



## Boulden Brothers Breaks Ground On New Headquarters

What Omar & Urie Boulden, Sr began as a Newark-based coal delivery company in 1946 grew another step today when Urie Jr. joined the third Boulden generation, brothers Tim and Mike, in breaking ground on the new Boulden Brothers Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Electrical, and Propane headquarters at 107 Sandy Drive.

"This new facility has been designed from the ground up so our team can better serve even more of our neighbors," says Tim Boulden, President, Boulden Brothers. "We're proud to continue the Boulden Brothers tradition of family service to our community begun in 1946."

In addition to Tim, Mike, Urie and Cindy Boulden, Gary Stockbridge, President of Delmarva Power and Chairman of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, and Polly Sierer, Mayor of Newark assisted in breaking ground on the new 12,000 square foot facility which will house the company's heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical and propane services—reuniting all services in one location. The building is scheduled to be completed this September of this year.

## The Buccini/Pollin Group Launches BPG|360

As part of its 25th anniversary year celebration, The Buccini/Pollin Group, Inc. (BPG) is thrilled to announce the re-launch of its commercial division to BPG|360, an organization that manages more than six million square feet of commercial properties in the Mid-Atlantic region, including both properties controlled by The Buccini/Pollin Group, as well as third-party owners.

BPG|360 is a reflection of the firm's evolution into a comprehensive service provider for the all-encompassing nature of today's demanding modern workplace requirements. With a focus on best-in-class service, BPG|360 touches nearly every aspect of a tenant's workspace experience. BPG|360 benefits from a close working relationship with BPG's hotel affiliate PM Hotel Group (ranked top 20 in the U.S); residential affiliate, ResideBPG; parking affiliate ParkBPG; construction affiliate, BPGS Construction,

and co-working affiliate, The Mill. The team brings an experienced and diverse background to their portfolio, providing owners and investors with a unique business platform formed by marrying institutional practices and entrepreneurial spirit, creating a very pro-active tenant-focused model.

## Adesis Grows Business and Expands its Fundamental Chemistry Capabilities in Delaware

Adesis, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Universal Display Corporation (Nasdaq: OLED), announced that it will open a new suite of state-of-the-art laboratories in Delaware and expand its organic chemistry team and R&D programs. This additional footprint is expected to help drive growth opportunities in areas including next-generation OLED (organic light emitting diode) emitter and host materials and meet the growing demand for the Company's custom organic synthesis, research & development, and specialty manufacturing services.

Adesis also announced that it became a sponsor of Delaware

Innovation Space (DISI) and joined its entrepreneurial innovation community. Working with DISI, Adesis signed an agreement for approximately 7,000 square feet of laboratory space at the Experimental Station in Wilmington, Delaware. The new suite of laboratories, which includes additional ancillary work and meeting space, is expected to augment Adesis' on-going operations and recently-purchased 47,500 square foot headquarter building in New Castle.

Adesis has also been assisted by the newly formed Delaware Prosperity





## Members of families known for city development investing themselves in DCAD fundraiser

Members of two Wilmington families already heavily invested both in the art world and in the success of Wilmington and its Creative District came together to chair Delaware College of Art and Design's 2018 spring fundraiser – the DCAD@20 Art Party – in April.

Mati Bonetti de Buccini is a partner and the director of Atelier, an art preservation and storage organization with facilities in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Cindy Pettinaro Wilkinson owns COCA Art, a local art gallery and retailer. Their family businesses develop and invest in real estate in and around Wilmington, Buccini/Pollin Group since 1993 and Pettinaro since 1965.

"DCAD brings so much energy and creativity to Wilmington – it's what prompted me to join the Board of Trustees four years ago," said Buccini, who moved to this area with her family nine years ago and has seen many changes downtown since then. "Bringing more creativity to the city is always the right answer. Technology and robotics and automation are surging, but creativity and art can never be automated."

The DCAD@20 Art Party took place in DCAD's Market Street galleries and on Sixth Street between those two indoor spaces. It raised funds to support general operations and scholarships at the College, which was founded in 1997, and is celebrating its 20th anniversary through the graduation of its 20th class in May.

