

Castle Announces More Than \$2.2 Million in Funding for Delaware State University -- July 3, 2007

Dover, DE -- Delaware

Congressman Mike Castle today joined Dr. Alan Sessoms, President of Delaware State University, to announce more than \$2.2 million in federal funding for Delaware State University. Under the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program, DSU was awarded \$2,177,892 from the Department of Education for strengthening academic resources, financial management, and endowments to enhance Black colleges. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services awarded \$109,964 to DSU for scholarships for disadvantaged students. Rep. Castle highlighted the significance of this funding for DSU as well as the importance of DSU to Delaware's history and higher education.

"Delaware State University has been a center of historical and cultural distinction within the state for decades. Since it was initially founded in 1890 as the State College for Colored Students, this school has been transformed into a wonderful university with diverse programs to serve the academic needs and interests of students in various areas of study. Delawareans should be proud of the work Delaware State University has done to ensure the school receives funding year after year to continue to better the university, students, and town of Dover," Castle said.

Following the announcement, Rep. Castle had the opportunity to tour the campus and see a number of programs at DSU that have benefited from federal funding through Title III of the Higher Education Act. Rep.

Castle got a first-hand look at DSU's Financial Network Trading Room, where real-time stock market information is at the students' fingertips to teach them about the financial world and the market dynamics. Rep. Castle also had the chance to see the Aquaculture Research and Demonstration Facility. This program promotes the development and growth of an economically viable and environmentally sustainable aquacultural industry in Delaware.

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