

COVID-19 RESPONSE REPORT

Delaware State University

It All **MATTERS.**



\$1 MILLION GOAL REACHED

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched COVID Student Emergency Relief Fund on April 10
- Housed 200 students on campus
- Weekly food drives – supported 400+ students
- Converted to a completely digital curriculum putting 1,447 courses online
- Reduced our student and employee campus footprint by 95%
- Provided over 120 tablets or laptops to students to work remotely
- First ever virtual Commencement

FINANCIAL IMPACT

900+ STUDENTS ASSISTED

OVER \$1.5 MILLION OF REQUESTED SUPPORT

1400+ APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

400+ DONORS

78% ALUMNI DONORS

CLEARED ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR 96 GRADUATING SENIORS AND DREAMERS

SUPPORTING A REDUCED RESIDENTIAL POPULATION

- Food Insecurities
- Housing
- Medical Care
- Mental Health Counseling
- Scholarship
- Technology Support



I cannot be more pleased with the response from our Alumni, community leaders, and corporate friends. We are living in a moment so many of us have never experienced -- a health epidemic not seen in a century and a rallying cry for justice that rings loudly in every community in the country. Meeting this goal is just one indication that inertia is not an option.

Tony Allen, Ph.D.
President, Delaware State University

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STUDENT IMPACT

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ANICE MEDINA

First off, I would like to say thank you to everyone who's involved. During this pandemic, my family and I are having a difficult time with food. My mother is a single parent of six and has been laid off due to COVID-19. Our money is very tight and will not be able to last much longer. The assistance from this fund will be greatly appreciated and put to good use providing my family and I with adequate meals throughout this tough time.



LAWRENCE AWOSOGBA

I and my family would like to take this time out and express our gratitude to Delaware State University for simply being there for us during this time. The University has not only shown that its students matter, but it has also shown that their families matter as well. As a graduating senior with things being difficult during this time and still managing to try and graduate on time, the University has shown great effort in trying to make its students succeed on and off the campus. I greatly thank the faculty and the leaders of the University for continuing to strive to show its students that We all Matter and we will get through this time. Once again, thank you.



BLAYNE BELL

Thank you so much for having this fund available. As a recent undergrad graduate and now a grad student, this fund allowed me to stay current on bills until work picked back up. I want to say thank you to the grant along with all the generous donors who have made this possible to the students at DSU.



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I so much appreciate the help provided to me. It really helps me out in this special situation. I feel cared for and supported by the DSU community all the time. So again, thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

STUDENT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND CO-CHAIRS



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"At Bank of America, we believe access to quality education is essential to building strong, thriving communities," said Chip Rossi, Bank of America Delaware Market President. "Delaware State University's Student Emergency Relief

Fund has made it possible for students from diverse backgrounds in Delaware, from across the nation and around the world to continue to learn and grow in the face of unprecedented challenges. We appreciate the opportunity to support DSU in this important effort.



KATHY SHELTON | FMC

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Delaware. FMC's donation to the Student Emergency Fund is to help assure that the Delaware State University community can continue to both succeed and flourish in these challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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