



## Reflections at the End of Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month concludes this weekend after many celebrations featuring food, dance, parades, and other cultural observances.

The Hispanic population in Delaware is about 85,000 people, almost 9 percent of the population. Here, the term Hispanic encompasses some 33,600 Mexican people, 26,500 Puerto Rican people, 1,800 Cubans, and 23,000 from other Latin American and Spanish-speaking areas.

I think it's important that we recognize our Latino community's diversity and celebrate the similarities and unique differences among their individual cultures. We appreciate the many contributions our Latino neighbors add to the cultural richness of our state.



We applaud our state's non-profits that support the varied needs of the Latino community, organizations such as Latin American Community Center, La Esperanza, Nuestras Raices, Abriendo Caminos, the Hispanic American Association of Delaware and the Delaware Hispanic Commission and others.

I would also like to recognize the Latino members of the United Way of Delaware staff who help us fulfil our mission of equitably serving all the people of our state. We celebrate that our Hispanic staff enhances UWDE by providing cultural diversity that creates a welcoming environment for those we serve. From our work in Early Education, Career & College Success, Financial Empowerment, Racial Equity & Social Justice, we offer our services in Spanish so that the Information, resources and opportunities are provided fairly to all.

United Way of Delaware celebrates Hispanic heritage not only during this commemorative month, but every month. United Way of Delaware celebrates Hispanic heritage, not only during this commemorative month, but every month. To me, Latino heritage awareness is personally important, as my daughter-in-law, her family, and my wonderful granddaughters (pictured above) have roots in the Hispanic community.

Sincerely,  
*Michelle*

Michelle A. Taylor, Ed.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, we introduce you to some of our Latino neighbors and friends and highlight their valuable contributions to life in Delaware.



## **Meet Jackeline Rodriguez**

Family Coordinator EHS-ECAP  
Latin American Community Center

Jackeline Rodrigue has been the Family Coordinator for the Early Head Start (EHS) and Education Career Alternatives Program (ECAP) at Latin Community Center since 2016. She has devoted over 15 years of professional services to the development and support of students and their families.



With eight years of experience as a Social Worker at Manuel Elzaburo Elementary School and Manuel Febres Middle School in Puerto Rico, Jackeline has extensive experience in connecting families with local programs and community services. She has successfully enhanced the importance of building relationships between the school and families through workshops to educate parents and teachers.

Jackeline has served as leader to many projects to support families and students, such as "Adopt a Child for Christmas," "Subsistence Support Programs," and "Honor Abstinence."

Jackeline has been recognized for excellence by the Health Department of Puerto Rico 2009; San Juan Governor 2010; Manuel Febres Middle School 2007- 2009; Elzaburo Elementary School 2009-2013.

Jackeline is often described by students and teachers as a charismatic, approachable and passionate professional, dedicated to helping, supporting and developing others.

### **EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS**

Bachelor Degree in Social Work- B.S.W  
Universidad del Este, Puerto Rico

Child Development Associate – CDA  
Delaware Institute EEC



## **Shining a Light on Comprehensive Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Programs and Opportunities**

*By Regina Sidney-Brown,  
Director of the Delaware Afterschool Network and  
Chair of the IRMC Extended Learning  
Opportunities Subcommittee*

As I visit afterschool programs, I remember that the learning day is not done just because the school day ends. For a moment, some students' thoughts may have turned away from the book they're reading or their math homework to get excited about attending an afterschool program.



We know that learning is never truly over, and high-quality afterschool and summer enrichment programs are critical to education. These programs get kids excited about learning, help them develop essential skills, and help them stay on track for a bright and prosperous future. Studies show that kids in afterschool programs attend school more, get better grades, and are more likely to graduate.

*The Attendance Works 2022 Awareness Campaign - Stay Connected, Keep Learning* is a nationwide effort to promote the importance of regular attendance and engage partners in supporting solutions to reducing chronic absence. Why does afterschool support the campaign? If young people aren't attending school, then it's a good chance they aren't attending afterschool programs. That's why the Delaware Afterschool Network is Attendance Works' state partner.

Afterschool and summer learning programs help with unfinished learning, prepare young people for careers or college, and focus on social-emotional learning. An excellent afterschool and summer learning program can turn aimless hours into productive learning time. That's a significant benefit, especially for kids who learn and think differently. Out-of-school time programs help young people find their passion, purpose, and voice. They also find that the best programs develop activities to meet the particular needs of the communities they serve.

