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»» “It all matters.”
That’s the admonition that Tony Allen, who became Delaware State University’s 12th President on January 1, 2020, lays out at every possible opportunity.

Allen, who has been Provost and Executive Vice President since July 2017, succeeds President Wilma Mishoe, who retired at the end of 2019.

His career background, different from other presidents in the University’s 128-year history, explains his perspective. While previous presidents largely came from faculty or administrative careers

in academia, Tony Allen’s life has been a unique blend of traditional academia, corporate experience and high-profile public service.

From 1997-2000 he served as speechwriter and special assistant to then-US Senator Joe Biden. The former Vice President said recently, “I can’t wait to see Tony behind the President’s desk at Delaware State.”

Tony holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of Delaware, where he also earned his bachelor’s degree and later served on the Board of Trustees. His research on the challenges of today’s

Black middle class—often conducted in partnership with Dr. Leland Ware—have significantly shaped debate over social and economic policy over the past 20 years.

But Tony believes in doing something about the issues of the day, not just chronicling them. He co-founded Public Allies Delaware, a leadership development organization; became the founding president of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League; and chaired the Wilmington Educational Improvement Commission.

His efforts have not gone unnoticed. Among many awards Tony has received,

the more recent include the Civic Leadership Award from Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic and the Louis L. Redding Excellence Award from the Delaware Barristers Association.

Tony's career includes more than a decade as a corporate executive at MBNA America and Bank of America (BoA). He left BoA as Vice President for Corporate Reputation to become the University's Provost.

As Provost, Tony redesigned the University's academic colleges; pursued collaborations with partners like Apple, FMC and JP MorganChase; and committed to nearly doubling the institution's federally funded research.

"He is well prepared to take over the top leadership," said Dr. Devona Williams, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

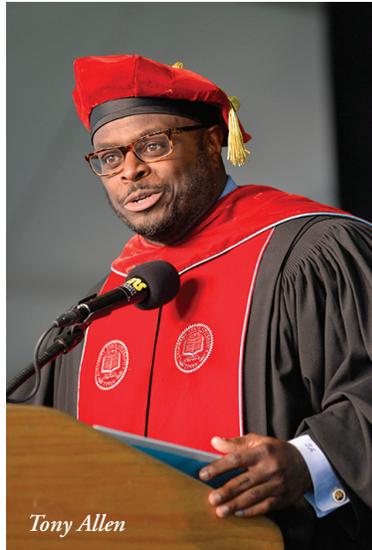
Governor John Carney, who tapped him for his gubernatorial transition team, said, "Tony is the right person to lead the University at this exciting time in its history."

Tony's vision is simply stated: "We will become the most diverse, inclusive and contemporary Historically Black College/University in the nation."

"It all matters" means that every function at the University is critical in helping students succeed in their academic journeys and beyond.

"Being contemporary means applying real-world tools to solve real-world problems," Tony insists. "We are defining what it means to be an HBCU in the 21st Century. That's why the University has become the #1 choice for Dreamers—children of undocumented immigrants—in the nation. It's all part of the picture."

Tony takes the reins in a year of record enrollment (5,054 students), with the University recognized by U.S. News & World Report as the #4 public HBCU in America. Visit www.desu.edu to learn more Delaware State University.



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