

FALL CONVOCATION OFFERS COLLEGE UPDATES TO FACULTY AND STAFF

On Tuesday, August 15th Delgado held Fall Convocation welcoming returning and new faculty and staff for the academic year. Chancellor **Alex Johnson** addressed the group and shared this year's strategic priorities, as well as information on budget and marketing. Interim Vice Chancellor for Learning and Student Development **Debbie Lea** provided an overview on academic and student affairs developments. The group also received an update on the college's SACS reaffirmation process from Director of Institutional Advancement **Iva Bergeron**, and Interim City Park Provost/Student Affairs Dean **Arnel Cosey** presented the college's new online student services. **Nita Hutter**, Director of Development and Executive Director of Delgado Foundation, also introduced the college's internal giving campaign. Director of Public Relations **Carol Gniady** provided an overview of the college's annual advertising and marketing plan. And, Dr. Alex Johnson recognized this year's recipients of the Chancellor's Innovation Awards. Afterwards, campus meetings were held for City Park, Charity School of Nursing, West Bank, and Delgado Northshore. On Wednesday, August 16th, meetings convened for all online instructors.



At Fall Convocation, Dr. Johnson awarded six Chancellor's Innovation Awards to the following areas of the college for their outstanding contributions to Delgado's recovery post-Katrina: 1 Accounting/Payroll; 2 Office of Information Technology; 3 Charity School of Nursing; 4 Financial Aid; 5 Blackboard Support Team; 6 and the Registrar's Office.

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Katrina Anniversary Commemorated

Delgado Community College marked the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina with several activities including events promoting hurricane emergency preparation and awareness, as well as solemn commemorations for lives lost during the disaster. Chancellor **Alex Johnson** and Special Assistant to the Chancellor **Carmen Walters** were invited by the Warren Easton Foundation to hear President George Bush speak at Warren Easton High School; Delgado and Warren Easton share a special relationship through a concurrent enrollment program for students. The City Park Campus SGA sponsored a hurricane emergency **Anniversary continued on page 3**

From the Chronicle of Higher Education...

DELGADO TO RECEIVE \$2.3 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS AND FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Delgado Community College is one of the many colleges and universities along the Gulf Coast that will share \$30-million in hurricane-relief donations from foreign countries. The infusion of money will be welcomed by colleges that have been struggling to maintain their enrollments and pay for repairs while they wait for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and battle their insurers in court.

Of the \$30-million in foreign aid, about \$22-million will go to colleges and universities in Louisiana and the rest to those in Mississippi. "The United States received 151 offers of assistance from foreign governments, international

organizations, and private citizens, from countries rich and poor; businesses, associations, students, and senior citizens," Henrietta H. Fore, under secretary for management for the U.S. Department of State, said.

The Education Department also notified each of the universities how much of the \$30-million in foreign aid they would receive. The largest amounts went to Xavier, with \$5-million; Dillard University, with \$4.6-million; and the University of Southern Mississippi, with \$4.3-million. The distribution was based, in part, on applications that the colleges turned in outlining specific projects for which they needed the money.

Chancellor **Alex Johnson** said the \$2.3-million that Delgado will receive will allow it to rebuild ruined day-care facilities and replace industrial equipment and computers the college had used for vocational training.

"The restoration of our early-childhood center is so far down the list of priorities for FEMA it would have been another three to four years before we saw the money, and we couldn't wait for that," he said, adding that three-quarters of Delgado's students are women and that many have young children.

LCTCS Holds Fourth Annual Conference Day

The LCTCS Conference Day took place August 13th – 14th at the New Orleans Marriott at the Convention Center. The theme of this year's conference was "Recovery and Resurgence: Two Year Colleges for the 21st Century." Over 400 system employees took advantage of the opportunity for professional development and to learn about new LCTCS initiatives. The opening session included the presentation of awards which were distributed to deserving individuals at each college and LTC district. Conference day participants attended informative breakout sessions, many of which were led by nationally-known speakers and experts, on everything from distance learning to disaster preparedness.



- 1 Dr. Alex Johnson, LCTCS Board of Supervisors Chair, Mr. Brett Mellington, and Board Member Kathy Sellers Johnson; honorees Ernie Fitzgerald and Mary Ballay; LCTCS Board Member Stephen Smith; honoree Germaine Edwards; LCTCS President, Dr. Walter Bumphus.
- 2 Mr. Brett Mellington, LCTCS Board of Supervisors Chair; Cynthia Williams, Asst. Dean LTC-Jefferson; Kathy Sellers Johnson, LCTCS Board Member; Deborah Mullins, Admin. Asst. to the Vice Chancellor/Provost; Lisette Ganier, Developmental Ed Instructor; Stephen Smith, LCTCS Board Member; Desiree Holmes, Retired Nursing Instructor; Dr. Walter Bumphus, LCTCS President; and Lesha Coulon, Assoc. Director of Records.

