

PANEL #1

Marketing Yourself: What Makes You Unique?

Matthew Hutchison '06 **BA Accounting**

Matt Hutchison majored in Accounting and was a member of the Accounting Students Association and the MIS Honor Society at the University of Delaware.

Matt began his professional career at one of the largest global accounting firms, KPMG LLP, as an Associate in the audit practice in 2006. He was promoted in 2008 to the position of Senior Associate where he is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the audit process and other associates. Matt spends the majority of his year auditing large governments, public sector agencies and not-for-profit organizations such as Widener University and the State of Delaware.

Matt is also active in KPMG's recruiting activities and affinity groups such as KPMG's African American and Hispanic Network (AAHN).

Stephanie Maria '07 **BA Fashion Merchandising**

Stephanie Maria is a graduate of the University of Delaware and holds a degree in Fashion Merchandising. Unlike other undergraduate students, Stephanie married the love of her life in 2004 during her sophomore year of college. She successfully managed to balance married life, a full-time job and school.

Prior to joining Macy's, Stephanie worked seven years in the banking industry and later heard about the Management Development Program (MDP) through a friend. Stephanie joined Macy's in August of 2007 and participated in the MDP.

Currently, Stephanie serves as the Group Sales Manager of Macy Woman, Kids, Coats and Swim department. She was also chosen to conduct "Suggest Your Best Training" for new hire orientation classes which provides basic selling techniques to help increase sales and build confidence of the sales force.

Stephanie provides community service to the DuPont Children's Hospital and participated in a "Special Partners in Time" program that targets children who are hospitalized during the holidays.

During Stephanie's spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling and cooking.

Manoj K. Philip '06 **BA Business Administration**

Manoj K. Philip is a graduate of the University of Delaware where he majored in Business Administration, with a focus in Operations Management, and minor in Management Information Systems. Manoj was a Dean's list student while attending the University. He was also an active member in professional and social organizations such as the MIS Honor Society, Gospel Choir, Campus Alliance de La Raza, etc.

While in school, Manoj interned at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in the Business Services and Operations Purchasing department. Upon graduating, he joined Agilent Technologies as a Supply Manager. During his time at Agilent, Manoj became a licensed REALTOR® and helped clients purchase and sell residential real estate. He later joined Endo Pharmaceuticals as a Purchasing Specialist and now currently serves as a Supply Chain Analyst with Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics. His primary responsibility is to support the global supply chain team.

Manoj's current professional aspirations include owning a real estate investment corporation and multiple automobile dealerships.

Donna Silkmitter '04

BS Accounting

Donna graduated from the University of Delaware in May 2004 receiving degrees in accounting, marketing and finance. Upon graduation she joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in their Philadelphia office in their assurance practice where she works predominately on financial statement audits for Insurance clients and Employee Benefit Plans. In addition to working at PricewaterhouseCoopers she has been a member of Professional Women's Roundtable of Philadelphia since September of 2004, where she also serves on the Events Planning Committee. She is on the Board of Directors for Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey where she also serves on the Founders Breakfast and Finance Committees. She has been a Certified Public Accountant since 2006, and is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Donna serves as a Senior Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Philadelphia.

Lead and Not Follow: Developing Leadership Skills

Corrissa Yvonne Banks '08 BS Fashion Merchandising

Corrissa Yvonne Banks graduated from the University of Delaware in 2008 where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising.

Corrissa further enriched her academic career by completing a store management internship with Macy's during her junior year of college. Additionally, Corrissa took advantage of travelling abroad. She travelled to China, Japan, Hong Kong, and South Korea to evaluate how culture influences fashion. After graduation, Corrissa completed Macy's Management Development Program and later was promoted to Group Sales Manager. As a Group Sales Manager, Corrissa is responsible for leading and motivating a selling team and creating an outstanding service environment.

In her spare time, Corrissa enjoys giving back to the community with her sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Tyrone Jeffress '06 BS Electrical Engineering

Tyrone Jeffress is a 2006 graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Originally from Bethlehem, PA, Tyrone now lives in Philadelphia where he is an Associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers' Advisory Technology Consulting practice. His job consists of advising Fortune 500 companies on IT network security issues and ensuring that his clients have properly secured servers that store personal, non-public information (e.g. social security numbers, credit card numbers, health information).

