

DELGADO CONTINUES KATRINA RECOVERY WITH COLLEGE-WIDE SPRING 2007 ENROLLMENT OF 11,780

Delgado Community College and Louisiana Technical College District I (LTC), with which Delgado linked in spring 2006 to provide expanded education and training services, reported continued strong enrollment in spring 2007.

Delgado Community College has registered 11,780 students college-wide for spring 2007 semester, representing an increase of 17.8 percent over spring 2006 enrollment. Spring 2007 numbers represent continuing strong recovery for Delgado since hurricane Katrina disrupted an historic enrollment trend in fall 2005.

Delgado's Northshore (Covington and

Slidell) sites realized the largest growth in spring 2007 enrollment – a 21.4 percent increase over spring 2006 – registering 1,272 students. The Charity School of Nursing's enrollment rose 19.8 percent over last year to 788 students this spring. Delgado's largest site, City Park Campus, also experienced considerable enrollment growth of 19.2 percent over spring 2006, registering 7,064 students in spring 2007. The West Bank Campus saw double-digit growth as well, 12.1 percent over last spring, enrolling 2,656 students.

In fall 2005, Delgado achieved record

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Delgado Welcomes Applications to Louisiana TeachNext, New Associate of Science in Teaching Degree Program

Delgado Community College is now accepting applications from students interested in becoming certified elementary teachers.

Candidates accepted into Louisiana TeachNext will enter the newly established Associate of Science in Teaching degree program (AST) at either Delgado Community College or Nunez Community College. All of the courses in the newly established Associate of Science in Teaching degree program were designed in partnership with educational

leaders at the community colleges and the partner four-year universities. As such, all 60 credits earned as part of the AST degree will transfer to any of the elementary education programs offered in four-year universities across the state. This enables AST recipients to enter a four-year college of education program with half of their certification requirements already completed.

Recipients of the AST degree automatically qualify for admission into one of the many four-year education

programs in universities across Louisiana to concurrently earn their Bachelors of Science and elementary teacher certification. However, the skills and knowledge gained as part of the AST degree will also qualify graduates, who choose not to enter a four-year education program immediately after completing the program, to work as paid classroom assistants or paraprofessionals.

In this first full school-year post-Katrina, many schools in the Greater New

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DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DONATES MORE THAN \$23,000 IN ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



Flanked by Dr. Johnson, Connie Boudoin and Nita Hutter, Harold Gaspard, College-wide Dean of Allied Health, is awarded a complimentary hotel stay for his efforts and generosity in the Annual Giving Campaign.

At Spring 2007 Convocation, **Nita Hutter**, Director of Resource Development, proudly announced that once again the internal annual giving campaign has been a great success, exceeding its 2006 \$15,000 goal by more than 57 percent. The Delgado community donated \$23,658 to support Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) scholarship efforts. TAP scholarships are awarded to Delgado students who need assistance to advance educationally and economically. This was the third year for the campaign.

Campaign team captains **Harold Gaspard, Gary Dominique, Yvette Alexis, Donna Bayard, Michelle Greco, Gwen Bordenave, Janet Stephens, Kristin Scott, Warren Puneke, Tom Gruber** and **Ahmed Choudhury** were recognized for their help in generating donations from Delgado employees. Because Mr. Gaspard's team brought in the most money, he was awarded a bottle of wine and a complimentary hotel stay for both his efforts and his personal generosity.

Donations are still being accepted by direct gift or through payroll deduction. Please direct your tax-deductible contribution to the Delgado Foundation Office, c/o Nita Hutter, Director of Resource Development, City Park Campus, Building One, Room 221 E. Pledges through payroll deduction may be returned to Ms. Hutter through the college mail or e-mail at nhutte@dcc.edu. For more information call (504) 784-1102.

With your support, we can continue making a difference in our community and insure that Delgado provides "Education that Works!"

Delgado 2007 Mini-Grant Awards Announced

At 2007 Spring Convocation on January 8, mini-grant awards were announced for the following:

- **Darlene Williams** and **Susan Caire** have proposed a way to enrich mathematics instruction and expand the learning experience through the use of student response systems using a "clicker" to respond to questions and receive feedback silently.
- **Mary Johnson** will implement an Audio-Visual Enhancement Project to help students in the Early Childhood Education program to concentrate on current information and trends about teaching young children with DVDs,

VHS, CD-ROMs and other tapes.

