



This award recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary and lasting contributions to the quality of life in Delaware, our nation, and the world. Past awardees include Ed and Peggy Woolard, Toni Young, Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., The Hon. Pete du Pont, Ken Burns, Tubby Raymond, Rev. Roberto Balducelli, Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson, Dr. Carol E. Hoffecker, Ellen Kullman, The Hon. Michael N. Castle, Bryan Stevenson, Rodman Ward III, and The Hon. Andre G. Bouchard, Sam and Mariah Calagione, and Gerret and Tatiana Copeland. Net proceeds from the event support the Delaware Historical Society's award-winning educational programs.

The Delaware Historical Society is proud to present the extraordinary individuals who have received the Delaware History Makers Award.

## Edgar and Peggy Woolard, 2007

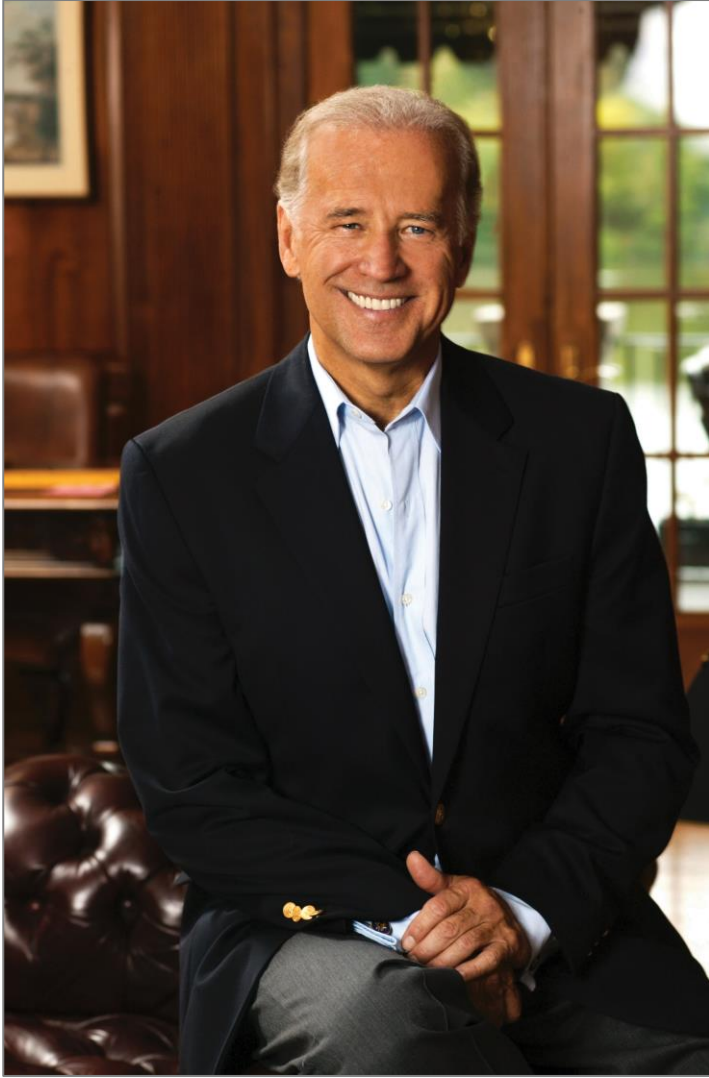


Mr. Woolard served as Chairman and CEO of DuPont from 1989 to 1995 and Chairman until 1997. He was honored by the United Way of Delaware in 2003 with the Legacy Award for establishing the Alexis de Tocqueville Society, which recognizes philanthropic leaders and volunteers who have devoted themselves to tackling the most serious challenges in our community. The University of Delaware established the Edgar S. Woolard, Jr. Chair of Corporate Governance in the College of Business and Economics in 2000, and Mr. Woolard made a leadership gift to his alma mater, North Carolina State University's College of Engineering, to build Fitz-Woolard Hall in 2018. Longtime tennis players, Mr. and Mrs. Woolard were inducted into the United States Tennis Association Middle States Hall of Fame in 2003 for their dedication to growing the sport. The Delaware Tennis Foundation, dedicated to encouraging physical fitness in young people through tennis, honored Mrs. Woolard in 1998. Mr. and Mrs. Woolard have served as Honorary Trustees of the Delaware Art Museum, where the Howard Pyle Gallery bears Mrs. Woolard's name.



