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Kalimah Z. White, J.D.

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Colleen Morrone

President & CEO,
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Welcome to the 2026 Inspiration Awards Luncheon!

Today, we gather not only to celebrate achievement, but to recognize the extraordinary impact that is possible when a community chooses to invest in people.

Every day across Delaware and Delaware County, individuals are overcoming barriers, building skills, finding employment, and creating brighter futures through the *Power of Work!* None of this happens alone. It is made possible through the support of partners, donors, employers, advocates, and community leaders like you.

This afternoon, we are proud to honor individuals and organizations whose leadership, perseverance, and commitment reflect the very best of our mission and our community. Their stories remind us that opportunity changes lives, and that communities grow stronger when people, partnerships, and resources are invested with purpose.

As you experience today's program, we hope you leave inspired by what we can accomplish together, and energized for what is still possible ahead.

Thank you for being part of this important work, and for helping Goodwill continue to empower people, strengthen families, build communities, and protect our planet.

With gratitude,

Kalimah Z. White *Colleen Morrone*

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EVENT Schedule



Opening

Chris Bruce, KING Creative - emcee

Board Chair's Welcome

Kalimah D. White, J.D.

Remarks from Elected Officials

U.S. Senator Chris Coons
U.S. Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester
U.S. Representative Sarah McBride
Governor Matthew Meyer
New Castle County Executive Marcus Henry

ReThink Fashion Show Preview

Featuring upcycled designs by Dell Scott and Julieta Zavala

Invocation

Rev. Dr. John G. Moore, Sr.
Senior Pastor, Dover Christian Church

Lunch

GARDEN SALAD | *Shaved Carrots, English Cucumbers, Grape Tomatoes, Herbed Croutons, Balsamic Vinaigrette*

FARMHOUSE DUET ENTRÉE

*Roasted Salmon | Fried Capers & Lemon Brown Butter with Orzo Pilaf
Mustard Crusted Chicken | Oven Roasted Boneless Chicken Breast,
Whole Grain Mustard, Panko Crust, Fresh Tarragon Cream*

Guylian Hazelnut Chocolates

Lemonade & Iced Tea

Presentation of Awards

Michael Deremer Personal Achievement Award
Michael Deremer

Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Achievement Award
Brendan Popp

Graduate of the Year Awards

Project SEARCH Graduates: Nathan Waydelis, Tatianna Benson
Parker, Yaire Ordonez

Arline Docherty Team Member of the Year Award
Barbara White

Community Partner of the Year Award

University of Delaware Department of Fashion & Apparel Studies
and ReSpool

Closing Remarks

Colleen Morrone
President & CEO
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ReThink Fashion Show

THE ECO EDIT

Enjoy a first look of the 2026 ReThink Fashion Show, where fashion and reuse come together through designs created with pre-loved and reimagined materials.



Founder and creative force behind the Dell Scott Collection, internationally acclaimed designer Dell Scott is known for bold formalwear that celebrates confidence, individuality, and the power of personal style.

DELL SCOTT



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Maryland-based designer and founder of Julieta Zavala Creative Fashion, Julieta creates handcrafted designs inspired by her roots in Mexico City, blending cultural storytelling with sustainability.

JULIETA ZAVALA



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Michael Deremer Personal Achievement Award

In Loving Memory of Michael Deremer
Celebrating 53 Years of Dedicated Service

Michael Deremer's story is one of loyalty, perseverance, and the lasting dignity of meaningful work. For nearly 53 years, Michael served as a Customer Service Associate in Goodwill of Delaware & Delaware County's Newark store, becoming a familiar and beloved part of the community.



Through his work, Michael overcame barriers and achieved greater independence and self-sufficiency. His life reflected the spirit of Goodwill's mission, and the dignity, purpose, and connection that meaningful opportunity can create through the **Power of Work!**

Honored posthumously as the first recipient of the newly renamed Michael Deremer Personal Achievement Award, Michael leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire Goodwill team members, customers, and community partners. His story reminds us that when opportunity is paired with support, work can become a source of pride, belonging, and lifelong impact.

Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Achievement Award

Brendan Popp
Coach Assistant, RIV Athletics



Brendan Popp's journey demonstrates how meaningful employment can help build confidence, independence, and long-term growth. With the right support, encouragement, and community partnership, Brendan was able to take important steps toward a future defined by purpose and possibility.

Today, Brendan serves as a Coach Assistant at RIV Athletics in Wilmington, Delaware. In this role, he contributes to the team with enthusiasm, dependability, and a strong commitment to his work. His success reflects not only his own determination, but also the impact of inclusive employers and workforce partners who create space for individuals to thrive. Brendan's story is a powerful example of Goodwill's mission in action. Through the **Power of Work**, Brendan continues to grow his skills, strengthen his confidence, and show what is possible when people are connected to meaningful opportunities.



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Award Recipients

Graduate of the Year Award

Nathan Waydelis
Project SEARCH Graduate

Nathan Waydelis' story reflects determination, consistency, and the impact of career training connected to real employment opportunities. Through Delaware's Project SEARCH Program, Nathan gained workplace experience, strengthened his skills, and prepared for success beyond the classroom.

Today, Nathan is employed as a Food Service Worker at Delaware Veterans Home. His journey reflects the **Power of Work** and the importance of partnerships that help individuals build pathways to independence and long-term opportunity.



