

## DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES 631 STUDENTS

### Four Tie for Top Honors

Delgado Community College graduated 631 students from the City Park Campus, the West Bank Campus and the Charity School of Nursing on Friday, December 15th in Fall 2006 Commencement Exercises at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Dr. Charles Teamer, Chairman of Dryades Savings Bank of New Orleans delivered the commencement address. Delgado's Chancellor, **Dr. Alex Johnson**, conferred the associate degrees and certificates.

In addition, an Honorary Degree was bestowed upon Mr. Richard C. Colton, Jr., founder of The Howell Company.

And, three Delgado students received special diplomas after their education was interrupted 60 years ago to build World War II ships for Andrew Higgins: Mr. George Kearney, Mr. William LaSalle (posthumously), and Mr. Joseph Quinn.

Four students tied for top honors, graduating with a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA (grade point average). They are **Elizabeth Krist**, general studies; **Andrea Meier**, arts; **Wayne Tullier**, business studies; and **Mona Wexler**, arts.

The Charity School of Nursing Honor Pin went to **Teresa LaNove**. The

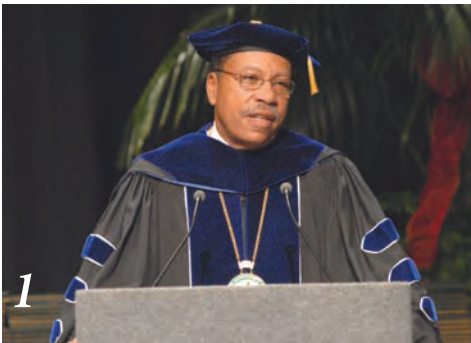
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Honor Pin is the highest award presented by the nursing faculty. The honor goes to a graduating student who meets the criteria of character, nursing ability, scholarship, leadership, participation in school activities, positive influence on the student body, and loyalty to the school.

**Rayonda Moon** had the highest nursing program grade point average. **Nicole Verde** received the New Orleans District Association Leadership Award.

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- 1 Dr. Alex Johnson conferred associate degrees and certificates to 631 students at the fall commencement exercises.
- 2 Mr. George Kearney and Mr. Joseph Quinn received special recognition for their services performed during World War II.
- 3 Mr. Richard C. Colton, Jr. received an Honorary Degree from Coach Joe Scheuermann and Dr. Alex Johnson. Colton donated \$35,000 to the Delgado Dolphins baseball team and the GAP scholarship program.

## Isaac Delgado Hall on National Register of Historic Places

On Friday, December 1st, Delgado Community College held a plaque unveiling commemorating Isaac Delgado Hall being included on the National Register of Historic Places.

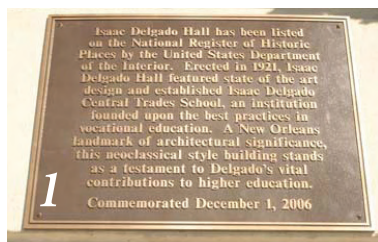
A plaque unveiling took place on the front steps of Isaac Delgado Hall, with brief remarks provided by **Victor Mirzai**, instructor,

Construction Technology. A group of faculty and staff gathered to witness the occasion and then adjourned to the 3rd floor Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery for remarks from Delgado Chancellor **Dr. Alex Johnson**, and a presentation by Victor Mirzai on the student initiative to

have Isaac Delgado Hall placed on the National Register. Program graduate Charles Melancon also addressed the group regarding his experience working on the project.

The building was built in 1921 by Edgard Angelo Christy, architect for the City of New Orleans, and contractor John O. Chisolm, for a cost of \$678,000. Isaac Delgado Hall stands as a

defining symbol for Delgado Community College and holds a significant place in the community both for its architectural style and for the achievement of the goals of the original benefactor, Isaac Delgado, to help the underprivileged obtain an education.



1 Plaque located on Delgado Hall indicating its inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

2 Dean of Business Studies, Warren Punecky, Chancellor, Dr. Alex Johnson, City Park Povost, Arnel Cosey, Instructor of Architecture, Victor Mirzai and Peter Young of Designx Properties, pose in front of Delgado Hall before the unveiling.

3 Dr. Alex Johnson assisted by Arnel Cosey unveil the plaque.

## Delgado Becomes Provider for Command Spanish Program

Delgado's Workforce Development and Education division, a licensed Official Registered Provider of Command Spanish Programs, is now offering programs that focus on speaking and understanding Spanish in specific occupations. Professionals in law enforcement, construction, fire fighting, nursing, dentistry, medicine, government agencies, hospitality and other key businesses can learn Spanish especially designed for non-Spanish speakers. The training classes are 12- to 18-hour programs and no knowledge of Spanish is necessary.

