4+1 program puts undergraduate students on track to earn their graduate degree with just one additional year of classes.



Read more about Dr. Randal Pinkett  
[randalpinkett.com](http://randalpinkett.com)



## Homecoming 2023

A weekend full of exciting events and DelVal traditions took place October 20-22 as alumni gathered to reconnect and current Aggies created new memories. A large and passionate crowd of students, alumni, friends and fans cheered the football team to a thrilling 21-17 victory over Lebanon Valley College on Saturday afternoon. The Aggies scored the game-winning touchdown with 14 seconds left in the fourth quarter to complete the comeback victory!





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# Alumni Homecoming Events



Homecoming started with breakfast with Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski in the President's House on Friday, October 20. Following the breakfast, tours of south and main campus were delivered by **Victor Chapa '24**, current RAMbassador, and **Wyatt Hoffman '22**, crop science alumnus and former RAMbassador. In the evening, we hosted our inaugural Alumni and Friends Happy Hour at Terrain, a new addition to our annual Homecoming festivities. Guests enjoyed mingling, exploring the beautiful new event space, Terrain Gardens at DelVal. In addition to seasonal wines and beers, an inspired menu of hors d'oeuvres, some prepared using DelVal fresh produce grown on campus, was served.

Happy Hour was followed by our evening celebration of the Alumni Achievement Awards. The awards are designed to recognize outstanding alumni who have devoted time, energy, and resources to the betterment of the University and alumni at large. Awards were presented for excellence in all areas of study. Recipients of the Alumni Association Scholarship awards for the 2023-2024 academic year were also recognized at this event.

*Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2024-2025 Alumni Achievement Awards. For a complete listing of this year's award winners or to nominate deserving Aggie alumni, please go to [delval.edu/alumawards](http://delval.edu/alumawards).*



▲ Delaware Valley University Alumni Association Achievement Award in Plant Science winner **Jeff Fowler '86 (C)** is surrounded by his family at this year's award celebration.



▲ **Bill Long '94**, Alumni Council Vice President (L) and **Ben Rakus '96**, Alumni Council President (R) with 2023 Alumni Association Scholarship winners **Anthony Zaccagni '25**, **Isabella Stine '25**, **Sienna Draus '27**.



▲ The Class of 1973 reunited at Terrain on campus to celebrate their 50th reunion.



▲ South Campus tours were led by current RAMbassador, Victor Chapa '24 and Wyatt Hoffman '22, crop science alumnus and former RAMbassador.



▲ Morning tours, given by Wyatt Hoffman '22, featured main campus buildings and offered alumni the chance to see what is new on campus.



▲ Members of the Class of 1963 had the chance to gather for dinner and conversation after Saturday's Homecoming game. Back Row: George Perry, Dr. Jim Diamond ('61), Harold Nightwine, and Terry Scheetz. Front Row: Dr. Pete Hoffman and Bob Sabol.



▲ Delaware Valley University President's Distinguished Alumni Award winner Steve Alger '77 with Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski



## 1896 Society Dinner

President Rusiloski welcomed leadership donors to the 1896 Society Dinner on Thursday, October 19. Over 200 people enjoyed the food and atmosphere at Terrain Gardens at DelVal.



▲ Justin Kaufman '24 chats with Joanne '86 and Dan '74 DaCunha



▲ Susan Gillespie and Tim Gillespie, representing event sponsor The Haverford Trust Company, with Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski





▲ *Celina Burgueño '16 (C), winner of The Patricia C. Hilton '76 Volunteer Service Award, with Pat Hilton '76 (L) and Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski (R)*



▲ *Caleb Messenger '26 shares his DelVal story with attendees*



▲ *Steve '77 and Susan Alger with Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski*



▲ *Director of Major Gifts Ann Mossing, Amy Tait and Susan Holliday*

## Leadership Gift Funds Library Renovations

DelVal recently received a \$1.2M gift from The Daniel Tanner Foundation to renovate the lobby and wings of the Krauskopf Library. Former Trustee Dr. Daniel Tanner '46 was deeply committed to education, authoring fifteen books on the subject and serving on the faculties of Purdue, Northwestern, and Rutgers universities. This generous gift will upgrade the furniture, technology, lighting and HVAC in the Library, allowing it to be a focal point of teaching, learning, and gathering for the campus and external communities. It is anticipated that renovations will be completed in late 2024, in conjunction with the Library's 100th Anniversary. Dr. Tanner passed away on September 23, and was honored posthumously with The Philanthropist of the Year Award at the 1896 Society Dinner.



▲ *Tatyana Podstrelova, president of The Daniel Tanner Foundation, accepts The Philanthropist of the Year Award on behalf of the late Dr. Daniel Tanner '46 from Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski*

## Mountaire Farms, Inc. Funds Cornerstone Gift for New Poultry Science Center

The new Poultry Science Center will provide hands-on learning through DelVal's award-winning experiential learning program, Experience360.



