

On This We Agree

Delaware's Public Higher Education Institutions

Recognizing Delaware's rich history of excellence in higher education and tradition of academic partnerships that support our state's economy and enhance its vibrant cultural and social diversity and renewing a commitment to that excellence and furthering the work and partnership among the University of Delaware, Delaware State University and Delaware Technical Community College for the future.

WHEREAS, our great state has a rich history of excellence in higher education dating back to the formative years of our nation and continues today as Delaware's public institutions of higher education remain national and international leaders in research, academic excellence, business and economic development and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized by Governor Markell and the State Legislature, through significant capital funding, that investments in our public institutions of higher education, the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, and Delaware Technical Community College, translate into investments in Delaware's future and result in substantial contributions to the State's vitality and realization of its goals to remain economically, academically and culturally competitive in regional, national and international markets; and

WHEREAS, the strengths of these institutions have been enhanced in recent years through the development of over 100 academic, research and community based partnerships that demonstrate a critical commitment to Delaware's future, a recognition of the strength and resources that the public higher education institutions invest in our state when working together, and the desire for each institution to focus on its mission strengths while supporting each other's priorities where needed; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents of these public institutions of higher education, Dr. Patrick T. Harker, Dr. Harry L. Williams and Dr. Orlando J. George, Jr., have built upon the longstanding Delaware history of educational excellence and academic and community partnerships through the work of the Council of Presidents and remain steadfastly committed to continuing this critical work to support our great state, and its educational, economic, cultural and social needs in the years ahead.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved that the Council of Presidents, comprised of the President of the University of Delaware, Dr. Patrick T. Harker, the President of Delaware State University, Dr. Harry L. Williams, and the President of Delaware Technical Community College, Dr. Orlando J. George, Jr., hereby re-commit the resources and expertise of these great institutions to preserving the rich history and longstanding tradition of academic excellence in higher education and to leveraging our institutional partnerships in ways that will support, enhance and protect the future of the state of Delaware.

The Honorable Jack A. Markell
Governor of the State of Delaware

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