## Toni Young, 2008

A well-known leader in the community for more than 40 years, Toni Young served as a Trustee of the Grand Opera House, the Delaware Historical Society, the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the Jewish Historical Society. An author, researcher, and generous philanthropist, Mrs. Young has taken an active role in the historic preservation of The Grand Opera House and the Wilmington Jewish community. Toni and her late husband Stuart B. Young made transformational gifts to the Delaware College of Art and Design, and the Delaware Historical Society where the Art Gallery and Visual Storage Gallery are named in their honor. She served as the first woman president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and in 2016 was elected president of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU) in New York. Mrs. Young is the author of *Becoming American, Remaining Jewish: The Story of Wilmington Delaware's First Jewish Community, 1879-1924*, *The Grand Experience: A History of the Grand Opera House* and was a contributing author of *Delaware and the Jews* and *Seventy-Five Years at the JCC*.



## Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2009

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. was an attorney and New Castle County Councilman before he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972 at the age of 29. Biden served in the U.S. Senate from 1973 to 2009 where he served as Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and played a pivotal role in shaping U.S. foreign policy for more than three decades, eventually serving as Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Biden was elected the 47th Vice President of the United States in 2008. In 2017, President Barack Obama awarded Vice President Biden the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction, the highest civilian award in the United States recognizing those who have made “an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United states, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.”



## Pierre S. du Pont, 2010

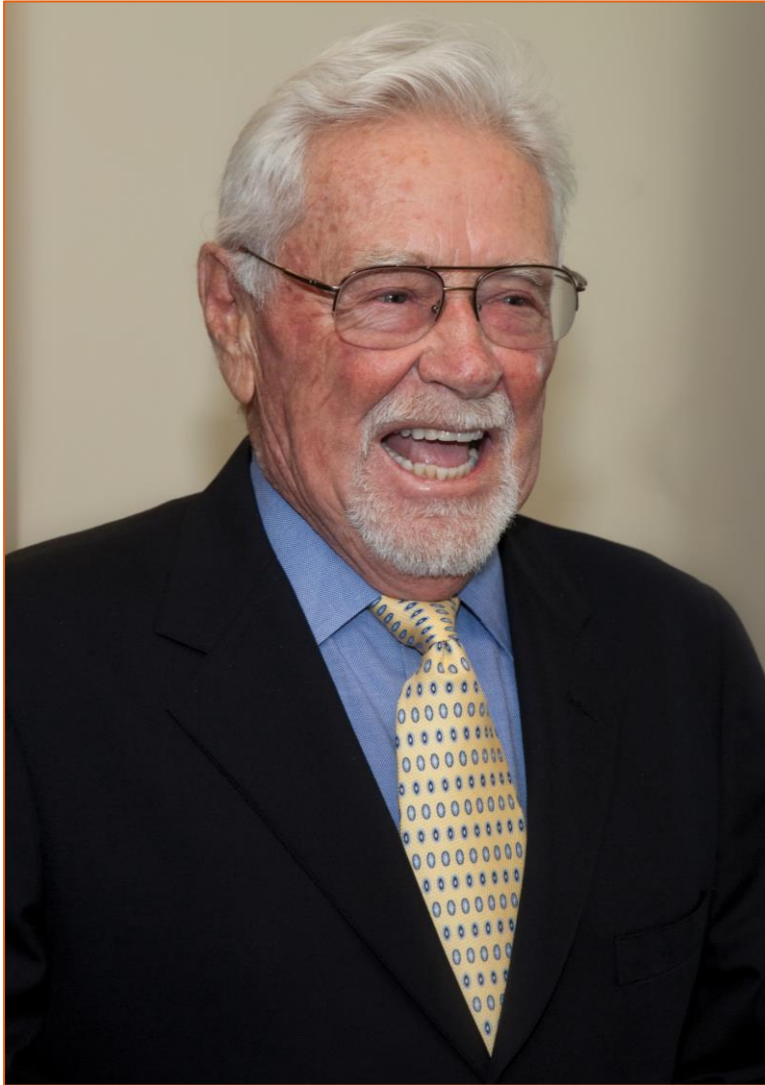
Pierre “Pete” du Pont has excelled as a lawyer, legislator, Governor, statesman, and newspaper columnist. He served as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1957-1960. He was elected to the House of Representatives of the Delaware General Assembly in 1968 and the U.S. House of Representatives in 1970. Du Pont served two terms as governor of Delaware from 1977 to 1985. As governor, du Pont focused on strengthening the state’s economy, improving education, and reducing youth unemployment. Du Pont is best remembered for efforts to lower taxes and for the Financial Center Development Act of 1981, which prompted more than thirty banks to locate in Delaware and created some 43,000 new jobs. Governor du Pont served on several corporate and nonprofit boards including the National Center for Policy Analysis. The Pete du Pont Freedom Foundation honors individuals who have been successful entrepreneurs, igniting economic development, making a significant impact on society, or bringing innovation to the private sector.





