

## Northshore Opens New Facility to Expand Allied Health Programs

Delgado Northshore held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house reception on Wednesday, Jul. 23, to celebrate the grand opening of the new Theard Building/Delgado Northshore Allied Health.

The 4,600-square-foot Theard Building will meet the needs of expanding Allied Health training by housing complete Careers That Heal programs in Surgical Technology, Pharmacy Technician and Respiratory Care Technology as well as non-grant Biology Lecture, Biology Lab and Veterinary Technology classes beginning in the fall 2008 semester.

Careers That Heal is a 10-parish, multi-partner, \$6 million community development block grant-funded initiative to help provide the region with 600-800 well trained – and desperately needed – allied health and nursing professionals.

The Recovery Workforce Training Program, of which this grant is a part, was established post-Katrina by the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LTRA) in collaboration with the Louisiana Workforce Commission

(WFC). Delgado is fiscal agent and one of several training providers supported by GNO, Inc. as workforce intermediary and St. Tammany Healthcare Alliance as key advocate.

**Dr. Ron Wright**, Delgado's new *chancellor*, and Delgado Northshore *Interim Dean Ashley Chitwood* were joined in dedicating the new facility by Stacy Bonnaffons from the Louisiana WFC, Robin Keegan from the LRA and **Woody Oge**, Delgado Foundation Board and LCTCS Board of Supervisors member representing GNO, Inc.



Dr. Ron Wright, Sheila Thomas, Stacy Bonnaffons, Woody Oge, Robin Keegan, Ashley Chitwood.

## News Briefs

- Delgado, with a capacity of 225 students, is the largest provider of adult basic education in Orleans parish. The program's first graduate, Dana Holliday, has been accepted into Charity School of Nursing for spring 2009.
- The Board of Regents has approved Delgado's re-design of the A.A.S. degree program in Computer Information Systems to permit students to select a concentration area. The first two options approved are Programmer/ Analyst Specialist and Web Design Specialist.
- On Jun. 26, Delgado was granted its reaffirmation for accreditation by the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACSCOC).
- For the second year in a row, the Delgado Motor Vehicle Technology department has received a \$4000 donation from the Bridgestone/ Firestone Trust Fund to be used for scholarships within the program.

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## Delgado Foundation Roasts and Toasts Senator Mary Landrieu

The Delgado Foundation presented the 2008 Roast of the Town on May 16 at the InterContinental New Orleans with a program that included a Patron Party Reception, including music by the Delgado Jazz Quartet led by Peter Cho, and a Roast Dinner led by Master of Ceremonies Eric Paulsen, WWL-TV Channel 4 News anchor.

After a Welcome by Interim Chancellor Debbie Lea and Invocation by Pastor Charles J. Southall III, dais guests took turns roasting their friend and U.S. senator, The Honorable Mary Landrieu.

First up to the microphone was the Honorable Ann Duplesis, District 2 Senator, who reminisced about growing up in the same neighborhood with the Landrieus.

The next roaster, Ann Knapp, past LCTCS Board chair, said she was "thrilled to honor a fellow community college advocate."

Though the Honorable Mitch Landrieu, Louisiana lieutenant governor, was unable to join the celebration in person, he couldn't miss the opportunity to at least roast his sister by video. It was payback for the 2006 Roast of Town, when roles were reversed: Mitch Landrieu was the roaster, and sister Mary was the roastee.

Tyron Picard, executive vice president of Acadian Ambulance & Air Med Services, took some lighthearted jabs at his friend, but reminded everyone that it was Mary Landrieu who had helped make the LA4 program a model for the nation.

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Filling in for an ill Sheriff Jack Stephens, The Honorable Marlin Gusman rounded out the roast program, though insisting that "they didn't save the best for last."

The hundreds of supporters who filled the ballroom that evening, including sponsors such as Liberty Bank and Trust Company, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., East Jefferson General Hospital, First Emmanuel Baptist Church, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Prescient Technologies, LLC, and Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects, were proud to honor Sen. Landrieu and her accomplishments, as well as contribute to the Delgado Foundation annual fundraiser to help promote scholarships and other student and faculty development programs.



**Deborah R. Lea**, Delgado Interim; **The Honorable Mary Landrieu**, U.S. Senator, State of Louisiana; **Lee Giorgio Jr.**, president and CEO of Select Properties, Ltd., vice chairman of the Delgado Foundation Board and member of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors; **Rev. Charles J. Southall III**, Pastor of First Emmanuel Baptist Church and Secretary of the Delgado Foundation Board.

