

## Highlight: A Culture of Collaboration at UD

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### Strengthening Partnerships in Health and Education: Delaware and the Nation

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The University of Delaware and the Vision Coalition of Delaware partnered to host the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Vision Coalition Conference at Clayton Hall on October 30, 2017. The conference, titled *Strengthening Partnerships in Health and Education: Delaware and the Nation*, highlighted the intersectionality of health and education and encouraged further collaboration between the fields moving forward. Community members, staff from non-profit organizations, university faculty and staff, and state and local officials gathered in the morning to hear from Delaware's Congressional Delegation: Senior U.S. Senator, Tom Carper; U.S. Senator, Chris Coons; and U.S. Congresswoman, Lisa Blunt Rochester.

University of Delaware President, Dr. Dennis Assanis also took the stage and introduced Former Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden. The speakers commended the great work being done in the state, and encouraged participants to think creatively about how the two fields can further work together to support the health and education of all Delaware residents.

In the afternoon, participants had an opportunity to engage in idea exchanges, which were centered around 24 different topics in health and education. The conference also served to launch the Partnership for Healthy Communities.





## Partnership for Healthy Communities

A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

The Partnership for Healthy Communities (PHC) is a part of the university-wide Community Engagement Initiative. PHC is inspired by a vision of equity in good health for all of Delaware's residents. Access to affordable and high-quality healthcare is critical to well-being. We also know that health is shaped largely outside of the doctor's office- in the communities where we live, go to school, work, play, and pray. All Delaware communities should have the resources needed to sustain health and well-being. As part of the University's Community Engagement Initiative, PHC seeks to improve the health and well-being of Delaware residents by connecting university resources to the vast network of community-based organizations and government agencies dedicated to health promotion.



Left to right; first row: Bethany Hall Long, Lieutenant Governor, DE; Kathy Matt, Dean, College of Health Sciences, UD; Rita Landgraf, Director, PHC; Dennis Assanis President, UD; Second row; Dan Rich, Director, Community Engagement Initiative; Omar Khan, President & CEO, Delaware Health Sciences Alliance; Vice President Joe Biden



Interested in becoming a partner? Connect with PHC!

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