- **Lynn Robertson** has proposed a project to link with the Louisiana Technical College to sponsor a movie contest and a conference to both recruit and retain students.
- **Kim Uddo** has proposed building an on-site clinical library constructed by both students and faculty as life-long learners so that instead of having to travel to Charity to do research, they will have access to Clinic Reference Binders at each hospital site.
- **Lisa Melson** is creating The Path to Success Program, which will prepare students planning to enter the teacher

education program at a 4-year university through training seminars offered by highly trained professionals.

- **Sallye Raymond** will train 20 students in CPR free of charge, allowing them to obtain healthcare provider cards before entering their specific programs in Allied Health.

Mini-grants are announced annually in January for faculty and staff programs implemented during the spring semester. These \$900 grants, which are intended to promote innovative instruction solutions, can be used not only to purchase supplies and equipment, but also to encourage creativity in the classroom.

Delgado Presents Black History Month Exhibition of Handmade Quilts by Master Seamstress Daphne Johnson

As part of its Black History Month celebration, Delgado Community College is presenting “**Quilts – the Fabric of Culture and Freedom,**” an exhibition of handmade quilts incorporating fabric from Africa in traditional and modern designs by master seamstress Daphne Johnson.

The exhibit, which runs through March 8th, was kicked off with an opening reception on February 1st at the Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery in Isaac Delgado Hall (Building One).

Quilt making in the African-American community began with slave women gathering scraps and remnants from old and discarded clothing. Some of Johnson’s works are patterned after quilts created during slavery times – by slaves and abolitionist women – that served two purposes: to maintain warmth; and, when displayed in a certain way, to serve as a directional sign to guide runaway slaves in the Underground Railroad to freedom.

The fabrics used to produce Johnson’s quilts were collected from various countries in Africa including Ghana, Egypt, Kenya, and Senegal. In producing a quilt, more than three hundred precisely



1 Master seamstress Daphne Johnson stands next to one of her many colorful handmade quilts on display at the Gallery.

2 Patrice Moore, Daphne Johnson and Yvette Alexis at the Quilts Exhibition opening.

3 Dr. Johnson stands next to his exceptionally talented wife Daphne at the opening reception for the Quilts Exhibition held at the College Gallery on Thursday, February 1st.

uniform pieces are cut and arranged before being sewn together. Then, the puzzle is matched with batting and backing, quilted, and the edges are hand-stitched to finish the piece. The entire process takes approximately six to eight weeks depending on the size of the quilts, which range from wall hangings to the dimensions of a king-sized bed.

“I am inspired by the many women who

preceded me in creating quilts that were hand-sewn laboriously,” said Johnson. “My quilts are works of art that encompass tradition, beauty, and practicality.”

The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery at (504) 483-4624.

Delgado Theatre to Perform A Woman Called Truth

The Delgado Community College Theatre Department, in honor of Black History Month, will present the play “**A Woman Called Truth**,” by Sandra Fenichel Asher. Performances are on Thursday, February 22nd at 8:00 pm and Saturday, February 24th at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm in the 3rd Floor Drama Hall in Isaac Delgado Hall on City Park Campus. General admission is \$10 and student tickets are \$5.

Directed by **Timothy Baker**, “**A Woman Called Truth**” is a celebration of the life of Sojourner Truth from the day she is sold into slavery, through her struggle to free herself and her son, to her emergence as a popular and respected advocate of abolition and women’s rights. Throughout her life, Sojourner Truth came upon injustice in many forms and fought it with uncommon clear-sightedness, courage and wit.

Featuring Carol Sutton as Sojourner, the cast includes students **Cristin Bradford, Johnell Davis, Lorenzo Franklin, Jeanne Marie Henley, Kaneisha Lathers, Brian Rosenthal** and **Kevin Wehlen**.

For more information, please call 483-7258.

Delgado's SGA Black History Month Calendar of Events

WEST BANK

Journey of the Drum Mon., Feb. 12th

WB01, Student Lounge – 10:30 a.m.
Fahnlohnee Harris presents African songs, storytelling, poetry, spirituals and selections from both the Broadway stage and opera.

A Celebration in Song Thurs., Feb. 15th

WB01, Student Lounge – 12:00 p.m.
Fahnlohnee Harris presents African songs, storytelling, poetry, spirituals, and selections from both the Broadway stage and opera.

Enjoy African Storytelling Tues., Feb. 27th

WB01, Student Lounge – 10:30 am
Storyteller Mama Saba brings the art of storytelling to life.