## Ken Burns, 2011

Filmmaker Ken Burns' distinctive works on topics as vast and multi-faceted as the Civil War, jazz, baseball in America, and the Vietnam War, redefines how historic research can be utilized to bring history to life. Winner of 15 Emmy awards, Burns was born in Brooklyn but spent much of his childhood in Newark, where his father taught at the University of Delaware. Burns has won two Grammys, Producer of the Year from the Producers Guild of America, a People's Choice Award, the Peabody Award, a du Pont-Columbia Award, the D.W. Griffith Award, and the \$50,000 Lincoln Prize. It has been said that no one in his generation has captured the American imagination more completely or as entertainingly as Ken Burns. Burns and his company, Florentine Films, are currently working on documentaries on country music, the Mayo Clinic, the American Revolution, and Barack Obama.



## Harold R. "Tubby" Raymond, 2012

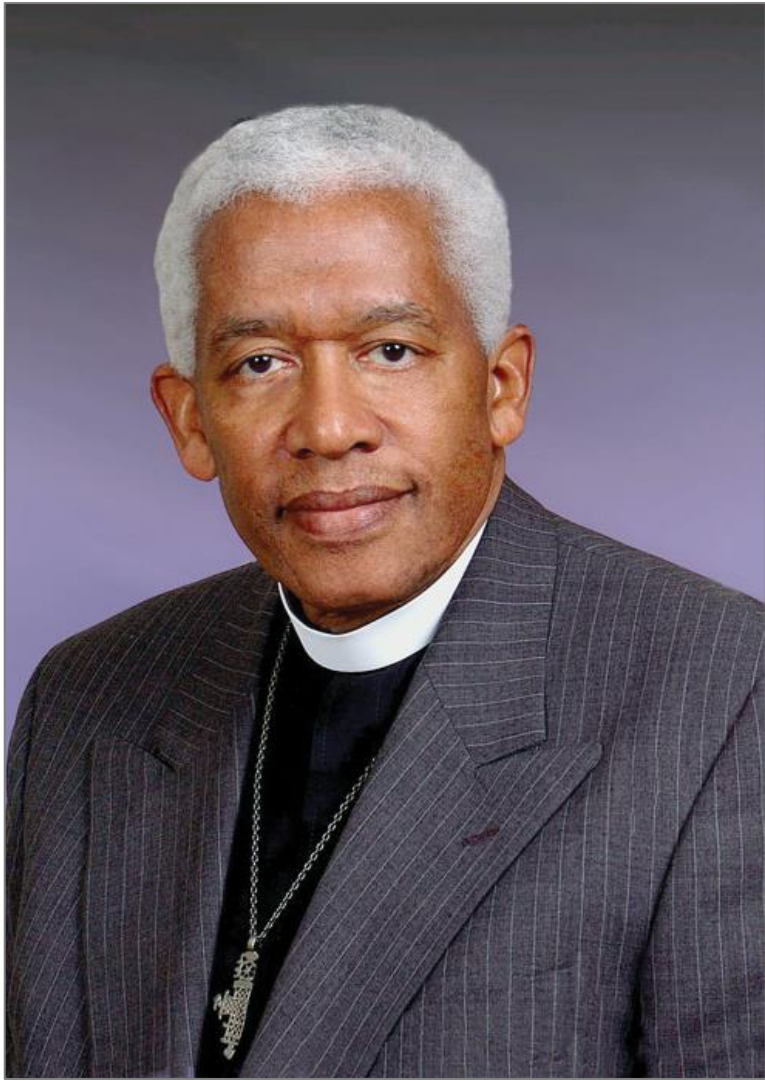
One of the most successful coaches in the history of college football, Delaware icon Tubby Raymond enjoyed nearly 50-years at the University. From 1966-2001, the Fighting Blue Hens won 300 games and three national championships under Coach Raymond, who was one of the innovators of the famous Wing-T offense. A native of Flint, Michigan, he earned his 300th victory with a win over the University of Richmond in 2001, making him just the ninth coach in college history to reach that milestone and only the fourth to accomplish the feat at one school. Raymond was named National Coach of the Year four times. In 2002, "Tubby Raymond Field" was dedicated at Delaware Stadium. Raymond died in 2018 and the University of Delaware hosted a celebration of his life which included speakers Vice President Biden and NFL MVP Rich Gannon who played for Raymond at UD.