During his time at Delaware, Tyrone participated in the Blue Hen Ambassadors program, served for two years as a DelaWorld Orientation Leader, sang in UD's choral music group Scholar Cantorum, served on the Student Centers' SOLAR council, served as a Life Peer Mentor for the ECE LIFE cluster, and was appointed to the Student Spirit Ambassador program. He also had the chance to take an unforgettable trip to Argentina as part of a Physics Study Abroad trip. In leadership positions, Tyrone served as membership and telecommunications chair for NSBE, Recording Secretary of the NPHC, and Vice-President and President of the Xi Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Robert Suarez '08 BS Civil Engineering

Robert Suarez is from Medford Lakes, NJ where he graduated from Shawnee High School. His strength in math and science courses led him to strongly consider engineering as a future career. After many days of career field research and college visits, he made his final decision to pursue Civil Engineering at the University of Delaware.

During his time at UD, Robert also expanded his network by participating in the RISE Program, becoming an RA in the Ray Street residence halls, serving on the board of a successful RSO, and contributing to ongoing research projects with his advisor. During the summer months, Robert has worked for Airport Design Consultants, Inc. of Columbia, MD, on various projects at several of the northeast's major international airports including PHL, DCA, IDA, BWI and JFK.

Robert is currently working towards a Master's degree in Civil Engineering, specializing in Transportation Planning and Design. His thesis work consists of research related to GPS applications in travel time and delay data collection on roadway segments. Following the completion of his Master's work, he wishes to return to the engineering industry in a transportation design setting.

David G. Tuke '07 BS Biological Sciences

David Tuke graduated from the University of Delaware in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences and a minor in Biochemistry.

During his time at the University of Delaware, David was actively involved in many different organizations on campus. He was president of the Resident Student Association, the on-campus student government as well as several student advisory boards that met with the administration and other on-campus senior level managers. He was a tutor for the Academic Enrichment Center in Science and Math and was also involved with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute programs. David served as a facilitator for a Peer Led Training Workshop for the department of Chemistry and served as a member of the NUCLEUS program.

In addition, David performed research at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in the Neuroscience Department. Upon graduation, David joined the Biology Department at the University of Delaware and worked under the direction of Drs. Cindy Farach-Carson and Catherine Kirn-Safran in the Molecular Biology and Genetics Lab, where his research focus was osteoarthritis.

Currently, David is working at a nearby Nano-Biotechnology Company and plans on attending medical school in the near future.

Brandy Woo '09 Early Childhood Education

Brandy is a current undergraduate at the University of Delaware with a major in Early Childhood Education and will graduate December '09. Brandy is a native of Delaware and is one of the very few education students who is over the age of thirty four. Although many students seek to find the balance between work and school, Brandy has successfully managed the responsibilities of work, school and marriage. She has participated in the Aspire program geared to Early Childhood Education majors.

She has however, been employed at American Spirit Federal Credit Union for the past ten years. Although, her job is not related to the Early Childhood Education field, her employer has been extremely supportive of continuing her education. Brandy plans to continue her membership with the ASPIRE program, work at American Spirit Federal Credit Union, and be a supportive spouse.

Graduate School: Prepare Now

Sujata K. Bhatia'99 BS Biology, Biochemistry, & Chemical Engineering

Sujata K. Bhatia graduated from the University of Delaware with Bachelor of Science degrees in biology, biochemistry, and chemical engineering, and a Master's degree in chemical engineering. She was a Summa Cum Laude graduate. During her undergraduate career, she was designated as a UD Woman of Promise, and she was active in several student organizations, including Tau Beta Pi and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. After graduating from UD, Sujata attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her MD and PhD in bioengineering in 2003.

After completing her MD/PhD, Sujata joined the DuPont Company as a Medical Research Scientist in Biochemical Sciences and Engineering. At DuPont, Sujata has worked on projects to develop polymers for biomedical materials applications. Her projects have included the development of bio-adhesives for wound closure, and development of polymers for interventional medical devices. In 2008, she was promoted to Research Associate at DuPont. She moved into a new position in DuPont's Intellectual Assets group in 2009, and is currently working to generate licensing revenue from the company's life sciences technologies.

