

Delgado and LTC Region 1 Show Continued Growth in Spring 2009

Delgado has registered 14,678 students college-wide for spring 2009 semester, representing an increase of 11.4 percent over spring 2008 enrollment. Spring 2009 numbers represent continuing strong recovery for Delgado since hurricane Katrina disrupted an historic enrollment trend in fall 2005; the College has realized double-digit increases in year-over-year enrollment every semester since the College resumed classes post-storm in spring 2006.

Delgado Northshore (encompassing the Covington and Slidell sites) experienced the largest percentage growth in spring 2009 enrollment – 24.7 percent up from 1,505 in the previous year's same period – registering 1,877 students. Delgado's West Bank Campus spring 2009 enrollment is 2,974, up 15.4 percent over spring 2008 enrollment of 2,577. Delgado's largest site, City Park Campus, enrolled 9,057 in spring 2009, up 8.6 percent over the previous year's enrollment of 8,341. Charity School of Nursing held steady, up slightly (1.9 percent) to 770 students in spring 2009, versus 756 last spring.

LTC Region 1, which officially linked with Delgado in spring 2006, posted a year-over-year increase of 46 percent in spring 2009 total enrollment of 1,986 (11 percent of this increase can be attributed to the opening of the LTC Instructional Services Center in Slidell in fall 2008). The LTC West Jefferson Campus spring 2009 enrollment is 602, while LTC Jefferson Campus enrollment was 1,234. The LTC Instructional Services Center, which opened in Slidell for fall 2008 semester, had a spring 2009 enrollment of 150. The LTC Sidney Collier Campus remains closed due to storm damage post-Katrina.

"The Colleges' continuing dramatic enrollment growth underscores our critical role in workforce development and education for the region," said **Dr. Ron Wright**, Delgado chancellor. "There is perhaps no more important public policy mission than ours in preparing individuals for high-paying, viable careers and providing business and industry with qualified workers. With our state's ongoing recovery and the challenges of national economic recession, that mission is more relevant than ever."

News Briefs

- LTC Region 1 and Delgado both made the ranks in the "Fastest growing two-year public institution" polls conducted by *Community College Week* based on enrollment growth between fall 2006 and fall 2007. The LTC West Jefferson Campus was named the fastest growing two-year public college (under 2500 category), and Delgado was named the sixth fastest growing two-year public college (over 10,000 category) in the nation.
- On Oct. 14, Catholic Charities' Crescent House presented the Irma Thomas Center for Women in Search of Excellence (W.I.S.E.), located on Delgado's City Park Campus, with a Community Service Award in recognition of the center's efforts to empower urban female students.
- The Architectural/Design Construction Technology program team from Delgado distinguished itself at the 2008 CANstruction New Orleans design/build competition with its entry, "American Olympic Stew," which received the Honorable Mention Award for its design value, creativity and execution.

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Four-Legged Fun at Animal Health Fair

Delgado's Office of Institutional Advancement joined the College's Veterinary Technology Program in partnering with the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (LA/SPCA)'s Care Cadet program and a host of regional pet-focused businesses and agencies to present an Animal Health Fair on Oct. 18, 2008, at Delgado's City Park Campus. Admission was free and open to the public.

The fair, featuring WWL-TV Meteorologist Laura Buctel as emcee, celebrated National Veterinary Technician Week with a host of pet-centric offerings, including: Doggy day spa (baths, pedicures and ear cleaning); K9 Halloween costume contest; Pet Halloween photos by Scott Stuntz Photography; adoptable dogs from a variety of area rescue shelters; exhibits by local pet health retailers, service providers

and organizations; on-site AKC Canine Good Citizen testing; canine agility group demonstrations; and first-hand information from Delgado's Veterinary Technology program directors and students about how to pursue an exciting and rewarding career as a Registered Veterinary Technician.

This first-ever event was a tremendous success, drawing hundreds of participants on a beautiful, sunny day.





Delgado Alumni Profile: Edward Ordogne Jr., New Orleans Police Department

If at first Edward Ordogne Jr. appears perhaps a bit reserved about his accomplishments, it's only because he is a humble man, a pastor who credits his path first and foremost "to the glory of God." But once this 42-year-old New Orleanian starts sharing his inspirational story of struggle and success, the pride and enthusiasm in his voice can't be contained. Neither can his deeply felt gratitude for the people, the program, and the college that have helped him realize his dreams.

