

The DelVal Alumni Fall Newsletter

Dear Alumni,

A new academic year is here, and campus is buzzing with energy as we welcome new students and greet those returning to continue their journeys. It's a reminder of our shared DelVal story – rooted in tradition and carried forward by today's students.

In this newsletter, you'll find updates on campus events and ways to reconnect, including Homecoming Weekend. These events are wonderful opportunities to return, relive memories, and see the difference your support makes for our students.

DelVal's history has been built by the success and dedication of its alumni, and it's your involvement and encouragement that help today's students write the next chapter of our shared story. As you read through this newsletter, I invite you to reflect on your own DelVal experience and consider the many ways to stay engaged with your alma mater.

With gratitude and excitement, Rachel Mauer Director of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving

Thanks to our alumni who made Move-In Day a success, whether in person or through words of advice. <u>Click here</u> to see our Move-in Day welcome message!



We Want to Hear from You!

The DelVal Alumni Association is launching an alumni interest survey, and your input is needed! Please click here to participate! It's quick and will take less than five minutes to complete, but your feedback will help shape the future of alumni programs, events, and benefits.

As a thank-you, three alumni who complete the survey will be randomly selected to win a \$50 DelVal Bookstore gift card.

<u>Homecoming Weekend 2025 – October 24-25</u>

Welcome back, Aggies! Alumni, families, students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us for an unforgettable Homecoming Weekend. With campus tours, reunions, tailgating, games, and special celebrations, there's something for everyone.



Highlights include:

- Campus and Greenhouse Tours
- Lunch in Levin Dining Hall
- Class of '75 Reunion
- Alumni Happy Hour & Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner
- Alumni Association & Parent Campus Update Meeting
- Tailgate Tent & Student Farmers Market
- Homecoming Game: DelVal vs. Stevenson
- "From Farm School to University" exhibit in the Krauskopf Memorial Library, including a newly restored campus tour film from 1953-54 and the 1960 Homecoming game.

<u>Click here for event details and to register</u>. Registration is open until October 10th!

Celebrating Alumni Achievements

Since 1967, the Delaware Valley University Alumni Association has honored outstanding alumni, faculty, and staff whose dedication, leadership, and service embody DelVal's founding principles. Each year, honorees are recognized at the Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony during Homecoming Weekend.



Congratulations to our 2025 Award Winners:

- Arthur Brown Award: Matthew E. lager, DVM '93
- Business Administration: Mike Sobczak '07
- Plant Science: Krystal Lucykanish Snyder '05
- Faculty & Staff: Peter Kupersmith
- Graduate School Degree: Sarah Boyle, MBA '13
- Large Animal Science: Dr. Nick Place '84
- National Farm School/National Agricultural College: Class of 1958
- Small Animal Science: Dr. Nathan Truitt '13

Join us on Homecoming Weekend to celebrate this year's honorees! <u>Click here</u> <u>for more info</u>.

Fall 2025 One Health Seminar Series

DelVal is proud to announce our Fall 2025 One Health Seminar Series, a free virtual program exploring connections between people, animals, plants, and the environment.



The series begins on **Tuesday**, **September 9**, with Dr.

Arturo Casadevall from John Hopkins University and his presentation, entitled "**What if Fungi Win?**", which explores the dual nature of fungi, their vital roles in ecosystems and their potential to cause devastating diseases.

For a complete listing of all One Health topics orto register, <u>please click here</u>. All events begin at 6:00 p.m. ET.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

DelVal celebrates the 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame class, including Alexis (Maylor) Balliet '14 (Track & Field), Aaron Karns '15 (Wrestling), John Lavelle Jr. '13 (Football), and Emily Soper '14 (Basketball). Charles "Chuck" Alpuche '81 (Football) will also be



recognized for his induction into the Middle Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame this summer. (Read more here.)

This event will be held on Friday, September 12, and is open to the public, but advanced ticket purchase is required. Click here for info or to register!

To stay up-to-date on everything DelVal athletics, including game schedules, please click here.

From the School of Business, Arts and Sciences

Question It! Change It! "Chaos as the new normal" is a dynamic, faculty-led colloquium series designed to spark dialogue on today's most pressing challenges. Open to the entire DelVal community, this series encourages critical thinking, fresh perspectives, and bold ideas for change. This year's series kicks off on Wednesday, September 17, with the following topics:

- Civics 101 and the Constitution: Crisis or Convention? Craig Stutman, Ph.D., Professor of History and Public Policy 12:15-1:30 p.m. in Cooke Wing, Krauskopf Library
- The Power of Grief: Transforming Mourning into Momentum in LGBTQ+ Communities. Presented with the Doylestown Pride Festival, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Life Sciences Building Auditorium.

For more information or a complete list of fall topics, please click here.

Watson Executive-in-Residence

Join us as we welcome Alex Boylan, TV show host and producer of *The College Tour*, for the Fall 2025 Watson Executive-in-Residence presentation on Wednesday, October 22, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Life Sciences Building. Founded by Dr. Thomas Watson '57, this signature program brings industry leaders to campus to share career insights and inspiration.



IGNITE: A Student/Alumni Networking Event

Connect with DelVal students as they explore their career paths. Share your journey, answer questions, and inspire students as they prepare for their own professional futures. This dynamic networking event will be held **Thursday**, **September 25**, at 5:30 p.m., in Cooke Wing, Krauskopf Library.



There is no cost to attend. Register now through **ExperienceLink**. Questions? Contact the Center for Student Professional Development at **cspd@delval.edu**.

Senior E360 Fall Showcase!

Join us on campus as current Conservation and Wildlife Management, Small

Animal Science, and Zoo Science majors showcase their completed E360 experiences on Thursday, October 16, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Moumgis Auditorium. For more information, contact <u>Julia.Krout@delval.edu</u>.

See you in Long Beach?

Alumni, are you planning to attend the *American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) National Meeting* in Long Beach, CA from November 9-13? If so, let's meet up! Email Rachel.Mauer@delval.edu for more information.

Upcoming Graduate and Professional Studies Events

The School of Graduate and Professional Studies is excited to share upcoming opportunities for students, alumni, and friends to connect and celebrate:

- October 8 Evening Fall Open House (Time and location TBD)
- October 22 Graduate Student Organization Happy Hour (5:30-7:30 p.m.) and Dine & Donate (5:00-9:00 p.m., take-out included) | Station Taphouse, 194 W. Ashland St., Doylestown

For information on these events, email Jessica Schmitt, MHA, Assistant Director of Graduate Advising & Student Experience, at Jessica.Schmitt@delval.edu.



Looking for a new opportunity? DelVal's ExperienceLink can help – just go to **ExperienceLink**, click Student/Alumni" and follow the prompts to get started. Once in ExperienceLink, click on "Job Postings" and start searching!

Stay Connected; Stay Engaged

Remember that staying connected to DelVal doesn't just keep you informed – it keeps our entire community strong. There are many ways to stay engaged:

- Attend campus events, like Homecoming, reunions, and A-Day Weekend
- Click here to learn more about volunteer opportunities.
- Support student success by giving to DelVal!
- Share your news or your DelVal story with us!

To learn more about making an impact at DelVal, click here.

To contact Development and Alumni Affairs, please email <u>alumni@delval.edu</u> or call 215.489.2397

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