In the Fall of 2008, Clayton Railey, newly appointed dean of Communications, Arts, and Humanities, met with the arts faculty and laid out a vision for arts at the College. His goal was to make the College a cultural destination and contribute to the arts environment in the Philadelphia region.

A more comprehensive long-range plan was developed and the exhibitions were expanded from four to six per year. These new shows have consistently generated positive reviews from the Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Weekly and many online arts blogs.

Performing arts is now occupying a more public stage. Associate Professor Stephen Smith produced and directed King Lear in the fall. Students performed their lines with flawless diction that communicated a vital and vibrant sense of the script. Arsenic and Old Lace was presented in the spring. The cast and crew are students from the College and come from various disciplines and curricula. The Drama Department is committed to providing a comprehensive theater education for students. In turn, they bring the results to the community through energetic, thought-provoking productions in a setting that provides access to professional-quality theater.

Because of the spotlight on the arts, two new degrees were established – Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degree with two majors: Studio Arts and Graphic Design. Plans call for a degree in creative writing that would complement the department’s annual Edith Garlow Poetry Prize and also support the literary magazine, Pegasi.

The past three years have seen a renaissance of the arts at the College. The momentum is reaching a point where it will begin to carry itself and generate even more activity in a variety of venues around the College.

The Philadelphia Orchestra via simulcast also graced our “stage” in 2011. The College collaborated with SpectiCast and presented five concerts in HD. These performances underscored the College as a local venue for cultural events.

Clayton Railey sums it up by adding, “Art marks us as distinctively human, and there is a growing perception here at Delaware County Community College of the beauty of the arts, and the beauty of being human.”

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president's letter

Delaware County Community College graduated its 43rd class on May 19. Our graduates have triumphed as students and we wish them every success in their future endeavors. Success has a variety of definitions, but to the College it is helping our students achieve a variety of personal, academic, and career goals. We do this by delivering quality, affordable, and responsive educational opportunities, and by eliminating barriers to students' success.

Graduation is a milestone in a student's journey and presents a circular opportunity to reflect back and look forward. As a College, we are doing the same — to see both how well we have supported student success, and to understand how we can improve.

The last year has been eventful with a number of significant accomplishments:

- The College graduated our largest class in its history.
- Fall enrollment set a new record of 12,765 students.
- Our rate of student retention from fall to spring increased from 70 to 73 percent, which puts us on target to meet our strategic plan goal of 78 percent in 2015.
- Our students' participation in financial aid increased from 29 to 40 percent.
- Student enrollment in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and related courses increased by nearly 19 percent since spring 2008, partially due to the opening of our new STEM Center in spring 2009, and the overwhelmingly successful National Engineering Day Annual Event. Engineering enrollment alone increased by 45 percent.
- We expanded upon our Achieving the Dream initiative to increase student retention and became the first east-coast college to pilot the Academy for College Excellence (ACE) program to identify further techniques for achieving student success for at-risk students.
- We worked closely with the State, our sponsoring schools and members of the Chester-Upland school district to help that district to become a sponsoring school district. This allows students from Chester-Upland to attend the College at half the non-sponsoring tuition rate.
- We earned reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and were highly commended for the quality of our self-study process, report, and progress as an institution.

Looking forward, the College faces some significant challenges and opportunities:

- While the College is in a financially strong position, tight State and Federal budgets have become "the new norm." Budget cuts shift more of the financial burden of higher education to student tuition and fees. This challenges us to tightly control our operating expenses to minimize that burden shift. This will require new thinking about how the College delivers its services to maintain our excellent quality at a reasonable cost.
- Compared to nearby four-year colleges and universities, our students receive equivalent quality instruction and enjoy state-of-the-art facilities at a significantly lower cost. This is our strategic advantage and we will continue to cultivate it toward our overriding goal of student success.

By continuing to focus on student success, grow our student population, and operate as effectively as possible, we believe that we can overcome these adverse budgetary conditions and position ourselves for a long-term future of supporting the educational needs of the communities we serve.