Classrooms Become Learning Laboratories In the Title III Pilot

A core group of GenEd instructors have started the ball rolling for the four-year process of designing, piloting, and assessing meaningful student learning outcomes for all General Education core courses, as directed in the Title III Grant Objectives. It's an opportunity to examine the objectives of GenEd courses and to consider what it is students are learning from them, or what capabilities result from their learning in a course to help them succeed in future courses and their lives in general. The pilot goal is to identify, document, and expand effective learning strategies throughout the college in order to increase student success within GenEd courses and beyond. Many of those effective strategies are practiced by our esteemed faculty everyday in the natural course of their learning-centered teaching. This effort seeks to draw out that expertise, align it with student learning outcomes, and establish that standard practice of using assessment feedback to achieve learning.

In spite of post-K chaos and tribulation,

the first group of pilot instructors completed "Designs for Learning," a four-part workshop series focused on "Integrated Course Design," "Active/ Collaborative Learning," and "Achieving Deep Learning in the Classroom." Most felt the opportunity for collaboration and dialogue with other faculty, especially across disciplines, was the most meaningful part of the program. "What I love most about the workshops is the opportunity to talk with other instructors in other disciplines. Even in our department meetings, we just talk about administrative stuff. Never about learning. This has been enlightening," said **Charlie Findon**, *Philosophy Instructor*.

Instructors participating in this first round of the program include: **John Albano, Rebecca Authement, Melanie Deffendall, Missy Diaz, Kathy Favret, Elizabeth Feltey, Charlie Findon, Dena Frickey, Cathy Gorvine, Janet McArthur, Chris Mitchell, Susan Santolucito, Janet Vila** and **Darlene Williams**.

Reference Librarians Available 24/7

The Delgado Libraries are participating in a pilot project of QuestionPoint Virtual Reference Services. The project is sponsored in partnership with the LOUIS Virtual Reference Committee, QuestionPoint product team and members of the 24/7 Academic Reference Cooperative and provides 24-hour remote reference services. The pilot is made available to all 13 libraries in the post Katrina/Rita rebuilding process at no cost to either the libraries or LOUIS. OCLC (Online Computing Library Center) is sponsoring the software, training, and implementation cost. Librarians belonging to the Academic Reference Cooperative will provide all hours of chat coverage to students, faculty and staff during the academic year 2006/2007. Students, faculty and staff are now able to enter into live chat sessions with a reference librarian regardless of the time of day. A Delgado librarian will handle any necessary chat session follow-up. At the end of the fall 2006 semester, the pilot will be reviewed by participating libraries. QuestionPoint is available from the Library Home Page, http://faculty-web.dcc.edu/cplibrary/HK_Lib_Web/Lib_Web.html and through the Library eResource Blackboard course.

The Race Is On!

Delgado's Resource Development Office is pleased to announce the launch of the third annual Internal Gift Campaign. The team captains are looking forward to working with all of the faculty and staff and have established a familiar theme to all of us ... New Orleans icons!

You may be part of the **Riverwalk**, how about them **Saints**, do you do that **Voodoo**, maybe you like your spicy **Gumbo**, let's celebrate **Mardi Gras**, **Bourbon Street**, **New Orleans Jazz**, **Crescent City Connection**, **Crescent City Pelicans**, **Fleur de Lis**, and **The Times-Picayune** ... it will be all in fun and for a most worthy cause, the Delgado students.

The team captains include **Yvette Alexis, Donna Bayard, Gwen Bordenave, Dr. Ahmed Choudury, Gary Dominique, Harold Gaspard, Janet Gauthier-Stephens, Michelle Greco, Tom Gruber, Warren Punecky**, and **Kris Scott**.

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awareness event with several community-based organizations providing information. The West Bank Campus held a Renewal Service and Social. Charity School of Nursing hosted the National Student Nurses Board of Directors who met with students about Katrina and Disaster Nursing. Nursing students also wore ribbons on the anniversary. Each campus also participated in a moment of silence and/or bell ringing on Tuesday, August 29th, to honor Katrina's victims. On Wednesday, August 30th, City Park SGA and the college's Women In Search of Excellence program presented national motivational speaker Carol Grace Anderson for faculty, staff and students.

Nursing School Helps Child in Need

Delgado Charity School of Nursing's SGA conducted a blood drive on Friday, September 8th, in order to help the son of Katrina Cooley, a Charity nursing student. Katrina's 3 year-old son was diagnosed with Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma this past February. The Charity SGA coordinated efforts between the New Orleans Blood Center and the Charity School of Nursing student body to help replace blood on the boy's behalf. The Blood Center set up in the lobby of the Nursing School from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm and students, faculty, and staff came out to participate. For every pint of blood donated it defrays approximately \$15.00 off any infused blood component. This is a savings the family is thankful for during this emotional time in their life. We applaud the efforts of the Charity students for helping out a fellow student in her time of need.