Black History in the Making Wed., Feb. 28th

WB01, Student Lounge – 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Art display by the Neighborhood Gallery and students, faculty and staff share their poetry with the campus. Students, faculty and staff interested in performing must sign up in the SGA office (WB01, 128) or Student Life Office (WB04, 6).

CITY PARK

Quilts – the Fabric of Culture & Freedom Feb. 1st – March 8th

Building 1, Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Galler.
An exhibition of handmade quilts incorporating fabric from Africa in traditional and modern designs by master seamstress Daphne Johnson.

Welcome Back Fest Wed., Feb. 7th

Gospel & Gumbo Fri., Feb. 9th
Student Life Center – 12:00 p.m.

Black History Film Series Mon., Feb. 12th – Tues., Feb. 13th
Student Life Center, Game Room – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Black History Trivia Quiz Wed., Feb. 14th
Student Life Center – 11:00 a.m.

A Woman Called Truth Thurs., Feb. 22nd – Sun., Feb. 25th
Drama Hall – 8:00 p.m. (Feb. 22-24); 3:00 p.m. (Feb. 25)

This play chronicles the life of Sojourner Truth from the day she is sold away from her family as a young girl, through her struggle to free herself and her son, to her emergence as a popular and respected figure advocating abolition and women's rights.

Black History Month Closing Ceremony Mon., Feb. 26th

Student Life Center, Lac Maurepas Room – 11:00 a.m.
Dr. Isaac Belonga
Mardi Gras Indians – 12:00 p.m.

Foundation Receives \$10,000 for Scholarship in Memory of Victims and Survivors of Hurricane Katrina

On January 19, 2007, Delgado Community College Foundation received a \$10,000 donation from the Community College Humanities Association (CCHA) and the Amarillo College Foundation of Amarillo, Texas, to establish a scholarship on behalf of Delgado students in memory of the college's victims and survivors of hurricane Katrina.

The scholarship will be awarded every year

to students who hold a 3.50 GPA or higher and win an annual college-wide essay competition. The competition is based on the question, "As you review your academic career, what is or has been the most important topic or area of study in a discipline of the humanities, its significance (for your college, your community, American society or the global community), and its impact on your academic and/or personal life." The essay competition will be conducted by a committee of directors and faculty of Delgado's Humanities Division, and the scholarship will be distributed for full tuition support for one semester, including student fees and a book allowance.

"We thank CCHA and Amarillo College Foundation for this generous donation to support and reward the academic successes of Delgado's students in the area of the humanities," said **Chancellor Alex Johnson**. "We particularly offer our gratitude for this donation and scholarship program to meet student assistance needs in the wake of hurricane Katrina, as our college and our community remain devoted to recovering, rebuilding and continuing to pursue educational excellence."

David Berry, CCHA executive director, and Carol Nicklaus, Amarillo College professor of humanities, traveled to Delgado to present the \$10,000 check and sign the scholarship agreement with Dr. Johnson.

"Some donors actually doubled their giving when they learned it was for Delgado Community College," said Nicklaus. "People we approached were passionate about helping Delgado because of its important role in the education, training and rebuilding of the New Orleans community."



Dr. Johnson looks on as (l to r) David Berry, CCHA Executive Director; Carol Nicklaus, Amarillo College Professor of Humanities; Patrice Moore, Delgado Dean of Liberal Arts; and Nita Hutter, Delgado Foundation Director hold a replica of the \$10,000 check presented to establish a Katrina Memorial Scholarship fund.

FITNESS CENTER WELCOMES MEMBERSHIP WITH SPECIAL NEW YEAR RATES

Delgado Community College's City Park campus Fitness Center, previously only used for teaching and internal community use, is now open to public membership, offering the Mid-City/Lakeview community its only member fitness facility to open since hurricane Katrina. Beginning this semester, the Delgado community and unaffiliated individuals alike are invited to become members of the Fitness Center for special New Year rates. Delgado students, faculty/staff and alumni, as well as other college students, may join for only \$30 per semester, while for a limited time the public may join for just \$60 per semester. The community may also purchase campus parking decals for \$10 each per semester, allowing for safe and convenient on-site parking.

The Fitness Center offers locker facilities with showers and restrooms; aerobic equipment including PreCor treadmills, ellipticals and recumbent bikes; Cybex resistance machines; a Smith machine with free weight equipment; cable cross over equipment with multiple resistance options; and personal trainers on staff at all times for assistance. The center is currently open Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The center is closed for Mardi Gras and Easter/Spring Break.