## Rev. Robert Balducelli, O.S.F.S., 2013

Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church for nearly 30 years, Fr. Balducelli was humble and hardworking, becoming a beloved and revered member of the Catholic community in the state of Delaware and beyond. Born in a small town in Italy in 1913, his ecclesiastical education led him to Rome, France, and Switzerland, before returning to Italy in 1939. During World War II, Fr. Balducelli helped save Italian Jews from Nazi persecution. He immigrated to the United States in 1946 and, soon after, became the first Italian priest at St. Anthony's parish. Fr. Balducelli led the founding of St. Anthony's elementary school, Padua Academy, the Antonian apartments for senior citizens, and St. Anthony's in the Hills Summer Camp. Under Fr. Balducelli's leadership, parishioners began the annual St. Anthony's Italian Festival as a fundraiser for the school. The Festival has become one of the most popular and successful Italian festivals on the East Coast. Fr. Balducelli died on the eve of his 100th birthday and was given the Delaware History Makers Award posthumously.





## Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson, 2013

A well-known and respected leader in the Episcopal Church, Canon Casson's five decades of ministry took him from parishes in his hometown of Wilmington to leadership roles in Washington's National Cathedral and New York City. Casson served as Social Justice Officer for the Episcopal Church in New York and has worked across the United States and worldwide in the areas of urban community affairs, education, world issues, and ecumenical, and interfaith relations. Canon Casson served as the first rector of Saints Andrew and Matthew in Wilmington leading the merger of the two parishes and is now Rector Emeritus. Canon Casson served as the first African American President of the Wilmington School Board, laying the groundwork for a passionate commitment to education that continues to this day. He played a pivotal role in community relations during the uprising in Wilmington in April 1968 and has been known to distribute ashes on North Market Street on Ash Wednesday. Since his retirement in 2007, Canon Casson continues to play active roles in the church, in community affairs, and in education.