Disaster Workshop Offered to Area Nursing Students

On Friday, August 18, 2006, the National Student Nurses' Association Board of Directors conducted a free workshop "Lessons Learned: Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery," open to all nursing students in Louisiana and Mississippi at Delgado's Charity School of Nursing. The workshop, moderated by NSNA President D. Todd Uhlman, featured guest-speaker Cheryl Schmidt, PhD, RN, CNE, Associate Professor, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Web-based Portfolio Conference Held

On Wednesday, August 9th, Delgado Title III Advisors **Carol Allen, Tomeka Black** and **Terry Markuly** presented a conference at the West Bank Campus for faculty entitled **e-Portfolios: Implementation Strategies for Teaching and Learning from Academic Impressions**. Web-based portfolios allow students to post all sorts of beneficial material such as resumes for job opportunities. Students can also develop a course portfolio displaying what they have learned academically. E-portfolios can also save time and money; most of all it lessens the workload on the faculty. A student can post his/her paper or sample writings on the web and the instructor can review and make corrections all at the click of a button. The e-portfolio also allows students to use audio and visual tools to express themselves creatively. The Title III team hopes by next year to connect with the State of Louisiana and their initiative "LA ePortal". "... an electronic, learning portal is specifically designed for students of Louisiana's education entities."

Title III Student Services seeks to increase student success by promoting a student learning-centered environment. Title III goals are to have students feel welcomed, informed, and confident in reaching their educational goals through our college-wide orientation program. With the start of the fall 2006 semester, Title III Advisors along with student services staff are mentoring selected CCSS107 classes. Students are to self-identify their academic strengths and challenges through the College Student Inventory (CSI), therefore, helping those students reach individual goals and objectives.

DELGADO AND LTC WORK TO DEVELOP MANUFACTURING TRAINING PROGRAMS

On Thursday, September 7th, a contingency representing Delgado, LTC Region I, and the local shipbuilding industry traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, to identify models of excellence for workforce development training to be replicated in the New Orleans region among training partners. The group consisted of Delgado's **Chancellor Dr. Alex Johnson**, *Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Education* **Kathleen Mix**, *Interim Dean of Business and Technology* **Warren Punecky**, *LTC District I Interim Vice Chancellor* **Kim Rugon** and *Facilities Director* **Luther Davis**, and Northrop Grumman Ship Systems' Workforce Development and

Training Manager Sterling Dolese. The two-day visit was hosted by Craig McAtee, Executive Director of Workforce and Economic Development at Cuyahoga Community College and included tours of the Advanced Manufacturing Center at the Unified Technology Center, the Nursing Centers of Excellence at the Metro Campus and the Eastern Campus, and the newly opened Corporate College East. The visit follows Craig McAtee's New Orleans visit and consultation with leaders from Delgado, LTC District I, and local business and industry regarding manufacturing and shipbuilding workforce and economic development.

Freeport McMoRan Foundation Supports Delgado

New Orleans' based Freeport McMoRan Foundation has awarded Delgado a \$75,000 grant, \$50,000 of that amount earmarked for Delgado's WISE (Women In Search of Excellence) program and \$25,000 for the academic technical application of the college's Information Technology program. "We are delighted that the Freeport McMoRan Foundation has decided to support WISE, thus enabling the overwhelmingly female

student body at Delgado to receive the additional support that would guarantee their success," said Delgado Chancellor **Dr. Alex Johnson**. "We are delighted, too, that our academic technology rebuilding initiative has also been chosen to be funded as so many of our students depend upon the internet now for their educational activities—the funds will aid us greatly in delivering world class web-based instruction," continued Johnson.

FINE ARTS GALLERY PRESENTS WORKS BY DOYLE GERTJEJANSEN

An excerpt from the 9/8/06 Times Picayune article "Luck of the Draw" by Doug MacCash

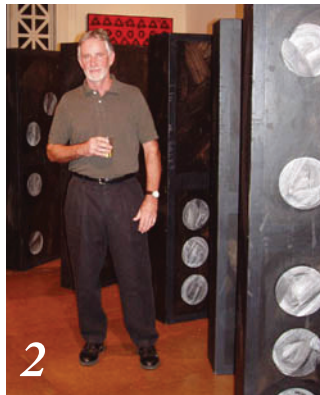
The Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery is currently hosting "Domino Theory, Color Theory, Newton's Law, 1984, and Academic Drawings" by Doyle Gertjejansen: paintings, drawings, sculpture and interactive artwork, through October 18th, 2006. This exhibit, which focuses on the arbitrariness of life and how it's all just a roll of the dice, was originally scheduled to open last fall, but like life, got put on hold because of a storm named Katrina.