Partnership (DPP). The DPP was recently created by Delaware as a public/private partnership to accelerate economic development efforts.

## Richards Layton Again Ranks First in M&A Deals in Delaware

Richards, Layton & Finger acted as Delaware counsel on 57 M&A transactions valued at or above \$100 million in 2017, more corporate deals than the other listed Delaware law firms combined. Richards Layton has led the state in The Deal and Corporate Control Alert's annual rankings of high-value deals for more than 20 years running.

"Richards, Layton & Finger continues to set the bar as Delaware deal counsel," said Gregory Varallo, president of the firm. "We have outstanding, innovative lawyers who handle challenging, high-stakes matters, and we're proud that our clients continually rely on our commitment to service and excellence."

## Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A. Launches Enhanced Website

'We are listening' is something we stand by, and our new site has been carefully crafted to reflect what our clients, friends, recruits, and users told us they want. Immediately, you will notice streamlined menus, simple navigation, and easy access to the information you need. In addition, to be more meaningful and engaging to future employees, we have designed an entirely new careers section as a beneficial resource for those considering joining the BLS Team.

The logo for Belfint, Lyons &amp; Shuman, P.A. consists of the letters 'BLS' in a stylized, red, cursive font.

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## DCAD-NextFab partnership will enrich college curricula, city arts district

A recently launched collaboration between the Delaware College of Art and Design and NextFab makerspaces aims to enhance DCAD's programs of study, increase NextFab's footprint on the city's Creative District and further the redevelopment of Wilmington's downtown.

DCAD ([dcad.edu](http://dcad.edu)), the Mid-Atlantic Region's only two-year professional art and design college, offers the associate of fine arts degree in animation, fine arts, graphic design, illustration and photography and has served as an anchor institution in the revitalization of Wilmington since its founding in 1997. NextFab ([nextfab.com](http://nextfab.com)), which has three locations in the Mid-Atlantic, provides access to tools, technology, training, events, consulting and capital for creatives of any skill level.

The first phase of the partnership, already under way, provides NextFab memberships to all DCAD faculty to help them develop ways of integrating the latest in traditional and digital technology and artistic innovation into DCAD's curricula while furthering their own development as artists. Subsequent phases will include field trips to NextFab for students to use the state of the art equipment, software and instruction for class assignments and provision of NextFab memberships to all degree-program students for use in completing coursework and for creating extracurricular art and design projects.

## Tidewater Utilities Inc., selects Connecting Generations as 2018 charity tournament beneficiary

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. is pleased to announce it has selected Connecting Generations as the beneficiary of its Annual Charity Golf Tournament to be held August 13, 2018. Connecting Generations was selected following a judges' panel review of scores of applications and presentations by several finalist organizations.

Connecting Generations is a creative mentoring program spanning 90 plus schools throughout all three counties in Delaware with the mission to help children become emotionally strong, resilient, and socially competent individuals who can succeed in school and life.

"We're excited that our eleventh annual charitable tournament will be supporting Connecting Generations' work in providing mentors and support to children here in Delaware from kindergarten to twelfth grade," said Jerry Esposito, President of Tidewater. "Since this tournament's inception, we've partnered with thirteen different non-profit organizations – donating over \$147,000 to support various great causes in Delaware. We're delighted to be partnering with Connecting Generations to make a positive difference in the life of children in Delaware." To learn more about this year's outing, please call 302-747-1308 or visit our website [www.tuiwater.com](http://www.tuiwater.com).



## Easterseals Welcomes New Board Member

Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore recently welcomed Thomas Wren, of Wilmington, to its Board of Directors.

"I am really excited to try and help," Wren said. "Easterseals mission is really important."

Wren retired in 2006 after serving as the Treasurer at MBNA America Bank for 11 years. Before joining MBNA, he was the Chief Investment and Funding Officer with Shawmut Bank. Wren currently serves as a board member of Financial Trust. He has served in many positions with Delaware Hospice, Christiana Care Health System and Delaware Community Foundation. He graduated from Rutgers University and is married to Diane Wren.