**ELET Testimonial**



Through Carl Perkins grant funding, Delgado's Electrical - Electronics Engineering Technology (ELET) lab in Building 22 on the City Park Campus has recently added several state-of-the-art Tektronix Mixed Signal Oscilloscopes to its exceptional array of equipment. These top-of-the-line instruments

join more than \$250,000 of industry equipment in making Delgado's ELET lab the most advanced and comprehensive facility in the region, as well as one of the best in the nation. At a seminar on Jun. 5, Tektronix Inc. presented the latest in oscilloscope test equipment to ELET students, graduates and industry partners. Attending the event was Roger Williams of EXPHIL, leading high-tech instrument company. His observation:

"I have been involved with the electronics trade most of my life. In those many years I have had occasion to visit many of the Universities, Colleges and Community Colleges in a number of Northeast states. I can say with no hesitation that your lab was undoubtedly the best equipped I have seen. Not only did you have the latest technology on the bench but the variety offers a student the opportunity to see what is existent in the industrial world today.

I would venture to say that the test equipment available to your students is far above any undergraduate lab. Normally that level of instrumentation is only available to the post graduate and research programs. Your labs rival such institutions as Cornell, RIT, RPI, University of Rochester, Syracuse, Penn State, Wilkes College, Clarkson and other prominent engineering schools in the Northeast. As far as Community Colleges are concerned, they do seem to offer more hands-on training with up to date equipment, but not anywhere near the level witnessed at Delgado.

To say I was impressed would be an understatement."

**WORKFORCE WIRE**

**Workforce Development News**

**Grants Fund Job Skills Training**

Through two programs funded by the Jefferson Parish Workforce Investment Board, Delgado is now offering free job skills training to qualifying individuals at the Jefferson Business and Career Solutions Center in Gretna.

One program offers adult learners tuition-free workshops and tutorials in resume writing, job interviewing skills, customer service and Microsoft Office computer training, as well as Math and Language upgrades through computer instruction.

A second, the Youth Occupational Skills Training (Y.O.S.T.) program, offers qualifying individuals aged 17-21 training in carpentry, welding, Microsoft Office Assistant, patient care technology, certified nursing assistant, phlebotomy, truck driving, health unit coordinator and culinary arts. To learn more, call (504) 361-6542.

**Microsoft Grant Helps Delgado Serve Community Technology Needs**

A \$425,000 Microsoft Unlimited Potential™ grant awarded to the Greater New Orleans Economic Development Council in February 2007 has helped Delgado implement new or expanded technology skills training programs with partners in 13 locations in greater New Orleans.

The grant was part of Microsoft's \$1.7 million commitment of cash, software and training curriculum to several nonprofit agencies in Louisiana and Texas that are working to foster economic growth in the region as it recovers from the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Just a few examples of the grant in action:

- Since 2007, Delgado has leveraged the Microsoft grant to help with technology skills, curriculum and

instructor training at the Dryades YMCA in Central City.

- The New Orleans Mission, a service provider for the homeless, opened an upgraded computer lab in fall 2007 and established a computer skills course with support from Delgado and Microsoft.
- Through grant support from Delgado, Microsoft and other sources, Jefferson Community School opened a new 25-station computer lab in 2007, and all of the charter school's teachers and instructional aides completed the Microsoft Digital Literacy Certificate Program to prepare them to help students learn computer skills. Jefferson Community School serves about 125 students in grades 6-8 who have been expelled from other public schools in the district.

## Culinary Programs Steal the Show at Seafood Festival

Creole tomatoes and Gulf seafood are among Louisiana's most delicious natural resources. Our other greatest resources? The fabulous chefs who prepare them in local dishes like none other in the world.

Delgado and LTC Region 1 Culinary Arts programs, proud to produce many of the region's top chefs, were invited to participate in a celebration of these resources at the combined 2008 Louisiana Seafood Festival, Creole Tomato Festival and Cajun Zydeco Festival, held at the Old U.S. Mint Jun. 13-15.

One of the biggest highlights of the festival was the Chef's Tent, where the city's great chefs performed cooking demonstrations to standing-room-only crowds. Generously dedicating their time, effort and talent, Delgado and LTC Region 1 instructors, students and graduates joined some of the city's most famous culinary names in sharing their knowledge on stage.

Delgado and LTC Region 1 ruled the Chef's Tent opening day with popular demos, opening on a high note with Delgado graduate Harold Burkenstock, sous chef for Arnaud's Restaurant. With a nod to the value of his Delgado education, Chef Burkenstock brought a breath of fresh air to a hot summer afternoon by preparing a delectable cold Louisiana ceviche.

Next on the stage, **Chef Jan Rost** and her top three LTC Region 1 Culinary Arts students – Katie Ragan, Thomas Weindel and Jennifer Pacaccio – turned the heat up with the preparation of a

complete Louisiana meal of trout with beurre blanc, Creole tomato maque choux and Cajun parsley new potatoes.

The mouth-watering recipes kept coming with a demonstration by **Chef Nancy Burback** of how to cook pasta with shrimp and scallops and one by **Chef Karl Tipton** of how to prepare authentic New Orleans shrimp and grits.

The applause from the appreciative audiences was loud and long – almost as long as the lines for samples!



