Dear UDARF Members,

Once again, fall semester is upon us with another 4,000-member freshman class. They even have a new Caesar Rodney dormitory complex on South Academy Street where the tennis courts used to be, complete with a huge 1,100-seat dining hall. This dormitory group replaces the old Rodney-Dickinson complex on the former west campus. Even the Harrington complex has been refurbished and reopened. It is terrific that students now have dormitories most of us could only have dreamed of in our college days.

We also have a lot to look forward to in the coming year. On Oct. 7, Dr. Lynn Snyder-Mackler of the nationally acclaimed Physical Therapy Program will share with us the excellent work of that department. On Nov. 5, Barbara Viera will talk about her wonderful career as a long-time women’s volleyball coach, going back to the nascent days of women’s athletics, in her Intellectual Journey. On Dec. 1, Dr. John Jungck will tell us about the new and innovative ISE Lab (now Harker Lab). In particular, he will explain how the arts can be featured in the sciences.

At our next luncheon, we will also vote on the board’s proposal to change the Newsletter format from print to a web version, beginning next Spring. Each issue costs almost $800 to print and mail. The board believes that we can use those funds to supplement our luncheons to keep the costs down for attendees, cover our recurring deficits, and enable us to support an additional social function open to all UDARF members. We hope that the membership agrees that this is a better way to spend our funds. Meanwhile, please enjoy the six planned events we have in the upcoming year, as well as the camaraderie to be shared at each one.

Best Wishes,
Bob Taggart, President

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Rodney Dining Fresh Food Company, the new all-residential dining location, is located on the first floor of the Caesar Rodney Complex, which opened across from the Perkins Student Center this fall. The facility, with restaurant-style service and food, offers a variety of freshly prepared and made-to-order meals at several action cooking stations.

ACTING PRESIDENT TARGETT PLANS TO SUSTAIN CAMPUS MOMENTUM

As she prepared to take on the new role of acting president of the University of Delaware, Nancy Targett, dean of the College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment, spoke to the UD Association of Retired Faculty and said that the future of the University will continue the legacy of success built by its previous leaders.

Targett, who became acting president on July 1, outlined her vision for the future of UD during a UDARF luncheon on May 5 in Clayton Hall.

University President Patrick T. Harker announced on March 2 that he would step down to become president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Later that month, the Board of Trustees selected Targett to serve as acting president during the search for UD’s next president.

“It is an honor and an unexpected privilege to be in this role,” Targett said. “I have been at UD for 30 years, and I have a deep commitment to the institution and to the state of Delaware, which is my home.”

Targett described her role as acting president as one of sustaining momentum and building relationships to position UD for continued success when the next president arrives.

“I have to start out by noting that the
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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Trustees Don Puglisi and Terri Kelly, who co-chair the Presidential Search Committee, recently updated the campus community on the search process.

In a letter to the community in August, they said, “We have made considerable progress and are excited about the pool of candidates we have recruited. Our work will continue on schedule well into the fall semester, with the goal to recommend a list of qualified candidates to the Board of Trustees in early winter.”

Additional details and the full text of the letter are available on the Presidential Search website at www.udel.edu/presidentialsearch.
modern University of Delaware stands on the shoulders of our founders and the 25 previous presidents, especially E. Arthur Trabant and David P. Roselle," Targett said. "When President Harker arrived in 2007, he embarked on a Path to Prominence, and his goals were to strengthen an already strong faculty, continue to diversify the student body and expand UD’s market base from its traditional Mid-Atlantic flavor to one that was more national and international."

Converging challenges faced by Harker included adapting to ever-changing technology, facing societal questions about the cost of higher education and dealing with an economic downturn that had a significant impact for public institutions regarding state support, she said.

"Under President Harker’s leadership the University worked to navigate a positive path through that churn," Targett said. "One of his earliest successes was the acquisition of the 272-acre site that is home to our Science, Technology and Advanced Research, or STAR, Campus."

Opening its doors in January 2014, the Health Sciences Complex, with its close proximity to I-95 and many opportunities for student internships and community medical services, embodies what STAR is all about, Targett said.

Harker’s leadership also saw the construction of the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Laboratory (ISE Lab), Targett said.

"All seven of our colleges teach courses in ISE Lab, designed with connecting and interactive lecture spaces and laboratories," she said.

Targett noted that the dedication of Louis Redding Hall, the first campus building named for an African American, signals the impact the late civil rights lawyer had on the state and the University. Redding Hall is part of a first-year neighborhood that includes Eliphalet Gilbert Hall, a renovated Harrington Complex and a new residence hall and dining facility located on Academy Street across from the Perkins Student Center.