Ordogne credits the strength of his family for helping him rise above the challenge of being the third of five children that were the product of the Desire Housing Project. "It was a tough time, a tough environment," he explains. "But Mom and Dad raised us to strive for perfection always. I was inspired by that." Ordogne's parents also imparted to him the importance of a solid education base on which to build a career and a life. "I'm also inspired by Hosea 4:6, which teaches that people are destroyed from lack of knowledge," he says. "I didn't want that to be me. I wanted more."

Over a decade ago, Ordogne was working as a water service investigator for the Sewage and Water Board, but found that just living paycheck-to-paycheck, with no opportunity for advancement within the division, was a dead-end. He knew he had to make a change. With no hesitation and no regrets, amid the challenge of balancing a marriage and fatherhood to five children, Ordogne made education his priority and entered Delgado Community College in 1997 with determination. His wife, who was enrolled at Delgado, was also a tremendous inspiration for his return to school.

Ordogne initially placed into developmental classes at Delgado, but his enthusiasm led him to excel in them and, though perhaps overzealously, plunge head-first into ELET. He chuckles: "When I was first enrolling, I saw this ELET class, and thought, 'that's what I want to do, so I'll just take it.' I didn't realize there was a natural progression of classes, that I couldn't just jump right into a class like that from the start." Ordogne remembers sitting in that class and listening to all the other students responding to questions, using industry terms like "diode" and "real stats" he'd never even heard. "I didn't know what they were talking about," he says.

Ordogne almost lost his motivation. He gathered his books during a class break and told **Mike Nixon**, ELET associate professor, that he was sure he was in the wrong class. Nixon wouldn't hear of it.

"These other guys are already working in electronics, and they're here to finish out a degree, but don't be intimidated," Nixon told Ordogne. "You're just the one who belongs here. You're why Delgado is here: to give everyone an opportunity to learn and achieve. We're here for you."

Ordogne didn't give up, and with the guidance of instructors including **Ramon Ariza**, ELET department head, and **Nabil Abukhader**, ELET associate professor, he excelled in his classes and obtained his Associate of Science degree in ELET from Delgado on Dec. 19, 2002. "I am who I am today because of them," Ordogne says. "The individual support, encouragement and attention I got from them have helped me beat the odds and realize my goals."

Today, Ordogne is realizing his goal of pursuing a solid career path with a job he loves as electrical/electronics technician for the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Electronic Support Section (also known as the "Radio Shop"). "Getting this job was an amazing thing," says Ordogne. "It was like the hand of God reaching into my life." By chance, a Civil Service application Ordogne had made to another engineering job was brought to the attention of the NOPD, which was impressed by Ordogne's credentials. Ordogne joined the NOPD on April 4, 2004.

Since then, Ordogne has taken and passed two Federal Communication Commission tests (scoring 100 percent on one of them), licensing him for life and helping position him for future promotions. He continues to serve as an integral part of the section's team of technicians, providing support to the entire NOPD and its communication system. The section's primary function is to issue out and repair police handheld radios; install, troubleshoot and remove mobile radios; install, troubleshoot and remove mobile data terminals (i.e., in-car computers); and, in concert with another section of the NOPD, install, troubleshoot and remove video camera equipment. "The Electronic Support Section is critical to the daily function of the NOPD," explains Lt. Simon Hargrove, Ordogne's supervisor. "These radios and computers are officers' lifelines, the heart of our communication system, their connection to the department and each other. They are essential to our dispatch so we can meet the needs of the community."

As the section is key to mission of the NOPD, Hargrove says Ordogne is a key part of the mission of his section. "Ed has truly distinguished himself, despite being the 'newcomer' on the team," he explained. "He has done this through both his enthusiasm and his diligence. I think Delgado's ELET program gave Ed a jump-start on success in his career because it gave him confidence, encouraged his thirst for knowledge, allowed him to be driven and reinforced his meticulous nature. All of this makes Ed an asset not just to the section, but to the NOPD and the community. I'm sure there are great things ahead for him."

