## HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH LEARNERS: CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 4-5:30 P.M. ON ZOOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

UD faculty, students, and members of the Delaware educator community are warmly invited to join the School of Education and the English Language Institute for a webinar with Ms. Kim Stock, Delaware Teacher of the Year and alumna of UD's Additional Certification in ESL program and the MA in Teaching English as a Second Language.

CONTEXT

High-school English learners (ELs) are a special group: one that may include long-term ELs who have lived in Delaware most or all of their lives as well as newcomers and recent immigrants to the U.S. with both extensive and interrupted education in other countries and languages. ELs in Delaware graduate at a lower rate than all high-school students in the state (73% versus 86%) but at a higher rate than ELs in the US overall (67%).

Since 2017, Delaware has awarded the Certificate of Multilingualism to students who can demonstrate proficiency in more than one language, including many current and former ELs. Clearly, English learners can achieve great success while facing significant challenges in our high schools. This webinar considers both aspects of ELs' experiences in order to support current and future teachers and inform higher-education practices.

KIMBERLY STOCK is an ESL and English teacher at McKean High School in the Red Clay Consolidated School District and was chosen as Teacher of the Year for both her district and the state of Delaware in 2020–2021.

Ms. Stock earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Nebraska and her first Master of Science in Education from the University of Pennsylvania, where she researched the recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators of color. After completing UD's Additional Certification in ESL (ACE) program to earn her certification as an EL Teacher, she embarked on her second graduate degree, a Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University

of Delaware. As Delaware Teacher of the Year, Ms. Stock is advocating for equity for English learners and professional training in second-language acquisition for all secondary teachers.



For more information about this free webinar, please contact Nigel Caplan, Associate Professor, English Language Institute (nacaplan@udel.edu).



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