- ▶ *Phillip Pylar, president of Mountaire Farms, Inc. and Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski*
- ▼ *Poultry Science Center rendering by abSketches (absketches.com)*

The new state-of-the-art facility, located on main campus, will provide the opportunity for hands-on education in all stages of poultry production, as well as, providing space for industry driven research projects and potential testing of new poultry products and equipment coming to the market. The purpose of the new Center is to support the poultry industry by developing a diverse and highly trained workforce with the skills and knowledge needed to move the industry forward in the 21st century.

Mountaire has been a longtime supporter by hiring DelVal students for both internships and jobs upon graduation. At any given time there are many DelVal alumns working at Mountaire. The company also shares the University's commitment to finding solutions to world challenges through the One Health initiative.



## Coming Soon to a Town Near You...Dr. Ben!

In order to spread the word about all of the exciting things happening at Delaware Valley University, Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski, president, has begun embarking on a Presidential Roadshow. Thus far, he has visited with alumni and friends in three locations, with more roadshow events being planned for 2024.



### Dinner with Dr. Ben

The first stop on the presidential roadshow was Alstede Farms in Chester, NJ on April 26. The event, billed as Dinner with Dr. Ben, was hosted by **Kurt Alstede '85, Rebekah Alstede '23** and family. More than 50 DelVal alumni and friends gathered to hear Dr. Ben share his vision for the University and enjoy barbecue favorites provided by the Alstedes.



▲ *Russell Redding and Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski*

### On the Road in Western Pennsylvania

On September 20, **Ray Cupples '64** and his wife Bonnie hosted dinner with Dr. Ben in Clarion, Pa. This event was an opportunity for alumni and their spouses from the western part of Pennsylvania to dine together and share fond memories of their time at DelVal. Dr. Ben also shared updates about DelVal and reflected on what's on the horizon for the University.



▲ *Brad Bittner '90, Jim Harteis '65, Bill Kronen '65, Jim Berry '73, Bill Croushore '65, Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski and Ray Cupples '64 (front)*

### Harvesting Knowledge: DelVal and the Future

**Steve '77** and Susan Alger and **Martin (Tripp) Yocum III '00** hosted "Harvesting Knowledge: DelVal and the Future" at Lebanon Country Club on July 18. Agriculture industry leaders and political representatives from the area attended the event, with a special appearance from Russell Redding, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture. Attendees gained insight from Dr. Ben on DelVal's core concept of "science with practice", ensuring that DelVal students are well versed in the theory of agriculture and given the hands-on opportunities to put the theory into practice.

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## 1970s



**Ray Funkhouser '72** was crowned National Champion for the 70-74 age group at the 2023 USA Track & Field National 5K Race Walk Championships.

## 1980s

**John Casella '83** retired from Deptford Township High School after 36 years as the Landscaping/Horticulture teacher and School to Careers Coordinator. During his tenure, he also coached football and weight training as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. He served as interim head football coach in 1998 and helped the team to three state championships (1998, 2003, 2004) during his tenure. John graduated from DeVal with a degree in horticulture and has been married for 25 years to his wife Sandy, a 6th grade teacher in the Deptford School District.

**Ron Alexander '84**, a horticulture alumnus, was honored by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) Board with the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for his over 25 years of service acting as an Industry Liaison. He served on several committees, subcommittees, and task forces over those years. AAPFCO state Control Officials, working through State Departments of Agriculture, regulate the sale of fertilizers, soil amendments, and other related products.



**Michael Breining '84** retired from Georgia-Pacific Corporation, where he served as Director Dixie Product Development. An inventor on more than 30 US patents, Mike played a significant role in the growth and success of the business. Mike and **Jennifer (Harlinski) Breining '85** plan to continue living in Neenah, Wisconsin.

## 1990s



**Tracey Rooney '90** (Animal Science) and **John Stierly III '89** (Agribusiness) were engaged on December 25, 2022. After graduating from DeVal and going their separate ways for 34 years, the couple reunited and are planning a May 2024 wedding.





**Kenneth Caro '90** celebrated 33 years at Pfizer working as an institutional account manager. Caro started with Pfizer immediately after graduating from DelVal.

**Edward Baniak '98** just surpassed 25 years of service at Risk & Insurance, a company he was recruited to work for at one of DelVal's job fairs in 1994. Baniak started as an inside sales rep and worked his way up through outside sales and then associate publisher before being named publisher.

