

# & PROSPERITY

7 Years & Counting









The strength of Delaware is the way its people work together. DPP's success comes from our ability to collaborate.

## From the 2024 Co-Chairs of the DPP Board of Directors

In 2024, DPP reached a trio of all-time milestones as it completed its seventh full year of operation. Focusing on location, expansion, retention and innovation, DPP's work has led to high-quality Delaware jobs, stronger collaboration between Delaware's public and private sectors and our state's enhanced profile as a place to do business.

We are proud of all that DPP has done to support a robust, sustainable and diverse Delaware economy that strives to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving business climate and job market. DPP's outreach and initiatives have been central to a statewide vision for economic growth, job creation and an ecosystem that attracts both investment and innovation.

We are particularly proud that DPP's work has continued to ensure that business owners and employees in all three counties have access to the opportunities that can drive prosperity. By connecting entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes from a range of industries to the resources they need, DPP and its partners strive to create a thriving economy that benefits every Delawarean.

Throughout 2024, DPP continued to work closely with government agencies, business leaders and organizations – supported by the generosity of a dedicated and engaged group of investors – to ensure that Delaware remains an attractive place to do business, pursue a career and raise a family. Thanks to these partners and their generous collaboration and contributions, Delaware had a robust and competitive 2024, and we look to the future with optimism.



**John Carney**Governor of Delaware, 2016-24
DPP CO-CHAIR, 2017-24



Rod Ward III
President & CEO, CSC
DPP CO-CHAIR

## Advancing Prosperity in Delaware: 2024 By the Numbers



**DPP-Supported Projects** 



5

**New Investors** 



**73** 

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Events Attended



Total Project Capital investment



\$170K

Awarded to Startup302 Winners



1,175

**New Jobs** 



108

**BRE Visits** 



103

Startup Companies Engaged



398

**Retained Jobs** 





19%
Increase in Social Media
Followers



3,601

YouTube Views, Representing **55.8** Hours



35+

Speaking Engagements \$2B+
Capital
Investment

7,425
New
Jobs

75 Located Projects

## Reaching Highs with Help from Our Friends

Delaware Prosperity Partnership is proud to have finished 2024 – the first year of our three-year, Advancing Prosperity 3.0-funded plan – on track or ahead of each of that plan's main goals. For example, we are about six months ahead on both our three-year capital investment goal of \$600 million and our new jobs goal of 3,600.

Also in 2024, DPP surpassed three significant all-time milestones. Thanks to the cooperation and support received from investors and statewide partners, DPP is proud to have finished its seventh full year of operation having supported since 2017 a cumulative 75 location and expansion projects that represent more than \$2 billion in capital investment in Delaware and account for more than 10,000 new and retained Delaware jobs.

Such success is only possible thanks to the generous support of the State of Delaware, our Advancing Prosperity 3.0 investors and the many government, utility, higher education and other partners that DPP works with at all levels across the state. The spirit of cooperation modeled by Governor Carney and his administration have made them and everyone collaborating with DPP invaluable to our work.

Whether joining with us on an initiative or a project, traveling together, serving as ombudsmen or assisting us in countless other ways, the solidarity and camaraderie shown by these wonderful partners demonstrates that they share DPP's vision for an even more vibrant Delaware economy.

## **Location | Expansion | Retention**

Between January and December 2024, DPP supported the following nine companies that chose to locate and/or expand and invest capital in Delaware:

	FFI	phase sensitive innovations	Incyte	AirJoule	Matural By Nature	HANOVER.	<b>S</b> atys	Ee ENCOMPASS ELEMENTS	PEPSICO
CITY	Dover	Newark	Wilmington	Wilmington and Newark	Newark	Clayton	New Castle	New Castle	Claymont
TYPE	Expansion & Retention	Expansion & Retention	Expansion & Retention	Location	Expansion & Retention	Expansion & Retention	Location	Expansion & Retention	Expansion & Retention
SECTOR	Science & Tech	Science & Tech	Science & Tech	Science & Tech	Food & Agriculture	Food & Agriculture	er = (1)= Manufacturing & Logistics	er =	eral (1) Manufacturing & Logistics
JOBS	25 New 22 Retained	54 New 63 Retained	866 New	60 New	21 Retained	55 Retained	40 New	53 New 21 Retained	7 New 216 Retained
INVESTMENT	\$12.6M	\$7.7M	\$189M	\$15.35M	\$4.3M	\$8.7M	\$1.3M	\$3.2M	\$62M