## Dr. Carol Hoffeecker, 2013

University of Delaware Professor Emeritus Dr. Carol Hoffeecker has been recognized many times for her contributions to the recognition, preservation, and celebration of Delaware's history and heritage. Dr. Hoffeecker has written several books and articles on the First State and penned two volumes on the history of Wilmington. Dr. Hoffeecker studied history at the University of Delaware and attended Harvard University. After completing her Ph.D., Dr. Hoffeecker received a fellowship to write a history of Wilmington, titled *Wilmington, Delaware: Portrait of an Industrial City, 1830-1910*. Hoffeecker served as president of the Faculty Senate and chair of the History Department. After thirty years of service, she retired from the University in 2003 and currently holds the title of Richards Professor Emerita of History. Among her many awards and achievements, Dr. Hoffeecker was named the Delaware Professor of the Year in 1999 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



## Ellen J. Kullman, 2014

Ellen J. Kullman, recognized as one of the most powerful women in American business, served as the first female Board Chair and CEO of DuPont from 2009 to 2015. She began her career at DuPont in 1988 as a marketing manager for DuPont medical imaging. Mrs. Kullman championed the power of DuPont science and global market knowledge to transform industries. She is a Trustee of Tower Hill School, Tufts University, has served as board director of United Technologies Corp., served as chair of the U.S. China Business Council, and member of the U.S. India Business Council. The Kullman Family Foundation has made transformational contributions to The Ministry of Caring and NativeVision, one of the country's largest health and fitness initiatives for Native American youth.





## Michael N. Castle, 2015

The Hon. Michael N. Castle served as governor of Delaware from 1985 to 1992, U.S. Congressman from 1993 to 2011, lieutenant governor, deputy attorney general, and state senator. Congressman Castle was well known for working across party lines and building bridges to arrive at pragmatic, bipartisan solutions to critical issues facing individuals and governmental leaders. Castle is a founder of The Main Street Partnership, comprised of moderate and conservative Republicans as a discussion group whose members have frequently worked to create a more proactive, centrist character to U.S. politics. He is a partner in the Wilmington office of the international law firm DLA Piper and a longtime supporter of The Grand Opera House and the Delaware Art Museum.





## Bryan Stevenson, 2015

Bryan Stevenson is a civil rights attorney and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, located in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Stevenson, a native of Milton, Delaware, is widely acclaimed for dedicating his legal career to the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. He has successfully argued several cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Stevenson's work has won him numerous awards, including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Prize, the National Medal of Liberty from the American Civil Liberties Union after he was nominated by United States Supreme Court Justice John Stevens, and the Olaf Palme Prize in Stockholm, Sweden for international human rights. Mr. Stevenson is a Professor of Law at New York University School of Law and the author of the critically acclaimed New York Times best seller, *Just Mercy*. In 2018, Stevenson founded The National Memorial for Peace and Justice to commemorate the victims of lynching in the United States.

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## Andre G. Bouchard, 2017

The Hon. Andre G. Bouchard was sworn in as Chancellor of the Court of Chancery in 2014. Chancellor Bouchard was a founding partner of Bouchard Margules & Friedlander and practiced law in Wilmington for twenty-eight years. Founded in 1792, the Court of Chancery is a non-jury trial court that serves as Delaware's court of original and exclusive equity jurisdiction, and adjudicates a wide variety of cases involving trusts, real property, guardianships, civil rights, and commercial litigation. The Delaware Chancery Court is revered in the legal community and is recognized as the arbiter of business case law not only for Delaware but effectively for the whole nation, and even beyond. The Court celebrated its 225th anniversary in 2017.