Some benefits of Command Spanish training include:

- Promoting better communication between Spanish and non-Spanish speakers in the workplace
- Projecting a positive image
- Enhancing employee's job performance
- Increasing safety in the workplace
- Protecting entities from litigation

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## Chefs Participate in Celebration in the Oaks Preview Party

Delgado Culinary Arts Chef **Vance Roux** and **Brad Floyd**, a spring 2006 Delgado graduate, served Country Style Pate & Miniature Pumpkin Pies (900 portions total) at the Celebration in the Oaks Preview Party. The pates were prepared by Chef **Roux's** class and the pies by Chef **Petrie's** class.



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## THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON

The Student Life Center was transformed to a winter wonderland for The Magic of the Season, Delgado's Annual Seasonal Celebration for faculty and staff, on Friday, December 1st. Guests were treated to delicious food and beverages and danced the night away to the festive tunes of The Witness Band. Over 265 faculty and staff members from all Delgado and LTC locations attended. The attendees also generously donated many toys for the Toys for Tots organization, for needy children in our area. Delgado would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Seasonal Celebration Committee:

Co-Chairs **Harold Gaspard** and **Carol Gniady**, **Yvette Alexis**, **Mary Bartholomew**, **Kimberly Baxter**, **Michelle Biggs**, **Gwen Bordenave**, **Candy Clanton**, **Gary Dominique**, **Tim Galliano**, **Sherlyn Henry-Lambert**, **Jewel Kirzner**, **Larissa Littleton-Steib**, **Dion Mays**, **Victoria Myers**, **Courtney Rimes**, **Laura Sampson**, **Joyce Smith**, **Tim Stamm**, **Amy Whitaker**, **Cynthia Williams** and **Jerome Williams**.



- 1 *Laura Sampson, Victoria Myers and Carol Gniady pose with Santa.*
- 2 *Lots of toys were collected to be distributed to needy children through the Toys for Tots program.*
- 3 *Karen Laiche, Gary Dominique and Daniel Laiche enjoy the holiday celebration.*
- 4 *Party guests dance to the festive tunes of The Witness Band.*

## Foundation Receives Donation for Endowed Professorship

The Delgado Community College Foundation recently received a donation of \$12,000 from the engineering consulting firm Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants, Inc., to establish an endowed professorship at Delgado Community College in the name of the late Mr. Joseph J. Krebs, Jr. The endowment will total \$60,000 and is designated to support Delgado's Construction Technology Program, and also the creation of Surveying courses which will provide short-term training for surveyors.

Former Chairman and CEO of J.J. Krebs and Sons (now known as Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants, Inc.), Mr. Krebs retired in December 1995 and served for many years as a consultant to the firm. The endowment is being created to honor Mr. Krebs's desire to promote education. The first installment of the \$60,000 endowment was received by Delgado Chancellor **Dr. Alex Johnson**, Delgado Development Director, Executive Director of the Delgado Foundation **Ms. Nita Hutter**; LCTCS President Dr. Walter Bumphus; and Board Chair Mr. Brett Mellington, at a check presentation made by Mr. Shelby LaSalle and Mrs. Joseph Krebs during the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors meeting November 8th in Baton

Rouge, LA. Mrs. Krebs remarked at the time "My husband would be so very proud of this, he really believed in promoting education." As an aside, Mrs. Krebs also noted that she and her husband had also taken non-credit computer classes at Delgado.



*\$12,000 was donated to establish the \$60,000 Joseph J. Krebs endowment from Krebs, LaSalle, LeMieux Consultants, Inc. Pictured are Dr. Alex Johnson, Ms. Nita Hutter, Mr. Shelby LaSalle, Mrs. Joseph Krebs (representing her late husband), Dr. Walter Bumphus and Mr. Brett Mellington.*

## WISE Center Receives Donation

On Wednesday, November 28th, Delgado Chancellor **Dr. Alex Johnson** accepted a \$75,000 donation from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation at a check presentation ceremony at the Women In Search of Excellence (W.I.S.E.) Resource Center in Isaac Delgado Hall on the City Park Campus. Ms. Cynthia Molyneaux, President of the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation, and Mr. Daniel Ajamiseba, Manager,



