

University Aglow With Pride After First Homecoming Weekend

Wilmington University's first-ever Homecoming on Sept. 14 and 15 allowed students, faculty, alumni and the community to experience just what Wildcat Pride really means. The weekend's activities ran the gamut, from networking dinners to sporting events to alumni celebrations.

On the evening of Sept. 14, the University & Whist Club was the site of an alumni networking event that included a keynote address by Dr. Maria Hess, editor-in-chief of Delaware Today magazine, who spoke about networking and career tips. About 90 alumni and students attended the Friday night event. Wilmington University Career Services also was on hand to dispense career advice.

The following day, the celebration got under way at noon with a soccer double-header that also rang in the grand opening of the new Athletic Complex. "It's a great atmosphere, a great environment for learning, but they also make plenty of time for fun stuff like this," said Homecoming volunteer and student Erica Doucette, 32. *Continued on next page.*



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Throughout both matches, visitors could peruse the numerous tables set up around the perimeter of the complex, buy t-shirts and other university merchandise, gobble a gourmet slice from the Wood Fired Pizza truck, savor a Scoops ice cream cone and watch the university cheerleaders perform between soccer games.

From 5 to 8 p.m., the university held an alumni celebration inside the gym of the new athletic complex, featuring cuisine from Drexelbrook Catering and music by the Tim Laushey Trio.

"The weekend was such a special event because it was the first time alumni, students, faculty, staff, family and friends gathered together at the same time to celebrate the rich history and phenomenal growth taking place," said Stefanie Whitby, the university's Senior Director of Institutional Advancement. "The new athletic fieldhouse was the perfect backdrop for so many Wilmington University fans to come out and show their Wildcat Pride."