Jerome S. Parker
President

All the World’s a Stage

Amaryllis Theatre Company presented the Philadelphia Premiere of Ojey by Octavio Solis. Making his professional debut was Mario Cantuaro, a drama student and last member of five productions at the College. Jonette Sodaro, managing director of the Theatre Company, and wife of Assistant Professor, Stephen Smith directed the play.

campus news

quick hits

PROFESSOR RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Patricia Barnes, associate professor of English received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant for the study of "Pullman Race, Labor, and the Company town" at the Newberry Library in Chicago this July. Pat's granddaughter in-law was a Pullman porter, and archives containing his records will be available to her. This is Pat's fourth grant from NEH.

NOVEL WINS 2011 PATRICK PRIZE

Adjunct faculty, Allisone Whitehead's novel "Random House (Random House)" has won the 2011 Patrick Prize for Books for Young People, Grades 7-12. It is an edge story about a star-crossed couple, features strong African American characters and spiky with smart, quirky dialogue, and fresh rumination on social pressures and black-on-black prejudice.

PROFESSOR INTERVIEWED

The Center to Promote Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Dr. Diane Picciano, associate professor of ESL, were featured in the article "Developing Professors" in University Business Magazine: Solutions for Higher Education Management (May 2011 edition).

Our Center's approach to professional development was highlighted as part of an examination of innovative approaches in community colleges.

Student Fundraiser

Incoming President of the Student Government Association, Nichole Philipp, would like to thank everyone who participated in the raffle. Proceeds will benefit Dreamkeepers, a funding program created by Scholarship America. The program provides emergency funding to assist college community students who might otherwise be forced to drop out of school when facing a financial crisis.

The raffle raised $326. The winner of the raffle, Rosalyn Mitchell-Jackson, received $163. The remaining money was donated to the Dreamkeepers fund.

2011 Phantoms Baseball Team

The 2011 baseball team remained regular season champions of the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference. The squad finished with nine wins and three losses. Their winning record earned them the right to host the post-season tournament.

Pictured with Head Coach, Paul Motta and Assistant Coach, Patral Ger: Nicholas Barton, Brian Bailey, Jeremiah Carbone, Evan Clow, Daniel Coppe, Matt DeLaRoe, Jeff Divirano, Nick Fleming, Frank Gallner, Vincent Jennings, Jonathan Lazzaro, Christopher Luongo, James Mukhi, Kyle Paglia, Mike Scongrassi, Kevin Tessa, Eamon Stevens, Victor Witz, Bobby Williams and Nigel Wilson.
alumni awards

Stephen S. Brown — 2011 Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award

Stephen S. Brown (ALCR ’30) was presented the 2011 Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award on April 27 at the 28th Annual Student Activities Awards Banquet. Brown received his award from Dr. Jerome Parker, President of Delaware County Community College, before an audience of 160 students, faculty and staff. In a prepared statement, Award chairperson and family representative John Moss acknowledged, “Stephen is a great example of someone who finds time to do it all — good career, outstanding volunteer activities, health/sports and family — despite what appears to be insurmountable challenges.”

Alumni Professional Achievement Award

Robert F. Downey ’74 is the recipient of the Alumni Professional Achievement Award and was the keynote speaker at Commencement on May 19. Downey is the former Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Field Office in Philadelphia. Downey’s career started after graduation with the West Chester, PA, Police Department, which led to his entering the FBI Academy in the early 1980s. His first assignment was as special agent in the Detroit field office investigating violent crimes. His successes led to his transfer to FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in 1995. He was later transferred and promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Office. Among Downey’s high-profile assignments were the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, amid fears of past 9/11 attacks, the 2008 and 2009 World Series games hosted at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia and President-elect Obama’s Whistle-Stop Tour in 2009.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Erica Reeves

Erica Reeves is a liberal arts student hoping to make a difference in the world. She came to the College in the summer of 2009, and by the following spring was inducted into the College’s Alpha Tau Epsilon (ATE) chapter of the international honor society of two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa. The following fall, she was elected VP of Fellowship for ATE, was selected as a Student Success Ambassador for incoming students, and revived the previously defunct Community Service Club. She was recently recognized at the Student Activities Banquet with six awards — involvement in the Community Service Club, Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Black Student Union, as well as for serving as a New Student Orientation Leader and received the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award.