#### **2024 Updates on Previous DPP-Supported Projects**



#### FEBRUARY Prelude Therapeutics

(2021 DPP announcement) celebrated its new 100,000-square-foot headquarters in Chestnut Run Innovation & Science Park, which houses more than 50,000 square feet of lab space and approximately 100 employees.

#### **OCTOBER Agile Cold Storage**

(2023 DPP announcement) marked the opening of its 162,500-square-foot, 38,000-pallet-capacity facility in Claymont. The company created more than 100 new Delaware jobs at the \$170 million site.



#### JUNE Delmarva Corrugated

(2020 DPP announcement) showcased its \$90 million, 465,000-square-foot, energy-efficient super plant in Dover with an "open the box" celebration and announcement of a higher-efficiency solar panel project. The plant began operations in 2021 and brought 160 new jobs to Delaware.



#### **DECEMBER Agilent Technologies**

(2022 DPP announcement) celebrated the grand opening of its renovated Little Falls Chemistries and Supplies Division Laboratories. The \$7 million project allows Agilent to better serve its biopharma and applied markets customers.



#### **OCTOBER Fisher's Popcorn**

(2023 DPP announcement) opened its new \$4.8 million Frankford site, which added almost 10,000 square feet to its manufacturing and wholesale operations along with new jobs.



**Site Readiness Grants Supported by DPP Blue Diamond Park PR-Stoltz Venture LLC** 2,100,000 SF Level II Grant, up to \$2.4M St. Georges **Logistics Center** Parkway Gravel Inc. 2,560,500 SF **MCI Bayside Drive LLC** Level I Grant, up to \$100K 100,000 SF Level II Grant, up to \$1M CMT Inc. 76,500 SF Dover Industrial LLC Level II Grant, up to \$700K 200,000 SF Level II Grant, up to \$700K 12 Felton Drive-In LLC 150,000 to 190,000 SF Level II Grant, up to \$1M

DPP supported six landowners in their successful applications for Site Readiness Grant funding in 2024. The cumulative \$5.9 million awarded supports an overall anticipated investment of \$445 million by the businesses. DPP, in tandem with the Division of Small Business, has now supported 24 Site Readiness Grant applications since DPP assisted the state in creating and launching the program in 2022. These awards total \$23.6 million and represent all-time investment by Site Readiness recipients totaling \$856 million.

#### 2024 Awards













#### 2022 & 2023 Awards

- l. Drawbridge Claymont Claymont
- 2. I-495 Logistics Center Wilmington
- 3. Chestnut Run Innovation & Science Park Wilmington
- 4. Governor Lea Road Redevelopment New Castle
- 5. KSIP I Piccard Industrial Logistics/Hub New Castle

- 6. 144 Fork Branch Road Dover
- 7. Central Enterprise Park Dover
- 8. Wyoming Business Center Wyoming
- 9. 975 East Masten Circle Milford
- 10. Milford Corporate Center Milford

- 11. Harrington Industrial Park Harrington
- 12. 20354 Sussex Highway Bridgeville
- 13. Delaware Coastal Business Park Georgetown
- 14. Frankford Business Park Frankford
- 15. Williamsville Industrial Park Selbyville

## Taking the Delaware Story Global: Foreign Direct Investment Outreach

2024 included foreign direct investment (FDI) travel to nine countries on three continents, a trio of U.S.-based events showcasing Delaware to audiences from abroad, hosting a visit from a delegation from the Czech Republic and the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a key port in the United Kingdom. The DPP Team engaged in these interactions both to promote expansion to Delaware and to build future connections with various industries in other nations.

