

Northshore Opens New Facility to Expand Allied Health Programs

Delgado Northshore held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house reception on Wednesday, July 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 to 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 now offers the Command Spanish e-Training Program, which provides Spanish language online training courses for Financial Institutions, Law Enforcement Officers, Construction Supervisors, Community, Pharmacy Personnel, Workplace, Hospital Nurses, Library Personnel, Real Estate Sales and Teachers. For more info, contact Tracie King at (504) 671-6478.
- Delgado presented a forum featuring Orleans Parish District Attorney candidates Linda Bizzaro, Leon Canizzaro, Ralph Capitelli and Jason Williams on Sept. 10 in the City Park Gymnasium. Dennis Woltering, WWL-TV anchor, moderated the forum, which was open to the public.
- Delgado's Motor Vehicle Technology Department has been NATEF recertified for five years across all eight specialty area in Ford ASSET, General Motors ASEP and general automotive programs. For more information, contact Motor Vehicle Technology Department *Head Joe Cruthirds* at (504) 671-6192.

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Practical Nursing Graduates Honored

On the evening of July 24, 42 Charity School of Nursing Practical Nursing program students joined faculty, administration, family and friends in the Levell Chapel at Baptist Theological Seminary for their Pinning Ceremony.

Practical Nursing Program *Coordinator Rebecca Harris-Smith*, MSN, RN, BA, proudly served as mistress of ceremonies for the evening. After candidates Renay Baily, Becky Sue Maye and Candice Renee Lampkin led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Dr. Ron Wright**, Delgado Community College's new *chancellor*, brought greetings to all in his first public address since he took over the reins on July 1. Dr. Wright commended the candidates for their dedication to the noble profession of nursing and noted the appropriateness of holding the pinning ceremony at the seminary. "It strikes me

as perfect that we are gathered here in a place for healing the heart and the soul to celebrate your commitment to a career in healing the body," he said.

SGA President Amy Krummel presented an uplifting salutation, reminiscing not only on the challenges and accomplishments of the classroom, but also the dedication the class had shown to supporting the "new New Orleans" by feeding the homeless, raising money for recovery charities and visiting the Louisiana Legislature to promote healthcare policies. "We came here as 80, we will graduate as 42, but we leave here as one," she said.

Then came the moment all had been awaiting: the reading of class roll by **Dorothy Elder**, *instructor* and class

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advisor, and **Suzanne Johnston**, instructor, and the awarding of pins by **Debra Ducote**, instructor, and **Charette Thomas**, instructor and class advisor.

After rounds of hearty applause for the graduates, Charity School of Nursing Provost **Patricia Eggers**, RN, MS, stepped up to the podium. "The people on this stage tonight are going to change healthcare in New Orleans," she assured the audience. To the graduates, she gave some sage advice: "Never lower the standard you have already set, and always know how important your job is. Appreciate the education you have received. There is a difference between knowing and doing, and remember that you have gained the experience to succeed."

Eggers was then joined by Dean of Student Learning/Student Development **Dianne Thames** in special recognition of several individuals. Amanda Sutton was recognized for graduating with the highest GPA, and Candice Lampkin received the Award of Service. The Award of Distinction was presented to Sheila M. Peterson Warner. The school's highest award, named for legendary nurse Florence Nightingale, was bestowed upon Ingrid Pedersen.

After SGA Vice President Amanda Sutton led the class in the Practical Nurse's Pledge, Harris-Smith closed the evening with heartfelt congratulation to the graduates.



(Left) Ingrid Pedersen, winner of the Florence Nightingale award.

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 June 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."

Delgado's ELET is the only TAC of ABET accredited community college program in Louisiana and one of only 13 in the U.S.

WORKFORCE WIRE Workforce Development News

- Kathleen Mix, vice chancellor of Workforce Development & Education, joined Delgado Foundation Board Member Woody Oge and other partners as a panel presenter at the Innovations 2008 Conference July 18 in New Orleans. The presentation, titled *The Aftershock: One Region's Response to Talent Development in the Wake of a Natural Disaster*, discussed Louisiana's response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita's impact on workforce, business, economy.
- Delgado also participated in Innovations 2008 with an exhibit featuring its new Crane Simulator, a real-time training system unique to this region that is used to train portal crane and bridge crane operators. Using interactive software, instructors establish and control the simulator environment experienced by the

student operator and can customize scenarios based on individual training needs. The simulator was purchased with grant funding from the Louisiana Department of Labor through its Incumbent Worker Training Program. Delgado is the primary training provider for the grant with Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, where the simulator will be housed at its Avondale Facility during the one-year grant period.