Ordogne thinks that things are great now. "I'm happy in my work, and I'm not stressed," he says. "I've been married approximately two decades and am still madly in love with my wife. My kids have learned from us that it's never too late for you to go to school. I've got two sons in college, and my daughter – our youngest – just started college. I've told them, and I'd tell anyone, that education is a priority, and if I can do it, anyone can."

"I'm not better than anyone else," Ordogne insists. "But I believe in reaching for better, and Delgado was my choice. Delgado is about hands-on learning, and not just theory, but application. Professors Nabil, Ariza and Nixon all went above and beyond to teach me, in and outside of class, because teaching is more than a job to them. Their first concern is always the wellbeing of their students."

Ordogne stays in close contact with his Delgado professors and colleagues. He never hesitates to contact them to explore solutions to unusual problems that arise at work or share insights of his own. And, just as generously, he gives back to the college that gave him so much by serving on the ELET department Advisory Board.

Delgado Faculty/Staff Profile: Sharmaine Hughes, EMS



Having served nearly two decades in the healthcare field, **Sharmaine Hughes** has been an instructor for the majority of her career. An emergency medical technician, paramedic and a registered nurse, Hughes graduated again in May with a bachelor's degree in Allied Health Professional Practice in Cardiology from Nicholls State University. Realizing that Allied Health was her niche, Hughes returned to Delgado and taught classes for the Department of EMS while attending classes toward her associate degree. She and her department are active in advancing Allied Health programs by seeking grants to help train healthcare providers, expand curriculum and obtain program accreditation.

"I have a wonderful staff. This would not be possible without them," Hughes remarked. "They do an excellent job. This is a team approach — we share the responsibility of making decisions."

After the storm, many educators lost equipment, which hindered paramedics and nurses from getting the Continuing Education Units (CEUs) necessary to maintain their licenses and certifications. With help from **Larissa Littleton-Steib** and **Dr. Leroy Kendricks** through Delgado's Workforce Development and Education Division, a National Emergency Grant was written to obtain state funding, which trained more than 100 first responders and healthcare providers for free so they could earn their renewals. Hughes and other faculty members wrote more than 25 courses, a collaborative effort that kick-started Delgado's non-credit Emergency Response Institute in 2006.

Hughes and **Deborah Lea**, who was head of curriculum development at the time, wrote the curriculum in three Technical Competency Areas (TCA) and one Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS). Through this effort, Delgado established the blueprint for pre-hospital training for the State of Louisiana, approved by the Board of Regents in 2001. "I was so excited when Debbie Lea presented it to the Board of Regents," Hughes explained. "Other schools' programs will have to mimic our program, because we were the first to submit a proposal."

In cooperation with Delgado's College to Career Transition program, led by **Juan Chevalier**, the EMS Department reached out to high school students, offering the EMS Health Academy, a dual enrollment program. "We currently have a program at Warren Easton High School, and will soon be at John Ehret, Bonnabel and Coullier High Schools," said Hughes. This course incorporates an interactive software program that teaches job seeking and communications skills, personal development and provides information about healthcare careers and legal and ethical responsibilities. "I believe this new course will be a wonderful addition to the Allied Health Department and will also be beneficial to high school students as a dual enrollment class," said Hughes.

Delgado also received permission from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital's state medical director to develop a critical care transport class for Paramedics who transport critically ill patients and an RN to Paramedic bridge program. The College is also seeking to establish a paramedic to RN bridge program. Hughes and her team are also working on getting all of Delgado's Paramedic level classes nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), the leading accreditation organization for 19 Allied Health programs in the nation.

In addition, Hughes is helping other Allied Health programs in Louisiana obtain accreditation through CAAHEP. The programs have to be aligned with a college. Therefore, in areas where no local community or technical colleges are available, Delgado is looking to open satellite locations for distance learning. "We're in the very beginning planning stages to get this set up," Hughes said. "The community is in great need and we want to provide safe and reliable service while furthering our profession."

Career Tech Corner

Dual Enrollment Program News

- On Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, as part of a Career Tech initiative, Delgado's Motor Vehicle Technology Department hosted approximately 40 Bonnabel high school Automotive students at the City Park Campus to teach them more about career opportunities through hands-on demonstrations and presentations by Delgado students and instructors. The program participants observed and took part in custom spray painting, welding, reprogramming modules, electrical diagnosis and more.