#### **INTERNATIONAL TRIPS**

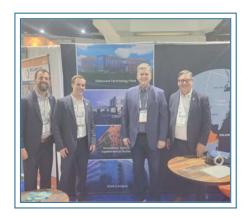
- Vibrant Gujarat (India)
- GUH Subsea Expo and UK FDI Trip (Aberdeen, Scotland, and New Castle, England)
- SelectUSA Italy Roadshow (Rome, Milan and Padua/Vicenza)
- SelectUSA Europe Roadshow (Norway, Denmark and Germany)
- Ireland Trip with Governor & Delaware Partners
- Global Underwater Hub Cables Conference (England)
- Germany Startups and Innovation Trip (Berlin and Hamburg)
- SelectUSA Canada Conference (Toronto)
- International Trade Forum (Durham, England)

#### **BIO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

DPP hosted a booth at **BIO International** – the world's largest biotech industry convention, attracting upwards of 20,000 attendees – in San Diego in June and engaged with hundreds of professionals interested in learning what Delaware offers growing biotech firms. DPP also participated in BIO's one-on-one partnering program, highlighted key partners such as the **Delaware BioScience Association** and the **National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL)** and posted daily **DPP @ BIO2024** blog entries on LinkedIn.









#### MID-ATLANTIC HYDROGEN SHOWCASE

In June, DPP teamed with Choose New Jersey and Select Greater

Philadelphia to host representatives of embassies, foreign trade offices, foreign-owned companies and location consultants for the two-day, tristate Discover the Mid-Atlantic Hydrogen Ecosystem tour as a prelude to the SelectUSA Investment Summit. For the Delaware segment of the event, DPP worked with the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2) and DPP investors M. Davis & Sons, Bloom Energy, Chemours and University of Delaware to provide guests with immersive tours of UD's STAR Campus, The Center for Clean Hydrogen, Bloom Energy Manufacturing Center, Chemours Discovery Hub and Ardent Process Technologies.

#### **SELECTUSA INVESTMENT SUMMIT**



Accompanied by Carla Stone of World Trade Center Delaware and Connie Colosimo of CSC, DPP hosted a booth for the 5,000 attendees of June's SelectUSA Summit – which takes place annually outside Washington, D.C. and is the largest FDI conference in the U.S. DPP engaged with companies from target countries in Europe, including Germany and the Netherlands, and strengthened relationships from the year's Ireland trip while CSC began the incorporation process for more than 70 companies. The Delaware contingent also received a visit from U.S. Ambassador Jack Markell and representatives of the Department of Commerce. DPP also brought along the University of Delaware's mascot, YouDee, who made a "Dee-lightfully" big impression during the Summit's 10th anniversary party.



#### MOU SIGNING WITH PORT OF BLYTH

In November, DPP and leadership of the **Port of Blyth**, a leading port and offshore energy hub in the North East of England, signed a five-year memorandum of understanding to leverage the strengths of both organizations to foster innovation, facilitate market expansion and enhance workforce capabilities in both Delaware and Blyth. Global Advisor **David Smallman** signed the agreement on site for DPP while **Kurt Foreman** and **Noah Olson** participated virtually. The DPP Team planned further followup, including a visit in early 2025.







### Promoting Delaware Across (North) America

2024 found DPP deploying to industry gatherings across the United States and into Canada to make connections and strengthen relationships while promoting Delaware for business investment. DPP representatives networked with national site selectors and other decision–makers while learning about trends and opportunities. They also took advantage of professional development opportunities.

Direct, often one-on-one networking with site selectors was a key focus at nine events coordinated by the **Site Selectors Guild**; **Consultant Connect**; and **Area Development**. These relationships are important to building momentum and were augmented with opportunities to learn more about current issues.