"Since 2010, we have provided some $40 million in aid for Delaware residents as part of our Commitment to Delawareans that recognizes our responsibility as the state’s flagship university," Targett said. "Our in-state tuition and fees are the second lowest among flagship universities in the region."

The University’s commitment to diversity also highlights its responsibility as a land-grant university, Targett said.

"We are continuing to build on diversity, but we still have a ways to go," Targett said.

“Diversity has to be woven into the fabric of who we are.”

Targett also noted the success of the University’s Associate in Arts Program, and a 329 percent increase in the number of international students since the fall of 2007, as well as significant growth in sponsored research and a state that is ranked second in the nation in peer-reviewed research.

A reengagement with UD alumni also has helped fuel a 142 percent increase in fundraising, thanks to events like Alumni Weekend, Targett said.

“As I have been at alumni events in my role as incoming interim president, I have been amazed at how strong an alliance President Harker has built with our alums,” Targett said. “One of them said to me that ‘We know what all this is about, and we are proud to give and proud to be a part of UD’s future.’”

Her goals as acting president include inspiring and transforming students, undertaking scholarship that enhances basic understanding and fosters solutions and challenges, and continuing to partner with communities and organizations on the local and global level, Targett said.

Such goals will position University to welcome its next president while taking yet another leap forward, Targett said.

“We want engagement with a consistent eye on the next 20 years so we can build on the accomplishments of all our presidents,” Targett said. “I’m optimistic about our future and I’m incredibly proud to play a part in this.”

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**HONORS FOR HARKER**

The Board of Trustees marked President Patrick Harker’s tenure at UD with two special honors at its spring meeting in May.

Trustees passed two special resolutions. The first conferred upon him the title of president emeritus and professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering. The second named the ISE Lab in his honor as the Patrick T. Harker Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Laboratory or Harker Laboratory.
**FACULTY RECEIVE UDARF RESEARCH FUND GRANTS**

Six faculty members have received 2015 grants from the UDARF Research Fund. Recipients and their projects are:

- **Charles Robinson**, English, for a research trip to the British Library, to update his *The Complete Letters of William Hazlitt (1778-1834)*;
- **Jewel Walker**, theatre, to edit the film of his play *Tuesday*, performed by PTTP in the Roselle Center for Arts Center in 2007;
- **David Mason**, mathematics and statistics, for six visits from Bellingham, Washington, to the University of Washington in Seattle to present talks related to probability and statistics;
- **John Wehniller**, geology, for catalog and travel costs to distribute samples of fossils to museums, including the Paleontological Research Institute, Ithaca, New York;
- **Philip Goldstein**, English, to participate in a panel on “Reading Toni Morrison Fiction" at the American Literature Association Convention in Boston; and
- **Leslie Goldstein**, political science and international relations, to pay a student to scan her book chapters to post online, “Creating Internet Access to My Published Works.”

**LEADERSHIP CHANGES ANNOUNCED FOR UNITS IN PROVOST’S OFFICE**

The Office of the Provost recently announced key changes in leadership for some of its reporting units.

**Lynn Okagaki**, dean of the University of Delaware College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) since 2011, became interim deputy provost for academic affairs, effective July 1. She replaces Nancy Brickhouse, who accepted a position as provost at Saint Louis University in Missouri. An internal search is now underway for the deputy provost for academic affairs.

**Ann Ardis** is serving as interim vice provost for graduate and professional education. Ardis, who most recently served as deputy dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center (IHRC), succeeds Jim Richards, Distinguished Professor of Kinesiology and Applied Physiology. He recently made the decision to return to teaching and research.

**Sandra Millard**, formerly associate University librarian for services, outreach and assessment at the University of Delaware, has become interim vice provost and director of libraries. Millard replaces Susan Brynteson who stepped down from leading the University of Delaware Library after more than 35 years.

**Nancy Guerra**, associate provost for international programs and director of the Institute for Global Studies (IGS), is returning this fall to the classroom and her international program of research. In the interim, Lynn Okagaki will assume leadership of IGS. An internal search will commence in the near future.

**16 ACHIEVE EMERITUS STATUS**

Sixteen faculty members were recognized for their distinguished contributions to teaching, scholarship, and service during their tenure at the University and were given the status of emeriti faculty.

Upon retirement, full-time members of the teaching faculty may be granted the title of "emeritus" with recommendation by the chairperson of the department and the dean of the college and the approval of the University provost.

