

2025 COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT





About Delaware Valley University

Delaware Valley University (DelVal) has been an integral part of the greater Philadelphia community for nearly 130 years. Founded in 1896 as the National Farm School, our mission remains constant: To educate people in science and practice for success in their chosen field, and to become productive members of their communities.

In the early years, students majored in animal husbandry or agriculture, learning in classrooms and laboratories before heading out to the fields and barns to practice their skills. Today, DelVal educates nearly 1,800 undergraduate students in 27 majors, 400 graduate students in 12 master's degrees, an Ed.D., and many certificate programs. DelVal is comprised of 1,000 acres including: 500 acres on main campus in Doylestown Township and New Britain Borough; the Gemmill Farm of 400 acres in Warwick Township; and The Roth Center for Sustainable Agriculture on 100 acres in Upper Gwynedd Township.

DelVal's commitment to lifelong learning is seen in the opportunities we provide in graduate programs, continuing education, professional development programs, camps for kids ages 5 to 18 in summer, and our Center for Learning in Retirement.

Our commitment to the community is evident in these pages which include both qualitative and quantitative highlights. From free lectures and the A-Day State Fair, to volunteerism and food donations, DelVal is deeply engaged in, and appreciative of, the communities we serve.



A Message from the President

Since our founding nearly 130 years ago, DelVal has been committed to educating people in the latest science and practice for success in their chosen fields.

Our business and community partnerships provide regular forums for feedback and updates on changing industry trends that have implications for curriculum and learning outcomes. Student internships provide labor to local businesses and organizations and are essential for the hands-on learning opportunities that best prepare students for tomorrow's professional workforce. Our graduates are finding success in the workplace, graduate school or service to our country. It's not surprising that our career outcomes rate is 96.3%.

We like to say we are grounded in agriculture, as we continue to invest in people, equipment, research, and facilities to educate the agriculture scientists, specialists and policy makers of tomorrow. Our freight farms are a recent example of educating our students in emerging practices that can address food deserts and help feed the planet. While roughly half of our students pursue education and a career in agricultural sciences and/or animal focused fields, we have grown significantly in other academic areas and now offer 27 majors that range from agriculture, animal science and dairy science to business, media and communication, counseling psychology, secondary education and food science. Every major at DelVal has multiple career paths, and our students start researching those possibilities in year one.

This report includes the many ways in which DelVal is a part of, and contributes to, the communities we serve.

Best Regards,

Benjamin E. Rusiloski, Ph.D.
President

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Partnerships Deliver Investments and Revenue

Strategic Business Alliance with URBN

URBN Outfitters, Inc. leases space on DelVal's campus for a Terrain retail, restaurant and events location. URBN provides internships, hires DelVal students and purchases food grown on DelVal campuses for the restaurant and events. This alliance delivers site improvements and local, state and federal tax revenues.

New Graduate Programs in Healthcare Support Growing Need

DelVal has launched four new graduate programs in healthcare over the past several years that are designed to support the growing need for healthcare professionals in our communities: Master's in Public Health, Physician Assistant Studies, Speech-Language Pathology and Healthcare Administration. We have partnered with Penn Medicine Doylestown Health for adjunct faculty for many courses and for clinical placements. We also have clinical placement partnerships with more than 25 regional healthcare providers including Grand View Health, St. Luke's University Health Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Family Service Association of Bucks County and Philadelphia VA Medical Center.

Freight Farms

URBN and two private donors provided funding for freight farms on DelVal's campus to teach students about this hydroponic, vertical farming technique. One shipping container produces the equivalent of nearly four acres of land in one year. This technology is viewed by many as one of the critical solutions to food deserts in the U.S. and around the world.

New Poultry Science Center

DelVal's new Poultry Science Center, at a cost of more than \$5.5 million, is funded by a cornerstone gift from Mountaire Farms and support from other poultry manufacturers, and Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Budget. Construction will begin in 2025 and the Center will provide modern research facilities, classrooms, and demonstration spaces designed to foster collaboration between students, faculty and industry experts. The Center is vital to Pennsylvania's continued growth in agriculture and the poultry industry.

New Barn and Riparian Zone Improvements

DelVal received funding for the implementation of best management practice improvements for the livestock facility on main campus in Doylestown. The \$850,000 project – which includes a new cattle building and pasture renovations – will enhance campus-wide conservation efforts, provide a healthy environment for the animals and the ecosystem, and showcase a healthy and sustainable environment for successful cattle farming. Funding was secured through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program at Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program from Bucks County Conservation District.



Growing Business and Community Partnerships

Annual Bucks County Entrepreneurship Support

DelVal, in partnership with the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce and Startup Bucks, hosts the annual Spark Bowl, where local entrepreneurs work with business students and faculty to pitch their ideas for innovative products and services for cash prizes exceeding \$22,000.