*Pictured at check presentation are Dr. Alex Johnson, Ms. Patrice Moore, Ms. Debbie Lea, Mr. Daniel Ajamiseba, Ms. Cynthia Molyneaux, Ms. Melanie Deffendal, Ms. Irma Thomas, Ms. Arnel Cosey, Ms. Nita Hutter and Mr. Jim Eagan.*

External Development for Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc., represented Freeport-McMoRan and presented the check before an appreciative group of faculty, staff, and friends to **Dr. Johnson, Melanie Deffendall**, W.I.S.E. Resource Center director and coordinator of the college and career success skills program, and Ms. Irma Thomas, local entertainer, Delgado graduate, and mentor to the W.I.S.E. center. \$50,000 of the proceeds is dedicated to support the W.I.S.E. program, and \$25,000 will be used to support science, technology, engineering, and math programs.

## PTK Honor Society Inducts New Members

On Friday, November 17th, the Omega Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted 60 new members into the International Honor Society of the Two Year College. The ceremony was held in the cafeteria of the Student Life Center on the City Park Campus and included music by the Delgado Jazz Ensemble, an address by Pat Wynn of Tulane University, and readings by the 2006-2007 Omega Nu officers. Advisor **Ann Pessos** from Charity School of Nursing and **Emily Cosper** from the City Park Campus welcomed the students into the chapter. The Omega Nu Chapter embraces the mission of Phi Theta Kappa, focusing on scholarship, leadership, and service. During the fall semester, Omega Nu members volunteered their time at the Habitat for Humanity Musician's Village in New Orleans, helped clean the St. Matthias community center in the Broadmoor neighborhood, and attended a leadership seminar in Jackson, MS at Phi Theta Kappa headquarters. To be a member, the students must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA.

## Graduation cont...

**Charlene Hammond** received the School of Nursing Award of Distinction. **Nicole Verde** received the Sister Blanche McDonnell Award. **Colleen Assavedo** received the Daughters of Charity Award. **Tia Davis** had the highest practical nursing program grade point average. **Sharon Magee** received the Florence Nightingale Award. **Cheryl Overton** received the P.N. program Award of Distinction. **Yolanda Denise** received the P.N. Award of Service.

## Gingerbread Houses Cheer Patients in Pediatric Ward

On November 30th students in Delgado Community College's Pastry Arts Program presented gingerbread houses that they made in class to the pediatric ward at Oschner Hospital. The students participating in the event were **Ivy Cannon, Aimee Chentnik, Julianna Drago, Erin Guion, Cassandra Kacvinsky** and **Misty Marks**.



## News and Happenings...

### Vet Tech Program Receives Accreditation

Delgado Community College's Veterinary Technology Program has received accreditation from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), allowing its graduates to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) every year. Delgado is only the second such accredited program in the state of Louisiana, and one of only about 125 programs nationally. The Vet Tech Program has also just announced a partnership with LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, which will allow Delgado's second year students to take their last semester of courses at the vet school in Baton Rouge. The 12-week rotation will include critical care, surgery, clinical pathology, exotic pet medicine, cancer therapy, etc.

### Delgado Students Help Tutor Children

The Care and Development of Young Children Program will be partnering with Boudreaux Elementary starting in the spring of 2007 for the HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed) program. It is a national program in which Delgado students will be given training to help tutor 45 children of Hispanic origin in English Language Arts.

### Reading Department Partners With Friends of Jefferson Parish Library

City Park Reading Department partners with Friends of the Jefferson Parish Library to provide free books to Delgado students after the fall and spring library book sales. Reading

teachers pack up the "leftovers" and arrange them in Liberal Arts Alley and outside the Reading Lab, located in Isaac Delgado Hall. Students (and faculty) snap them up. The Reading Department provides free magazines and books throughout the year. Anyone with books and magazines to donate may contact the Reading Department.

### Paramedic Students Practice Emergency Response

On Saturday, November 18th Delgado Community College Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic students staged a mock trauma event at the City Park Campus to practice emergency response. The drill engaged Delgado paramedic students, LSU and Tulane medical students and local ambulance services (Acadian EMS, AMED EMS, East Jefferson EMS and New Orleans EMS) attending to several staged traumatic accidents. The trauma drill provided the students with an opportunity to put into practice what they have trained for and prepares them for real-world emergencies.

### Online Semester Initiative Considered for Award

Delgado Community College's proposal for the Community College Futures Assembly Bellwether Awards has been selected as one of the top 10 finalists in the Planning, Governance and Finance category. Delgado's fall 2005 online semester initiative was submitted to the Bellwether Awards for consideration. Winners will be announced at the Closing Session and Bellwether Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, January 30th during the annual 2007 Community College Futures Assembly in Orlando, FL.