- Portable Fire Fighting training has become a reality for Delgado with the

acquisition of a Bullex Digital Laser BullsEye Fire Extinguisher Training System. With this cutting-edge new system, Delgado can provide training in the proper use of dry chemical CO₂ extinguishers entirely indoors, without the mess of chemical cleanup. The Bullex BullsEye flat screen panel produces simulated fires, which the trainee must "douse" using a laser replicating extinguisher discharge. For more information, contact the Maritime, Fire and Industrial Training Facility at (504) 671-6620.



Delgado, LTC Gather Gourmet Gator Awards

Teams from the Culinary Arts programs at Delgado and LTC Region 1 competed with other Louisiana culinary schools on Aug. 4 at the Second Annual Louisiana Alligator Soirée, an “iron chef” style cooking competition featuring alligator meat and mystery ingredients of peanuts, beer, tortilla chips and artichoke hearts.

The American Culinary Federation New Orleans (ACFNO) chapter team, coached by **Chef Nancy Burback** and consisting of Delgado students Eric Mark, Joshua Cornier, Mary Allen, Wanda Schmidt and Francis Strayham, used all four ingredients to earn first place in the competition with alligator stuffed frogs legs, alligator and crawfish paté and entrée of alligator in béchamel sauce.

Second place was won by the Delgado team coached by **Chef Jon Petrie** and consisting of students Joseph Baham, Jimmy Le, Lincoln Miller and Eric Gauthier, who developed an appetizer of Alligator Tamale and entrée of Alligator Boudin on a Potato Frittata.

The LTC Jefferson team, led by **Chef Jan Rost**, and featuring students Katie Ragan, Jenny Pacaccio, Joshua Di Maggio, Stacey O'Brien and Thomas Weindel also did an impressive job with appetizer of Trio of Cocodrie and entree of Sautéed Alligator, Red Bean and Rice Cake and Baby Veggie Kabob to place fourth in the competition.



Winning ACFNO Team: (front) Chef Nancy Burback, Wanda Schmidt, Mary Allen; (back) Francis Stayham, Joshua Cornier, Eric Mark.

What's Hot at LTC Region 1

- June 16-20, journey-level tradeswomen teamed with instructors at LTC Region 1's Jefferson Campus for Mentoring a Girl in Construction (MAGIC) Summer Camp to teach area teen girls safety, carpentry, electrical, plumbing and welding skills. The free week-long day program was sponsored by LTC Region 1 and the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC). Ten girls from the Greater New Orleans region got hands-on training, visited a J. Caldarera & Co. job site at the Jefferson Parish Performing Arts Theater, and built dog houses that were donated to the Louisiana SPCA as part of a service learning project. The closing ceremony featured special guests Tamie Taylor, NAWIC president; **Kim Rugon**, LTC Region 1 provost and dean; Tara Kopelman, New Orleans Chapter NAWIC President; and Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard. Awards and Certificates were presented to instructors, mentors and campers.



- Louisiana Clean Tech Network (LCTN) in conjunction with LCTCS offered NABCEP Solar Installer training at the LTC Jefferson Campus July 14-18. The goal of the course was to ensure that completers knew and could apply key solar electric system terms and concepts; know basic safety procedures; knew the basic components of solar systems; could size and design a simple photovoltaic (PV) system; and were prepared to register to take an industry-designed examination. In the future, LTC Region 1 hopes to include Solar Installer training as part of its program offering. New Orleans has been recognized as Solar America City by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar America Initiative, which seeks for form partnerships with major U.S. cities to help accelerate the adoption of solar technology at the local level.



Communications Corner

- The new **Faculty and Staff Intranet (<http://Intranet.dcc.edu/>)** is an internal communications tool that features most-used resources just one click away. The Intranet is a secure site, so to log in you must authenticate with your user name and password: type **dcc-master** before your usual user name, then password, to log in.
- During emergency situations, including hurricanes/severe weather events, there are several communication resources to keep you informed of College notifications and updates. The homepage of the College website, www.dcc.edu, will feature closure information. Additionally, detailed notifications will be available on the Emergency Communication site, www.dcc911.com.