- On Sept. 18, Delgado was host to 147 Jefferson Parish High School students participating in the Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) Program. These students have all had various challenges academically but are now on target to graduate from high school. The students met in a general assembly in the morning and then split up into four groups that attended seminars in "Overcoming Learning Challenges" and "Dressing for Success" and attended a "JAG Meeting". Each group received a tour of Delgado by the Enrollment Services Department, and students ate lunch sponsored by the Career Tech Office in the Student Life Center. There were many compliments made by JAG staff and students about the program and Delgado's hospitality. Special thanks go out to the Enrollment Services Department for their rapid response.



West Bank Small Business Development Center

Delgado has partnered with the Louisiana Small Business Development Center Greater New Orleans Region (LSBDC GNOR) and donated space, equipment and staffing resources to offer the first and only small business development center services on the West Bank.

The center provides free access to computers, phone, fax, copiers and the Internet; free business counseling by appointment through the LSBDC; free office and meeting space; and free on-site business/office assistance.

In the wake of hurricanes Gustav and Ike, the center expanded its offerings to assist any impacted businesses with assessment and business recovery/continuity strategy, including preparation assistance for all loans. This includes SBA Disaster and Business and Economic Injury Loans. While the center is not an SBA loan processing location, it can provide help with cash flow and financial statements as well as loan supporting documentation.

The center, located in Building One of Delgado Community College's West Bank Campus (2600 General Meyer Avenue), is open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 504-762-3105 or 504-831-3730 for information and appointments. All assistance and services are free.

Jacobs Technology Creates Scholarship Program at Delgado

Jacobs Technology Inc., whose Facilities Operating Services Contract (FOSC) group is the primary partner in a multi-contractor group at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi, has created a new scholarship program at three area community colleges, including Delgado Community College, in the hope that it will help educate the company's future employees.

The two annual \$1,500 scholarships are open to students in specific programs attending any campuses of Delgado, Gulf Coast Community College and Pearl River Community College.

The scholarships' first recipients (for the 2008-09 academic year) at Delgado are Dana Alfred and Ashley Kenard. Alfred is an Accounting major with a 3.8 GPA, and Kenard is an Electrical-Electronics Engineering Technology (ELET) major with a 3.6 GPA.

Communications Corner

- As part of a new campaign featuring the "Faces of Delgado" – the wonderfully diverse group of individuals who define the Delgado family, past and present – the Public Affairs & Information Office has launched a graphically-rich new Web site section that presents current student testimonials at www.dcc.edu/faces. These are the first of many student testimonials that will be gathered and posted on an ongoing basis to the site. In the future, too, watch for other new testimonial features including our "Delgado Proud" alumni profiles and "Pride Inside" faculty and staff spotlights. Please contact Leslie Salinero at lsalin@dcc.edu if you know of a current or past Delgado student, or current faculty/staff member, who would be a great Face of Delgado testimonial/profile candidate.

What's Hot at LTC Region 1

- On Monday, Oct. 27, three LTC Region 1 Culinary Arts students under the direction of **Chef Jan Rost** – Stacey O'Brien, Nikki Little and Katie Ragan – competed in the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Mississippi Gulf Coast Culinary Classic competition in Diamondhead, MS. The students each had to prepare one original recipe using meat, poultry or seafood, and a show plate and tasting for the judges, which were evaluated by a panel of ACF member judges. Little and Ragan impressed all to win the Silver and Bronze Medals, respectively. Congratulations also to **Chef Terry Newkirk**, LTC Region 1 Culinary Arts instructor, who was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Gulf Coast ACF. Chef Rost is secretary of the New Orleans chapter of the ACF and served as a judge for the professional chefs' portion of the Chefs of the Coast competition. This was the first time that LTC Region 1 students have participated in this annual competition of junior ACF members.



