#### **Board of Trustees Retreat**

President Dennis Assanis October 5, 2023



# **Rankings continue to recognize UD excellence**

#### **U.S. News & World Report**

- #76 overall national ranking Climbing 13 spots from last year
- #36 among top publics Climbing 2 spots from last year

Top undergraduate programs

- Chemical Engineering #5
- Engineering
- Psychology
- Computer Science
- Business
- Economics
- Nursing

Also listed among Best Value Schools, Best Colleges for Veterans and Best Undergraduate Teaching



Chemical Engineering research explores how dormant breast cancer cells can reactivate



# **USNWR rankings methodology changes**

2024 Best Colleges — 10 factors and 19 indicators (vs. 6 factors and 16 indicators last year)

Data not collected or computed last year for 8 of the 19 current indicators

#### **Factors removed:**

- Alumni giving
- Class size
- High school class standing
- Proportion of instructional faculty with terminal degrees
- Proportion of graduates who borrowed federal loans

#### Factors added:

- Faculty research
- College graduates earning more than a high school graduate
- Social mobility now includes firstgeneration graduation rates in addition to Pell graduation rates



## **UD** is strong in key rankings measurements

Standardized Test Scores (Median SAT and ACT)	1190-1360	Up 20-10 from last year (was 1170-1350)
First-Year Retention Rate	91%	Unchanged from last year
Six-Year Graduation Rate	83%	Down 1% point from last year
Faculty Salaries	Ranked 49 <sup>th</sup> of 435	Up 30 places since last year



## Welcoming the Class of 2027



#### Incoming Undergraduates (Newark)









#### **Ensuring long-term enrollment stability**





#### **Associate in Arts**





## **Expanding diversity throughout campus**

#### (Newark campus) 4.000 3,505 2,665 2,776 2,814 2,920 3,015 3,133 3,258 3.500 3,000 2,500 2.000 1.500 1.000 500 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

All Domestic Underrepresented Minority

**Undergraduates** 

#### % of Delawarean Undergraduates who are Underrepresented Minority (Newark Campus)



(Domestic Underrepresented Minority is based on all ethnicity categories and includes Black, Hispanic, Native American Indian, Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.)



## **Women's Initiative in Service and Education**

- WISE Program
  - Intensive Englishlanguage coursework
  - Individual tutoring
  - Specialized workshops on financial literacy, time management and more
- 14 Afghans, 1 Iranian
- All have transitioned from ELI to full matriculation





#### **Celebrating a century of study abroad at UD**



Video promotions at BWI, Reagan National & Dulles International during NAFSA Conference in Washington, DC



Reception at the French Embassy with Ambassador Laurent Bili and Sen. Chris Coons





#### Blue Hen student-athletes start season strong



Season-opener win against Stony Brook, 37-13

**Women's Soccer** — Beat Syracuse, first-ever win over a Power 5 school

**Men's Soccer** — Beat Rutgers, a Power 5 school and Big 10 champion last year

**Field Hockey** — Rolf van de Kerkhof gets 150<sup>th</sup> win as UD head coach

Football — Ranked #9/#10 nationally

**Volleyball** — Started the season 6-0, best since 2007

**Student-athlete GPA** — 2022-23 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> year with every semester above a 3.0



#### **PSAC connects students and administration**



President's Student Advisory Council

- 13 undergraduates, 4 graduate students
- Fall semester topic: Civil discourse
- Topics addressed last year: Diversity, sustainability, free speech, campus safety and more



#### **Continuing focus on graduate education**

#### **Graduate Student Enrollment**

Domestic International

5,000 4,500 1,247 1.422 1,589 1,151 4,000 1.244 3,500 3,339 3,000 3,135 3,134 2,886 2,860 2.500 2.000 1,500 1.000 500 0 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023



New Graduate Student Orientation





## **Diversifying our international student enrollment**



# ELAWARE.

## **Growing and renewing our faculty ranks**

#### Full- and part-time faculty





LaShanda Korley, Engineering, joined the faculty in 2018 and serves as director of the UD Center for Plastics Innovation and as a U.S. Science Envoy.