Erica also earned a certificate in leadership for completing the Navigating Leadership Workshop Series. She has recently become a member of the Business Society and the Gay/Straight Alliance, and was selected as Member of the Year for the Black Student Union. Erica prides herself on assisting students in any way she can, and enjoys donating time to various organizations that work for a better tomorrow. She is a City Year hopeful for the Greater Philadelphia area in the coming months before continuing on to a four-year institution.

Julia Phipps

Julia Phipps is a dynamic accounting student dedicated to helping students. She first came to the College in the fall of 2009 and has since been active on campus. Julia was recognized at this year’s Student Activities Banquet earning five awards — involvement in Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Student Government Association, and the Black Student Union, as well as volunteering as a New Student Orientation Leader and a recipient of the Who’s Who in American Universities and Colleges Award. A known figure in Phi Theta Kappa’s Alpha Tau Epsilon (ATE) Chapter, Julia went through the ranks from member to secretary to vice president in a matter of months.

She was instrumental in writing the chapter’s Hallmark Awards, which led to the chapter receiving five awards at the Regional Conference. For her contributions and countless hours spent on the success of the organization, she was nominated for the Outstanding Chapter Office Award for PTK Internationals. Always smiling and helpful, ATE’s go-to girl will be sorely missed. She was recognized at the Academic Achievement Awards for maintaining a 3.7 average and giving time to ATE. Aside from her work on campus, Julia enjoys volunteering with the Philadelphia Ghostbusters — a group that dresses up, as the name suggests, and raises money for various charitable causes. She will attend Golden-Reed College in Wilmington, Delaware as an accounting major.

Brandon Evans

Brandon Evans of Aston, PA, completed the Process Control Technology certificate program in May 2010. He is now employed as a refinery operator with Conoco Phillips.

“Hard work in the Process Control Technology program, along with the excellent support of the Delaware County Community College staff, helped me to gain employment at Conoco Phillips. I had the experience of a lifetime at school because the staff really supported me and put me on the path for success. Whenever I needed help or advice, my teachers and Ms. Joseph of the Career Center, were always willing to help. After my graduation, Ms. Joseph kept me informed of employment opportunities.

As soon as Conoco Phillips notified the Career Center about their employment search, Ms. Joseph emailed me immediately. She not only notified me, she stuck by me every step of the way. Delaware County Community College was definitely the right choice for me.”
Applied Engineering Technology Grant

The College received a grant of $5,000 that will help strengthen outreach to non-traditional students for participation in a summer camp that explores the range of careers available in Applied Engineering Technology (AET).

A three-day Applied Engineering Technology Careers Summit for Girls will be held this fall for girls entering their junior year. Students will be recruited from high schools in Delaware County that have participated in the AET Fast Track program that was developed as an innovative secondary/post-secondary partnership in the College’s award-winning 2+2+2 Workforce Leadership Grant program in AET.

Two students from each school, representing a diverse mix of race and ethnicity, and socioeconomic levels, will be selected to participate for their demonstrated interest in, and aptitude for, careers in the high-demand occupations that comprise Applied Engineering Technology.

Partners include Synthes USA, the American Helicopter Museum, Sikorsky Global Helicopter/Keystone Helicopter, the Society of Women Engineers and the Boeing Company.

The project is supported by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development.

New Choices Program Receives Pew Grant

The New Choices Career Development Program received a three-year grant of $115,000 from The Pew Charitable Trusts. The grant will provide job counseling, training, and job-placement assistance for low-income and underserved women living in Delaware and Chester counties.

New Choices is a free program that helps individuals make career, educational and personal changes successfully. The program provides individual and group support, career planning, employer contacts, networking opportunities, resume writing and interviewing techniques, as well as basic computer training and math remediation.

New Choices serves approximately 150 participants a year, thirty-five of whom are supported by The Pew Trusts.