- LTC Region 1 celebrated its return to serving the Northshore community with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House Reception Nov. 20, 2008, for its new Instructional Service Center at 56707 Behrman Street in Slidell, La. The approximately 5,000-square-foot facility allows LTC Region 1 to provide essential education and workforce training solutions to Northshore area students for the first time since the former LTC Slidell Campus was destroyed by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. LTC Region 1 opened the Instructional Service Center in time to welcome students for fall 2008 classes in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Electrical, Culinary Arts, Certified Nurse Assistant, Diesel Mechanic, Patient Care Technician, Phlebotomy, Pipefitter and Welding, as well as to provide dual enrollment courses for a number of regional high school students. The new center will serve as a temporary location for LTC Region 1 in St. Tammany Parish in anticipation of the College's eventual move to Lacombe, La., to join Delgado, UNO, Southern Louisiana University and the St. Tammany School System at the proposed University Square shared campus.

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Delgado Hospitality Program Helps Starbucks Set New World Record



More than 140 students, faculty and staff from Delgado's Culinary Arts and Hospitality department volunteered as baristas serving attendees of the Starbucks Annual Meeting in New Orleans on Oct. 29, 2008.

The 2005 world record for the fastest serving time was shattered during this event in the New Orleans Arena. The old record was 7,500 customers served in Seattle, Washington; 10,000 customers were served in New Orleans in a new record time of 2 minutes and 31 seconds.

Starbucks is making a donation of \$17,000 to the program in appreciation of its active role in this annual meeting event.

Dr. Mary Bartholomew, director of Culinary Arts and Hospitality, and **Barry Brantley**, Hospitality assistant professor, noted that special events and conventions held in the New Orleans area are significant components of the programs' student learning experiences.

The department's partnership with the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau provides Delgado students with unique learning opportunities through participation in events including the Starbucks Annual Meeting, American Heart Association Convention, New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, NBA All-stars Game and French Quarter Festival.

Delgado offers the only two-year collegiate Hospitality program in Louisiana and Mississippi to be nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Hospitality Management programs (CAHM). The accreditation was granted in winter 2008 for a period of seven years, through winter 2015. The program, which includes both certificate of technical studies and associate degree curricula, features instruction in hospitality operations and management, travel and tourism, hospitality accounting and law, food and beverage management, and convention management.

Delgado Art and Soul

- Nov. 13-23, 2008, Delgado's Theatre Department presented the New Orleans premier of "The Frogs," a musical based on the original play by Aristophanes written in 405 B.C. Directed by **Timothy K. Baker**, Delgado's production featured Travis Resor, Bill Mader, Kevin Dares and Dustin Valdes, with Martin Covert and Vatican Lokey in cameo roles, under the Musical Direction of Karl Harrod.



- Peter Cho**, Humanities chair and associate professor of Music, was reelected to a second term on the Executive Board of the American Federation of Musicians Local 174-496, and was inducted on serve for a three-year term.
- Delgado Northshore's Covington site presented a Fine Art Open House celebration featuring student and faculty works in conjunction with the Three Rivers Art Festival on Nov. 15, 2008.
- The Jessica Goldfinch exhibition "Little Things" was displayed in the Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery Nov. 6-24, 2008.

Delgado Breaks Ground for Georgusis Childcare Center



The proposed 8,500-square-foot \$ 2 million facility as designed by Burgdahl & Graves, AIA Architects, will serve 84 young children with cutting-edge and developmentally appropriate care.

Approximately 85 percent of the care spaces will be reserved for children or dependents of Delgado students, while the balance will be offered to children or dependents of Delgado faculty and staff.

In addition, the center will serve as a "teaching facility" for Delgado and the community. It will provide a clinical setting for hands-on training of Delgado Care and Development of Young Children program students, as well as a demonstration site for child care enrichment in the community. The center will also assist in training and field experience for Delgado Psychology and Allied Health program students.

The center, designed to flow architecturally with other campus buildings including the iconic Isaac Delgado Hall, maximizes the

use of space to include six classrooms, offices, a nurse's station, conference room, breast feeding area, staff lounge, kitchen, laundry, activity room and more.

Delgado's two previous child care centers were destroyed by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, creating a critical need for early child care services at the College. Estimated to be completed in early March 2010, the Joseph James "Joey" Georgusis Center for Children will return these essential services to Delgado, meeting the community's need for exceptional child care and top-notch educational resources.



