

## ***UD Facts & Figures 2015-16***



### **MISSION AND VISION**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The University of Delaware exists to cultivate learning, develop knowledge, and foster the free exchange of ideas. State-assisted yet privately governed, the University has a strong tradition of distinguished scholarship, research, teaching, and service that is grounded in a commitment to increasing and disseminating scientific, humanistic, and social knowledge for the benefit of the larger society. Tracing its origins to 1743 and chartered by the state in 1833, the University of Delaware today is a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant university.

The University of Delaware is a major research university with extensive graduate programs that is also dedicated to outstanding undergraduate and professional education. University faculty are committed to the intellectual, cultural, and ethical development of students as citizens, scholars, and professionals. University graduates are prepared to contribute to a global society that requires leaders with creativity, integrity, and a dedication to service.

The University of Delaware promotes an environment in which all people are inspired to learn, and encourages intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, free inquiry, and respect for the views and values of an increasingly diverse population.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE**

In 2014, the University of Delaware launched a new planning initiative, Delaware Will Shine, which builds on the 2008 Path to Prominence™ and will guide the institution through today's changing landscape. The new strategic platform will be an ongoing process that will enable the institution to work more collaboratively and make decisions more quickly. Delaware Will Shine will guide the institution's focus and energy toward endeavors that align with its values, support its long-term goals and help UD become a better institution. More information is available at <http://shine.udel.edu>.

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### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Five principles, identified during the 2008 Path to Prominence process, continue to guide our progress. They are at the core of the University's mission and inspire a commitment to addressing the grand challenges of our time:

- Delaware First
- Diversity
- Partnership
- Engagement
- Impact

### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

As part of Delaware Will Shine, the University set five strategic initiatives through which it will address five grand challenges: to foster an open and accepting campus culture; to develop innovative academic programs; to strengthen world-class research and scholarship; to advance a safe and healthy campus; and to enhance our collaboration with community partners.

These initiatives require the engagement and participation of the entire University community to achieve our goals and attain new levels of excellence:

- A Welcoming and Collaborative Campus Community
  - Innovative Education Design
  - Multidisciplinary Research and Scholarship
  - Campus Safety and Wellness
  - Community Engagement
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