Participation in a pair of forums hosted by the **Industrial Asset Management Council** allowed DPP to further relationships with key commercial real estate leaders, corporate real estate executives and site selectors while hearing about the latest market factors. Three more industry-focused events – **FinovateFall**, **Green Hydrogen Summit East Coast** and the **State Science & Technology Institute Conference** – allowed DPP staff to network with veteran and emerging figures in fintech, hydrogen/clean energy, science, technology and entrepreneurship while learning more about the latest initiatives in these sectors.



### **A Holiday POPportunity**

DPP continued what's become a "POPular" tradition – the annual site selector holiday mailing – in 2024. The outreach effort reached more than 100 individual and team location consultants with seasonal wishes, a token of appreciation for their partnership and a reminder of the opportunities that await companies in Delaware. The accompanying card was once again themed to go along with the gift of now-famous Delaware-made **Fisher's Popcorn**, which has become of favorite of site selectors all over the United States.

#### The Future of Regional Innovation Starts Here

15 VENTURES SHARE \$170K IN GRANTS FROM 4TH STARTUP302 COMPETITION

Entrepreneurship progresses through funding and relationships. Thanks to collaborative contributions from generous supporters across all sectors of the Delaware innovation ecosystem, the fourth annual DPP-led Startup302 pitch competition provided both prize money and new connections for 15 ventures with underrepresented founders in 2024.

Finalists earned a share of \$170,000 in non-dilutive grant funding, thanks to award sponsorships from 13 companies and organizations: **Delaware Division of Small Business**, **Discover Bank**, **JPMorgan Chase**, **DuPont**, **FMC**,

Highmark Delaware, University of Delaware Horn Entrepreneurship, Ashland, Bronze Valley VentureLab, Delaware Small Business

Development Center Community Navigator, The Innovation Space,

M&T Bank and Potter Anderson. Since the first finals in 2021, Startup302
has awarded a cumulative \$813,000 in funding to 52 startups.

Just as importantly, competitors were able to network with representatives of and meet potential mentors from many of the sponsor organizations as well as other key figures in Delaware's entrepreneurial community. Many of these supporters served as steering committee members, judges, speakers or moderators. More than 50 individuals from more than 40 companies and organizations from throughout the region and beyond contributed their time and talents to Startup302 in 2024.





Since its inception, Startup302 has provided meaningful support to innovators who are women, African American, Latin American, Native American and members of the LGBTQ+ community – whose ventures are underinvested in relative to their demographic's percentage of overall United States population. It also has helped to foster diverse perspectives, promote inclusive and equitable consideration and attract diverse communities of founders to the region. Perhaps most importantly, Startup302 continues to demonstrate the strength and cooperation of the regional innovation ecosystem.

## 2024 Startup 302 Winners



#### **Delaware Impact**

1st: Futures First Gaming (DE) 2nd: The LeGrand Company (DE) 3rd: Tri-State 3D Tech & Design Firm (DE)

#### **Early Stage**

1st: Inclusion Unpacked (NY) 2nd: HouseCall VR (DE) 3rd: Kazi Konekt (GA)

#### **Environmental Impact**

1st: Dunya Analytics (DE) 2nd: Baleena (PA) 3rd: Sundial Foods (CA)

#### **Fintech**

1st: Lipaworld (NY) 2nd: Sharely (FL) 3rd: Instarails (GA)

#### **Life Sciences**

1st: Swan NeuroTech (PA) 2nd: BioLattice (PA) 3rd: Graftable (PA)

#### **Blue Hen Prize**

lst: Dunya Analytics (DE) 2nd: The LeGrand Company (DE)



In November, DPP launched its own comprehensive assessment and benchmark analysis of Delaware's statewide science and technology ecosystem. Building off a dialogue with Governor John Carney's team, the Delaware Business Roundtable's Investment Agenda and DPP's innovation efforts, DPP engaged nationally recognized consultant TEConomy Partners and formed a steering committee of DPP Board members and alumni, DPP investors and community stakeholders. Their report, which is due to be completed in March 2025, will be available for other innovation support groups to utilize and aims to be the first part of a larger strategic effort for the state. This initiative is another representation of how DPP's work as a statewide "convener" adds value to Delaware's innovation environment.

