

# Newsbites



## Adesis Donates 1.75 Metric Tons of Hand Sanitizer

Adesis, Inc., based in New Castle, Delaware, has formulated and donated close to two metric tons (almost 4000 pounds) of hand sanitizers to Donate Delaware. These protective disinfectants are further distributed to, among others, the Delaware Health Care Facilities Association for nursing homes across the state; Delaware Dream Center as part of its services to challenged communities, schools and apartment complexes, and the Latin American Community Center, which provides assistance with housing and employment services to the area's Hispanic community.

"Our chemistry teams and staff are proud to play a part in helping keep Delawareans safe," said Adesis President Andrew Cottone. "Working with Donate Delaware and its co-founder Dave Tiberi, we're grateful for their help in distributing these sanitizers to the many organizations that need them."

## Dr. David Tam, FACHE Elected to American College of Healthcare Executives Council of Regents

David A. Tam, MD, MBA, FACHE, President & CEO, Beebe Healthcare, has been appointed to the Council of Regents, the legislative body of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

The Council of Regents serves as the vital link between ACHE and members by approving governance and membership regulations as well as promoting ACHE programs, services and activities within their respective areas.

Dr. Tam will take office March 20, 2021, prior to ACHE's 64th Congress on Healthcare Leadership. As a Regent, he will represent ACHE's membership in Delaware.

"It is an honor to serve on the Council of Regents and represent the state of Delaware," Dr. Tam said. "I've been humbled to be welcomed to the First State with open arms amid the COVID-19 pandemic and will do my best to advocate for healthcare in my adopted home state."



*David A. Tam, MD, MBA, FACHE*

## William Coffey Joins WSFS as Senior Vice President, Chief Technology Officer

WSFS Bank, the primary subsidiary of WSFS Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: WSFS), today announced William Coffey as its new Senior Vice President, Chief Technology Officer (CTO) reporting to Lisa Brubaker, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer.



*William Coffey*

Coffey will be responsible for leading enterprise technology strategies and services for the Bank, including infrastructure and architecture, application development and service management.

"I am very excited to join the WSFS team and to work with WSFS Associates throughout the company," said Coffey. "Given the growth the Bank has experienced the past several years, WSFS is well-positioned going forward for significant and strategic growth in the rapidly changing landscape of the financial services industry."

## Jordon N. Rosen, CPA, AEP® Elected into the NAEPC Estate Planning Hall of Fame

Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, CPAs (BLS) announced that the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC) recognized Jordon N. Rosen, CPA, AEP® as an entrant into the Estate Planning Hall of Fame® and as a recipient of the Accredited Estate Planner® (Distinguished) designation for 2020.



Jordon N. Rosen,  
CPA, AEP®

Jordon is one of only seven estate planning professionals to receive this prestigious award in 2020, which is given annually in recognition of lifetime achievement and outstanding contributions to the practice and profession of estate planning within the professional disciplines of accounting, insurance and financial planning, law, philanthropy, trust services, and academia.

## Delaware State University receives \$20 million gift from MacKenzie Scott

Philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, who has already become one of the most significant benefactors for racial equity causes, announced today that her second cycle of charitable donations has been completed, bringing her 2020 total of giving to an unprecedented \$4.158 billion to 384 nonprofit and charitable organizations, including a \$20 million gift to Delaware State University. The gift marks the largest single gift ever received by Delaware State University.

Ms. Scott, recently listed by *Forbes* as one of the world's "most powerful

women," noted in her statement that in selecting the recipient organizations, she and her advisors "took a data-driven approach to identifying organizations with strong leadership teams and results, with special attention to those operating in communities facing high projected food insecurity, high measures of racial inequity, high local poverty rates, and low access to philanthropic capital."

## Gunnip CPAs Passes Peer Review

Gunnip & Company LLP announced that it has successfully completed a peer review of its accounting and auditing practice. After a thorough study of its policies and procedures, the reviewer concluded Gunnip & Company complies with the stringent quality control standards



## BVSPCA Purchases Former Vet Specialty Center

The Brandywine Valley SPCA has purchased a property in New Castle that will replace its current New Castle Campus with a larger, more comprehensive shelter and low-cost veterinary clinic. Formerly owned by the Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware, the new campus will include the state's first shelter intensive care unit (ICU), it will double the organization's capacity to treat and spay/neuter family pets, and it will improve the housing and quality of life for shelter animals waiting to be adopted.

