



THE BIDEN CENTER

Dr. Jill T. Biden
Student Success Center

Teaching isn't just what I do, it's who I am.

— Jill T. Biden

Becoming first lady of the United States didn't stop Dr. Jill Biden from continuing to teach English to community college students, a position she first held at Delaware Technical Community College starting in 1993. She left Delaware Tech in 2009 when her husband, then-U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., was elected vice president of the United States. As second lady, Dr. Biden began teaching at Northern Virginia Community College, a position she continued to hold after becoming first lady. As former President Barack Obama and then-Vice President Joe Biden focused on recovering from the 2008 economic recession, Dr. Biden worked to underscore the critical role of community colleges in the nation's economy: She hosted the first-ever White House Summit on Community Colleges and led the Community College to Career Bus Tour to highlight industry partnerships between community colleges and employers. Dr. Biden also became the honorary chair of the College Promise National Advisory Board, leading the effort to make community colleges free for hard-working students. As a military mother, she has worked to increase economic opportunities for student veterans and military spouses; create additional educational programming and support for military children; provide more focus on health and wellness in the military community; and improve resources for caregivers and survivors, including military and veteran children in caregiving homes. Her advocacy has helped to change lives for countless people across our nation, including in her home state of Delaware.

Because of this work and because Dr. Biden began her community college teaching career at this College, on this campus, and in this wing, the Stanton Student Success Center was dedicated in her honor.