## 13 Grants \$15M+ \$103M+ Private Capital

#### LAB SPACE GRANTS CONTINUE

Since its establishment in 2021, Delaware's Graduated Lab Space Grant program has awarded 13 grants totaling roughly \$15.1 million - contributing toward \$103.7 million in private capital investment and anticipated creation of 641 jobs. A DPP review of opportunities and challenges for growing Delaware's innovation ecosystem – which had identified a statewide lack of wet lab space as a significant impediment – was instrumental in the program's creation. In 2024, DPP continued to market the funding opportunity as a unique resource for companies that use wet lab space and want to grow in Delaware.

#### **Engaging Locally**

Operating from our offices in Wilmington and – new in 2024 - Dover, DPP spent 2024 crisscrossing the state to engage with the Delaware business community and celebrate economic successes throughout New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties.

Bimonthly Partners Meetings continued with the Division of Small Business and other government, enterprise and community organizations whose cooperation makes DPP's work possible.

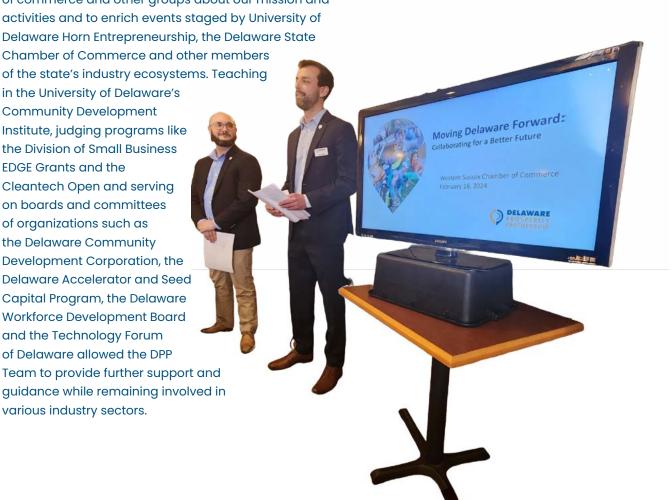
More than three-dozen speaking engagements provided the opportunity for staff to update chambers of commerce and other groups about our mission and activities and to enrich events staged by University of Delaware Horn Entrepreneurship, the Delaware State

Chamber of Commerce and other members of the state's industry ecosystems. Teaching

in the University of Delaware's Community Development Institute, judging programs like the Division of Small Business **EDGE** Grants and the Cleantech Open and serving on boards and committees of organizations such as the Delaware Community Development Corporation, the Delaware Accelerator and Seed Capital Program, the Delaware Workforce Development Board and the Technology Forum of Delaware allowed the DPP Team to provide further support and

various industry sectors.

DPP also was happy to commemorate developments that augment the attributes we promote as part of our business attraction strategy. On one of these occasions, DPP's Kurt Foreman joined Linda Parkowski of Kent Economic Partnership for the signing of a joint use agreement toward a more vibrant Civil Air Terminal at Dover Air Force Base, which could help bring new jobs and industries to Central Delaware in the future.



# BRE Program Reaches More Existing Delaware Businesses

With the goal to retain and grow local businesses, jobs and tax revenues – along with the overall Delaware economy – DPP continued to increase its formal Business Retention and Expansion outreach in 2024. A total of 108 official BRE visits were completed during the year, led by Charles A. Madden and often including other DPP Team members or partners. Each site visit helps DPP understand the needs and aspirations of the businesses and how we can support their efforts.







#### **JANUARY**

#### **Presenting CRE Industry Insights**

DPP provided sponsorship and Special Projects Consultant Andy Lubin served as a panelist for **Bisnow's Delaware State of the Market** event in Wilmington in January. Andy addressed recent deals, investments, acquisitions and leasing developments for the "Exploring Delaware's CRE Market Trends and New Opportunities" segment of the event.



