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**Terry Campus commencement ceremony returns to campus**

DOVER- The Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus thirty-sixth annual commencement will take place Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. on the campus mall area between the Educational and Technology Building and the Terry Building.

This is the first year the graduation ceremony will be held on campus since 1986. Hosting the event outdoors allows adequate space for the large number of graduates and their guests. The number of students earning degrees at the Terry Campus has increased, resembling the rise in student enrollment. This year the campus has topped its record of 276 graduates with 286 students prepared to receive their degrees or certificates.

“When weighing our venue options, we realized this is the best possible location to honor our graduates,” College Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson said. “We’re looking forward to bringing the celebration back to our campus home,” he said.

Guest speaker Howell F. Wallace, of Pratt Insurance Inc. in Smyrna, will encourage the class of 2008 to use the skills they learned at Delaware Tech to make the world a better place. This relates to the ceremony’s “Pay it Forward” theme named after the novel of the same title released in the year 2000 by author Catheryn Ryan Hyde. The novelist’s idea of paying it forward suggests a receiver of kindness should pay the kindness forward to more people instead of paying it back to the

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giver. If this process is repeated then the kindness would quickly spread and touch many people's lives.

Mr. Wallace represents this idea through his many community outreaches. His commitment to supporting excellence in education is distinctive. Motivated by the belief that superior education will add to the quality of life in a community, he has labored to promote the Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus mission and helps maintain its goals through dedicated contributions to the Terry Campus Development Council. He also consistently provides financial assistance to Terry Campus students by funding the Wallace Family Scholarship.

The commencement ceremony will be held rain or shine. In case of severe weather, the event will take place in the Education and Technology Building's Conference Center.

All guests must present a ticket for admittance.

For more information about the 2008 Terry Campus Commencement Ceremony, please call Jen Donovan at 302-857-1609.

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