## 2000s



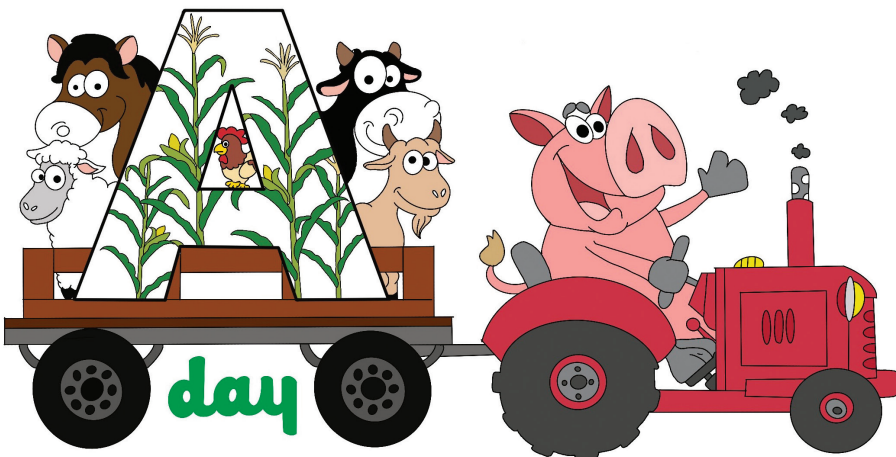
**Robin Goldblum '01** and **Sloane Heffler '98** visited the Varsity Inn in Ocean City, New Jersey, a locally owned restaurant that is known for featuring school pennants from all over the country. They noticed something was missing, and proudly donated a DelVal pennant to be displayed in the eatery.



**Franklin Allaire '00** was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor of Science Education in the Department of Urban Education at the University of Houston - Downtown.



**Erin Redding '02** rejoined Saxton & Stump lawyers and consultants group as an equity shareholder in the firm's Healthcare Litigation and Risk Management and Quality Assurance practice groups. Redding returns to Saxton Stump after a period of time as the corporate counsel at an international life sciences company in Lancaster County. Best Lawyers in America named her to the 2022 "Ones to Watch" list. She earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University and her B.S., summa cum laude, from DelVal.



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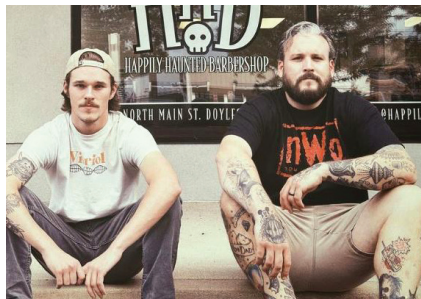
**April 26, 27 and 28**

**Terria (Cheatham) Owens '08** and her husband Antoine Owens welcomed their first child, Macie Owens born May 9, 2023



## 2010s

**Alexi Wilsey '10** launched Amethyst Finishing LLC in May of 2023. Her company provides titanium anodizing, laser marking and blasting, and more to support manufacturers with finishing needs. The company is based out of Frisco, Texas.



**Diehl Molica '11** recently opened his own barbershop in Doylestown. A one-of-a-kind barbershop with spooky and nostalgic vibes, Happily Haunted Barbershop is located at 632 N Main St. and is open for business Monday through Saturday!

**Tess Stahl '17** graduated from DelVal with a bachelor's degree in Livestock Science and Management and a minor in Dairy Science. She



went on to earn graduate degrees in Agricultural Science at the University of New Hampshire. In July 2023, Stahl finished her Ph.D., focused on improving colostrum production in Jersey cows. On September 1st, she began as an assistant professor at Rutgers University and the New Jersey Livestock and Dairy Extension Specialist.



**Caitlin Watson '22** accepted a position with the USDA Animal Plant & Health Inspection Service (APHIS) as an animal health technician, where she serves as an emergency responder to animal disease outbreaks.

**Anastasia Bonifate '23** started a new job as R&D Technician at the Consumer Test Kitchen at Campbell's.

## 2020s

**Paige Olivera '20** accepted a job as a Zookeeper at Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in October 2022. She works with dwarf goats, pygmy goats, Jacob's four-horned sheep and Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs while also working in commissary, helping coordinate the diets for the animals.



## In Memoriam

### Alumni

Dr. Daniel Tanner '46  
Charles Raskin '50  
Jack H. Reese '50  
Carman Vare-Vernachio, Jr. '52  
Mark W. Hartman '58  
Robert "Bob" J. Burns, Sr. '59  
Emory J. Markovic '60

John W. Hamilton '62  
Donald R. Haven, Sr. '62  
E. Peter "Pete" Ashton '63  
Richard "Dick" A. Coates '63  
John "Jack" K. Shafer '63  
John Tomasini, Sr. '63  
William Mertens '64  
Dr. Murdoch "Ken" K. Morrison '66

Thomas "Tom" W. Scudder '69  
Richard E. Bauerle '70  
Dr. William "Bill" P. Fricker '75  
Richard "Rick" S. Haberacker '75  
Alan E. Devries '77  
Robert "Bob" E. Reapsome '79  
Martha J. Gehringer '83  
Robert H. Westervelt, Sr. '83

Sharon K. Smith '84  
James "Jim" W. Wilson '88  
Patricia "Patty" F. (Fawber) Nolan '90  
J. Bradley "Brad" Longenecker '92  
Amy K. (Kolick) Krohn '96  
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