Business and Community Advisory Boards

The President of DelVal and each academic school has an advisory board comprised of regional business and community professionals who provide updates on their businesses, as well as research and employment needs.

Adjunct Faculty

DelVal hires regional professionals who are active in their fields as adjunct faculty members so that our students learn about today's workplace environments. Adjunct faculty include professionals from Penn Medicine Doylestown Health for new graduate programs in healthcare, and professionals from a wide variety of fields, including business, education and criminal justice.

Employee Partnership Program

More than 100 business and community partners participate in DelVal's Employee Partnership Program, that provides reduced tuition rates to their employees in most of our academic programs.

State of the State

DelVal hosts the annual State of the State conference on campus, providing a stage for the region's senators and representatives to provide updates to more than 100 members of the local community.



Supporting the Community

Board Volunteers

DelVal's President, Provost and Deans all sit on multiple boards to lend their time and talents to a number of businesses and organizations, including Bucks County Workforce Development Board, Bucks County Foundation, Penn Medicine Doylestown Health and others. The Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences is also a State Commissioner for the Pennsylvania Commission for Agricultural Education.

Food Donations

DelVal donates at least 24,000 pounds of fresh produce to Hope of the Harvest Bucks County each year. In summer 2025, DelVal will be partnering with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) pilot program healthy diet initiative providing free produce to food insecure patients. CHOP chefs and nutritionists will help the families meal plan with the produce we provide.

Student Volunteers

Each year, DelVal students volunteer approximately 1,500 hours through the Experience360 program and countless additional hours through service projects from more than 70 student-run clubs and organizations. The students in one of these clubs, the A-Day Committee, volunteer more than 2,000 hours to prepare and execute this annual state fair each year.

Student Teaching

DelVal's secondary education students do their student teaching at area schools including Central Bucks, North Penn, Pennridge, Palisades and Bensalem School Districts. Graduate students in several program conduct their fieldwork in these districts and beyond.

Police and Fire Department Training

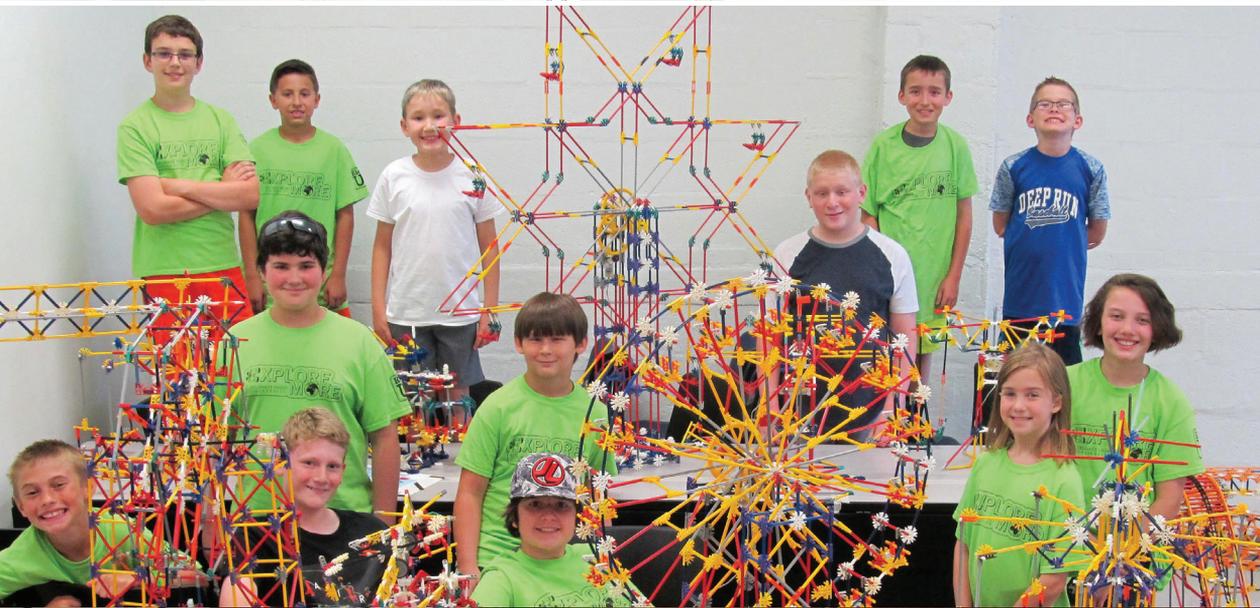
We welcome area police and fire departments to run training drills on our campus. Drills have included canine training and an active shooter training is pending.

Bucks County Reentry Coalition

The chair of DelVal's criminal justice department is a member of the coalition and volunteers her time working with area middle and high schools throughout the region.

Support for Community Events

With cash donations and/or volunteer hours, DelVal supports community events and organizations including the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, Doylestown Pride, Main St. (formerly Pine2Pink), Bucks County 5k Series, Travis Manion Foundation 5k Run and others.