The Pew Charitable Trusts (www.pewtrusts.org) is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today’s most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public and stimulate civic life. Pew partners with a diverse range of donors, public and private organizations and concerned citizens who share our commitment to fact-based solutions and goal-driven investments to improve society.

Lindback Award

Dr. Lisa A. Baines, professor, Communications Arts and Humanities, received the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award at a ceremony on May 3, 2011. President Jerry Parker and Provost Virginia Carter presented the award to her, who praised her ability to motivate students to mind-nominated Dr. Baines for this award. She also established a College-wide reading program and promoted other activities focused on reading and understanding and she was recognized for her involvement with College activities, promoting the use of technology, and the development of curricula. She has presented at international, national and local conferences and been recognized for her service to fellow faculty members and to the College.

The Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award is presented annually to full-time faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching students at colleges and universities, primarily in the Greater Delaware Valley region. The award is made possible by the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation, Philadelphia.

Tennis Court

Members of the tennis team participated in a ceremony "christening" the newly renovated tennis courts thanks to the generosity of the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund on April 20.

Representatives of the College were (left to right) President Dr. Jerry Parker, Andrew Johnson, Jr., Director of Wellness, Athletics and Recreation, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Kathleen Breslin, and Reginald Middleton, Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund Trust Administrator at Wells Fargo Bank.
alumni news

Mount Kilimanjaro – To the Top!

There are many fascinating stories about former students. Some of our alumni have protected dignitaries, coached professional athletes, educated people around the world or helped local residents in need.

One of the more interesting stories comes from Robert O. Butler ’76, who retired in 2005 after teaching middle school science in West Deptford, NJ for 27 years. He soon decided to undertake one of the more challenging adventures known to man (and woman).

He was invited to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, one of the highest mountain peaks in the world. With little or no hesitation, Bob began training to get his body in perfect shape for the journey.

The climb began on January 2, 2011. Along with his son-in-law and son (currently studying at LaSalle), they set off on a fifteen-day journey that included stops in Amsterdam and the Serengeti.

Bob’s group included a tourist from Hong Kong, two guides, and 11 porters. They hiked upward for six to eight hours a day, breaking for lunch and taking mini breaks along the way. On average, 25,000 people manage the summit of the mountain each year and regretfully a dozen or so perish due to altitude related illnesses or injury.

They reached Uhuru Peak at 6:30 on the morning of January 6. Bob and his group witnessed sunrise at 19,333 feet above sea level, the highlight of this momentous experience. For 20 minutes, they sat on the roof of the world enjoying their accomplishment before beginning their descent on the opposite side of the mountain.

Their descent took just one day. After their climb, the trio went on safari in the Serengeti where they witnessed the annual migration of giraffes, elephants, black rhinos and even witnessed a python eating a small antelope.

In closing, Bob adds, “If you are a climber or are thinking of climbing the ‘Kil,’ you will probably be reading materials that point out the brutal thrusts of the summit to make it seem intimidating – well it is! However, once you get there you are so involved in doing what needs to be done, it’s really not that intimidating after all.” His group hopes to climb again, this time taking a slightly more advanced skill route to the summit.

Star Awards

Plan to celebrate Delaware County Community College’s 45th anniversary with alumni, friends, staff and faculty. As part of this tradition, the College will welcome five new members to its Galaxy of Star Alumni. The Star Awards will be presented in conjunction with the anniversary celebration, tentatively scheduled in September 2012.

Please submit your nomination now for an alumna or alumnus (or youself!) who has achieved prominence in any area – career, sports, public/community service, or association. Please include a current resume or biography and any supporting documents including letters, portfolio, news clippings or other relevant materials.

Send nominations to:
Delaware County Community College Alumni Association
901 South Media Line Road
Media, PA 19063-1994 or email dferguso@dccc.edu

For more information, please call 610-359-5131

Class Notes

Dr. J. Robert Difiligo ’71 has written a new book, The Invisible Moon, which takes readers on a harrowing journey through unlocked memories that are placed against the backdrop of significant events during the Vietnam War. The result is a passionate, somber tale of remembrance that will captivate readers from beginning to end. For more information, please visit: http://jrobertdifiligo.com/

Joseph T. Hackett (B), a graduate of the Delaware County Community College Municipal Police Academy, was elected to the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives for District 161 in the November 2010 general election. He was sworn in on January 4, 2011 in Harrisburg.

