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### **Delaware Supreme Court Hears Appeals Again in Sussex County**

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as part of ongoing educational outreach efforts*

The Delaware Supreme Court returned to Delaware Technical Community College's Owens Campus in Georgetown on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 to hold oral arguments. This marks the second year that the Justices have traveled to Sussex County as part of ongoing community and educational outreach efforts.

Just as in 2024, nearly 400 high school students attended the oral arguments along with students from Delaware Tech's criminal justice, legal studies & human services departments. The high school students came from schools across Sussex County. All were involved in the Academic Challenge Program, a partnership between Delaware Tech and Sussex County public schools. Following each case, the students had a question-and-answer session with the Justices discussing court procedures, legal terms and how the lawyers and judges became interested in legal careers.

"We enjoyed our return to Delaware Tech.," said Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. "We hope our visit was educational and illuminating for the students. Perhaps a few students might be inspired to pursue a legal career and public service in the First State."

"We appreciate the Supreme Court's return visit to our campus, which provides our students with an opportunity to witness firsthand how our court system operates and understand its importance to the people of our state," said Dr. Mark T. Brainard, president of Delaware Tech. "We were especially appreciative of the justices' generosity and the gracious discussion session they conducted after the hearings to offer insights into the legal field and answer questions from our students and staff. These events are extremely valuable to the community, and we look forward to continuing this partnership with the Court in the future."

On Tuesday, students heard arguments in both a criminal and civil case. The criminal case involved a defendant found guilty by a jury of drug crimes and resisting arrest. In the appeal, his attorney argued that certain evidence should not have been admitted at trial because it was improperly obtained by police. The civil case involved an appeal from a trial judge's ruling that a plaintiff's expert testimony could not be admitted in the case of a child who suffered from complications following birth.

The court took both appeals under advisement and will issue opinions deciding the cases in the coming months.