Delgado held a groundbreaking ceremony and reception on Nov. 19 to officially begin work on the new Joseph James "Joey" Georgusis Center for Children on the College's City Park Campus.

Thanks in part to the generous donation of Joseph Georgusis in loving memory of his son, the Joseph James "Joey" Georgusis Center for Children will provide state-of-the-art child care services and program training to Delgado Community College students, faculty and staff.

Delgado Recognizes Honors Students

On Dec. 9, the Delgado Honors program held its Honors Awards Celebration in the City Park Student Life Center. **Dr. Brenda Bryant**, Honors director, offered welcoming remarks and introduced guest speaker **Patrice Moore**, dean of Arts and Humanities.

Dr. A. Shameem Choudhury, Honor professor of English, presented Excellence Awards to Mikkel Allen, Ben Beadle, Burke Beyer, Lynette Coleman, Christopher Coulter, Jonathan Edenfield, Justine Foret, Nicole Gillies, Jeremy Grego, Kendra Harrison, Devin Hughes, Nicholas Langkopp, Devora Gatica Lujan, Brittany McSweeney, Bambarendage Pinithi Perera, Jason Phillips, Jennifer Stanley, Marilyn Trombley, Teresha Ussin, Khepra C. White and Neely Vaughn. The following students were also recognized for the completion of Honors course work: Donna Celestine, Alexis Edmunds, Justine Foret, Nicole Gillison, Nicholas Lankopp, Heidi Martin, Monica Miller, Tiffany Mitchell, Horacio Molina, Bambarendage pinithi Perera, Jason Phillips, Brian Rosenthal, Edrina Soniat-Howard, Lonnie Thomas and Joseph Wood.

The Mu Alpha Theta Award for Excellence in Mathematics was presented by Richard Sasser, Honors professor of Math, to Tri M. Ngao.

Louisiana Legislative Aides Visit Delgado

On Dec. 3, the Office of Institutional Advancement hosted a breakfast for Legislative Assistants from the southeastern region of Louisiana. The event was sponsored by the Delgado Foundation Board.

Congressman Steve Scalise Staff Member Charles Henry, as well as assistants from a large number of regional state legislative offices, were in attendance.

Ashton Ryan, Foundation Board chairman, welcomed the group, followed by a legislative update from Legislative Committee Chairman **Dino Paternostro**. Board Member **Rubye Noble** informed the assistants of the importance of Delgado's economic impact within the community and presented information to them that included the number of students, faculty, staff and the more than 35,000 alumni that have attended Delgado and who may live or work in their respective districts. **Dr. Ron Wright**, chancellor, presented a comprehensive briefing of the importance of Delgado to the region. The event concluded with a campus tour provided by **Bob Monie** from the Admissions Office.



What's Hot at LTC *Continued from page 4*

- On Saturday, Nov. 15, the American Welding Society (AWS) held its fourth annual Student Welding Competition in New Orleans, pitting AWS Student Chapter members from regional schools against each other in two experience levels of welding skills contests: beginner (less than one year) and advanced (more than one year). With only three months of welding experience, LTC Region 1 student Israel Velazquez bested 20 other competitors to win the beginner level class. Jodi Clelland and Titus Turner also placed third and fifth, respectively. In the advanced level class, Troy West handily topped the competition.
- LTC Region 1 was awarded a Youthbuild Grant in the amount of \$206,480 to train 20 youth between the ages of 16-24 in construction skills and aid in academic improvement at the Slidell Instructional Learning Center Jan. 12- June 19, 2009.
- LTC Region 1 held a very successful Dual Enrollment Session for regional high school counselors and Open House for their students at the Jefferson and West Jefferson Campuses on Nov. 7. Students and counselors from 22 area high schools participated. For fall 2008 semester, LTC Region 1 had almost 400 high school students from across the region dually enrolled in a variety of technical programs. The College looks to expand that number even further over time.

