



PRESS RELEASE

Delmar School District

Delmar School District Summer Events

**2015 Delmar Teacher of the Year Judy Mills
has lunch with Governor Markell in Dover, DE**



Delmar's 2015 Teacher of the Year, Judy Mills, participates in a luncheon with Governor Markell at Woodburn in Dover. Former Teacher of the Year representatives from around the state provide a teacher's perspective on the various educational issues facing the 21st century classroom.

Math Teachers participate in Chesapeake Common Core Algebra Academy in Worcester County, MD

During the week of July 13 - 17, 2015, five members of the mathematics department participated in the Chesapeake Common Core Algebra Academy hosted by the Worcester County Board of Education. Teyra Barrow, Kristy Marshall, Judy Mills, Kathie Noonan, and Sonja Warner represented Delmar at this teacher education summer institute sponsored by the National Security Agency.

Guest speakers for the week included jet propulsion engineer Joe Polidan from the Wallops Space Flight Facility and curator Patrick Weadon from the National Cryptologic Museum. Instructed by Dr. Gail Kaplan and Dr. Michael Krach from Towson University and facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Bergner from Salisbury University and Worcester County's Coordinator of Math Instruction Rosemary Heher, Delmar's participants collaborated with algebra teachers from Dorchester, Somerset, Worcester, and Wicomico counties.

With special attention to the Standards for Mathematical Practice, teachers examined and created real-life scenarios which will enable their students to apply Common Core Algebra Standards. Delmar's math teachers enjoyed this opportunity to network with colleagues from neighboring counties to gain new activities for use in their classrooms!



**Empowering Students Toward AP Success
Marc Dickerson, Guidance Counselor
National College Board AP Conference
Austin, Texas**

Senior Guidance Counselor at Delmar High School, Marc Dickerson, learns about "Unconventional Wisdom: Increasing Enrollment While Increasing AP Success" while attending the National College Board AP Conference in Austin, Texas.

As part of a large-scale Wildcat initiative to increase AP enrollment, to support staff with AP training/class materials, and to sponsor student tutorial sessions; Delmar Guidance Department and AP staff are preparing for an exciting new school year.



Raymond Vincent, New Delmar Board of Education Member



"Delmar School Board President, Shawn Brittingham, swears in Delmar's newest Board member, Raymond Vincent, at Delmar School District's July 2015 Board meeting."

Flying High In the Sky at Delaware Tech



Sam Ellis, Delmar High School Communication and Technology teacher, demonstrated a drone operation for the Upward Bound program at Del Tech Community College.

UB Coordinator, Dr. Harry Hoffer invited Mr. Ellis and Jarred Bates, Del Tech employee, to give a presentation to Kent County students in their Summer School Program.

Students learned about the use of drones and how they operate. As part of the demonstration, aerial photographs and video of the students were taken. Students were very interested in the technology and enjoyed the demonstration.

The many applications of drone technology in college and career applications include: precision agriculture, wetland studies, journalism/communication programs, meteorological studies/public information reporting, and wildlife surveillance.

Delmar FFA members have successful summer.

As the school year came to an end in early June, many of Delmar's FFA members continued to work on their summer projects in preparation for late June CDE's (Career Development Events) and The Delaware State Fair livestock shows, exhibit entries and CDE's; and their hard work has paid off!

The Food Science and Technology CDE team (Destinee Addlesberger, Bryanna Blake, Hannah Craven, and Kara Davis) placed first and Amy Wiber placed first with her Agri-Science Fair Project "Evaluating Groundcovers and Runoff". All five girls will be attending the National FFA Convention held in Louisville, KY October 28-31. The Nursery Landscape CDE team (Shelby Grabuski, Nicole Greenwood, Erika Hearn, and Sima Patel) placed 4th; with Shelby and Sima placing 5th and 7th individually and the Livestock Evaluation team (Autumn Moore, Maria Morelli, and Makayla Musgrove) placed 6th; with Makayla placing 8th individually.

Several members exhibited and showed livestock at the fair with many placing in the top ten. Autumn Moore placed 7th and 12th; Makayla Musgrove placed 9th and 7th in goat showmanship and market classes respectively. Paige Vincent had multiple top placings with her ewe lambs and ram lambs including a Grand Champion and 2 Reserve Champions. Becca Wheatley placed 3rd in the market goat show, giving her the opportunity to show again in the Livestock Extravaganza and make it to the Junior Livestock Auction. Ashley Ellison volunteered his time at the Delmarva Building assisting with the poultry exhibits.

The following FFA members placed in the top 6 among entries of garden vegetables, hays, and eggs. Hunter Townsend earned a 3rd for best beets and 4th for best alfalfa; Autumn Moore earned 1st best large brown eggs and best pickles, 2nd best dozen green string beans, 5th garden vegetable display, and 3rd for best yellow squash; Adam Hastings earned 1st vegetable garden display, 4th best yellow squash, 5th best eggplant and tomatoes. The following members also submitted entries for exhibit; however they did not place in the top 6: Olyvia Vickers and Maddison Hensley. The majority of non-placing vegetable entries were collected and donated to the Delaware Food Bank.

Chapter officers created an educational display related to a food science topic "Don't Let the BBQ Sicken You" earning a 4th place finish.

The Delmar FFA Chapter would like to thank its members, parents, school administration and community for their continued support of the FFA mission “FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.” We would also like to thank East Coast Seed of Georgetown for sponsoring FFA t-shirts along with the annual FFA awards breakfast and King Crop Insurance of Georgetown for their continued support of Delaware’s young livestock exhibitors during the Junior Livestock Auction.