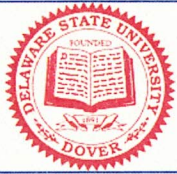


LUNCHEON SERIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

We are pleased to announce our next lunch hour speaker.

Begins @ Noon



Tony Allen, Ph.D., President *Delaware State University*

Established on May 15, 1891 by the Delaware General Assembly, Delaware State University (DSU) has served as a critical educational institution for the State for over 130 years. With a main campus located just north of Dover, the recent acquisition of the Wesley College, and several smaller satellite facilities across the State, DSU educates more than 6000 students and is growing to become a major State educational center, offering 46 undergraduate degrees, 21 graduate degrees, and six doctoral degrees.

DSU President Tony Allen joins us to share recent developments at both DSU and at HBCUs nationally, and present, among other studies, evidence of the educational and economic impact of HBCUs on local communities. Studies show that HBCU's contribute \$14.8 billion in spending to their local communities, which means DSU's growth is a significant boost to the Delaware economy. In addition, DSU's educational programs graduate qualified and skilled young professionals into the State's workforce, which, in turn, attracts industries and employers to the State. As just one example, DSU graduates more pilots of color than any other institution in the country and significantly growing its number of Early College High School graduates' enrollment. Please join us as DSU President Dr. Tony Allen provides more details into the role of HBCUs in higher education and DSU's ambitions and growth plans in Delaware.



Tony Allen, Ph.D., President, Delaware State University

Tony Allen is Chief Executive Officer of the nation's most diverse contemporary HBCU: Delaware State University.

A comprehensive research institution with a \$140 million budget and a \$27 million research portfolio, the 1890 Land-Grant institution is home to four academic colleges serving 6,200+ undergraduates, with graduate and adult programs across Delaware and in 23 countries.

Tony started his career as speechwriter for then-United States Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. In 2020, he was named Chief Executive Officer of the 59th Presidential Inaugural after having served on the President-elect's Transition Team Advisory Board. In 2021, he was appointed as Chair to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, a role in which he continues to serve.

Founding President of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, Cofounder of Public Allies Delaware, Chair Emeritus of the National Urban Fellows, a Distinguished Fellow with the National Academy of Public Administration, a member of the Economic and Community Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Tony also serves on the Boards of Graham and Pepco Holdings.

Tony holds a B.A. in Political Science and a Ph.D. in Urban Affairs & Public Policy from the University of Delaware as well as a Master of Public Administration from Baruch College (City University of New York). He is the proud husband of Ms. Tara Allen and father of four fantastic children.

Menu

Chicken Noodle Soup

PANKO CRUSTED SKREI COD FILLET, TOMATO COULIS
VEGETABLE COUSCOUS

Mixed Fresh Fruit

Members will be billed for the cost of the Luncheon.