The 12,268 square foot facility sits on three acres at 290 Churchmans Road. The veterinary space will enable the BVSPCA to expand services to family pets and shelter animals while adding 7,658 square feet of state-of-the-art space for shelter animals. "This new facility will go beyond addressing the limitations of our current New Castle Campus to become the largest and most comprehensive of our four campuses," said Adam Lamb, BVSPCA Chief Executive Officer.

established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The firm received the highest possible rating which exemplifies its commitment to provide the highest standard of excellence in the quality of their work.

Katherine Silicato, CPA, Partner, who heads quality control at Gunnip & Company, said, “We are proud to once again successfully complete our peer

review, especially given the increasing scrutiny of the audit and accounting sector.”

Peer review is a periodic outside review, performed by another accounting firm, of a firm’s quality control system in accounting and auditing. The rigorous review is based on a series of standards for quality control set by the AICPA, the national professional organization of CPAs.



## Crab Du Jour Opens Flagship Location in Newark with Ribbon Cutting and Elected Officials

Crab Du Jour, the most exciting seafood restaurant on the East Coast, cut the ribbon on its brand-new flagship location in Newark, Delaware on January 26. The new restaurant has created more than 20 jobs in Newark while providing a safe and enjoyable experience for the community. Crab Du Jour plans to invest heavily in Delaware in 2021, with more than 10 additional restaurants planned for the year, employing 200 Delaware residents.

“Cajun-style seafood is all about getting people together, and our hope for this restaurant is that it will be a community gathering place in the future,” said Jeff Schroth, an executive with Crab Du Jour. “For now, we are welcoming small groups to enjoy together either here or at home. There’s nothing like a seafood boil to raise spirits, and we know our Southern comfort food will be loved here in Delaware too.”

Its other locations in Delaware include Wilmington and Dover. It is best known for its Cajun boil and bar offerings, including its signature “Du Jour” sauce. All Delaware locations are currently open for in-door dining and takeout orders seven days a week.

## Wohlsen Names Vice President of Construction Quality

Wohlsen Construction Company is pleased to announce the promotion of Roger Ball, from Vice President of Construction for the Delaware Valley Region to Vice President of Construction Quality.

In Roger’s new role, he will drive performance enhancements related to quality control and workflows throughout all phases of a project life cycle. He will apply his expertise to assist operations

teams across Wohlsen’s geographic footprint to consistently achieve best in class results by implementing these enhanced procedures known as the “Wohlsen Way”. Roger received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bucknell University and his Masters of Business Administration degree from Cornell University and has worked in the Mid-Atlantic construction market for over 31 years.



*Roger Ball*

## BLS CPAs Earns Forbes America’s Top Recommended Tax and Accounting Firms Spot

Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, CPAs (BLS), a Top 300 accounting firm headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, earned the honor of being the only Delaware-based firm named on *Forbes’* 2020 America’s Best Tax and Accounting Firms List. *Forbes* partnered with Statista, a global market research firm, to create a list of the most recommended firms for tax and



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accounting services in the U.S. based on surveys of tax and accounting professionals and their clients. 278 firms were recommended for the 2021 list for either tax or accounting and only 172 firms on the list were recommended for both tax and accounting. For the second consecutive year, BLS is proud to be one of the exclusive firms to have earned recognition in both categories.

### Whisman Giordano & Associates, LLC hires Senior Accountant, Carolyn Craven

Carolyn comes to Whisman Giordano with over 10 years of experience. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Moore School of Business, where she was a double-major in both Accounting and Finance. Her specialties are audits and attest services, defined benefits, not-for-profit organizations, and private equity hedge funds.



*Carolyn Craven*

### New Morris Nichols Brand Conveys Continued Focus on Complex Delaware Business Law, Innovation on Ground-Breaking Legal Issues

Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP revealed its new visual identity. The rebrand reinforces what sets the firm apart – a 90-year legacy of shaping

Delaware law by partnering on landmark cases of national significance, a deliberate focus on business law, and a culture grounded in collegiality and respect.