## Rodman Ward III, 2017

One of the oldest companies in the First State, Corporation Service Company (CSC) was founded in Delaware in 1899 by Josiah Marvel and Christopher Ward, who saw an opportunity to simplify the way corporations were formed, operated, and maintained their compliance. Rod Ward has been President and CEO of CSC since 2010 and is a descendant of co-founder Christopher Ward. Governor John Carney and Mr. Ward serve as co-chairs of the Delaware Prosperity Partnership, a public-private partnership for economic development. He is Board Chair of Rodel, a non-profit that advances education, serves on the advisory board of the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware, and is a Trustee of Leadership Delaware, an organization that recruits and mentors for young professionals.



## Sam and Mariah Calagione, 2018

As founders of Dogfish Head Craft Brewery, Inc. in Milton, Delaware, Sam and Mariah Calagione led the rebirth of the local brewing economy in the state of Delaware when Sam opened what was the nation's smallest commercial brewery in 1995. Now one of the fastest growing independent breweries in the U.S. with more than 200 employees, Dogfish Head has grown to include a distillery, restaurants, and the Dogfish Inn in Lewes. In 2017, Sam Calagione received a James Beard award for "Outstanding Wine, Spirits, or Beer Professional," one of the most prestigious honors in the restaurant industry. Both Sam and Mariah Draper Calagione have been instrumental in preserving Delaware's natural resources and are ardent supporters of pro-environment initiatives. Mariah is a trustee of the Nature Conservancy and leads the company's annual Dogfish Dash 5K and 10K running races.





## Gerret and Tatiana Copeland, 2019

For more than three decades, the Copelands have transformed Delaware through philanthropy. Gerret and Tatiana Copelands' vision and their commitment to animal welfare, art, education, healthcare, history, music, and the environment are exemplified by their loyal support of countless organizations including:

Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art, Brandywine Valley SPCA, Canine Partners for Life, Christiana Care Health System, Delaware Art Museum, Delaware Center for Horticulture, Delaware College of Art and Design, Delaware Historical Society, Delaware Humane Association, Delaware Symphony Orchestra, Delaware Theater Company, Fund for Women at the Delaware Community Foundation, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, The Grand Opera House, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, Longwood Foundation, Longwood Gardens, Mt. Cuba Center for Piedmont Flora, Multiplying Good (formerly the Jefferson Awards Foundation), OperaDelaware, Planned Parenthood of Delaware, Stockings for Soldiers, Tatnall School, and the University of Delaware.

The Copelands have contributed their time, counsel, and resources, and their magnanimity has rippled through every aspect of our community, enhancing the quality of life for everyone in the region.



## Dr. Velma Scantlebury White, 2021

Dr. Velma Scantlebury-White is the first African American woman to specialize in transplant surgery in the United States. She was the Associate Director of the Kidney Transplant Program at Christiana Care from 2008-2020 and serves as an advisor to medical organizations and healthcare professionals. Dr. Scantlebury-White has been named to both the “Best Doctors in America” and “Top Doctors in America” lists multiple times.

Dr. Scantlebury-White is an alumna of the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York and was a resident in general surgery at Harlem Hospital Center. She completed her fellowship training in transplantation surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine then joined the school as an assistant professor of surgery. Before joining the team at Christiana Care, she served as Professor of Surgery, Director of the Kidney Transplant Program, and Assistant Dean of Community Education at the University of South Alabama’s Regional Transplant Center in Mobile. In 2020 and 2021, Dr. Scantlebury-White was active in educating the Black community about the coronavirus and providing COVID-19 testing and vaccinations in Philadelphia and the surrounding region.

She has been honored by the National Kidney Foundation with the *Gift of Life Award* for her work in transplantation among minorities. She is a member of the Wilmington Chapter of the Links, Inc. and was inducted as an Honorary Member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. A native of Barbados, Dr. Scantlebury-White is also the author of a memoir, *Beyond Every Wall: Becoming the First Black Female Transplant Surgeon*.



Founded in 1864, the Delaware Historical Society collects, preserves, and shares the largest collection of Delaware historical resources in the world. The Society's mission is to explore, preserve, share, and promote Delaware history, heritage, and culture to strengthen our community.