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Tips from Public Affairs & Information

2008 Circles of Excellence Awards

Delgado Community College, the Alumni Association and the Foundation Board sponsored the 2008 Circles of Excellence Award Banquet on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the Lac Maurepas Room in Delgado City Park Campus' Student Life Center. This marked the second such event to honor some of Delgado's outstanding alumni across a variety of different certificate and degree areas and recognize them for their contributions to the community.

The inaugural Circles of Excellence event was held in 2004 with the intention of becoming an annual event. Hurricane Katrina, however, altered those plans until this year, when the Office of Institutional Advancement proudly reinstated the celebration of Delgado's alumni.

Delgado Vice Chancellor of Learning and Student Development Deborah R. Lea presided as mistress of ceremonies for the evening, which included an elegant supper club-style banquet; an enthusiastic voicing of congratulations and thanks for the honorees' community contributions from guest speaker Shelley Midura, District A councilmember; and video presentations featuring the honorees and their achievements.

The Circles of Excellence honorees were selected by committees comprised of

faculty and staff representing various Delgado programs. A nomination process involved constituents from the entire community.

Congratulations and thanks to the following 2008 Circles of Excellence Honorees who represent Delgado so well and help make our community a better place to live and work: Andre Brooks, *Paramedic*; Lieutenant Chris Galliano, *General Studies*; Alejandro Garcia, *General Studies*; James Hines, *Occupational Risk Management and Health & Safety*; Kendra Lynn Singleton, *Early Childhood Education*; Merrick Tassin, *Fire Protection*; Darrell Young, *Architectural Engineering Technology*.



Radiologic Technology Student Quiz Bowl Team Triumphs

The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) held its 51st Annual Conference at the Chateau Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans July 17 – 19, 2008. On the first day of the conference, 12 Radiologic Technology programs from across the state headed off against each other in the LSRT Student Quiz Bowl, a fierce double-elimination competition held annually.

Teams participating in the quiz bowl included: Baton Rouge General Hospital; Career Tech College (Monroe, La.); Delgado Community College; Lafayette General Hospital; LSU at Alexandria; LSU at Eunice; North Oaks (Hammond); Ochsner/Our Lady of Holy Cross; Our Lady of the Lake; Northwestern State University (B.S. program); Southern University at Shreveport; and University of Louisiana at Monroe (B.S. program).

The members of the Delgado Radiologic Technologist Student Quiz Bowl Team, coached by faculty members Ty Delger and Rebecca Mercer, were: Holly Goodman, Brent Gros, Dawn Kaufman,

Catherine Moreau, Amy Mutter and Holly Zemke. In preparation for the competition, these students devoted hours of personal time above and beyond classroom responsibilities every week to practice throughout the spring and summer semesters. For many Radiologic Technology programs, quiz bowl team participation is mandatory; at Delgado, participation is fully voluntary, a labor of personal commitment and dedication.

Delgado played in the very first game of the 2008 LRST Student Quiz Bowl, a tough one, and lost by five points. But the team rallied, working its way through the losers' bracket all the way up to the finals. In the finals, the Delgado team had to beat the undefeated team from Our Lady of the Lake twice to top the competition. The pressure was on, and the Delgado team put in a tremendous effort to win the first game. Then, the second and final game ended in a tie. The Bowl championship would have to be determined in a three-question sudden death round.

Performing Arts Notes

- **Peter Cho**, Humanities *chair* and *associate professor* of Music, performed at two events in August with legendary pianist George Duke as faculty for the Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp, for which he has served as instructor for nine years.



- The Big Easy Award winning theatre company InSideOut Productions presented Bruce Graham's powerful drama *Coyote on a Fence* July 9-18 (Wednesdays-Fridays at 8 p.m.) in the Delgado Drama Hall on the City Park Campus. The Wednesday, July 16, show was a benefit performance, the proceeds of which will go to the theatre scholarship fund at Delgado Community College. The play, directed by Ashley Ricord and featuring Delgado faculty members **Kris LaMorte** and **Michael Santos** along with community actors Jason Kirkpatrick and Angie Joachim, received rave reviews from audience members and local critics alike. It was so popular, in fact, that performances were extended through another week.