## Karins Engineering, Inc. Continues Growth with Additional Staff

Capitalizing on their award-winning year, Karins Engineering, Inc. has added several new staff members as they continue their growth into 2018. Karins is a regional full-service engineering, planning and surveying firm headquartered in Newark, DE, and branch offices in Georgetown, DE, and Bryn Mawr, PA.

Last year, Karins won the prestigious "Superstars in Business Award" from the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, was awarded a coveted spot on the Zweig "2017 Hot Firms List" and earned a highly sought-after position on the "Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Private Companies" List in 2017.

Looking ahead to a successful 2018,



Karins has added four new staff members to their team. "I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for our company, its people and our clients," stated Dev Sitaram, President. "With our additional personnel we're better equipped to improve our client-focused services and strong relationships as we move forward."

Linda R. Layer, P.E., has joined the Bryn Mawr, PA, office as a Senior Civil Engineer and Professional Engineer. Nora L. Weder has been hired as Chief Administrative Officer and will be based in the Newark, DE office. Laura Enghofer joins Karins as a Registered Landscape Architect in the Newark, DE office. Dave Rosenberger has joined Karins and Associates in the Newark, DE, office.

## Catholic Charities celebrated national CACFP Week in March

During National CACFP Week, March 11 to 17, 2018, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington joined with Delaware family child care providers in acknowledging the many ways our community benefits from the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Catholic Charities, as one of three Delaware sponsors of the program, works to help licensed child care homes and centers to serve nutritious meals to the children in their care.

Richelle A. Vible, Executive Director, said, "Catholic Charities is happy to support these thoughtful child care providers in their quest to do what's right for the children and families they serve. It's a program that fulfills our mission of promoting the well-being of people. Children cared for by providers participating in the CACFP benefit by not only being fed nutritious USDA regulated meals, but also by receiving nutrition education that helps them establish positive eating habits they can apply throughout their life."

## Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Commits to Further Expansion of Natural Gas Services Throughout the Delmarva Peninsula and Surrounding Region

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK) is committed to bringing more natural gas to the Delmarva Peninsula including areas in Maryland and Virginia's Eastern Shore. Through the Company's interstate natural gas transmission pipeline, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG), and its natural gas distribution division, Chesapeake Utilities, the Company aims to expand its service offerings to new areas. Natural gas is safe, clean, reliable, affordable and domestic, and promotes economic development while preserving the environmental integrity of a region.

ESNG has initiated a nonbinding Open Season for its Market Hub Services and Pipeline Expansion Project, which would expand the availability of natural gas on the Delmarva Peninsula and the neighboring region. Through this project, ESNG would reach communities and businesses currently not served by clean natural gas, and provide additional natural gas service.

In 2016, Chesapeake Utilities partnered with a local Cecil County, Maryland business, Warwick Mushroom Farms, to replace the mushroom grower's supply of fuel oil with clean natural gas, marking the first time the more economical option has been made available in the southern portion of the county. Chesapeake Utilities has committed to further expanding its natural gas service in western Cecil County in 2018.

In 2013, Sandpiper Energy began introducing natural gas service in Worcester County, and most recently Ocean City, Maryland. When the Ocean City system is fully converted to natural gas, the net effect will be a reduction in CO2 emissions by over 3,500 tons a year, the equivalent of

taking over 600 cars off the road. To date, the company has converted more than 5,800 homes and businesses in the area.

## DowDupont Announces Brand Names for its Independent Companies

DowDuPont™ (NYSE:DWDP) today announced the corporate brand names that each of its divisions plans to assume once they are separated as independent companies as intended. While certain product names will change at separation, many products within each intended company will continue be sold under their current, widely known brand names.

Agriculture Division to be Corteva Agriscience™, reflecting its purpose of enriching the lives of those who produce and consume.

Materials Science Division will be called Dow, and will retain the Dow diamond as its brand, building on the Company's globally recognized 121-year history of innovation and value creation.

Specialty Products Division to be the new DuPont, carrying forward a 215-year legacy of science-based innovation to transform industries and everyday life.