“Delaware law and courts are the nexus of high-profile matters,” said Bill Lafferty, chair of Morris Nichols’ executive committee. “Whether bankruptcy proceedings, transactions and financial structuring, or corporate and patent litigation, major US companies are drawn here. Reflecting on our 90 years, we wanted our brand identity to reinforce how we are uniquely positioned to handle these complex, high stakes matters.”

The updated visual identity, which is the culmination of a 15-month project that started with an extensive brand

## Morris Nichols

### ARSHT & TUNNELL

analysis in 2019, presents a modern aesthetic that pays respect to the firm’s Delaware roots while also recognizing the firm’s position at the forefront of Delaware business law. The new logo places emphasis on Morris Nichols, which is also the domain where the firm’s new digital home resides. The morrisnichols.com website features crisp imagery, distinctive colors, and an updated layout and architecture. The logo itself is commanding, with a timeless, bold font.

### Sharon Kurfuerst appointed President of ChristianaCare, Union Hospital

In her new role, Kurfuerst will oversee efforts to strengthen community relationships in the communities that Union Hospital serves. Union Hospital joined ChristianaCare a year ago.

### Delaware Technical Community College receives grant from Bank of America to help with workforce training in Delaware

A \$25,000 grant from Bank of America will be used to offer a new Community Health Worker program at the College’s Dover campus. It will provide for a cohort of eight students to go through the program free-of-charge.

“We are grateful for this grant which provides Delaware Tech with another way to meet a critical need and put Delawareans to work,” said Dr. Mark T. Brainard, president of Delaware Tech. “We appreciate Bank of America’s generous award and continued support of the community.”

The grant is part of Bank of America’s philanthropic giving efforts in local communities. Awardees were selected for their commitment to addressing basic needs, medical response, and workforce development for individuals and families, in particular during the coronavirus pandemic.

“Our partnership with Delaware Technical Community College is rooted in our commitment to support meaningful solutions to advance economic opportunity. We’re excited these students will have the opportunity to participate in this new and important Community Health Worker program,” said Chip Rossi, Delaware market president for Bank of America. “Teaming up with the state’s only community college increases our efforts to foster economic mobility through a focus on education and workforce development.”

“For the past year, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been privileged to see first-hand the strong commitment of our Cecil County Campus and Union Hospital caregivers to its community,” Kurfuerst said. “I look forward to helping us grow our community partnerships in Cecil County, which are integral to improving population health.”

Kurfuerst also will continue her leadership responsibilities as ChristianaCare’s system chief operating officer, where she heads the development and execution of core enterprise business processes and functions, including campus operations for Newark, Middletown, Wilmington and Cecil County, where Union Hospital is located; clinical essential services; corporate compliance; facilities and services; urgent care, safety and security; real estate; retail strategy and expansion; and design and construction activities.

## Highmark Delaware Earns Top Marks in Human Rights Campaign’s 2021 Corporate Equality Index

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware received a score of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s 2021 Corporate Equality Index, the nation’s foremost benchmarking

survey and report measuring corporate policies and practices related to LGBTQ workplace equality. Highmark Delaware earned the distinction for the second time and joined 765 other U.S. businesses that also earned top marks this year.

“While 2020 presented an array of challenges that Highmark employees

had to overcome, I am proud that our continued dedication to maintaining a safe, healthy and inclusive work culture did not go unnoticed.

Whether in an office building or home office, or in person or online, our commitment to ensuring our employees are free to be their best selves did not change,” said Nick Moriello, president of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware.



## WSFS Bank Ranked Top Ten on *Forbes* 12th Annual Best Banks List

WSFS Bank, the primary subsidiary of WSFS Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: WSFS), was recently ranked number 10 on the *Forbes* 12th Annual America’s Best Banks list, after debuting on the list at number 48 last year. WSFS was the only financial institution that focuses solely on the Greater Philadelphia and Delaware region to place in the top 50.

