Student Affairs

New Student Orientation
Success at Delaware Valley College begins with a smooth transition from high school (or another college) to DVC. The College's two-part orientation program helps facilitate this transition. The June orientation program focuses on preparing students for their academic entrance into Delaware Valley College by providing required testing and advising sessions for all new students. The orientation program also focuses on welcoming students and families into the College setting through activities that introduce them to members of the DVC community. The August Weekend of Welcome is a more intense introduction and integration of new students into college life. Activities are designed to prepare students for many aspects of academics and student life that they might experience as a new student at Delaware Valley College. Participation in both programs is mandatory.

Orientation Leaders are students who assist in the welcoming of new students during the summer and fall orientation programs. These students act as friendly contacts and resources as new students make their transition to the College. This is a volunteer position open to upper-class students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Community Service
DVC students are committed to the spirit of community service. Most students are involved in projects and activities through student clubs and Greek organizations. Additionally, the Office of Student Activities organizes campus-wide community service programs. Currently, the largest campus-wide community service project is Pride and Polish Day, a day on which students, faculty and staff come together to clean up DVC's extensive and beautiful campus. Also, a number of blood drives sponsored by the American Red Cross are held at DVC each year. Students at DVC have many additional opportunities to engage in community service. Examples include Alternate Spring Break and Habitat for Humanity Builds.

Students are encouraged to come to the Office of Student Activities with their community service ideas. Student Activities seeks to promote students' involvement in community service and will help every student organize their ideas to serve the community.

Clubs and Organizations
The College believes that co-curricular activities are a vital part of the total college experience. A wide range of co-curricular clubs, organizations and activities are available to provide hours of enjoyment in exploring interests outside the traditional classroom environment. They also provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, establish new personal relationships, and broaden their exposure to real-world opportunities.

The Student Government Board and the organizations within it play a principle role in the governance and operation of many student activities. Student Government Board representatives and officers are elected by the students. The organization, functions, and responsibilities of the Student Government are detailed in its constitution which is published in the Student Handbook (a copy of which is provided to each registered student and is available online).

The various clubs and organizations on campus (listed below) act as the primary conduit for student interests concerning campus life and provide a variety of opportunities for involvement. These groups plan and organize numerous activities including movies, concerts, speakers, field trips, workshops,
dances, and more. Some of them are affiliated with a specific major or with a special interest within a major; some of them are service-oriented; still others speak to student interests wholly outside the College’s programs. Students are encouraged to become actively involved in activities that meet their individual interests and needs.

**Student Government**

**Organizations / Representatives**

who sit on Student Government

A-Day
Halloween Haunting
Inter-Club Council
Inter-Greek Council
Student Activities Council
Class Senate Representatives
Commuter Representative
Resident Student Representative

**Campus Media**

Cornucopia (Yearbook)
Gleaner (Literary Publication)
RamPages (Newspaper)
WDVC (Radio)
DVC-TV

**Clubs - Major Related**

Agronomy Club
Animal Science Society
Biology Club
Block and Bridle
Chemistry Club
Collegiate Farm Bureau
Criminal Justice Club
Dairy Society
Education Club
Equine Club
Equine Performance Organization
Equestrian Team
Floral Society
Fraud Club
Food Industry Club
Future Environmental Designers (FEDS)
Horticulture Society
Landscape Nursery Club
National Agricultural Marketing Association (NAMA)
Positive Awareness of Wildlife and Zoos
Sports Management Club
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
Turf Club

**Clubs - Interest Related**

Alpha Phi Omega (Co-ed Service Fraternity)
Apiary Society
Cat Club
Drama Club
Future Farmers of America (FFA)
Habitat for Humanity
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
Lacrosse (Competitive Team)
Lions Club
Project Earth
Ski/Snowboarding Club
Students for Diversity
Up 'Til Dawn

*Greek Organizations*

Alpha Gamma Rho
Delta Epsilon Beta
Omega Chi
Rho Epsilon Kappa
Sigma Alpha
Zeta Chi

*First semester students are not permitted to pledge any fraternity or sorority. Minimum cumulative GPA requirement for pledging is 2.20.*

**Honor Societies**

Alpha Sigma Lambda (adult honor society)
Delta Tau Alpha

**Other Groups**

Community Concert Band
Chorale
Intercollegiate Judging Teams (dairy, livestock, equine, soil)

Science programs play active parts in fitting and showing animals in a number of regional and state competitions. And, each year the Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design Department produces an exhibit for the Philadelphia Flower Show that is designed and produced by the department’s students. All of these activities require considerable time and dedication by the participating students and the faculty members who coach and advise them. The experiences gained by the students, however, are of incalculable value.