At the national level, Sujata was invited to participate in the U.S. Frontiers of Engineering symposium in 2005. While this honor is given by the National Academy of Engineering to the nation's top 100 engineers ages 30-45, Sujata was selected for the honor at age 27. At the international level, Sujata was selected to participate in the 2006 Japan-U.S. Frontiers of Engineering symposium; this honor is given to the nation's top 30 engineers ages 30-45, and Sujata was selected at age 28. She co-organized the 2007 Japan-U.S. Frontiers of Engineering meeting.

Sujata is proud to be a Blue Hen and has remained involved with the UD community. She participates as a mentor in the UD Women in Engineering mentoring program as well as the UD Howard Hughes Medical Institute program. She serves on the board of directors of the UD Engineering Alumni Association. In 2006, she was awarded the University of Delaware's Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women in 2007.

Modupe Fadugba BS Chemical Engineering/MBA

In high school, I always excelled in math and chemistry, so when the time came to choose a discipline to pursue in college, I felt that Chemical Engineering encompassed these two subjects and also had an element of creativity that I could appreciate. My initial aim when beginning the degree was to amass enough knowledge and experience to contribute more knowledge to the field, by attaining the PhD. To this end, during the course of my college career, I completed over 800 hours of catalytic research at the University of Delaware with Professor Buttrey, funded by the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program towards a thesis project. I later had a change of heart about my career path, but the experience proved to be both useful and rewarding.

As the President of DASA (Delaware African Students Association), I was fortunate enough to have hands on experience in leading individuals with a range of talents and ambitions. I developed "Snapshot of Africa", a dinner show where all aspects of African culture are displayed, and several fund-raising incentives advertised. Thanks to the tremendous support of the University, coupled with dedicated executive board members, the show has become a well anticipated and well-attended annual event. Being an African female in a predominately male oriented discipline had its challenges, so it was comforting to have a home away from home in DASA. I was also able to conduct two art exhibitions in Tanzania, where I painted and sold a total of over 40 paintings. Again, I am thankful for the support of the clientele, and the opportunity to do something other than solving equations!

After obtaining a solid background in engineering I felt that understanding economics and fundamentals of management would be the spark needed to ignite the essential qualities that I hope will one day make me an effective leader in my community. My exposure to economics during my undergraduate studies confirmed my conviction that science and engineering must not exist in a vacuum; science in itself is incapable of liberating communities if there is no in-depth understanding of the process of production, distribution and societal transformation. I am currently at the University of Delaware, pursuing a Masters' degree in Economics, with a concentration in International Development, with hopes of being able to someday contribute to economic development in impoverished and underserved areas.

Darrell Fincher '09 MS Organization Effectiveness Development and Change

Darrell Fincher is currently completing a Master of Science in Organizational Effectiveness Development and Change from the University of Delaware. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Dynamic from Wilmington University in 2007.

Darrell has worked over the last twelve years at three Fortune 500 companies within the financial services industry. His last ten years were spent at MBNA America/Bank of America in various senior management roles within Operations, Marketing and Sales. He spent a year in the Insurance Services division at HSBC in Project Management where he drove several changes to improve operational efficiency. He currently works as a senior manager in the Card Services division at JP Morgan Chase where he is responsible for managing the underwriting operations in the Business Card space. Darrell currently resides in Middletown, DE with his wife and two children.

Nakeiha Primus '05 BA English/American Studies

Nakeiha Primus is currently a first year PhD student in the School of Education at the University of Delaware. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English and American Studies (cum laude) from Tufts University in 2005. While at Tufts, Nakeiha was a Balfour Scholar and used her studies to explore literature, education, and American society. Upon graduating from Tufts, Nakeiha was hired to work with a non-profit experiential learning organization based in Virginia. During this time, she gained invaluable facilitation and curriculum implementation skills working with high school students across the country. She found her niche with adolescents and decided to pursue a career in education.

In 2007, Nakeiha graduated from Duke University with a Master of Arts in teaching. Prior to graduation, she was hired by Durham Public Schools to teach British literature and facilitate the senior AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination) and freshmen High School Seminar electives at Northern Durham High School in North Carolina. As a teacher, Nakeiha was highly engaged in the school community. She advised the NHS Step Team and was selected to lead a series of professional development seminars on poverty in 2008. Though she knew she would miss the classroom, Nakeiha decided to further hone her education skill base in 2008 and subsequently enrolled at UD. She currently works with the Delaware Center for Teacher Education. Her research interests include socio-cultural approaches to education, English education (literature/literacy), and unorthodox learning communities.