Ed Breen, chief executive officer of DowDuPont, said, "Our selection of these company names is a major milestone in the process of creating three, strong independent companies, and each name reflects the unique strengths and value proposition of the company it will represent. As we move forward, a critical part of our work will be to build and strengthen the global corporate brands that express the commitment we are making to our customers, employees, investors, and all of our stakeholders, to grow value through innovation."

## SSD Recognized for Excellence in Managed IT Services

SSD Technology Partners announced today that CRN®, a brand of The Channel

## Delaware Prosperity Partnership Announces Appointment of President & CEO

William Kurt Foreman currently leads economic development team of Greater Oklahoma City Chamber

Following a national search, the Board of Directors of the Delaware Prosperity Partnership (DPP) has selected William Kurt Foreman to lead the organization as President and CEO. He will report to DPP's Board.

Mr. Foreman currently leads the 16-person economic development team of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, one of the nation's largest Chambers of Commerce. The organization serves a 10-county area, with a population of nearly 1.5 million. Prior to his present position, Mr. Foreman served as CEO of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. Originally from the northeast, Mr. Foreman has held senior economic development positions in Pittsburgh and the Washington, D.C. area.

Mr. Foreman will begin work in Delaware in April. He will initially focus on building the organization and implementing the DPP strategic plan to enhance Delaware's economy.

"We remain focused every day on making sure that Delaware's economy is competitive, and that all Delawareans have access to good, high-quality jobs," said Governor John Carney, co-chair of DPP. "That's why we have partnered with the private sector through the Delaware Prosperity Partnership to bring additional resources to our economic development efforts. The bottom line is this: Delaware remains a great location for businesses to put down roots, grow, and create jobs. Kurt has the knowledge and experience necessary to tell our story and help us attract business and jobs

to Delaware. We're thrilled he has accepted this new role, and I look forward to our work together."

The DPP was established in 2017 as a 501(c)(3) organization to lead the state's economic development efforts. A partnership between state government and the private sector, the DPP will have a budget of approximately \$3.4 million annually, with 38 private sector investors, and will draw upon both state resources and the expertise of many of Delaware's business leaders.

"Kurt has put successful teams together, is highly respected and well known in the field and can hit the ground running," said Rod Ward, co-chair of DPP, and President and CEO of CSC.

"I've been impressed with what I've learned during the search process. The state has a great deal to offer companies, both those that start here and others that will choose to locate and grow here going forward. It was the contagious optimism and clear commitment of DPP's leadership and board that truly sold me on wanting to join the DPP at this important juncture," said Foreman. "I look forward to returning to the Mid-Atlantic where my family roots are and where I got my start in economic development. My wife and I are excited to get to know the various areas of the state and become active members of the community. I am honored to have this chance to work with both the board



and many current and future partners to build something that can make a long-term difference for the citizens of Delaware."

Mr. Foreman is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and holds an MBA from Wake Forest University. He is active in several economic development professional organizations including the International Economic Development Council.

"Given the role of the DPP and its importance to the State, it was critical that we conducted a national search in order to find the best person for the job. We knew that traditional economic development experience would be important, but the ability to expand Delaware entrepreneurship and innovation opportunities was also an important factor. We had a very talented diverse pool of applicants to consider and Kurt was the unanimous choice of the committee. We are thrilled to have him join us as we set a new course for our State", said Doneene Damon, member of the DPP Search Committee and Director, EVP of Richards, Layton and Finger.

Mr. Foreman was recognized in 2017 as one of North America's Top 50 Economic Development Leaders by Consultants Connect. "I can't imagine anyone more qualified than Kurt. He would certainly rank in the top 10% of economic development professionals in the country," said William N. Hearn, Senior Vice President, CBRE Advisory and Transaction Services of Atlanta, GA.

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Company, has named SSD to its 2018 Managed Service Provider (MSP) 500 list in the Managed Security 100 category. This annual list recognizes North American solution providers with cutting-edge approaches to delivering managed services. Their offerings help companies navigate the complex and ever-changing landscape of IT, improve operational efficiencies, and maximize their return on IT investments.

SSD provides a comprehensive suite of managed security services that go well beyond traditional MSP offerings. SSD's Assurance program takes a layered security approach to protect mission-critical systems and data from cyberattacks. The SSD team also conducts regular security reviews and assessments and helps organizations implement best practices and develop and maintain effective security policies.

