

**Institute for Public  
Administration | IPA**

**50th  
Anniversary  
Celebration**

**Friday, October 20, 2023  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Clayton Hall  
100 David Hollowell Drive  
Newark, DE 19716**



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# Agenda

## 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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*Please visit Room 120 to view archival documents and a special video message from our alumni.*

## 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

AUDITORIUM

*Dr. Amy Ellen Schwartz, Dean, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration*

*Dr. Jerome Lewis, Director, Institute for Public Administration (IPA)*

## 9:30 a.m. The History of IPA and the Biden School

*Dr. Dan Rich, Senior Fellow, IPA, University Professor of Public Policy Emeritus, Biden School*

## 10:30 a.m. Alumni Panel

*Moderated by Troy Mix, Associate Director, IPA*

*Natalie Criscenzo*

*Andrew Haines*

*Nicholas Konzelman*

*Ivan Mitchell*

*The Honorable Sophie Phillips*

*Melanie Ross Levin*

*Lexi West*

*Dr. Devona Williams*

**11:45 a.m. The Future of IPA**

*Troy Mix, Associate Director, IPA*

**12:00 p.m. Social Time**

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*Dan Rich will be signing copies of The Biden School and The Engaged University of Delaware. Enjoy the photo booth and visit the archives in Room 120.*

**12:30 p.m. Lunch Program**

BALLROOM

*Dr. Jerome Lewis, Director, IPA*

*Dr. Dennis Assanis, President,  
University of Delaware*

*The Honorable Thomas R. Carper,  
Senator, U.S. Senate*

*Bill Shields, Executive Director,  
American Society for Public  
Administration*

*The Honorable David Sokola, President  
Pro Tempore, Delaware State Senate*

*The Honorable Valerie Longhurst,  
Speaker of the House, Delaware House  
of Representatives*

*Valdese West, Institutional Director,  
Delaware Municipal Clerks Institute, IPA*

*The Honorable John Carney,  
Governor of Delaware*

**3:00 p.m. Event Concludes**



**Thank you to the IPA 50th Anniversary Planning Committee and student volunteers for your efforts.**

*Lisa Moreland Allred  
Kelly Cofrancisco  
BJ DeCoursey  
Marta Driscoll  
Andrew Furman  
Henry Goodson  
Sebastian Jannelli  
Joy Jordan  
Gabi Lane  
Kristie Marmo*

*Sophonie Milord  
Troy Mix  
Kathy Murphy  
Martha Narvaez  
Julia O'Hanlon  
Sarah Pragg  
Alaina Robinson  
Kelly Sherretz  
Valdese West*

**Today's live music was provided by musicians in the University of Delaware School of Music.**

**Thank you to all of IPA's partners, donors, and the Biden School faculty, staff, alumni, for your ongoing support.**

## **About the Institute for Public Administration**

Founded by Dr. Jerome R. Lewis, the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration (IPA) addresses the policy, planning and management needs of its partners through the integration of applied research, professional development, and the education of tomorrow's leaders. As a research and public service center in the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration, IPA collaborates with state agencies, municipal governments, nonprofits, communities, and businesses to examine complex policy issues and improve quality of life in Delaware and beyond.

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