Doyle Gertjejansen, an abstract expressionist painter and a University of New Orleans art professor, has created a exhibit that includes 6-ft. dominos that can arbitrarily topple over on one another, 365 colored paper airplanes that visitors can randomly sail across the room, and a dart board painting with a tiny crossbow. A common theme among them is the element of chance.

A collection of paintings by Gertjejansen will also be featured in Gallery Bienvenu (518 Julia Street) for the October 7th Art for Arts Sake Opening.

Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery is located on the 3rd Floor of Isaac Delgado Hall, on the City Park Campus of Delgado Community College. For more information call 483-4624.

Photo Credit: Borislava Kharalampiev, Gallery Bienvenu Director



Charity School of Nursing Presents Nurse Educator Institute

Delgado Charity School of Nursing presented a Nurse Educator Institute with seventy-nine participants attending on Monday and Tuesday, August 7 & 8 at the school of nursing. The Nurse Educator Institute is designed for beginning nursing educators or those with an interest in nursing education as a career and is the schools' way of sharing the knowledge and expertise of experienced educators with new nursing educators. Nursing schools throughout the state were invited to participate. Presenters included Dean **Patricia Egers**, Dean **Dianne Thames**, **Margaret Washington**, **Roberta Bartee**, **Tina Covington**, **Mary Trosclair**, **Lajune London**, **Suzanne Riche**, **Deborah Evers**, **Joan Hodge**, **Donita Qualey**, and **Lenetra Jefferson**. Topics included Academic Standards and Nursing Curriculum, Learning Centered Nursing Education, Use of Human Patient Simulator in Nursing Education, Assessment and Evaluation of Learning, Technology as an Effective Teaching Tool in Classroom and Distance Education, Student Retention Strategies, and Best Practices of Experienced Nurse Educators.

- 1 Visitors to the September 14th opening admire Doyle Gertjejansen's work.
- 2 Gertjejansen stands next to a few of his 6ft domino sculptures.
- 3 Color theory articulated with numerous, multi-colored paper airplanes.

Student Successes

Hospitality Student Coordinates Major Fundraiser

For her Hospitality practicum assignment, **Stacey Stiel**, a Delgado Hospitality major from Morgan City, served as the special event coordinator for a fundraiser for the Teche Theatre in Franklin, Louisiana. Her responsibilities included coordinating a fundraising dinner, silent auction donations, a live auction, patron sponsorships and the local marketing of the event. The financial goal was to raise \$10,000. She was able to assist the theatre in raising in excess of \$50,000 in the campaign. As part of her final project, **Barry Brantley**, her instructor, was invited as a guest to attend the dinner. The entire town knew about this project as part of her assessment and Barry says that over 200 of them personally came up to him to discuss the program, and to praise her efforts. Governor and Mrs. Mike Foster, the Mayor of Franklin, the Sheriff, state representatives and representatives were all asking Barry about the program.

LTC LPN Students Earned Perfect Passage

The LTC District I West Jefferson LPN students earned a perfect, successful passage rate of the LPN exam. The May 2006 graduating class had 100% passing rate for first time writers.

New Hires

We welcome the following employees who have recently joined Delgado:

Rashad Arcement –

Biology Instructor, Liberal Arts & Sciences, West Bank

Jacquelyn Brown – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Patricia Brue – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Malayne DeMars – *CCSS Instructor, Liberal Arts, City Park*

Debra Ducote – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Dorothy Elder – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Todd Hymel – *Biology Instructor, Science & Math*

Suzanne Johnston – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Pam Kemp – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Krista Lawrence – *Computer Information Technology Instructor, Business & Technology, City Park*

Catherine Lenihan – *Business Administration Instructor, Business & Technology, City Park*

Miya Martin – *Division Counselor, Liberal Arts, City Park*

Sonjia McVay – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Connie Morgan – *Nursing Assistant Professor, Charity School of Nursing*

Johnnie Mose – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Erica Perrer – *Biology Instructor, Science & Math*

Rosalinda Santiago – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Deborah Skevington – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Charette Thomas – *Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing*

Karachie Ward – *Chemistry Instructor, Science & Math*

Theodore Walley – *Visual Communication Instructor, Liberal Arts, City Park*

New Titles

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

Maria Cisneros – *College Wide Registrar, Registrar's Office*

Arnel Cosey – *Provost, City Park Campus*

Germaine Edwards – *College Wide Director, Financial Assistance*

Next Month's Issue:

President Clinton Visits Delgado