#### FEBRUARY Great New Location with Great Neighbors

In early 2024, DPP opened a satellite office in the North DuPont Highway building where Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce and Kent County Tourism Corporation are located. The Dover office is a great extension of DPP's main office in Wilmington, providing a mid-state location for meetings and business operations. DPP Team members Chris Kelly and Bryan Mack now work regularly from the Dover office.



#### **MARCH** Promoting Employment Opportunities

In March, DPP's Charles A. Madden and Joseph L. Lewis III joined representatives from more than 100 companies, organizations and other entities from across Delaware and beyond for the 2024 **Delaware State University Spring Career** Pathways Expo. The event took place on DSU's main campus in Dover.



#### APRIL Sharing Strategy & Support Options

In April, DPP discussed its statewide and Sussex County-specific work during a meeting of the Sussex Economic Development Action Committee in Georgetown. DPP's Kurt Foreman, Becky Harrington, Joseph L. Lewis III and Bryan Mack participated in the presentation "Moving Delaware Forward: Collaborating for a Better Future" and emphasized DPP's availability to assist SEDAC members with their efforts.



#### **APRIL** Furthering Workforce Development

In April, DPP's Charles A. Madden joined Margaret LaFashia of Nemours Children's Health and Andrew McKnight of The Challenge Program on the panel "Exploring Workforce Development in Delaware with the Delaware Workforce Development Board" at the Navigating Delaware Pathways: An Education and Workforce Development Summit. The event was organized by The Partnership Inc. of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce.



#### **MAY Emphasizing Business / Legislative Cooperation**

In May, DPP's **Megan Kopisteck**i co-led a workshop addressing the importance of economic development and keeping a friendly business climate during the **Delaware State Chamber of Commerce**'s Small Business Day in Dover. She and **Bob Byrd** of DPP investor **ByrdGomes** presented to an audience of legislators and Delaware business community members.



#### **MAY Focusing on Life Sciences Opportunities**

In May, DPP's **Kurt Foreman** moderated the panel discussion "Building a Thriving Life Science Ecosystem" during the **Delaware BioScience Association**'s 2024 **Delaware's DNA Life Science Conference** at the University of Delaware in Newark. He led the panelists through a review of other U.S. life science hubs and how Delaware can accelerate momentum for this region.



#### JUNE C-Suite Dialogue Serves Investors, Partners

In June, DPP hosted its first "C-Suite Dialogue" event for investors and other key partners to provide timely insight into issues that impact business in Delaware and to offer participants a new networking opportunity. Featuring **Newmark** Executive Vice President Lauren Gilchrist, "What's Next in Real Estate" was moderated by DPP Board of Directors member Rob Herrera of **9SDC** and held on DPP investor Wilmington University's New Castle campus.



#### **AUGUST Inspiring Millennial Leaders**

DPP's **Noah Olson** moderated the session "Exploring the Path of the Leader," featuring then-**Leadership Delaware** CEO **Jennifer Cohan**, during the eighth annual **MillSummit Leadership Conference** in Wilmington. They focused on the traits and practices of great leaders.



#### **SEPTEMBER Expanding on a Soaring Success**

In September, DPP's **Kurt Foreman** joined Delaware's Congressional delegation, **Delaware River and Bay Authority** representatives and other dignitaries at the groundbreaking for a \$9.8 million passenger terminal expansion at **Wilmington ILG Airport** in New Castle. Supported by a \$5.6 million Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant, the project was prompted by the success of **Avelo**'s location at ILG – which DPP helped bring about.

## Telling Delaware's Story, Sharing DPP's Value

In 2024, DPP marketing and communications employed video, digital and print media to promote Delaware's value proposition to the state, the nation and globally. The team also employed various platforms to share DPP's significance as a catalyst for statewide economic development and prosperity.

A new project was a trio of videos telling the stories of each of Delaware's counties to companies interested in growing in Northern, Central or Southern Delaware.





