



City Park News

January, 2015

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a joyful holiday season.

We've already hit the ground running from Convocation to Registration, to the start of classes - not very different from other semesters on the surface. Yet, there are changes taking place this semester, beginning with the appointment of a new Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, to the completion of construction and renovation projects on campus. With these changes comes the opportunity for improvement. Although we face impending budget issues and are aware of the impact they will have on the College's budget, I remain hopeful that we will, once again, survive those challenges and continue to change the lives of the students we serve.

I am optimistic because of our committed faculty and staff, our relevant academic programs, and the fact that Delgado Community College has always survived! This semester, let's continue to move forward and build an even better Delgado. This is our time!

As always, I look forward to working with you as we accept Chancellor Davis' challenge to move from **Excellence to Eminence!**

Kindest regards,

Arnel W. Cooney
Executive Dean, City Park Campus

Spring 2015 Enrollment Update

This semester's enrollment is on pace to exceed the enrollment projection goal of 15,372 students (17,012 to date). Coordinated efforts among several departments have contributed to this accomplishment which also includes a record 96% of registered students being secured (classes held by payment, financial aid, exemption or contract) at this point.

In addition to this significant achievement, campuses have also reported a decrease in the number of students rushing to campus during the Last Chance Registration period as well as a decrease in "wait time" students are experiencing. *D-Flow*, the College's ticketing system, indicates a reduction in the average wait time of 54 minutes in the spring of 2014 to 19 minutes this spring.

Although the official enrollment for the semester is not reported until after the 14th day, which is February 3, we are optimistic that we will exceed our projection. Planning efforts for increasing our fall 2015 enrollment will begin soon thereafter.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our success!!!

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Kathleen Curphy



Dr. Curphy will replace Debbie Lea as Delgado Community College's next VCAA. She has previously served as Vice President for Instruction/Chief Academic Officer at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dr. Curphy has a wealth of experience and achievements in leadership of two-year colleges and in business and industry. She has over twenty years of experience as a two-year college administrator, thirteen at the senior level where she had provided executive level-leadership for both rural and urban institutions. Dr. Curphy has served as Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Vice President for Customized Training and Workforce Development. In addition, she has been a small business owner and has worked in the corporate environment as Vice President for Accelerated Learning.

She has an established record as an entrepreneurial and innovative academic leader who has provided leadership for program development and sustainability based on the latest trends in academic and workforce development. This work has resulted in the development of many credit and non-credit certificates, diplomas, and A.A., A.S., and A.A.S. degree programs that met business and industry needs. Most recently, she led the Pledge to Partner initiative where prospective business partners were identified by program industry cluster in order to create long term collaborative partnerships. In addition, she has worked with local school districts to develop partnerships that increased dual credit programs. She has strengthened transfer programs by developing articulation agreements and Reverse Transfer Initiative programs with four-year universities. She has always strived to provide a supportive, learner-centered environment that ensured high standards of teaching and learning and student success.

Dr. Curphy's education includes a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Personnel Services from the University of Northern Iowa, an Education Specialist Degree from the University of Central Missouri, and a Ph.D. in Leadership for Higher Education from Capella University. Her doctoral research was focused on the American Association of Community College's Competencies for Community College Leaders.

She officially joins the Delgado family on February 23.



Campus Facility Update

Project	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Expected Completion
Renovations to Building 2 Labs/	Act 391	\$2.3M	Classrooms completed; breezeway underway
Learning Resource Center Annex	Act 391	\$3.4M	02/15/2015
Boiler Replacement	FEMA	\$500K	02/15/2015
Auditorium Renovations	Albania Plantation	\$2.0M	05/01/2015
Learning Resource Center	FEMA	\$9M	6/1/2015
New Maintenance Building	Office of CDDR	\$3.0M	07/01/2015

Important Information to Know

- **Single Stop** will begin tax preparation for students, faculty, and staff on 01/26/15 in the Student Life Center.
- **Men's and Women's Basketball** opens their conference schedules on January 28. **Baseball** was ranked #9 in the nation by Collegiate Baseball News in their 2015 Pre-Season poll. Season opens on February 7. Complete athletic news and updates available on www.delgadoathletics.com/calendar
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- The SGA has **Black History Month** [activities planned](#).
- Parking is available for the **Endymion Parade** on Saturday, February 14. The cost is \$25 per car.
- Plans are underway for a **Mental Health Awareness Fair** on April 30 from 11am - 2pm.
-  is scheduled for March 11 in the Student Life Center. Times will be announced soon.

Spring 2015 Important Dates

January	17	Classes Begin
	27	Last day for bookstore credit
	28	Last day for 100% tuition adjustment
February	3	14th class day
	3	Last day for "W"
	14-18	Mardi Gras Holidays
March	6	LCTCS Conference Day
	10-16	Midterm Exams
	16	Second Start Session begins
	16	Summer/Fall Priority Registration begins
April	2-5	Spring holidays
	14	Crawfest
	27	Last Day for reinstatement
May	4	Last day of class
	5-12	Final Exams
	19	Commencement