#### **Extending our impact through research**



A research project in the Move2Learn Lab uses the Nintendo Switch to help children and young adults with autism **Sponsored Expenditures** 

(in millions)



\*Preliminary



#### **Drake Lab project adds chemistry labs**



Addition opened Spring 2023

• Organics lab ready for Winter 2024



#### **FinTech Innovation Hub works on financial equity**





Rudi Eigenmann Co-Director of Research **Carlos Asarta** Co-Director of Education & Outreach



#### New leaders bring fresh energy to UD



William

Farquhar

Dean, CHS



**Schwartz** 

Dean, Biden



Fabrice Veron Dean, CEOE



**Oliver Yao** Dean, Lerner



Angela Chen VP IT



Downin

VP GC



Aimee Turner VP Finance

#### **Current searches**

CAS Dean CANR Dean CoE Dean VP Research





## **FY24 Institutional Goals**

- Develop and implement strategic *multi-year enrollment plan* at the UG and graduate levels
- Develop and implement a *multi-year faculty and staffing plan*
- Develop a *plan to advance equity* that dovetails and aligns with the campus strategic plan
- Develop a comprehensive *multi-year capital plan* new constructions and deferred maintenance
- Create 10-year financial plan, including operating and capital budgets



## **Goal: Multi-year enrollment plan**

Principles guiding our planning are centered around student success

Access

## Completion Student Success Post-Graduate Outcomes



## **Student Experience Master Plan**

#### **Experiential Path**

- Informed by Campus Master Plan strategies
- Leverages UD's signature assets
- Maximizes spatial efficiency
- Focuses on "belonging" spaces; impacting recruitment, retention and success







# Goal: Multi-year faculty and staffing plan

- Support University goals, mitigate risks, and align with needs and resources
- Recruit and hire outstanding senior leaders and ensure that continuity plans are in place
- Develop a faculty hiring plan by department and college that is supported by net tuition and external funding
- Attract and retain high-caliber faculty and staff by ensuring competitive compensation and benefits
- Continue to realign organizational structures, policies and procedures to enhance operational excellence





# **Goal: Advancing equity**



Supplier Diversity Conference, organized by UD

- Operationalizing equity initiatives throughout the University with an "Equity First Action Plan"
- Launching an Equitable Leadership Academy for professional development
- Expanding and strengthening active outreach to diverse community partners to expand their access to University procurement



## Increasing opportunities for equity and inclusion



# Center for Intercultural Engagement

- Perkins Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
  - Food and supply pantry
  - Clothing Coop
  - Interfaith meditation center and prayer room
  - Student Diversity & Inclusion offices
  - Registered student
    organization offices

#### Ribbon-cutting 3-5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6



## Goal: Comprehensive multi-year capital plan



- Continue to move current capital projects forward
- Develop a comprehensive deferred maintenance multi-year plan
- Develop and implement short- and long-term student housing plan
- Identify capital project priorities for the next several years, informed by enrollment, research, areas of need for the state and region
- Leverage remote work success to re-imagine space and increase utilization



#### **Design Studio reimagines Spencer Lab space**









#### Makerspace

- 14,000 s.f.
- Metalworking
- Carpentry
- Digital fabrication
- Labs and workshop
- Collaboration, office and storage space

#### Renovations

 Electrical, mechanical, air handling, lighting, etc.



## **Building X rises at the heart of campus**

An interdisciplinary science facility focusing on human disease, neuroscience and human behavior, and quantum science and engineering

- 4 teaching labs, serving >1,000 students/year
- Home to 50 PIs

#### Impacts:

- Preparing students in STEM, healthcare, mental health and biomedical fields
- Research partnerships within Delaware and beyond

Anticipated opening Fall 2024







#### Drawing residential and retail to the STAR mix







# **Delaware Technology Park project adds hub**

"An impressive ecosystem has been built in Newark, and this building will foster continued growth in Delaware's life science community."

-Robert Scheer, South Duvall president and life sciences real estate developer

Hub of life sciences and research companies

- ~105,000 s.f. on 6.9 acres
- First tenants expected in 2025
- Wet lab space for commercial spinouts from UD





# Goal: 10-year financial plan (operating & capital)

- Ensure enrollment targets and financial aid balance mission aspirations with sustainable net tuition
- Augment 5- and 10-year financial plan with comprehensive external revenue plan
  - Innovation, development
- Target operating margin of 3%-5%
- Develop financing plan for approved capital plan
- Continue to develop financial policies and controls





# **Biopharma funding leverages greater investment**



#### Ammon Pinizzotto BPI Center

- World-class regional hub for research and innovation
- Attracting >\$500M from government and industry partners

#### SABRE Center

Biopharmaceutical testing and training of highly skilled workers

#### Academic programs

 Biopharmaceutical Sciences Master's and 4+1 BChE/MS



# Adding research and training in biomanufacturing





Securing American Biomanufacturing Research & Education (SABRE) Center

- 90,000 sq. ft. on STAR Campus, north of Ammon Pinizzotto BPI Center
- Train workers in current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP)
- Support development and manufacturing of cuttingedge such as gene therapies, mRNA vaccines, and other biopharmaceuticals
- All funding from federal and state sources



#### **Entrepreneurial partnership celebrates milestone**





Versogen is one of the UD-affiliated companies that got its start at the DuPont Experimental Station



### Building on the historic success of Delaware First



- Total: \$1.05 billion
- Donors: 113,402

Next phase: Presidential initiatives to enhance and expand student access and support



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