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Delaware education: Class notes

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Engineers share knowledge with students at Springer

Twelve engineers visited Springer Middle School classrooms Friday as part of National Engineers Week. The goal of the day was to help improve student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Engineers shared information about their fields of expertise, including electrical, environmental, civil, mechanical, material science, chemical, geological and industrial engineering. Springer promotes a STEM and entrepreneurship education for all students. Students use an inquiry approach in science, technology-based instruction in math, and problem-solving skills in technology education, and incorporate all three areas in a pre-engineering class that encourages them to use their critical thinking skills. They apply their knowledge in these subjects very much like the engineers that design and build superstructures or delicate medical instruments. Currently, Springer students are exploring how green energies can be used on Earth to help our environment, designing environmental controls for temperature-sensitive products, building robots that complete specific tasks, and directing marketing or sales for their own conservation ideas.

Law firm chairman Hershman named DMA board member

Douglas M. Hershman, chairman of Wilmington-based law firm Bayard PA's executive and associates committees, has been named a board member of the Delaware Military Academy, the firm announced last week.

Smith re-elected chairman on his return to DSU board

Gov. Jack Markell re-appointed Claibourne Smith to his seat on Delaware State University's Board of Trustees, a post he has held since 1987. In 1993, Smith was elected chairman by the board, in which capacity he served until 2008, when he stepped down to serve as the acting president of the university. When Harry Lee Williams took over the presidency on Jan. 10, Smith returned to the board and was re-elected chairman.

Former Bancroft principal honored with lifetime award

Connecting Generations has selected retired educator Maurice Pritchett to receive the 11th Annual Robert A. Kasey Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors an individual who has made a notable commitment to mentoring Delaware youth. Pritchett, who served as principal of Bancroft School for 30 years, continues to serve as a mentor in his retirement. The award will be presented at the Connecting Generations "Swing Into Spring" event in Wilmington on March 13, when volunteers and mentors from the education and business worlds also will be recognized for their commitment to mentoring. For more information on Connecting Generations or the Swing Into Spring event, visit www.connecting-generations.org or call 656-2122.

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