Emeritus status was granted to:

- **Thomas Church**, School of Marine Science and Policy;
- **Carroll Izard**, psychology;
- **Dov Leshchinsky**, civil and environmental engineering;
- **Robert Lyons**, plant and soil sciences;
- **Carol Manning**, behavioral health and nutrition;
- **Stuart Pittel**, physics and astronomy;
- **Bonnie Robb**, foreign languages and literatures;
- **Yda Schreuder**, geography;
- **Jonathan Sharp**, School of Marine Science and Policy;
- **Leslie Skeen**, psychological and brain sciences;
- **Susan Strasser**, history;
- **Douglas Taber**, chemistry and biochemistry;
- **Young-Doo Wang**, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy;
- **Peter Weil**, anthropology;
- **Ray Wolters**, history; and

**Delaware Will Shine**

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT MAY MEETING**

The Delaware Will Shine strategic plan was approved by the Board of Trustees at its spring meeting on May 12.

At the meeting, Provost Domenico Grasso said the plan “was devised through an intensely broad, wide-ranging process of allowing all members of our community to contribute, both inside the campus walls and beyond.

“This is a plan that epitomizes our aspirations and our values, and will serve as a living and fluid document without any expiration date,” Grasso said. “It is a framework for how we will build our community and invest in our future. It is a bold statement. We will relentlessly pursue excellence, we will be consequential in the course of human events, and we will tackle the grand challenges and the great debates of our times.”

The complete plan and more information about the Delaware Will Shine initiative is available online at shine.udel.edu
IN MEMORIAM

Robert Hodson, faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences from 1969 until his retirement in 2013, died April 24, 2015. He was 78. Dr. Hodson, who taught thousands of biology and pre-med students at UD, received the University’s Excellence in Teaching Award in 2000.

Robert W. Mayer died Feb. 21, 2015. He held a number of positions at UD, including director of admissions, records and financial aid and vice president for facilities and management services, as well as teaching statistics at the graduate level. Dr. Mayer retired in 1990.

Mary C. Miller, an academic adviser to students in UD’s Associate in Arts Program in Georgetown for more than 20 years, died July 15, 2015.

Norbert Mulders, a UD alumnus and professor of physics and astronomy from 1996-2015, died March 30, 2015. He was 55. He served as director of the department’s graduate and then undergraduate programs.

IN BRIEF

Victor Klemas, professor emeritus in the School of Marine Science and Policy, is co-editor with Ralph W. Tiner and Megan W. Lang, of Remote Sensing of Wetlands: Applications and Advances, published in March 2015 by CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group. During 2014-15, he also authored or co-authored a number of articles on remote sensing.


Lou Hirsh, retired UD director of Admissions and chair of the Admissions Practices Committee of the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling (PCACAC), and Jake Talmage, director of College Counseling at the St. Paul’s School in Baltimore, conducted a session entitled, “So What’s Ethical? Current (and Thorny) Case Studies in Admissions Ethics” on April 20, 2015, at the 50th annual PCACAC Conference at the Omni Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia.

Philip Goldstein, professor emeritus of English, University of Delaware-Wilmington, presented the paper “Reading Toni Morrison’s A Mercy: Modernist Narration and The Critique of Patriarchy” at the American Literature Association conference in Boston, May 21-23, 2015. Goldstein also chaired a panel on “Mark Twain’s Audiences: Reception Histories and Reconstructed Reading Communities.”

George F.W. Haenlein, professor emeritus of animal and food sciences, has been invited to speak at the fourth International Conference and Exhibition on Nutrition to be held Oct. 26-28, 2015, in Chicago. He will speak on the topic “Goat Milk in Human Nutrition.”


COMING UP THIS FALL

UDarf’s quarterly luncheon series begins with a talk by Lynn Snyder-Mackler, Alumni Distinguished Professor of Physical Therapy, on Wednesday, Oct. 7, in 120 Clayton Hall.

Her topic will be “So You Have Knee Pain? What Can You Do About It?”

Reservations are due by Sept. 30, one week prior to the event.

The second fall luncheon is scheduled on Tuesday, Dec. 1, when John R. Jungck, director of Dupont Interdisciplinary Science Learning Laboratories, will discuss “STEM: including the Arts in STEM Education. (STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.)

Also, the My Intellectual Journey series will continue with a talk at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, by Coach Barb L. Viera, professor emerita and women’s volleyball coach from 1972-99. Reservations are not required for this free program.

Staci Perlman, assistant professor of human development and family studies, with a joint appointment in UD’s Delaware Education and Research Development Center, died Aug. 12, 2015, after a brief illness. She joined the UD faculty in 2013.

Paul Sestak, associate professor of hotel, restaurant and institutional management from 1984-2015, died July 15, 2015. He received the University’s Excellence in Undergraduate Advisement Award in 1990 and its Excellence in Teaching Award in 1991.

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