Cy R. Wilkins '06 BS Exercise Science

Cy Wilkins graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science with a concentration in Exercise Physiology and a minor in Biological Science in 2006.

While attending the University of Delaware, Cy was a John Henry Taylor Scholar through the Academic Enrichment Center. Cy was an active member of the NUCLEUS program and Making Doctors. As an undergraduate, Cy conducted research through the college of HNES on force generation in muscle. His research was presented at the Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium.

Cy was extremely focused on retaining and promoting academic excellence in underrepresented minority students through resident life groups and organizations. He held executive positions in both Pencader and Rodney Complex community councils and was a coordinator and mentor for the "Each One Reach One" mentoring program. Cy was also member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and served in the positions of vice president and director of intake.

Cy is a travel enthusiast and spent the year after obtaining his degree, traveling and teaching English in France.

Currently, Cy is a second year medical student at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has recently conducted research on pediatric fitness testing through Al DuPont Hospital and Jefferson Medical College. Cy is interested in the specialties of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Interventional Pain Management and Palliative Care.

Networking: Developing Multi-Cultural Relationships

Debbie Strnad '09 BA Sociology Education

Debbie is currently a senior at the University of Delaware majoring in Sociology Education. She is active in both student and academic organizations such as the Blue Hen Ambassadors, FYE peer mentoring program, the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society and the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She has also worked with the DCTE to help develop the Aspiring Teacher Program to link high school students interested in education to the University of Delaware's ASPIRE program.

In 2008, Debbie was a summer service learning scholar and will serve as a student teacher in a local Delaware school this spring.

Jessica N. Bruton '09 BA Biological Sciences

Jessica Bruton graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences in January 2009. While attending the University of Delaware, Jessica served as student coordinator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) NUCLEUS Science Education Program. She also maintained various campus jobs and student memberships.

In addition to extracurricular activities, Jessica was an active participant in undergraduate research. While being funded by the Integrative Graduate Education & Research Traineeship (IGERT), she studied the presence and function of the human hyaluronidase HYAL3in sperm.

Jessica is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration in Health Policy Management and Finance.

Kelley Frye '05 BS Accounting

Kelley graduated from the University of Delaware in May 2005 with a major in Accounting and a minor in Spanish. She has been working at the Baltimore office of PricewaterhouseCoopers for three and a half years and is currently a Senior Associate in the Assurance line of service. Her main clients include a software company and several Venture Capital firms.

Joe Evans Applied Educational Technology

Joe received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Fayetteville State University. He later received his Master's in Applied Educational Technology from Wilmington University. He completed math theory courses at the University of Delaware and is now a certified mathematics educator in the state of Delaware. Joe is the CEO and founder of Math Works Tutoring Program, Inc, a state approved program for supplemental services through the department of education. He is a resource teacher for standardized test preparation at Seaford Senior High School and the lead math instructor for the Gear-Up Program here at the University of Delaware.

Joe is not only a math educator but an inspirational guide as well. He encourages others through his published motivational CD entitled "If You Believe You Can Achieve". He also served in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division. Joe currently resides in Bear, Delaware with his wife and three children.

August Stoner '02 BA English

August Stoner is a graduate of the University of Delaware where she majored in English with a concentration in Business and Technical Writing, and a minor in Legal Studies. She is currently pursuing a double Master's in Organizational Leadership and Human Resources Management. During her time at the University of Delaware, she was very involved on campus. She was the president of the Martin Luther King Humanities Community and the Minority Student Network, a mentor for the Each One Reach One Mentoring Program, a facilitator for Sister to Sister, and a member of the Fortune 2000 program. Since graduating from the University of Delaware, August has worked as a Researcher, Writer, Survey Specialist, and Trainer.

August is currently the owner of BreathTaking Moments Event Planning. She is a visionary when it comes to planning events, and is dedicated to creating a unique experience for her clients. August is also the Pastor at the Church of Deliverance located in Wilmington, Delaware. She enjoys preaching and teaching inspirational messages that will guide others, especially youth, to know they can achieve anything they put their minds to while pursuing their relationship with Christ.

During her free time, August enjoys doing community service, reading, writing, traveling, and cooking.