"We are very proud to have been recognized by CRN for our managed security services," said Lisa Detwiler, President, SSD Technology Partners. "Cybersecurity is a significant business and IT challenge for our customers, and they look to us for help in reducing the risk of business disruption due to a security breach. Our highly trained and experienced team uses our proven methodologies and the latest security tools to monitor, manage, maintain and protect our customers' IT environments.



## Jason Field to Succeed Terri Kelly as President and CEO of W. L. Gore & Associates

W. L. Gore & Associates today announced that Jason Field, global sales and marketing leader for Gore Medical

Products Division, will succeed Terri Kelly in the role of President and CEO effective April 1, 2018. Terri Kelly will continue to serve on Gore's Board of Directors through July 2018.

Jason Field joined Gore in 2005 as a product specialist focusing on medical devices that treat thoracic aortic aneurysms. He continuously broadened his commitments, serving as a co-leader of Gore's highly successful aortic business before moving into sales and marketing leadership roles. Jason is also a member of the Medical Products Division leadership team and a key contributor to global Enterprise initiatives.

"I am excited to work alongside my fellow Associates to shape the future of our Enterprise," said Jason Field, global sales and marketing leader for Gore's Medical Products Division. "We have strong organizational momentum, and I look forward to creating value for all our stakeholders by applying my passion for exceptional customer experiences, innovation and Associate engagement to improve life for our customers, communities and Associates."

## Agilent Technologies to Acquire Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc.

Agilent Technologies, Inc. announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire privately-held Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc. (AATI), a provider of capillary electrophoresis-based (CE) solutions for fully-automated analysis of a range of molecules for \$250 million in cash. This acquisition will enhance Agilent's existing expertise and technology, while giving customers a more comprehensive set of solutions.

Automated electrophoresis is a com-



monly used separation technique to analyze biomolecules such as nucleic acids (RNA and DNA), proteins, carbohydrates and small molecules. It has a broad range of applications and is used across a variety of industries segments including pharma and biopharma, academia and government, clinical and diagnostics, food, environmental and forensics, and chemical and energy.

"Technology advances in genomics, metabolomics, and proteomics are driving growth and demand for innovative new solutions," said Dr. Stefan Schuette, vice president and general manager of Agilent's Liquid Phase Separations Division. "The value of this acquisition is in the expanded capabilities for emerging applications that Agilent and AATI together can offer."

## Delaware National Guard swears in Honorary Commanders

The Delaware National Guard recently assembled its Class of 2018 Honorary Commanders.

The Honorary Commanders were officially sworn in during a meeting of the Delaware Chamber of Commerce's Joint Military Affairs Committee, according to Col. Len Gratter - public affairs officer for the Delaware National Guard.

"Each year we induct 30 Honorary Commanders into the Delaware National Guard. And what that is, it's a program where we will partner civilian leaders, business owners, educators and elected officials with a military commander and a military unit. The goal is to inform and educate what we're doing in the Delaware National Guard and how we're spending your tax money," Gratter said.

Gratter says Honorary Commanders have the chance to visit National Guard troops during training, tour National Guard facilities, receive hands-on experience with training aids and get an orientation flight in a military aircraft.

## Two High-Tech Companies Taking Their Businesses to the Next Level in Delaware with Help from the Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism

A company working to make NASA spacesuits stronger and safer and another providing data to millions of drivers to help them avoid traffic jams are both growing in Delaware.

Assistance from the state Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism is helping STF Technologies and TrafficCast take their businesses to the next level.

"Growth in Delaware's economy through projects like these stems from an ecosystem created in the state," said Linda Parkowski, Acting Director of the Division of Small Business, Development & Tourism. "Delaware has a business environment that encourages research and innovation and has programs in place to provide the ready space and produce a well-trained workforce for high-tech companies."

STF Technologies, which is based at the University of Delaware STAR Campus in Newark, develops advanced thickening materials that can change form between liquid and solid to improve the protective abilities of NASA spacesuits, making them more puncture- and impact-resistant.