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under the leadership of a representative student committee encouraged and advised by a faculty and staff committee. It features livestock exhibitions and judging contests, an extensive floral design exhibition, exhibits produced by the various majors and student organizations, live entertainment, contests of skill, and much more in a country fair atmosphere that brings thousands of visitors to the campus each spring.

**Code of Conduct**

If a college community is to function properly, there must be community standards and guidelines for students to follow. A detailed list of rules and regulations is included in the Delaware Valley College Student Handbook which is issued to each student. This code of conduct exists to serve as a guide for the student and to ensure the proper atmosphere necessary for the academic and social life of the student.

Any activity or behavior that infringes on the rights, safety, property, or privileges of others or which impedes the normal operation of the college, is unacceptable. In addition, students are reminded that they are residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the municipalities of New Britain Borough and Doylestown Township and, as such, are responsible for obeying all state and local laws.

Since failure to adhere to college regulations can result in disciplinary action, students are urged to review the Student Handbook carefully.

**Health Services**

The College makes every effort to have a positive impact on the health experiences of the student. The Student Health Center is a valuable resource to all full-time students. Services available include health promotion and disease prevention as well as illness treatment. Students are encouraged to use these services. Physician’s services are available to the student on a daily basis Monday through Friday. Upon initial entry, all full time students are required to submit a physical form which includes a doctor’s exam. All full time students will receive information from the College’s insurance carrier to verify health insurance coverage or they will be charged for the college plan.
Medical conditions that require continuous care, specialized or surgical interventions are handled either by referral or return to the primary physician at the student’s expense.

The College assumes no financial responsibility for the medical, surgical or dental services required by the student.

**Athletics**

Athletic activities, including intercollegiate and intramural events, are an important component of the educational experience for the individual at Delaware Valley College. The essential value of athletics is participation. The program seeks to integrate athletic involvement with the College’s academic objectives. Lifetime physical fitness, the self-discipline of individual achievement, the value of cooperation in a mutual struggle, the capacity to deal with success and failure, and the ability to perform under stress are all qualities learned in athletic competition and can be carried over into the educational experience and lifelong learning.

The College is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA, Division III), The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), and the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation (MAC).

Intercollegiate sports are offered for both male and female student athletes. Sports for men include baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, track and field, and wrestling. Women compete in basketball, cross-country, field hockey, soccer, softball, track and field, and volleyball.

Additional program offerings include a broadly supported intramural program. Some of the activities scheduled are as follows: touch football, volleyball, basketball, softball and tennis. Membership is held with the National Intramural Sports Association (NISA).

**Other Organizations**

In addition to the intercollegiate athletic teams, several other student groups also compete with students representing other colleges and universities. For example, the College sponsors both English and Western Intercollegiate Equestrian Teams. Intercollegiate judging teams compete regionally and nationally in the evaluation of dairy cattle, livestock, and soils. Students in both the Dairy and Animal Science programs play active parts in fitting and showing animals in a number of regional and state competitions. And, each year the Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design Department produces an exhibit for the Philadelphia Flower Show that is designed and produced by the department’s students. All of these activities require considerable time and dedication by the participating students and the faculty members who coach and advise them. The experiences gained by the students, however, are of incalculable value.

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**Cultural Activities**

Delaware Valley College is committed to the cultural development of its students. Moreover, student activities extend into cultural areas as well. Student publications include the student newspaper, The Ram Page, a student literary magazine, The Gleaner, and the yearbook, Cornucopia. Students may earn 1 / 2 credits each semester they participate in these publication activities.

The College’s music program includes the jazz band, chorale and the concert band, which offer several concerts each year and participation in such annual programs as Homecoming, Founders’ Day, A-Day and Commencement. These cultural programs are supplemented by a variety of both on-campus programs and off-campus field trips sponsored by the Liberal Arts Department featuring artists and technicians that bring a diversity of talents to the students of Delaware Valley College. The Drama Club provides an artistic and creative outlet, involving quality productions during the year.