Robert O. Butler ’75 successfully reached the Uhuru Peak Summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa earlier this year. In the climbing party were his son, Ryan, and son-in-law, Jamie Doyle. The ascent took five days (see full story).

Michael F. Fantalone ’07 graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas to become an Air Force Airman.

Victoria Baker ’04 has joined Turner Investments, an employee-owned investment firm, as a marketing associate. She will be writing RFPs and assist with marketing reports.

New Careers

In anticipation of his Associate in Applied Science degree in Mechanical Technology, Thomas W. Rybowski, Ill of Aston, PA, attended the April 2011 Career Fair at the College. He met a representative from Penn Machine and inquired about opportunities with the company. Thomas had a follow-up interview with a company manager and was offered a position as a CNC Operator. Thomas graduated May and will begin his new job in June.

Engagements & Weddings

Lauren A. Smith ’02, is engaged to Brandon E. Perrine. An October, 2012 wedding is planned.

Monica Sockwell ’03 is engaged to Vincent D’Agostino ’08. No date has been set.

Obituaries

Marie L. Mele, former student, passed away April 15, 2011.

Marianne Sakers passed away April 17, 2011.

Lynda Carruzza passed away February 16, 2011.

Elizabeth A. Greenleaf ’08 passed away February 23, 2011.

William T. Root ’89, passed away April 17, 2011. Root, a former College employee, died in a kayaking accident in western PA. He was the Groundskeeper Foreman at the College for 11 years. He obtained his Associate Degree in Nursing ’89. At the time of his death, he was employed at Crozer Chester Medical Center as an RN. Root was an outdoorsman, an avid reader and music lover.
Coach Motta Honored

The Alumni Association and Athletics Office of Delaware County Community College honored Coach Paul Motta for his 40 years of service to the College’s baseball team. The event was held on May 1 immediately following the final home game, which the Phantoms won.

Coach Motta began coaching at the College in the spring of 1971 and has led the Phantoms to nine conference championships including a 16-0 undefeated season in 2010, the first in conference history. He has coached fifteen players to minor league assignments and a former player, Todd Rizzo, went on to the major leagues, eventually playing for the Chicago White Sox in 1998. Coach is widely regarded as one of the all-time greats on the baseball field, but more importantly, he has dedicated his life to help shape young lives whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Numerous alumni, family and friends were in attendance for this memorable occasion.

Engineering Career Day

The fourth annual National Engineering Career Day was held on February 24, attracting nearly 250 high school students and parents interested in exploring engineering careers. The Boeing Company sponsored the event: Vice President of the H-47 Programs at Boeing, Leanne Caret, was keynote speaker.

Students spent the evening learning about the many degree and certificate programs offered at the College and speaking with many of the 20 major local employers about qualifications and career choices. Information was also available on the transfer process between our partner colleges and universities.

Springfest

Despite the rainy weather (thank you, Mother Nature!), students celebrate the annual Springfest indoors. It was a great way to relax and have fun before finals.

Lou Scott Golf Classic

The 11th annual Lou Scott Golf Classic was another enormous success for golfers and those who wish to benefit. The weather was more than cooperative for the more than 100 golfers at The Golf Course at Glen Mills. Golfers made it a friendly competition as they vied for the challenging hole-in-one prize – a brand new Jeep, courtesy of Steve Vidoni, Videon Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

The closing event featured a helicopter circling the course and lowering over the ninth hole ready to drop the more than 250 balls that were numbered and sold as part of the fundraiser. The ball that landed closest to the hole paid the winner $1000. The annual outing is a tribute to Lou Scott, former principal of Penncrest High School, who passed away in 2000. Scott was the Special Assistant to the President of Delaware County Community College at the time of his death. Proceeds from the outing provide scholarship support primarily for Penncrest High School students. Students from other high schools who attend Delaware County Community College are also eligible.