Last year STF began manufactur-

ing and selling shear thickening fluids. Previously a material mostly confined to research labs, these materials are now being used by a number of different companies to create next-generation protective materials and motion-control devices.

At its February meeting, the Council on Development Finance recommended a \$50,000 Technical Innovation Program grant for STF to help provide a bridge between Phase I and Phase II Small Business Innovation Research funding from NASA.

"This technology could protect and save astronauts venturing to Mars," said Richard Dombrowski, Co-Founder of STF Technologies. "It is gratifying to see the state showing confidence in the company by helping us find Earth-based markets for our materials. We are also grateful for the TIP grant, which helps us to maintain our research and product development activities between rounds of NASA funding."

TrafficCast, which is based in Madison, Wis., is relocating its East Coast Traffic Operations Center to Delaware. The company uses data from 1.5 billion GPS trace points and its own road-based sensors to monitor traffic

flow nationwide and provides real-time traffic data to more than three-quarters of all in-dash vehicle navigation systems.

The company is relocating 10 jobs and creating an additional 58 new jobs in a new office at The Mill, a coworking space in downtown Wilmington. At its February meeting, CDF recommended awarding TrafficCast a \$171,600 Performance Grant from the Delaware Strategic Fund.

Many of the new jobs will involve software development so proximity to Zip Code Wilmington, which is also located at The Mill, is an important selling point for moving there.

Both The Mill and Zip Code Wilmington have benefited from past assistance through the state's economic development efforts.

"Delaware provides a great opportunity for TrafficCast to grow and create a footprint in a state-of-the-art location in Wilmington," said Al McGowan, CEO of TrafficCast. "Access to the talent required for that growth attracted us to Delaware, and the support we have found here in the private sector and in state government has shown us it was the right choice."

## Sallie Mae Introduces New, Flexible Graduate School Loans For Medical And Dental Programs

Sallie Mae, the nation's saving, planning, and paying for college company, announced new, competitively-priced, graduate student loans for medical and dental professions. Both loans offer fixed and variable rates with no origination fees or pre-payment penalties, plus multiple payment options and enhanced repayment flexibility to cover 100 percent of the

school-certified cost of attendance.

The Sallie Mae Medical School Loan is available to graduate students pursuing a degree in allopathic, general, osteopathic, podiatric, radiology, sports, and veterinary medicine at degree-granting institutions. The Sallie Mae Medical School Loan offers fixed interest rates ranging from 5.74 percent to 8.36 percent annual percentage rate and variable interest rates ranging from 3.62 percent to 8.36 percent APR.

"We know that graduate school continues to be the expectation for many stu-

dents and families, and our research also found that most plan to borrow to pay for it," said Kelly Christiano, senior vice president, Sallie Mae. "These students value choice, flexibility, and options tailored for specific programs. We've designed our new graduate products to provide just that: competitively priced solutions with benefits, like extended grace and deferment periods that outpace the federal program, and repayment terms that allow students to focus on their studies and transition to their careers."

## Jewish Federation of Delaware Honored as 2018 Top-Rated Nonprofit

Jewish Federation of Delaware announced today that it has been honored with a prestigious 2018 Top-Rated Award by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations.

“We are excited to be named a Top-Rated 2018 Nonprofit,” says Seth J. Katzen, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. “This is the seventh consecutive year that Federation has received this accolade reinforcing our steadfast commitment to excellence.”

The Top-Rated Nonprofit award was based on the large number of positive reviews that Federation received – reviews written by volunteers, donors and clients. People posted their personal experience with the nonprofit. For example, one person posted, “Federation is an exceptionally well run organization administered and staffed by people who really care about their mission and run a very efficient agency.” Another reviewer posted, “Jewish Federation of Delaware does an outstanding job of convening the Jewish community, supporting the Jewish agencies and organizations in our area, and representing our interests on a local level, and, through their allocations, in Israel and around the world.”

