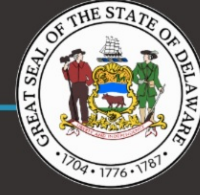


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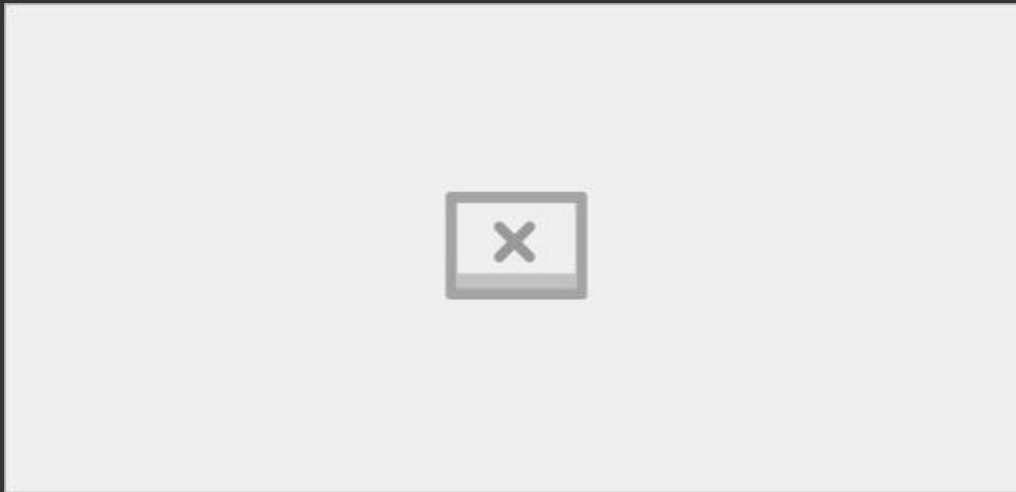


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Happy Nurses Month!

Over 30 years ago I became a nurse because I knew I wanted to help others. Today, I still feel that same passion to help and serve those in need. As we recognize National Nurses Month this May, let's honor the work of nurses here in Delaware and across the nation for what you do to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community. I hope you'll take this opportunity to follow the advice we give to others and take time to care for yourselves. Happy Nurses Month and thank you for all you do.

Investing in Early Learning



Our nation has a child care crisis impacting 3 in 4 parents. That crisis impacts every part of our workforce leaving critical gaps in education and care. Investing in Delaware's youngest learners is not only critical to educational outcomes, but also to the well-being of our communities and our economy. Earlier this month, I joined the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children for their 2023 Advocacy Day. As co-chair of the Delaware Early Learning Advisory Committee (DELAC), it was great discussing how we can do more to build the early education workforce and improve educational outcomes. Thanks to Governor Carney's proposed investments and the work of DELAC, we will work to make sure our early education system is one that works for all children and families.

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Women in STEM Fuel Our Economy



Despite making up 57% of the nation's bachelor's degree recipients, women only make up 38% of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) degree recipients and 27% of workers in STEM jobs. It is critical that we focus on attracting and retaining women into STEM careers. As a nurse and strong supporter of STEM education in Delaware, I am focused on this issue. I hope you take a moment to read my recent op-ed below on what we are doing to ensure the next generation of women in STEM is stronger than the last.

Bethany's STEM Op-ed

Honoring Mayor George C. Wright

Earlier this month, I attended a ceremony honoring the late Mayor of Smyrna George C. Wright, a pioneering figure in the First State.

The first African American to be elected mayor of a Delaware municipality, Mayor Wright elevated his community and paved the way, breaking down barriers for others to follow. He was a proud veteran and member of the Dover



Air Force base community. While he will always be missed, his spirit and legacy will continue to live on.

Mental Health Awareness Month



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It's a month to remember those we've lost, those still struggling, and those who have dedicated their lives to helping them. It's also a month to remember the progress we've made and the work we still have left to do. Far too many Delawareans continue to struggle, often not sure who to call or where to turn. As chair of Delaware's Behavioral Health Consortium, I am committed to breaking the stigma and expanding mental health resources for all those who need it. Together we will fight back and continue to make change.

It's ok not to be ok. But help is available. If you or someone you know is struggling, click the link below for resources.

[Click for Mental Health Resources](#)



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