**Afterschool programs are essential for Delaware children and families.**

However, too many kids are still missing out, and currently, there is no centralized system for collecting and utilizing operational information on extended learning programs. We are leading the way in developing an interactive program map of all the out-of-school time programs in the state. We cannot advocate for and fund what we can't see!

Lastly, these programs spark students' enthusiasm, persistence, and curiosity about what they are learning in school and can also engage students who learn differently. Students who are struggling can review skills and concepts, get a chance to apply them in different settings, and attain a sense of success that will provide increased confidence during the school day. The Engage Every Student Initiative is an opportunity to strengthen structures, pathways, and principles for high-quality afterschool, summer, and out-of-school programming. The initiative provides schools and communities the connections and assistance they need to expand access to afterschool and summer learning programs.

These are only a few ways that we are coming together to demonstrate everything we are doing to forge successful futures for all youth and families.

**A call to action!**

We want programs to host Lights On Afterschool events and invite parents, legislators, and elected officials. We want afterschool, summer, and out-of-school time providers to complete the interactive program map survey. Lastly, we need everyone to support the Engage Every Student initiative.

As we move forward, let's continue to shine a light on all that afterschool programs do to promote positive outcomes and help young people remain strong, healthy, and resilient.

And, thanks to all the afterschool, out-of-school, and summer learning providers, stakeholders, partners, champions, legislators, and funders for helping us shine a light on afterschool.



## October 20th is *Lights On Afterschool!*

Afterschool programs provide opportunities for school-age students to engage in academically enriching activities, take part in physical activities, build friendships, gain confidence, learn how to make responsible decisions, and seek advice and support from caring adults and mentors. Afterschool programs are an instrumental partner for schools and families—providers are connected to their students, complement school-day lessons, and provide essential supports for families.

According to the 2022 *America After 3PM* report, 16,237 kids in Delaware participate in afterschool. 81% of parents say afterschool helps them keep their jobs and 85% say it helps provide them with a peace of mind. We also know that 62,518 kids would participate in an afterschool program if one were available.

This is why we must continue to SHINE a LIGHT about the impact of comprehensive afterschool and summer enrichment programs!

So, Delaware, let's join more than 8,000 communities and 1 million Americans in celebrating afterschool programs for this year's Lights On Afterschool! This nationwide event, organized by the Afterschool Alliance and in partnership with the 50 State Afterschool Network calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open.

This year we celebrate all the programs that kept the doors open and lights on for students and their families. A special shout-out to 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Bancroft Elementary School, Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, Delaware 4-H, Goju Training Center, United Way of Delaware's Learning Pods, Let's P.L.A.Y Events, McCullough Middle School, Neighborhood House, Shortlidge Academy, Stubbs Early Education Center, and WINNERS.

The Delaware Afterschool Network, Delaware Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and United Way of Delaware are proud to be Lights On Afterschool partners.

And, if you're looking for a fun, effortless way to celebrate, take part in the Lightbulb Challenge!

The #LightbulbChallenge allows your program to take part in the celebration while spreading the word about the importance afterschool programs!

Here's how you can join the challenge:



1. Take a photo of yourself, students in your program, or even teachers and parents mimicking our Lights On Afterschool logo.
2. Post your photos to social media with the hashtags #LightbulbChallenge and #LightsOnAfterschool.
3. Challenge your followers to do the same! Tag the programs and people you would like to see participate in the #LightbulbChallenge.



For a fun twist on the classic #LightbulbChallenge, have your students incorporate their art! Ask youth from your program to decorate their very own lightbulbs and snap a photo of them with their lightbulbs held above their heads! Do not forget to post your photos on social media using the #LightsOnAfterschool and #LightbulbChallenge hashtags!



## Delaware Afterschool Network Interactive Program Map: Help Us Put Afterschool and Summer Enrichment Programs on the Map!

In Delaware, the gap between the last school bell ringing and when parents arrive home from work has long been a concern of families, law enforcement, and community members due to the potential dangers and risky behaviors that take place after school. But, unfortunately, the hours after school when children are on their own are not just a time of risk. It is also a time of lost opportunities to help students grow and develop the skills and competencies to make positive life decisions that can lead to their future success.