The outing has raised more than $131,000 to date and has provided 40 scholarships to Delaware County Community College students since 2001.
Comencements 2011

Nearly one-third of the 1,500-member Class of 2011, the largest in the College's history, participated in the 43rd annual commencement ceremony in The Pavilion at Villanova University.

The Broomall Fire Company's Honor Guard opened the evening with the Flag Ceremony followed by the singing of the national anthem by Karen 'Tppman, Simulation Lab Specialist.

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Raymond G. Toto, welcomed the more than 2,000 family members and friends.

Isaac Fomenv, a native from Ghana, and one of 239 international students, gave the student address. Isaac said to his fellow students, "I believe that with our education, each one of us can contribute something." Reading Professor, Dianne Belitsky Shames, spoke on behalf of the faculty.

Robert Downey, a 1974 graduate and former FBI special agent, delivered the commencement address. He was also the recipient of the Alumni Professional Achievement Award.

Finally, Dr. Parker conferred associate degrees and certificates to the nearly 500 students in attendance.

Kelly Lincoln Story

Wayne and Patrice Lincoln got the phone call that every parent fears — "your daughter has been in an accident." In minutes they were headed to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). What they saw when they arrived shocked them: what they heard paralyzed them.

On June 11, 2006, Kelly Lincoln, a 19-year-old former high school cheerleader and Eagles cheerleader hopeful, was a passenger on a motorcycle. She never made it to her destination. Instead, she lay in a coma with no hope of ever walking, talking or breathing on her own again. Very few who suffer extensive brain trauma (Traumatic Brain Injury - TBI) ever live to tell the story. Kelly defied all odds — she made it.

Armed with a strong faith, boundless devotion and immeasurable determination, her parents kept a 24/7 vigil — never losing hope. Doctors at HUP (perhaps the best TBI unit in the country) gave them no hope. They were not convinced. They listened to all the options and assumed the "one day at a time" principle. Days and weeks passed and they were marked by ever-so-slight improvements nearly every day.

After a month, Kelly was moved to Bryn Mawr Rehab. Her parents kept a daily journal, and celebrated even the smallest development. In her comatose state, they would talk, read, and sing to Kelly. Doctors cautioned them — recovery from this type of injury was neither immediate nor predictable.

Kelly regained full consciousness about two months after the accident. She was released from Bryn Mawr Rehab after six months and continued therapy for the next 10 months. Five days a week, six hours a day relearning how to eat, swallow, walk, and talk. Her various therapies over the next two years included her favorite — therapeutic horseback riding at Thornecroft Equestrian Center. Kelly reenrolled at the College in 2008 seeking to take up where she left off, pursuing a degree in marketing but found it too difficult at that time. On the advice of her therapist, she decided to pursue a medical billing certificate. Kelly was determined. Studying with others on a regular schedule was the most helpful tactic. She and her classmates formed a study group and met every Sunday.

Susan Scalzi was one of her professors. "While she may think she learned a lot from me, what she may not realize is how much I learned from her," said Scalzi.

Kelly continues with her own rehabilitation routine — working out five days a week.

When Kelly walked down the aisle to receive her Medical Billing Certificate on May 19, the key word was indeed "walked." She did it on her own — no walker, no cane — just her brand new super slimy sandals. The smile on her face and twinkle in her eyes said it all.

Kelly hopes to find a job in the medical field, preferably at HUP, where she was once that patient with a very slim chance of recovery.
Upcoming Events

**Last day for fall registration**
August 24

**Fall and first accelerated classes begin**
August 29

**Fall Open House**
October 13

**Second fall accelerated classes begin**
October 18

**Registration for spring 2012**
October 31

**Paying For College Information Night**
November 9

**Business and Computer Systems Night**
November 17

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**Summer Camp at Delaware County Community College**

Final weeks to register your kids for Summer Camp at Delaware County Community College.

**Kids Camp.**

**Sessions run through August 11.**

For information, visit dccc.edu/kidscamp or call 610.359.5025