The *Forbes* ranking comes after an unprecedented year in which WSFS stepped in to help guide Customers through COVID-19 response and recovery including helping more than 5,000 Customers obtain nearly \$1 Billion in PPP funding, protecting nearly 100,000 jobs in the region. WSFS also stuck to its core priorities including continuing its investment in talent and delivery transformation to enhance the customer experience.

“This honor belongs to each and every one of our associates,” said Rodger Levenson, chairman, president and CEO. “This validates our strategy as the largest locally headquartered bank in our market, supporting our community with a full suite of products and services. WSFS is here and well positioned for the future.”

## HOTEL DU PONT Named One of U.S. News & World Report’s Best Hotels in the USA for 2021

The HOTEL DU PONT is honored to be named one of U.S. News & World Report’s Best Hotels in the USA in its annual, coveted rankings. The 11th annual Best Hotels rankings evaluate more than 30,000 luxury properties across the United States, Europe, Bermuda, Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean.

“The travel industry has faced numerous challenges over the past year, emphasizing the need to support and recognize hotels that continue to maintain exemplary standards,” said Zach Watson, travel editor at U.S. News. “This year’s list offers a reliable guide for travelers to use when planning their next getaway, whether that’s in a few months or next year.”

HOTEL DU PONT received this prestigious award on the heels of its new restaurant, Le Cavalier, receiving the Best Historic Restaurant Award from Historic Hotels of America in December 2020. The restaurant was bestowed the award for its thoughtful re-concepting of the original Green Room. The same month, Travel + Leisure featured the state of Delaware in its list of 50 Best Places to Travel in 2021, specifically citing the HOTEL DU PONT and Le Cavalier as must visit destinations for readers.



## Woodlawn Trustees Hires New CEO

Following a national search, the Board of Directors of Woodlawn Trustees, Inc. is announcing Richard T. Przywara as



*Richard T. Przywara*

the organization's next President & CEO. Rich began at Woodlawn on February 15th.

Woodlawn Trustees was founded by William Bancroft in 1901.

Mr. Bancroft felt he owed a 'special debt' to

the residents of Wilmington and so he began Woodlawn Trustees as a way of continuing his passion for affordable housing, planned orderly development and preservation of open space.

Rich has the vision and expertise to further William Bancroft's ideas. He brings the skills and knowledge necessary to complete the Flats Redevelopment Project on the West Side of Wilmington. He will help to continue Woodlawn's commitment to the East Side of Wilmington and the remaining land in Brandywine Valley. Rich will become only the 5th CEO & President in Woodlawn's 120-year history.

## Kent and Sussex Counties Partner with Energize Delaware to Launch Commercial PACE Programs

Energize Delaware announced that Kent and Sussex counties joined New Castle County as partners in the Delaware Property Assessed Clean Energy (D-PACE) program. PACE is a managed initiative that allows commercial and industrial property owners to finance



## Delaware Technical Community College's Diesel Technology Program Trains In-Demand Workers

Delaware Technical Community College's Automotive Technology Program recently unveiled a new academic program - a Diesel Technology Associate of Applied Science degree. The program is taught in the Georgetown campus' new Automotive Center of Excellence. The first cohort began in January 2021.

The program was created in response to research and industry requests for qualified auto/diesel technicians. It will provide training to meet industry hiring needs in the areas of sales, quick-lube, service advisor, and automotive and diesel technicians.

Automotive Technology Department Chair Mark E. Swarbrick, M.Ed. said the training offered by Delaware Tech is unique to the region. "There is no other diesel training available nearby, and the demand is tremendous," said Swarbrick. "We are an all-purpose program in that we are not partial to one brand. With the training students gain at Delaware Tech, they should be able to do work on big trucks, medium trucks, or in the agricultural field on tractors and heavy equipment, with starting salaries of \$41,000 - \$58,000 and growing to six figures."

energy efficient and clean energy projects that will lead to significant energy cost savings. Projects that qualify under the statewide PACE program will be financed through a voluntary assessment on property tax bills similar to a sewer or other benefit assessment. PACE in

Delaware, is an open-market model, using private capital to finance all projects; no taxpayer dollars will be used for financing. With the recent addition of Kent and Sussex, this benefit is now available to every commercial or industrial business across the state.