Delaware's afterschool programs offer many opportunities for its youngest citizens, from Kindergarteners to High School Seniors, to enhance their academic performance, explore and prepare for their future careers, and become active participants in their communities.

We have many programs and services to support children and families. Still, the delivery may not be consistent or reach children with the highest needs and their families in every community.

Currently, there is no centralized system for collecting and utilizing operational information on extended learning programs in Delaware, limiting decision-makers ability to understand the entire body of work undertaken by extended learning programs and their impact.

The Delaware Afterschool Network and our partners advocate for high-quality, comprehensive afterschool and summer enrichment programs for all of Delaware's children and families. We are leading the way in developing an interactive program

map of all the out-of-school time programs in the state.

Our goal is to provide a comprehensive overview of afterschool, summer enrichment, and out-of-school time programs and the services they provide. The interactive map will not only help parents connect with their local programs but will also help to identify gaps in programming throughout the state. The more we know about the landscape of out-of-school time programs in the state, the better we can advocate for expanding programs and helping Delaware's families. We cannot advocate for and fund what we cannot see!

Our goal is to have at least fifty afterschool programs on the map by November 31st. The first 25 programs to complete the survey will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Visa gift card for program supplies.

**To make this map happen, we need to hear from YOU! By filling out this [survey](#), you will help us help families.**

## **A Bold New Initiative – Opportunity to *Engage Every Student***

*Engage Every Student* is a bold new call to action to provide high-quality out-of-school time learning opportunities for every child who wants to participate. The initiative, launched by U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona in July, works to provide schools and communities the connections and assistance they need to expand access to afterschool and summer learning programs.

**ENGAGE EVERY  
STUDENT**

According to Secretary Miguel Cardona, "Quality out-of-school time programs have always supported students' academic, social, and emotional growth, but as we recover from the pandemic, these opportunities have never mattered more. We need bold action, especially for low-income students and students of color who have historically struggled to access quality afterschool programs and rich summer learning experiences. This new partnership cements the Department of Education's commitment to ensuring that more students have access to meaningful, enriching out-of-school programming, not just some of the day, but all day, all year round."

The Initiative will encourage and support schools, districts, local elected officials, local government agencies, community-based organizations, states, and others connected to out-of-school time efforts to take up ED's call to action on universal access and to encourage the utilization of American Rescue Plan resources in addition to other federal, state, and local resources to support access to out-of-school time as an evidence-based strategy to support student recovery from lost instructional time during the pandemic.

Through the American Rescue Plan, school districts, cities, and states have funding and an unprecedented opportunity to partner with high-quality expanded learning programs to support students' well-being and academic growth.

To learn more about the Engage Every Student Initiative and the call to action on universal access, visit <https://engageeverystudent.org/>.

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10th Annual  
**ANTI-BULLYING/ GSA  
SUMMIT**

The 10th Anti-Bullying Summit is a half-day gathering to connect and uplift members of Gender Sexuality Alliances, their parents, advisors, and allies that support them as they fight for equity and justice.

 **Saturday | October 15, 2022**

 **11 am - 3:30 pm**

 **Georgetown, DE**

To register, text **GSA22** to **91999** or, visit [uwde.org/GSA](http://uwde.org/GSA)



# "A CONVERSATION WITH PARENTS"

**Date: October 18th Time: 6pm-7pm Location: Route 9 Library  
(3022 New Castle Ave, New Castle, DE 19720)**

Parents, join us for the latest event in our series "A Conversation with Parents". These conversations pertain to education, health and financial stability for your family, and provide a safe space for you to discuss issues with others and share your experiences and life lessons.

This session celebrates a continuation of Mental Health Awareness Month. Information on the programs below will be shared:

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Angie Bivens - Energize Delaware

## **SESSION TOPIC:**

Energize Delaware will be providing information to individuals who are interested in saving energy. The session will also focus on providing information about energy-saving resources/programs about available rebates for energy efficient home improvements. Each household in attendance can receive One FREE Weatherization Kit (\$50 Value) mailed to them after attending the session.

For more information please contact:  
Mr. Ken Livingston at [klivingston@uwde.org](mailto:klivingston@uwde.org)

Child Care and Dinner will be provided!

