

## ***UD Facts & Figures 2014-15***



### **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.

An institution engaged in addressing the critical needs of the state, nation, and global community, the University of Delaware carries out its mission with the support of alumni who span the globe and in partnership with public, private, and nonprofit institutions in Delaware and beyond.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The University of Delaware's strategic plan was adopted in May 2008 and defines the aspirations and initiatives that will advance the University on a Path to Prominence™. The following five guiding principles identify UD's core values:

- Delaware First
- Diversity
- Partnership
- Engagement
- Impact

## **STRATEGIC MILESTONES**

The following strategic milestones build upon key strengths and critical capabilities of the University. The realization of each college, school, department and unit's strategic goals, aligned to these shared milestones, will assist in fulfilling the mission and vision of the University.

- A Diverse and Stimulating Undergraduate Academic Environment.
- A Premier Research and Graduate University
- Excellence in Professional Education
- The Initiative for the Planet
- The Global Initiative
- An Engaged University

## **NEW PLANNING INITIATIVE**

In 2014, the University launched a new planning initiative, Delaware Will Shine, which builds on the 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 UD. More information is available at <http://shine.udel.edu>.