A Source of Learning for All

Through our commitment to lifelong learning, DelVal hosts A-Day, lectures, classes and more for all members of the community. Over 12,000 people, from kids through senior citizens, enjoy these programs each year.

A-Day State Fair

A-Day, which celebrated 75 years in April 2025, is a state fair run entirely by students and open to the public. The event features educational exhibits for children and adults, including interactive farm demonstrations, live animals, blacksmithing, hayrides, music, food, arts and crafts. The fair is free to attend, with nominal fees for parking and children's rides.

Educational Summer Camps for Kids

Now in its 11th year, Kids U! and Inspire U! summer programs offer week-long educational, art and athletic programs for more than 1,800 participants ages 5 to 18 each year. Extended care is available.

Graduate Programs and Professional Development

DelVal offers 12 master's degree programs, one doctoral program, and more than 50 credit and non-credit certificates to help professionals in the community advance their careers.

Center for Learning in Retirement

Peer-taught courses for lifelong learners are available in topics ranging from computer programs to art, travel and more for a nominal fee.

Bucks County Science Research Competition

DelVal hosts the Bucks County Science Research Competition each year for hundreds of Bucks County students from 6th-12th grades. DelVal faculty participate as judges.

Faculty-Hosted Lectures and Symposia

More than 20 lectures and symposia are presented each year that are free and open to the public. Recent lectures include monthly One Health topics, a public history workshop, an expert in biodiversity, a screening of a local documentary, and a lecture by a renowned IT professional.

College Courses for High School and Visiting College Students

A wide range of courses are available to high school and visiting college students during winter break and summer at special tuition rates. In spring 2025, more than 300 area high school students earned college credit through our dual enrollment program.

Regional National History Day

DelVal hosts Regional National History Day organized by the Bucks County Historical Society and Mercer Museum with 350 area students from 6th-12th grades attending.



A Cultural Asset

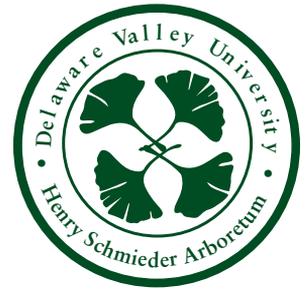
Music for All

Several musical performances are offered each year that are free and open to the public. In a unique arrangement for a university, membership into the Symphonic and Jazz Bands is open to all DelVal students, faculty, staff and alumni, and to members of the greater Doylestown Community.

The University Chorus is also a mixed choir comprised of DelVal students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community. The chorus performs several times a year and all performances are free and open to the public.

Henry Schmeider Arboretum

The Henry Schmeider Arboretum encompasses 40 acres on main campus in Doylestown. It is free and open to the public, dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Maps are available at Public Safety.



Bucks County's Recreation Path

Bucks County riding and walking recreation trail runs right through DelVal's campus. The trail is open to the public and the community is welcome to enjoy our beautiful campus.

Partnerships with Regional Organizations

DelVal partners with area organizations to deliver programs of general interest to the community. The University partnered with the Bucks County Foodshed Alliance in spring 2025, to feature a well-known entomologist on campus.





Economic Impact

Regional Spending: \$12 million

DelVal spends \$12 million annually with businesses in the five-county Philadelphia DMA, including \$3 million each in Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

Institutional Scholarship Aid: 99% of students, \$40 million

DelVal has been committed to affordable education since our founding nearly 130 years ago. Today, 99% of DelVal students receive institutional and/or state aid. DelVal invests \$40 million of institutional aid per year in scholarships, representing 40% of the University's gross budget, making college accessible to students.

Student Internships: 23,000 hours each year

DelVal students are required to complete internships in their chosen field. The total internship hours worked are just under 23,000 each year. Two-thirds of these internships are paid, and the remaining 7,000 hours, valued at an average internship pay of \$15/hour, deliver just under \$115,000 of free labor to businesses and organizations in the communities we serve.

Employment: 835 full- and part-time employees

DelVal employs 299 full-time faculty and staff and 452 part-time adjunct faculty, staff and students. An additional 84 people are employed on DelVal's campus through contracted services.

Payroll Taxes: \$645,000

DelVal pays \$645,000 in payroll taxes for direct employees. 68% of DelVal employees live in Bucks County, 12% in Montgomery County and the remaining 20% in Philadelphia and surrounding counties. Additional payroll taxes are paid by contract service partners who employ staff on our campus.

Benefits for Employees

Full-time employees receive generous benefits including affordable healthcare, paid vacation days and a 403(b) retirement plan with employer match.

Supporting Our Community Businesses

DelVal students, faculty and staff, more than 2,400 people, support Bucks County businesses through shopping, dining and entertainment activities. Faculty and student organizations regularly participate in street fairs, charity events and other community activities.



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