



## DELGADO WEST BANK CAMPUS RAISING FUNDS FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN PROJECT

Under the leadership of their provost, Dr. Donna Alley, members of Delgado's West Bank Campus faculty and staff are joining forces and reaching out to the college community and beyond to restore and enhance the campus' Memorial Garden.

Created in the wake of 9/11 where a walkway used to run between the campus' old wooden administration building, the original Memorial Garden adjacent to Buildings 1 and 4 fell into repair in later years, and in particular post-Katrina. In response to the emotional loss of several members of the Delgado family recently, and in a spirit of remembrance, restoration and creation, a group of West Bank Campus members including Dr. Alley, Mae Niolet, Noelle Wright, Janet Colletti and others decided to rejuvenate and expand the Memorial Garden.

The new Memorial Garden Project includes plans to line the garden walkways with bricks that may be sponsored and engraved to memorialize loved ones, commemorate Delgado graduations, recognize service in an organization, or honor family and friends. Eventually, benches, trees, flowering plants and a sundial will be added to the garden. It will be a place to reflect, study, meet and more. Additionally, a new flagpole will be added in front of LaRocca Hall, surrounded by bricks engraved to honor military service.

The committee is raising funds for the Memorial Garden Project through a number of efforts. First, the committee is selling engraved Memorial Garden bricks to the public for \$25 each, or two for \$40. A limited number of Inner Circle garden bricks are also being sold for \$35 each. For more information about purchasing bricks, please contact **Janet Colletti** at [jcolle@dcc.edu](mailto:jcolle@dcc.edu) or **(504) 762-3126**.

As well, inspired by Delgado City Park Campus' pond restoration project and suggested by Sal Anselmo, the West Bank Campus held a 50/50 raffle in connection with the SGA annual Crawfest to raise funds for the project. A generous donation of \$75 toward the Memorial Garden Project by Johnny's Seafood, which catered Crawfest 2009, was a tremendously appreciated contribution to the fundraising efforts.

More raffles and fundraising events are being planned for the summer session and fall semester!