

Dr. Joshua Feldstein, Former Delaware Valley University President, Passes Away at 97

Affectionately known as Josh to all, Dr. Joshua Feldstein died June 19, 2018. Dr. Feldstein's remarkable association with Delaware Valley University lasted nearly 80 years. It included stints as a student, faculty member, department chair, associate dean, dean, president, trustee, and emeritus trustee.

"To generations of DelVal students, faculty, staff and alumni, Joshua Feldstein was Delaware Valley University," said current President Dr. Maria Gallo. "The entire University community is deeply saddened by his passing."

A memorial service was held on Sunday September 30, 2018 at Delaware Valley University. Attended by 250 friends, family and alumni, we got to pay our respects to Josh one last time. A short video interview with

Dr. Feldstein was played that captured his essence and characterized his long well lived life. It can be viewed at: <https://www.delval.edu/offices-services/presidents-office/dr-joshua-feldstein>

When asked how he wished to be remembered, Dr. Feldstein replied, "He was never sorry for anything he did. He was only sorry for the many things he couldn't do."

As president of the university, Dr. Feldstein strengthened ties between DelVal and Bucks County. He also introduced new academic majors, including agribusiness, and built new athletic and academic facilities. These included the Student Center, James Work Memorial Stadium, the Kenneth W. and Helen H. Gemmill Center for Animal Husbandry, and the Sydney Markovitz Equine Facility. He oversaw improvements in computer facilities in the Feldman Building, the addition of laboratory and classroom space to the greenhouse

complex, and renovations to the Allman Building, and helped secure the donation of the Roth Farm, which is now DelVal's Roth Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

During Dr. Feldstein's terms as interim president, DelVal built additions to the James Work Gymnasium and James Work Hall and constructed the Arthur Poley Greenhouse Complex. Dr. Feldstein was also responsible for the start of construction on the addition to the Mandell Science Building, which includes the Jefferson Center.

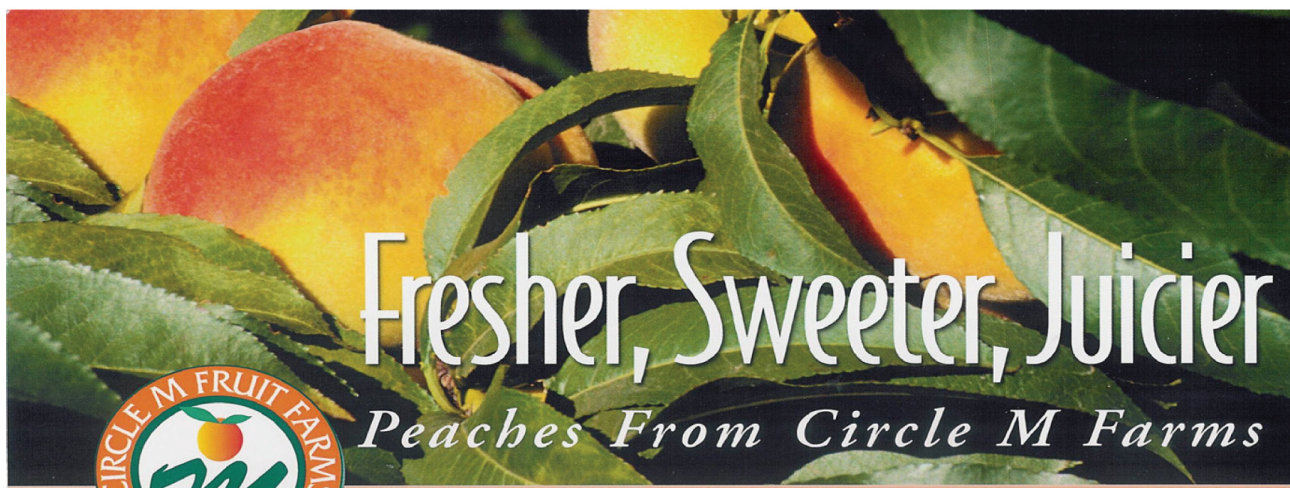
Known as a person who valued honesty and loyalty, and possessed of a sincere desire to help people, Dr. Feldstein made small classes and personal attention hallmarks of the DelVal educational experience. Even as an administrator, he

made time to teach classes. He was a valued counselor to students and kept up with alumni long after they left campus. "Our students are our life's blood," he once said, "and our alumni are our claim to fame."

As president, Dr. Feldstein advocated for access and inclusion. He helped admit the first women to DelVal in the 1960s and increased the number of women on the faculty. "To teach is to mold minds and to influence people forever," he said. "If you don't extend an opportunity to people, or exclude them from an opportunity, they will never be able to accomplish what they could."

To thousands of DelVal Alumni, especially in Horticulture, Josh was instrumental in influencing our careers. DelVal alumni are scattered though out the USA. Josh was loved and will be missed, but we are thankful we got to know him and thankful for the opportunities Delaware Valley University provided for us because of the work and passion of Dr. Joshua Feldstein.





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