



PRESS RELEASE

Delmar School District partners with Wilmington University to offer Early College Program

Delmar, DE, Tuesday, April 23, 2013: Starting next year, a Delmar High School graduate will be able to walk at commencement holding a high school diploma in one hand and a college transcript in the other.

Beginning in the fall of 2013, academically-eligible juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to become dually enrolled at Delmar High School and Wilmington University concurrently, resulting in high school credits and college credits being earned simultaneously by those students.

"This is the type of rigorous opportunities students need," said Michael Watson, Chief Academic Officer for the Delaware's Department of Education, as he spoke to the large crowd of community members, students, and other guests who filled Delmar's Media Center for the announcement.



From left to right: Dr. David Ring (Delmar School District Superintendent), Ashley Giska (Delmar Senior High School Principal), Shawn Larrimore (Delmar School District Curriculum Director), Dr. James Wilson (VP for Academic Affairs at Wilmington University), and Dr. Peter Bailey (VP for External Affairs at Wilmington University)

Wilmington University classes will be taught by Delmar High School teachers who have been approved for adjunct professorship status by the university. Wilmington University courses will be offered in Delmar High School classrooms.

"This is a launching pad for Delmar students," said State Representative Tim Dukes. "This partnership will ensure our Delmar students are even more competitive in the global marketplace."

Delmar High School will be offering three Wilmington University courses next year: English 101, Science 232, and Math 310. Additional Wilmington University courses will be added each subsequent academic year. The possibility of offering online Wilmington University courses is also a goal of the Delmar School District.

"The mission of a high school in the 21st century is to provide students with a clear window to the world that awaits them," said Delmar High School Principal Mr. Ashley Giska, "and that is exactly what this partnership accomplishes."

"This is a proud day for Delmar," said Dr. David Ring, Delmar School District Superintendent, as he joined Wilmington University's Dr. Jim Wilson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, in signing the Memorandum of Understanding cementing the partnership.

If you would like to learn more about Delmar's Early College partnership with Wilmington University, please contact Mr. Shawn Larrimore, Delmar's Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Achievement, at 302-846-9544.