Once again, the Delgado team pulled through, answering two of the three questions to win the Student Bowl. The team and coaches were presented with a trophy, award plaques and a check for \$300 at the Presidential Banquet on Friday evening. This was the first time since 2000 that Delgado has won the LRST Student Bowl.

Delgado's Radiologic Technology program was rated #1 in Louisiana in 2007 for number of graduates and boasts a 100 percent certification exam pass rate.



Classified Employees Recognized, Honored

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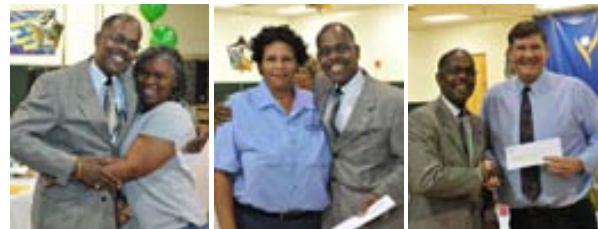


Delgado's third annual Classified Employees Awards and Recognition Day, held on Aug. 1 in the City Park Campus Gymnasium, was a celebration of excellence in service with the theme, "We are the end, Together...we are the difference!"

The event's program included an invocation by Shelland Terry, welcome and introduction of speakers by Seneca Ketchens-Thornton, words of praise and gratitude from Arnel Cosey, City Park provost and assistant vice chancellor of Student Learning & Development, and Dr. Ron Wright, chancellor, and the presentation of plaques recognizing years of service. Mike Hellmers presented plaques for five years of service to Rodney Bailey, Kenneth Cosey, Gifford Davidson, Gail Lomas, Vilma Martinez and Cheryl Zardies. Koren Thornton presented plaques for 10 years of service to Benjamin Amauwah and Lenora Salvant. Joyce Claverie presented a plaque for 20 years of service to Sandra Trussell, and Wright presented plaques for an impressive 25 years of service to Eunice Davenport and Classified Association President Seneca Ketchens-Thornton.

Ketchens-Thornton and Wright then presented the 2007-2008 Distinguished Classified Employee Awards, including \$500 each, to Tasha Anders, Michael Hellmers, Wallace Newberry, Lisa Smith and Vivian Smith. Finally, Wright made Classified Employee Retiree Presentations for the following individuals who have retired from work, but will always be part of the Delgado family: Edward Allen, Lula Ballay, Mary Galvin, Thomas Gannon, John Sullivan, Terry Washington, George Weaver and Larry Wills.

Congratulations to all honorees and kudos to the Classified Association, Classified Employees Recognition Day Committee and Distinguished Classified Employee Committee, all led by the peerless Seneca Ketchens-Thornton.



- LTC Region 1 Culinary students participated in the Slidell Cultural Extravaganza, an evening showcasing the importance of Louisiana's cultural economy and the impact it has on the community, at the Slidell Auditorium on Aug. 21. The event was sponsored by the Slidell Department of Cultural and Public Affairs and the East St Tammany Chamber and featured an 8-course meal, wine pairings, exhibits and live music. The event highlighted some of the region's brightest culinary talent, and as such, culinary students under the direction of *Chef Jan Rost* from LTC Jefferson Campus were invited to provide the Pain Au Lait (Milk Bread) and Compound Butters for the evening as well as assist in service.
- LTC Region 1, in collaboration with Delgado Community College and the St. Tammany Parish Public School System, is participating in a pilot dual enrollment program involving 13 high school students during the fall 2008 semester. These students attend their high schools then travel to the LTC Instructional Services Center in Slidell for two Special Topic classes within the newly approved Diesel Power Technology Certificate of Studies program: Tools and Safety and Introduction to Diesels. The pilot was made possible through the efforts of **Kim Rugon, Debbie Lea, Warren Puneky Jr., Juan Chevalier, Vernell Briscoe and Leroy Kendrick.** For more information, call the Slidell center at (985) 646-6412 or Juan Chevalier at (504) 671-5463.