Graduate of the Year Award

Tatianna Benson Parker
Project SEARCH Graduate

Tatianna Benson Parker's story reflects determination, resilience, and the power of opportunity. Through Project SEARCH, Tatianna gained workplace experience, built confidence, and developed skills to prepare for meaningful employment.

Today, Tatianna is employed as a Food Service Associate at Bayhealth Hospital. Her journey shows how supportive partnerships and real-world experience can help individuals turn potential into progress and build brighter futures.



Graduate of the Year Award

Yaire Ordonez
Project SEARCH Graduate

Yaire Ordonez's journey is one of growth, perseverance, and confidence. Through Project SEARCH, Yaire gained hands-on experience, developed professional skills, and prepared for the next steps in her employment journey.

Today, Yaire is employed as an Associate with DMV Motor Carrier Services. Her success reflects the **Power of Work** and the value of programs that connect individuals to training, support, and meaningful employment opportunities.





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Award Recipients

Arline Docherty Team Member of the Year Award

Barbara White
SCSEP Career Navigator, Goodwill Opportunity Hub

Barbara White's approach to her work reflects the heart of Goodwill's mission and the powerful role that compassionate guidance can play in someone's employment journey.



As a Career Navigator for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, administered in by Goodwill in New Castle County, Barbara helps seniors build confidence, strengthen skills, and prepare for meaningful work.

Through one-on-one support, encouragement, and practical guidance, Barbara helps participants see new possibilities for their future. Her work is rooted in patience, care, and a deep belief in the value each person brings to the workforce. Barbara's impact extends beyond employment readiness. She helps individuals regain confidence, reconnect with their goals, and take important steps toward self-sufficiency. Her dedication represents the **Power of Work** and the difference one committed team member can make in the lives of many.

Community Partner of the Year Award



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textile-to-fiber
fashion waste
recycling

The partnership between Goodwill of Delaware & Delaware County, the University of Delaware Department of Fashion & Apparel Studies, and ReSpool shows how donated goods can become a catalyst for innovation, education, and community impact. What begins as a donated textile can become part of a larger story about reuse, research, sustainability, and the future of circular fashion.

Through this long-standing collaboration, University of Delaware students and faculty work alongside Goodwill to better understand textile reuse and explore new possibilities for extending the life of donated goods. Their work connects classroom learning with real-world impact, giving students the opportunity to engage directly with sustainability challenges while supporting Goodwill's nonprofit mission.

This partnership reflects the power of collaboration between nonprofit, academic, and community partners. Together, Goodwill, the University of Delaware Department of Fashion & Apparel Studies, and ReSpool are helping advance sustainable solutions, strengthen student engagement, and demonstrate how reuse can create value for people, the planet, and the community.



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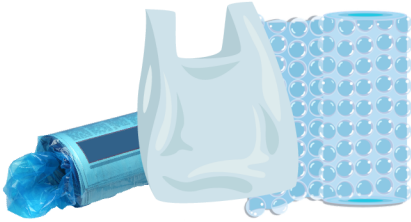
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Building Delaware's Workforce Through Sustainability

With green initiatives come green job skills.
Our recycling initiatives transform:

Plastic film to composite decking



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in 2024

Glass to sand and cullet



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Strategic Pillars

Mission: The mission of Goodwill of Delaware & Delaware County is to improve the quality of life for individuals with barriers to self-sufficiency through the **Power of Work!**

Vision: • Empower People • Strengthen Families • Build Communities • Protect Our Planet

Our PEOPLE



We see the possibilities in our people. Goodwill will be an employer of choice, working to maximize the potential of our team members and ensure connections to growth opportunities and family strengthening resources.

Our BUSINESSES



Our businesses drive our mission. Goodwill will operate and grow viable businesses that provide funding to sustain and build upon future initiatives.

Our COMMUNITY



We create advocates through the impact of our mission for the people served. Goodwill will identify partnerships that lead to stronger support, greater mission impact, and brand awareness.

Our PLANET



A healthy environment is essential. Goodwill is a leader in sustainability efforts through reuse and recycling. Our focus on People, Planet, and Prosperity is based on the highest recognition in the value of everyone and everything.

Provide development opportunities to maximize each team members potential.

- Talent Utilization
- Career Development
- Leadership Succession Planning

Deliver relevant, effective family strengthening support.

- Personal Connections
- Awareness and Communication

Optimize retention by being an employer of choice.

- Career Paths Recognition

Maximize business performance generating funding for mission advancement.

- Financial Health
- Donated Goods
- Contracted Staffing Services
- Emerging Opportunities

Utilize technology to innovate and excel.

- Technology Business Analysis
- Advancing Technology

Mission impact communication to strengthen the Goodwill brand.

- Internal Ambassadors & External Advocates
- Brand Awareness
- Capital Campaign

Deliver relevant, effective client centered mission programming.

- Client Centered
- Mission Delivery
- Emerging and Advancing Workforce Trends

Leverage mission and business through partnerships.

- Delaware County Expansion
- Innovative Collaborations that Elevate Mission

Responsible stewardship to maximize our resources and ensure every product reaches its best possible use.

- Advance Sustainable Operations in DGR
- Green Buildings
- Evolution of The Good Planet
- Equipping the Workforce with Green Job Skills
- Educating Ourselves and the Community



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