New Castle County



Kent County



Sussex County DPP also continued its partnership with **Today Media**, publisher of the *Delaware Business Times*, *Delaware Today* and a number of annual specialty magazines. This campaign included display ads, event sponsorships and sponsored content, including a *DBT* column by **Kurt Foreman** titled "Delaware Prosperity Partnership: Helping Businesses Grow and Innovation Thrive."





Continuing throughout the year was the **WDEL** radio campaign that paired interviews with **Peter MacArthur** on his "Del-Aware" morning show with Prosperity Power Minutes (public service announcements) highlighting the benefits of doing business in Delaware and 30-second DPP-sponsored spots on related topics. Featured interviewees during 2024 included heads of DPP partner organizations, state education leaders, past Startup302 winners and business leaders like **Kris Vaddi** of **Prelude Therapeutics**, **Bryan Winship** of **SPI Pharma** and **Andrew Cottone** of **First State Hydrogen**.



#### **Honors and Achievments**



Leading site selection publication *Business Facilities* recognized the significance of the DPP-supported *Incyte* expansion project with its *Corporate Headquarters Impact Award*.

**Becky Harrington** was selected by **Consultant Connect** as one of **North America's Top 50 Economic Developers.** 

**Kurt Foreman** was named to the Delaware Business Times **Delaware 222** list along with DPP Board Co-Chair **Rod Ward** and 2024 Board members **Desa Burton**, **Rob Herrera** and **Rodger Levenson**.



Delaney Chaffin and Erica Crell completed the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Basic Economic Development Course. Erica also completed the IEDC's Accelerating Growth Through Entrepreneurship-Led Economic Development course.



Bryan Mack completed the rigorous Leadership Delaware program, which encourages executive leadership skills and building relationships that enable him to propel his career forward and help the state grow and prosper.



DPP Board Co-Chair **Rod Ward** received the **Order of the First State** from **Governor John Carney** for his commitment and service to Delaware's business community.

## DPP thanks Andy Lubin

for the valuable contributions he made throughout his tenure as Special Projects
Consultant. From DPP's founding in 2017 through its 2024 milestone achievements, Andy offered invaluable insight, guidance and support to the DPP Team and its partners.
Thank you, Andy!



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#### DPP's 2024 Summer Intern

Darius C. Elliott Jr., a **Delaware State University** junior political science and business economics student from Wilmington, interned with DPP during Summer 2024. He worked primarily with the Marketing & External Relations team and also assisted Innovation, Business Development, Existing Business & Talent and Economic Research.

# Inventor's motto: If you don't see what you want, MAKE IT.

#### THANK YOU, GOVERNOR CARNEY

The DPP Team is grateful to Governor John Carney for his leadership in launching Delaware Prosperity Partnership and for his sustained commitment as Co-Chair of the DPP Board of Directors from 2017 to 2024. His forward-thinking approach to economic development emphasized the vital elements of attracting companies, engaging existing employers, fostering innovation and enhancing access to talent. His approach also prioritized collaboration among government, business and educational/training entities throughout Delaware. With his energy and guidance, DPP and its partners have worked together to promote increased economic growth and improved opportunities across the state. Emulating his focus and dedication, DPP collaborated closely and consistently with the Delaware business community to help build a vibrant economy and enhance the ongoing prosperity of "our Great State."

#### THANK YOU, RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

DPP also would like to express its deepest gratitude to those who service on the DPP Board of Directors concluded in 2024:



Desmond Baker, principal of Desmond A. Baker Associates LLC, who was a founding member of the Board, serving since 2017. He also was Board secretary, chaired the Planning & Development Committee and served on the Advancing Prosperity Campaign committees.



Robert Herrera, a partner at 9SDC and founder of The Mill, who was a founding member of the Board, serving since 2017. He also was chair of the Performance Oversight Committee and served on the Advancing Prosperity Campaign committees.



Gregg Moore, a principal of Becker Morgan Group, who was a founding member of the Board, serving since 2017. He also served on the Planning & Development Committee and the Advancing Prosperity Campaign committees.

Thanks so much, Governor Carney, Desmond, Rob and Gregg for supporting DPP and its mission to advance prosperity for all of Delaware!

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