### Criminal Justice Hosts Fall Luncheon

On Thursday, November 16th the Criminal Justice Department hosted its annual Fall Luncheon in the Isaac Delgado Fine Art Gallery, in Isaac Delgado Hall, on City Park Campus. Their first event since Hurricane Katrina, the department paid tribute to local law enforcement and to the Delgado Campus Police for their extraordinary efforts during the storm. Delgado's Chief **Ronald Doucette** and New Orleans Police Department Chief Warren Riley were in attendance; Chief Riley gave a Power Point presentation highlighting what the officers faced in the aftermath of the storm.

### Northshore SGA Holds "Chill Out for Finals"

On Wednesday, November 29th (in Slidell) and Thursday, November 30th (in Covington) the Northshore SGA held "Chill Out for Finals". Bowls of crock pot chili and lemonade were served along with goodie bags of treats to help students ease into the final exam week. On Wednesday, the service was in conjunction with a Charity School of Nursing (mini) Health Fair coordinated by faculty member **Jill Lambert**. Poster presentations were available with student health information including booths for hypertension, stress and anxiety, alcohol, drug, smoking addiction, personal safety, diabetes, STDs, HIV, Hepatitis Awareness, Weight Loss, and Cancer Awareness. Blood pressure was monitored as well.

## FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Ana Arguelles-Wilson**, *International Student Advisor*, and **Gwen A. Boutte**, *Director of Admissions & Enrollment Services*, received travel grants from NAFSA Association of International Educators to attend the Region III conference that was held in Little Rock, AK on Monday, November 6th-9th.
- **Donita Qualey**, *Coordinator of Grants, Distance Education and Continuing Education* at Delgado Charity School of Nursing was installed as President of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing for 2006-2008. The election occurred in Charlotte, NC on Tuesday, November 7th, 2006.
- **Sherry Dale Bachus**, *Associate Director of Admissions for the LTC-West Jefferson*, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education with a minor in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of New Orleans on Saturday, December 16th.
- On Tuesday, November 14th Delgado Chancellor **Dr. Alex Johnson** participated as a panelist along with the New Orleans area's other college and university chancellors and presidents at the Higher Education as a Catalyst in Recovery Forum. The forum was developed by four local businesses: The Slone Group, GNO Communications, EZ Parker, and Bruno & Tervalon, a group committed to promoting education as the building blocks for the recovery process. The forum was moderated by Jefferson Parish Schools President Dianne Roussell; Dr. Johnson was joined on

the panel by Dr. Marvalene Hughes, President, Dillard University; Dr. Walter Harris, Provost and V.P., Academic Affairs, Loyola University; Stanton McNeely, Vice President of External Affairs representing Rev. Anthony De Conciliis, Our Lady of Holy Cross College; Dr. Victor Ukpolo, Chancellor, Southern University at New Orleans; Flozell Daniels, Jr., Executive Director, State and Local Affairs, representing Dr. Scott Cowan, Tulane University; Robert Brown, Vice Chancellor of External Affairs, representing Dr. Tim Ryan, University of New Orleans; and Dr. Gene D'Amour, Sr. V.P., Resource Development representing Dr. Norman Francis, Xavier University.

- **Dr. Mary Bartholomew**, *Director of Culinary Arts and Hospitality*, was elevated



to the position of Vice Chancellor Culinaire in the Chaine des Rotisseurs on December 10th, 2006 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

## New Titles

Congratulations to the following employees who have recently received new titles:

**Joe Clark** – *College Webmaster*

**Gizelle Johnson** – *Assistant Controller, Louisiana Technical College District I*

**Deborah Lea** – *Vice Chancellor for Learning and Student Development*

## Student Successes

### Delgado Education Students Represented at Conference

Delgado Education Association (DEA) leaders **Anna Galiouras** and **Jennifer Duplain** represented Delgado in Atlanta Nov. 8th - 11th at the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference. Faculty advisors Assistant Professor **Mary W. Johnson** and Instructor **Lisa Melson** also attended. DEA (an SGA-sponsored organization) raised money to send students to the national conference through raffles and bake sales.

### Students Selected for Internship

Two Delgado students, **Joel Walker Hobbie II** and **Amina Muwwakki**, have been selected for a paid internship by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) pursuant to that agency's College Training Initiative Program.