Honors, Awards and Distinctions

- **Kenneth Ripberger**, the LTC Jefferson Campus' Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) lead instructor, has earned the title of Certified Master HVAC Educator. He is one of only 11 people in the nation, and the first LCTCS instructor, to have been awarded this elite title.
- **Tim Baker**, Delgado Theatre Department director and assistant professor of Theatre Arts, was presented a 2008 Vanguard Award for his contributions to cultural arts and education in New Orleans by the Matteh foundation.
- **Deborah Lea**, Delgado vice chancellor for Learning and Student Development, was named one of New Orleans CityBusiness' 2008 Women of the Year.
- Performance and Media Arts faculty **Lynn Robertson**, **Jenny Louis** and **Susan Hague** represented Delgado at the 2008 Louisiana Communication Association (LCA) conference. They participated in a roundtable and presented on a panel, "Recovery Matters: Communication and Service-Learning in New Orleans." Hague was elected treasurer of the LCA.
- **Diane Cohen**, Care and Development of Young Children chair, has been invited to become a member of the Developmental Team for The Childcare Committee, a group of veteran and potential childcare center owners dedicated to the rebuilding of quality childcare in Louisiana.
- McGraw Hill Publishers tapped **Mike Majors**, Delgado Psychology instructor, to prepare a study guide to the Benjamin B. Lahey text "Psychology an Introduction," tenth edition. Majors and Delgado are credited in the text and the study guide.
- At the fifth annual eWARDS, presented by the Louisiana Technology Council, two Delgado faculty members were honored for their 2008 Technology Educator of the Year nominations: **Dr. Warren E. Duclos Jr.**, ADOT and CMIN Division chair, and **Ramon Ariza**, ELET professor and department head.

Delgado New Hires, New Titles and Promotions

New Hires

Jerrold Beard
Matthew Zimmerman
Pamela Chevalier-August
Nakisha Wilson
Rebecca Kissel
Tara Johnson
Bruce Clesi
Stephen Andrus
Latasha Hales

Computer Information Technology Instructor
English Instructor
Business Law Instructor
Network Analyst
Administrative Coordinator II
Financial Aid Counselor
Operating Engineer Master
Administrative Specialist
Pell Specialist

New Titles

Amanda Davis
Ruben Evans
Laura Ditta
Lolita Cousin

Administrative Assistant IV
Carpenter Foreman
Administrative Specialist for Workforce Development and Education
Accountant Tech

Delgado, LTC Celebrate Fall 2008 Commencement

Delgado graduated 619 students from the City Park Campus, the West Bank Campus and the Charity School of Nursing, and Louisiana Technical College (LTC) Region 1 West Jefferson and Jefferson Technical Campuses and Slidell Instructional Service Center graduated 22 students on Monday, Dec. 15, in Fall 2008 Commencement Exercises at the UNO Lakefront Arena in New Orleans. Adelyn M. Matherne, associate of applied science, received top honors, graduating with a perfect 4.00 cumulative grade point average.

Exercises were presided over by Harold Gaspard, dean of the Allied Health Division. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paul Cheramie, Charity School of Nursing SGA president. **Dr. Mary Bartholomew**, Hospitality and Culinary Arts director, beautifully sang the Star-Spangled Banner, followed by a moving invocation by **Steven Edwards**, Music Department instructor. **Dr. Ron Wright**, Delgado chancellor, provided welcoming remarks, and Delgado Foundation Board Chair **Ashton Ryan** offered greetings from the Board. Victoria Carter, Delgado Northshore SGA vice president introduced Wright as the day's speaker. Following Wright's inspiring address, Delgado student Samuel Mills performed a lovely rendition of "It's Only a Paper Moon," and **Robert Lawyer**, Faculty Senate president, assisted LTC Region 1 Provost and Dean **Kim Rugon** in the presentation of graduates. After the certificates and degrees were conferred upon the graduates by Wright, **Colleen Ulfers** inducted them into the Alumni Association.



In a traditional Pinning Ceremony held at 3 p.m. on Dec. 14 at St. Joseph's in New Orleans, Charity School of Nursing graduated the fall 2008 class of Registered Nursing students.

Dana Brown was recognized for earning the highest nursing program grade point average. Melissa Snow received the School of Nursing Award of Distinction. Matthew Valdes was honored with the Sister Stanislaus Malone Award, and Duane Ledet was presented the Alumni Association-sponsored Sister Blanche McDonnell Award. These award winners were recognized at Commencement Exercises as well.

Pictured with **Dr. Dianne Thames**:



Dana Brown



Matthew Valdes



Melissa Snow



Duane Ledet