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**Delaware Tech's Drumline Winners Again**

DOVER- The Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus Hammerin' Hawks drumline was given the Emerald Isle Award for the best adult band entry in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dover St. Patrick's Parade. Members of the drumline were presented a plaque Monday night March 23, 2009 at the City Council meeting. This is the third year in a row that the Hawks have been awarded in Dover's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Hammerin' Hawks drumline warmed the shivering crowds during the parade as mascot Terry Hawk led fans of all ages in dancing to the drumline's lively cadences.

"The Hawks Drumline is really becoming sought after as an award-winning unit. We are being requested to appear at many community-oriented venues; everyone really appreciates the music we are making," Lenny Knight, Terry Campus's drumline director said before the parade.

The Hawks drumline also played in Smyrna's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Although this parade was not judged, the crowd was so enthralled with their performance they were asked to continue playing after the parade was over. "Parade attendees just didn't want us to stop," said Fred Evins, the Hawks' drumline manager.

In addition to his directing at Terry Campus, Knight is a band director at Dover High School. In the past, he directed drumlines at Delaware State University and Lake Forest, Milford, Smyrna and Polytech high schools and introduced show-style drumline in many of those schools. A former student told him he “started something in this state.” His enthusiasm to teach leads Knight to welcome even those without experience into the drumline at Delaware Tech.

Fans appreciated the Hammerin’ Hawks’s “show style,” which adds flare and showmanship to each cadence. Knight said he enjoys wowing the crowd with the fun aesthetic show style, as opposed to the more traditional “corps style” which focuses less on showmanship and more on technique.

One of Knight’s favorite cadences is one he composed exclusively for Terry Campus. Titled “Sports Sequence” it features sport-inspired sections such as “Blitz” and “Hat Trick.”

“The talent on the line is terrific,” Delaware Tech Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson said. “Every performance is more exciting than the one before.”

Knight is looking for even more participants for the Hawks drumline. Students, staff and faculty of Terry Campus are invited to join.

See schedule of upcoming performances, photos and news about the Terry Campus Hammerin’ Hawks Drumline on Facebook. For more information about the Hawks drumline, email Lenny Knight at [lknight@capital.k12.de.us](mailto:lknight@capital.k12.de.us) , or call Fred Evins at 302-857-1608. Visit [www.dtcc.edu/terry/activities/drumline](http://www.dtcc.edu/terry/activities/drumline) for more information about Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus.

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Hawks Drumline members Owen Simmons of Dover, Chris Conk of Smyrna, Charles Jackson of Dover, Ashley Caldwell of Smyrna, Marissa Parker of Smyrna and Christina Moore of Camden accept Emerald Isle Award for participation in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dover St. Patrick's Day Parade held Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Dover City Council meeting.

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