*Chef Harold Burkenstock wows the crowd with Louisiana ceviche.*



*Chef Nancy Burback stirs it up at the Chef's Tent.*



*Chef Karl Tipton shows the crowd what local cooking is all about.*



*Chef Jan Rost's students Thomas Weindel, Jennifer Pacaccio and Katie Ragan make their teacher proud by taking turns demonstrating three classic Louisiana recipes.*

## Communications Corner

- Check out the new aerial maps of City Park and West Bank Campuses at [www.dcc.edu](http://www.dcc.edu).
- Need the official Delgado logo? Visit the Logo Download Center at <http://www.dcc.edu/pr/assets/logos/default.htm>. The Graphics Standards Guide at <http://www.dcc.edu/pr/assets/pdf/LogoStandardsGuide.pdf> explains how the logo can be used in communications.
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## Donation Honors Jane Austin Smith

Delgado and its Culinary Arts program are the grateful recipients of a generous donation of more than 400 cooking books – many focusing on our regional cuisine – from the collection of Jane Austin Smith, sister of Delgado Institutional Advancement Coordinator **Lee Gaffney**. The donation was made in her honor by her husband, Manship Smith Jr. Born in Michigan, Mrs. Smith moved to New Orleans as a teen and began developing her lifelong passion for cooking in high school. She traveled the world experiencing new cuisines and collecting cooking books and, moving to Texas in the mid-70s, brought her knowledge to cooking classes that explored Cajun, Creole, Chinese, Thai, Mexican, Canadian and other exotic recipes. The Jane Austin Smith collection will be housed at the City Park Library to share her love of the culinary arts with generations to come.



A member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, Mrs. Smith has taught with Julia Childs, Justin Wilson, Paul Prudhomme, Frank Davis, Tom Fitzmorris and Jeff Smith.

## Delgado Hosts Early Childhood Conference

On Jun. 7, more than 300 participants and 25 volunteers came to Delgado's City Park Campus for an Early Childhood "Replenishing, Rebuilding, and Rejuvenating" Conference sponsored by *Exchange Magazine*, Lakeshore Learning Materials and Bright Horizons in cooperation with Delgado Care and Development of Young Children. The event featured nationally-known industry experts who volunteered their time to offer lectures, seminars and activities including yoga, massage, jazzercise, games and more to help with education, professional development and de-stressing for caregivers of young children affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



## What's Hot at LTC Region 1

- LTC Region 1 has been approved by the State Board of Cosmetology to reinstate its teaching license. Theory classes begin this fall at the West Jefferson Campus and at Covington High School.
- LTC Region 1 and Job Corp students were given certificates on Jun. 2 for the completion of Phase I of the Preservation Resource Center's Operation Comeback project, restoring an historical house in the Holy Cross community.
- LTC Region 1 was represented for the first time since 2005 at the annual SkillsUSA Championship, held at the LTC Shreveport Campus April 2 – 4. **Amanda Lindley** (Riverdale High School) competed in the Nurse Assistant contest, secondary division. All other competitors were in the post-secondary division: **Ethan Bunton** and **Michael Kronfel** (Automotive Technology); **Katie Ragan**, **Josh Dimaggio** and **Jennifer Pacaccio** (Culinary Arts); **Regina Simmons**, **Lynn Muller** and **Monica McKey** (Nurse Assistant); and **Kenneth Haik** and **Mike Ennis** (Welding). Advisors in attendance were **Richard Vargas** (Motor Vehicle Technology), **Jan Rost** (Culinary Arts), **Kathy Meaux (Allied Health)**, and **Paul Mayon** (West Jefferson Campus interim assistant dean).



## Honors, Awards and Distinctions

- Chef **Nancy Burback**, CEC, CCE, Culinary Arts assistant professor, is the 2008 recipient of the New Orleans Wine and Food Experience Endowed Professorship.
- Architectural/Design Construction Technology Professor and Director **P. Victor Mirzai** has received local, regional and national Construction Specification Institute (CSI) awards in 2008: National Construction Educator/Student Advisor-Liaison Award, Presidential Commendation Award and Gulf States Region Education Commendation Award.
- Four Delgado architecture students also received 2008 CSI New Orleans Chapter awards for their professional activities: **Mai Tran**, **Blake Brady**, **Miko Marshall** and **Jay A.E. Jacquet**.
- Taminika Walker**, SGA-West Bank president, has been elected as community college representative on the LCTCS Board of Supervisors.
- Melissa Snow**, a Charity School of Nursing Registered Nursing student, has been awarded a \$2,000 Promise of Nursing for Louisiana scholarship. She has also been appointed to the NSNA 2008-2009 Nominating and Elections Committee representing the Southern Election Area.
- Four of the six scholarships awarded this year by the local chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction were given to LTC Region 1 and Delgado students: **Ryan Sassin**, **Nicholas Souhlas**, **Sydney Bazile** and **Kendra Harrison**.
- Dolphins shortstop **Michael Liberto** was named National Junior College Athletic Association Second Team All-American.
- Katie Ragan**, LTC Region 1 culinary student and junior member of the American Culinary Federation New Orleans, has been selected to attend the 2008 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas.