



# Kent & Sussex Counties Alumni Club

**NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 2009**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**9/19/09**  
Coastal Cleanup

**10/4/09**  
Coast Day

**11/12/09**  
Happy Hour  
at Frazier's

**Check out the  
Upcoming Events  
section for details.**

## **UD Kent & Sussex Counties Alumni Board**

Steven Waidley '99 AS  
**President**

Nancy Carig '88 AS  
**Vice President**

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Vacant  
**Special Events Chair**

Vacant  
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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I hope all of you have been enjoying the summer and are finding time to relax! Our Alumni Club has certainly had a wonderful summer season. The Spring Fling at Big Fish Grill and UD Alumni Day at Dewey Beach were tremendous successes, with approximately 370 Club members and guests in attendance at both events! Many thanks to all of you who came out to enjoy and support our Club. We also appreciate your participation in our ongoing club member survey. You can see the results of your responses in the "We're Listening" section of the newsletter.

Along with our successful events, we have filled one of the vacancies on our Board. Our Communications Chairperson position has been filled by Shanté Stargell Hastings '00EG who previously served as President of the University of Delaware Alumni Association. We look forward to the many contributions she will make to our Club!

Beginning with this edition, we will be introducing you to one of your fellow Club members in the "Member Spotlight" section. This will be a great way to be introduced to one of our talented members.

We are planning some great events for the fall and winter and we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to meet, network, and serve with fellow alumni! As always, we look forward to your active participation in all aspects of the Club. We invite you to share your suggestions and inquiries through [UDconnection.com/Kent-Sussex](http://UDconnection.com/Kent-Sussex) or by emailing them to [kent-sussex@udconnection.com](mailto:kent-sussex@udconnection.com). You may also utilize our Facebook page, University of Delaware Kent & Sussex Counties Alumni Club, to learn more about our group. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

**Sincerely,  
Steven J. Waidley '99  
President, Kent & Sussex Counties Alumni Club**

## **WE'RE LISTENING**

Thank you to all the Club members who have participated in our ongoing survey! Your opinions are important in helping us plan a wide variety of future events. The figures show what percentage of you wish to participate in the specific events. Thank you once again for taking such an active role in making our Club so successful!

Social and Professional Networking <b>74%</b>	Picnics/Outdoor Events <b>44%</b>
UD Sporting/Cultural Events <b>56%</b>	Mentoring <b>23%</b>
Off Campus Sporting/Cultural Events <b>46%</b>	Club Sporting Activities <b>1%</b>
Community Service <b>44%</b>	NASCAR <b>1%</b>
Guest Speaker Events <b>44%</b>	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **2009 Delaware Coastal Cleanup**

Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
Dewey Beach - Meet on the beach at Dickinson Street (the Rusty Rudder is located on the same street, on the opposite side of Route 1)

Immediately following the Cleanup, join us on the beach at Dagsworthy Street for a clambake. The cost per person for the clambake is \$10.

### **2009 Coast Day**

Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
University of Delaware Hugh R. Sharp Campus  
700 Pilottown Road, Lewes

*Coast Day will feature research demonstrations and exhibits, ship tours, children's activities, a crab cake cook-off, delicious food and more! Stop by the Kent and Sussex Counties Alumni Club booth with your children for a fun craft activity.*

### **Happy Hour at Frazier's Restaurant and Bar**

Thursday, November 12, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Frazier's Restaurant and Bar—On the Waterfront  
Dover, DE

*Join fellow UD alumni for a happy hour. Mingle, network, and catch up with friends. \$10 per person. Registration includes appetizers. A cash bar and drink specials will be available.*

### **Holiday Party**

Thursday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.— 10:00 p.m.  
Sunnybrae Mansion  
416 Tenth Street, Milford

*Celebrate the holiday season with friends while enjoying food, drink, and dancing!*

*\* Details regarding date, time, and cost to be announced*

**For more information on events and to register, visit <http://www.UDconnection.com>.**

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### **Nancy Carig '88 AS, Delaware Deputy Project Director, Bluewater Wind**

Nancy has been working in Delaware since she graduated with a BA in Communications in 1988. As a matter of fact, she hasn't gone far – she still works in Newark, in the Delaware Technology Park, in the same complex as UD's Biotechnology Institute. But she's not working in biotech; she's working in alternative energy, specifically offshore wind.

At Bluewater Wind, Nancy's found her true calling – environmental stewardship. "My job now is basically to tell people about the wind park in terms they can understand," says Carig. "In my three years at this job, I've spoken to over a quarter of a million people about wind and its advantages." She's also Vice Chair of the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club.

"It's great having a job where you feel, at the end of every day, that you've done something important, even if the important thing was just sending out press releases or organizing our supporter database. I didn't get that feeling when I was marketing jewelry." She's held jobs in Public Relations since she graduated, working in the fields of venture capital, information technology, and even the jewelry business.

Although she still works in Newark, Nancy is now living in Milford on a farm with her two teenage sons and "too many pets to mention." She'll be adding a husband and step-son to the family next year.

Recently, Nancy was invited to return to UD's Communications Department to speak at a class that she took as an undergrad. "It's weird. Aside from it feeling like I just took that course, it's also ironic that the Professor that asked me to speak is a friend that I graduated with in '88."

When asked about what she misses most about UD, Nancy has a quick list, "the Balloon, the State, and the fact that somebody else cooked for me!"