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**Debbie Smith-Presenter**

**October 21, 2022  
11:00am**

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## AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN ENCOURAGING YOUNG SCHOLARS TO READ

During the month of October, in partnership with My Very Own Library/University of Chicago and the United Way of Delaware (UWDE) we would like to highlight African American men reading and discussing a book of their choice as part of UWDE's Virtual Reading Angels program.

Our goal is to feature African American male readers throughout the month of October. We want to ensure we have enough content for the entire month.



To become a Reading Angel please contact Ken Livingston at 302-256-1920 or [klivingston@uwde.org](mailto:klivingston@uwde.org)







## Ballard's Reading Buddies School Sites:

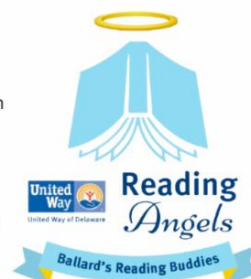
To be a one-on-one reading buddy to foster students love of reading.

### **BALLARD'S READING BUDDIES SCHOOL SITES:**

- Southern Elementary School-Colonial School District
- Keene Elementary School-Christina School District
- The Bancroft School -Christina School District
- Harlan Elementary School-Brandywine School District

### **YOU ARE NEEDED:**

- Volunteers needed to read to and with children one day a week
- Monday – Friday
- Morning between 9am-10:30am
- Afternoon between 1:45pm – 2:15pm
- 30min time frame per student
- Beginning October 2022



#### **Times By School Location:**

- Keene Elementary School 9am-9:30am or 1:45pm-2:15pm
- Southern Elementary School 9am-10:30am
- Harlan Elementary School 9:00am-9:30am or 2:35pm-3:10pm
- The Bancroft School 9am-9:30am

Ballard's Reading Buddies is named in the memory of Corporal Stephen J. Ballard, a Delaware State Trooper, killed in the line of duty on April 26, 2017.

Ballard's Reading Buddies is a component of UWDE Reading Angels which is a part of a larger Campaign for Grade Level Reading strategy this is also intended to impact school readiness, chronic absenteeism and summer learning loss. Additional UWDE programmatic tools include home libraries for students (through UWDE's My Very Own Library Program), student library cards, social emotional learning and unique family engagement opportunities.

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Register to become a volunteer by contacting Ken Livingston, Director of Get Delaware Reading 302-256-1920 or [klivingston@uwde.org](mailto:klivingston@uwde.org)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Deadline Change! Check Your Status

Due to a ruling by the Delaware Supreme Court, same day registration is no longer available for the 2022 General Election. The deadline to register to vote for this election is now Saturday, October 15.

If you do not register to vote by October 15, you may not be able to cast your ballot.

Check your registration status online at [ivote.de.gov](https://ivote.de.gov).

## Small Businesses: Please Complete the Federal Reserve's Annual Survey

The Federal Reserve Bank has launched its annual Small Business Credit Survey (SBCS). Last year, for the first time, Delaware small business data was included in the FRB's regional report.

Respond to the survey here:

<https://www.wilmingtonalliance.org/smallbusinesscreditsurvey>

The 2022 Small Business Credit Survey closes on November 4th.

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**21st Century Community Learning Centers** (21st CCLCs) enable high quality after school and summer programming to students and families. 21st CCLCs provide students with academic and social/emotional enrichment while engaging students' families with meaningful supports and resources.

United Way of Delaware is proud to partner with the Christina School District for 21st CCLCs at both Stubbs Early Education Center and The Bancroft School.

### 2022 21st Century CCLC Afterschool Program Times:

- Stubbs- September 19, 2022 – June 16, 2022
  - 3:30PM-6PM (Pre-K-K)
- Bancroft- September 28, 2022 – June 12, 2022
  - 3:00PM-6:00PM (1st -5th)
  - 2:15PM-5:15PM (6th-8th)



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## Inaugural | Virtual **Delaware Health Literacy Forum** Wednesday, November 16, 9 am-12 pm

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THE  
DATE**



**Keynote Speaker Dr. Rima Rudd**  
Harvard School of Public Health  
*Health Literacy and Its Implications  
for Equity and Social Justice*

### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

#### **Health Literacy:**

- A Strong Foundation
- Innovation in Health Literacy
- Policy to Practice

### **PANELISTS**

- **Michael Villaire**  
Institute of Healthcare Advancement
- **Wilma Alvarado Little**  
New York State Department of  
Public Health
- **Teresa Wagner**  
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