## Delaware Tech's Mardi Gras Fundraiser Tops \$110,000 Raised

The Stanton and George Campuses' 14th annual Mardi Gras gala, held March 3, 2018, drew nearly 500 guests and raised more than \$110,000 to support student scholarships. The funds bring the event's 14-year total to more than \$1.4 million, which is used to help students in need pay for tuition, books, and other



## Nanticoke Weight Loss Recognized for Quality in Bariatric Surgery

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Delaware has recognized Nanticoke Weight Loss & General Surgery with a Blue Distinction® Center for Bariatric Surgery designation as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. Blue Distinction Centers are nationally designated hospitals that show expertise in delivering improved patient safety and better health outcomes, based on objective measures that were developed with input from the medical community.

To receive a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery designation, a health care facility must demonstrate success in meeting patient safety measures as well as bariatric-specific quality measures, including complication and readmission rate for laparoscopic procedures in sleeve gastrectomy, gastric bypass and adjustable gastric band. A health care facility must also be nationally accredited at both the facility and bariatric program-specific levels.

essentials while attending Delaware Tech.

Guests were treated to exceptional New Orleans style music, entertainment and food as well as music from The Blind Date Band, wine and beer glass painting, tarot card readings, dueling pianos and line dancing. The event also featured a large silent auction.

“Every year, our crew of more than 200 staff and community volunteers comes together to create a fabulous event for our guests,” said Dr. Kathy A. Janvier, vice president and campus director of the

Stanton and George Campuses. “We hear often that our Mardi Gras is the best party in town, and we love to see guests return year after year to help us meet our fundraising goal for our students.”

## Recycled computers to find new homes with seniors, students

Hempfield-based CyberCrunch, a data destruction and e-waste recycling company, will donate 10 refurbished laptops to Westmoreland County residents and

organizations in need.

Laptop recipients are partners of United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, including senior citizens who volunteer with United Way's Open Your Heart to a Senior program and local pre-k centers who collaborate with United Way's early education programs.

As part of their e-waste recycling business, CyberCrunch promotes reuse of refurbished laptops and electronic equipment. CyberCrunch partnered with United Way to find local recipients who may benefit from a refurbished laptop, including seniors on fixed incomes and early education centers with limited budgets.

## The Grand Opening of Stitch House Brewery

Wilmington-based developer, The Buccini/Pollin Group, Inc. (BPG) is pleased to announce the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration for its latest retail tenant, Stitch House Brewery, which occurred on March 16, at 3:00 PM. Speakers included Governor John Carney, Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, Michael Hare, Executive Vice President of The Buccini/Pollin Group and Dan Sheridan, Co-owner and Chef of Stitch House Brewery. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony inside the restaurant located at 829 N Market Street in Wilmington, guests enjoyed the much-anticipated beer during happy hour from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Stitch House is only the second downtown Wilmington brewery in over 60 years and will be the first micro-brewery to open on Market Street in over 15 years. Co-owners and Wilmington natives Dan Sheridan and Robert Snowberger are excited to bring brewing back into city limits.

Staying true to the history of the space, Stitch House is named after the building's former occupants a linen mart and tailor shop, and its previous use as

both a coal house and ice house. The 7,000-square-foot restaurant space, designed by Stokes Architecture of Philadelphia, will seat upwards of 160, including 40-plus in the bar area and a back room for private dining.

Stitch House is committed to staying open until 1:00 AM seven days a week as a place for city residents to casually socialize. On tap will be several different beers brewed on site that guests will be able to purchase in to-go growlers and smaller crows. The new American menu will feature a variety of options including cheese and meat plates, soups, salads, share-size skillet dishes and sandwiches piled high with meat smoked directly at the restaurant.

## Navient recognizes Wilmington employee for his efforts in supporting Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria

Chris Kozicki, director of crisis management and business continuity at Navient, received Navient's Navigator Leadership Award for his role in supporting a Puerto Rico-based team recovering from the massive destruction caused by Hurricane Maria.

Presented by President and CEO Jack Remondi at a ceremony at the company's headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, the award is given to one company leader who demonstrates excellence in business, people, results and personal leadership.

"Chris' commitment and dedication during these events were more than what was required of his job," said Remondi. "His actions were from the heart."

In Kozicki's honor, The Navient Foundation made a contribution to support The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, a nonprofit that provides financial assistance to families of kids with cancer nationwide.