Honors, Awards and Distinctions

- Delgado received top national rankings in *Community College Week's* "Top 100 Associate Degree Producers, 2008 Edition," which lists degrees/certificates awarded by two- and four-year colleges during the 2006-07 academic year. Delgado ranked 3rd among the Top 50 Associate Degrees for Nursing; 9th among the top 50 Associate Degrees for Health Professions & Related Clinical Sciences; 51st for Associate Degrees, All Disciplines-Black; 38th for Grand Total-One Year Certificates; and 81st for Minority-One Year Certificates.
- Syracuse University published the work of four Delgado faculty in its journal, *Reflections-Writing the Blues: Teaching in a Post-Katrina Environment*. Featured are David R. Cook's poem, "Delgado Pond: Early Spring, 2006," Wendy Rihner's "Providing Context: Service Learning in a Community College Classroom," and Nancy Richard's essay, "What Then Must We Do?" Service Learning photos by Bettie Abbate graced the cover.
- Delgado's Omega Nu chapter of honor society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) has been voted in as vice president of the Mississippi-Louisiana Region. Chapter President Abby Kinnard will serve as vice president for the region. The chapter hosted the 2008 Regional Honors Institute July 24-26 in New Orleans.
- Germaine Edwards, Delgado Financial Aid director, has been elected to the 2008-2009 Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Board of Directors as (LASFAA) delegate-at-large.
- At the Algiers Economic Development Foundation (AEDF) annual luncheon on July 16, Dr. Donna Alley, Delgado West Bank provost, was recognized with a plaque for her services to the community and to AEDF, for which she has served on the Executive Board for two terms.
- Nursing student Victoria Johnson has been awarded a Promise of Nursing for Louisiana scholarship from the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA). She is the 2007-2008 president of the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses.

Delgado New Hires, New Titles and Promotions

New Hires

Amanda Brammer	Biology Instructor	Science & Math
Helena Midkiff	Respiratory Therapist Instructor	Allied Health
Steve Arnondin	Biology Instructor	Science & Math
Abdelrahim Ayyad	Math Instructor	Science & Math
Ann Byerly	RN Assistant Professor	School of Nursing
Emily Clay	English Instructor	Communication
Mary Dawes	Fine Arts Instructor	Arts & Humanities
Kevin George	Music Instructor	Arts & Humanities
Richard Gillen	Horticulture Instructor	Business & Technology
Jennifer Lang	History Instructor	Arts & Humanities
Vivian Kain	Interior Design Instructor	Arts & Humanities
Beth Lasky	Accounting Instructor	Business & Technology
Robert Mildenberger	Math Instructor	Science & Math
Sharon Spencer	RN Instructor	School of Nursing
Natalie Stolf	Emergency Medical Technician Instructor	Allied Health
Robin Wegener	Radiation Therapist Instructor	Allied Health
Barbara Zeugner	RN Assistant Professor	School of Nursing

New Titles

Freda Leonard	CMIN/ADOT	Business & Technology
Leah Wooden	Math Instructor	Science & Math
Randy Brien	Director QEP	QEP
Deborah Evers	Nursing Professor	School of Nursing
Rebecca Harris-Smith	Program Supervisor	School of Nursing
Carol Leefe	Program Supervisor	School of Nursing
Donita Qualey	Nursing Professor	School of Nursing

Promotions

Professor

Fatemah Bickler
Peter Cho
Wu-Jin Chuan Chuang
Terry Drolla
Pamela Eugene
Madeline Fulwiller
Susan Hague
Michael Jones
Linda Kieffer
George Lawler
Stanley Lejeune
Lynn Robertson
Angela Speyrer
Karl Tipton

Associate Professor

Tim Baker
Jennifer Bennett
Cheryl Brown
Elizabeth Covington
Cheryl Green
Francesca Langlow
Wendy Rihner
Susan Santolucito

Assistant Professor

Marlene Arnaud
Joan Breeden
Gera Bridgewater
Maria Campbell
Janet Colletti
Patrick Conroy
Ty Delger
Linda Donahue
Dolores Edwards
Elizabeth Felty

Wendy Garretson
Chevron Gauthier
Archie Gipson
Barbara Herbert
Gina Herrera
Jacqueline Jones
Lisa Melson
Beth Pesses
Marceau Ratard
Sallye Raymond
Courtney Rimes

Miguel Romar
Amanda Rosenzweig
Dolores Smith
Rebecca Spangler
George Torlage
Janet Vila
Norris Warner
Katrina Whorton
Lorraine Williams
Noelle Wright