

**Taylor Curley interviewing Florine Henderson clip 3**  
**Topic: Working at the University of Delaware**

[Florine Henderson responding to a question about how she came to work at the University of Delaware.]

**Florine Henderson:** And I, I'm gonna tell this story, I'm gonna tell it. I don't work there anymore, they can't take my pension. But they didn't wanna hire me. I was qualified for the position. It was a telephone receptionist in the Admissions office. I had experience because I worked with the Academy of Medicine. I was a switchboard operator at the Academy of Medicine. You gonna tell me I couldn't answer phones in the Admissions office? But I never even thought of it that way. I just thought well, they didn't hire me, maybe I didn't interview well, something like that. Well, Vanessa, who worked in Human Resources, thought better. She said, "You are qualified for this job, and I'm going to go to Affirmative Action, and they're gonna have to hire you," and they did. Affirmative Action got involved in the hiring process, and they had to hire me. This was in 19....