## Agilent Receives 2018 Scientists' Choice Awards

Agilent Technologies Inc. announced today that it has received two 2018 Scientists' Choice Awards — Best New Separation Product for the Agilent 1260 Infinity II Prime LC system, and Best New Spectroscopy Product for the Agilent Ultivo Triple Quadrupole LC/MS system.

SelectScience announced the winners of the 2018 Scientists' Choice Awards during a special ceremony held on February 28 at the international conference Pittcon 2018 in Orlando FL.

This year marks the third time Agilent products have won Scientists' Choice Awards in both best new separation and best new spectroscopy categories.

"We are focused on innovation with purpose, bringing innovative products to market that meet the needs of our customers and exceed their expectations," says Patrick Kaltenbach, senior vice president of Agilent and president of the Life Sciences and Applied Markets Group. "Being nominated for and winning both awards in one year is a real recognition of our exceptional reputation for separation and spectroscopy products among the analytical customer base."

Jewish Federation of Delaware Earns Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency

Jewish Federation of Delaware announced that it has earned the 2018 Platinum GuideStar Profile Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information. By sharing metrics that highlight progress Jewish Federation of Delaware is making toward its mission and helping donors move beyond simplistic ways of nonprofit evaluation such as overhead ratios.

"In accordance with our long-held belief in being transparent about our work," said Seth J. Katzen, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, "we are excited

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to convey our organization's results in a user-friendly and highly visual manner."

To reach the Platinum level, Federation added extensive information to its Nonprofit Profile on GuideStar: basic contact and organizational information; in-depth financial information; qualitative information about goals, strategies, and capabilities; and quantitative information about results and progress toward its mission. By providing this information, Federation has demonstrated its commitment to transparency and to giving donors and funders meaningful data for effective evaluation. You can visit Federation's GuideStar profile at: <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/51-0064315>.

## Richards Layton Announces Its Newest Members of the Delaware Bar

Richards, Layton & Finger is pleased to announce that four associates of the firm were admitted to practice in the State of Delaware in a ceremony today in Dover. The associates newly admitted to the Delaware bar are Travis J. Cuomo, Sara M. Metzler, Kevin M. Regan, and Christian A. Truman.

"We proudly welcome our newest members of the bar and look forward to the contributions they will make to our clients, our firm, and our community," said Gregory Varallo, president of Richards Layton. "Each one of them is a valuable addition to our firm, and I know they all share our enduring dedication to service and excellence."

## Introducing Impactivate: The Impact Investing Exchange

The Glenmede Trust Company, a privately-held and independently owned investment and wealth management firm with \$40 billion in assets under management (AUM), announced today the launch of Impactivate, a website that



## Navient Foundation supports college tour for at-risk youth

Navient Foundation, the company-sponsored philanthropic fund, announced a \$7,500 grant to support Duffy's Hope annual cross-country college tour. The nonprofit encourages Delaware's at-risk youth to learn outside of the classroom.

"Thanks to Navient's support, we've made a difference in the lives of several students from the city of Wilmington and surrounding areas," said Allen "Duffy" Samuels, founder and chief executive officer of the nonprofit Duffy's Hope. "Students will have the opportunity to see colleges and universities in other states. For many of them, this is the first time they've left Delaware."

"The Duffy's Hope college tour offers a fun and engaging way for students to explore their options," said Patricia Nash Christel, vice president, Navient. "We're proud to support these young people, many of whom will be the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education, on their journey to succeed in college and a future career."

The annual tour had its beginnings in the spring of 2013. This year, 15 students will participate in the college tour including 13 from Wilmington. The tour will begin on April 2 through April 6. Students will also visit universities in Delaware at the end of April.

showcases articles from journalists and thought leaders on the environmental, social and governance continuum.

"An expanding body of research has resulted in the beginning of an exciting era in the discipline of impact investing, with a spectrum of approaches emerging, from identifying companies that adopt ESG-aware policies and practices to

direct value-based investing," said Casey Clark, Director of Sustainable and Impact Investing at Glenmede. "Given the tenured history we have implementing impact strategies for foundations and endowments, we saw an opportunity to sponsor a dedicated resource that has the potential to align values with investments."

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