“The Delgado Fitness Center is a real hidden gem,” said **Michael Ricca**, *Fitness Center manager*. “We are excited to offer a cutting-edge facility and knowledgeable staff to help you meet your New Year health and fitness goals.” Individuals

interested in joining the Delgado Community College Fitness Center on the City Park campus should visit the center or call (504) 483-4255 for more information.

The Fitness Center Offers FREE to Members the Following Classes:

AEROBIC KICKBOXING

Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

LINE DANCING

Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

CARDIO ABS

Mondays and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

News and Happenings...

Charity's RN Program has 90+% Pass Rate

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing recently reported that Charity School of Nursing's RN program achieved a 2006 pass rate of 90.5 percent on the national licensing exam.

The 2006 pass rate is particularly impressive considering the challenges these students faced in the wake of hurricane Katrina, which interrupted classes, displaced the community and demanded an unprecedented commitment of time and effort by faculty, staff and students to complete the program on schedule. Charity School of Nursing is ranked 12th in the nation among associate degree nursing programs.

O. Perry Walker Tech Prep Students Enrolled at West Bank Campus

Tech Prep announces that there are currently 25 juniors and seniors from O. Perry Walker enrolled at the West Bank campus taking CMIN 201, thanks to the efforts of O. Perry Walker and the Business Technology and Math department. The students will be walking across the street to take the class on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays during their normal school day and will go back to their regular schedule after class. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the students will be team taught by an O. Perry Walker counselor.

Students Enroll in Pilot Program

Through the Board of Regents Dual Enrollment Pilot Program & Tech Prep, Delgado had 15 students from Belle Chasse High School enrolled in Business Communication during the fall 2006 semester. During the Spring 2007 semester, 15 students from Belle Chasse are enrolled in Desktop Publishing and 6 students from South Plaquemines High School are enrolled in Business Communication. \$300 of tuition is to be paid by the Board of Regents and the remainder of the tuition is waived by Delgado. The books are supplied by Tech Prep.

Spring Enrollment cont...

college-wide enrollment of 17,398 when Katrina hit on August 29th, prior to the College's 14th day of reporting, causing the cancellation of classes at all locations for that semester. Approximately 60 percent of these students, or 10,002 students, enrolled for spring 2006 semester. Enrollment for fall 2006 rose to 11,927. Spring semester enrollment is, traditionally, smaller than fall semester's. The fact that spring 2007 enrollment is only one percent smaller than fall 2006 numbers indicates an ongoing strength in the return of students to Delgado post-Katrina.

LTC spring 2007 enrollment reflects a similar trend; 922 students enrolled for classes at LTC Jefferson and West Jefferson locations in spring 2007, compared with enrollment of 928 students in spring 2006. In spring 2005, the LTC had 737 students enrolled at the Jefferson and West Jefferson Campuses with two weeks left for registration when hurricane Katrina hit.

Here is a summary table of enrollment figures:

Delgado Community College	
Fall 2005:	17,398
Spring 2006:	10,002
Fall 2006:	11,927
Spring 2007:	11,780
Louisiana Technical College District I	
Fall 2005:	737
Spring 2006:	928
Fall 2006:	978
Spring 2007:	922

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Harold Gaspard**, *College-wide Dean of Allied Health*, joined a group of 50 local leaders in health and related industries on a tour Monday, January 29th, of the St. Louis BioBelt, one of the country's leading emerging life sciences regional centers, and in meetings with St. Louis professionals to gather ideas to strengthen the New Orleans' bioscience industry. The purpose of the visit was to learn ways that public and private institutions could use best practices for forming regional strategies, management and leadership, commercialization and innovation and niche industry identification. The visit was organized by the Downtown Development District, Greater New Orleans Inc. and the New Orleans Medical Complex, which includes Delgado Community College, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Tulane University Health Sciences Center, University of New Orleans, Xavier University, Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans

and Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. New Orleans city government and the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce also helped organize the trip, which included a tour of the biotech corridor and the Center for Emerging Technologies as well as a series of strategic panel discussions.

- **Lenetra Jefferson, MSN, RN**, *Assistant Professor of Charity School of Nursing*, contributed the chapter "Issues in Nursing Practice" for a book entitled *Understanding Medical Surgical Nursing*, Third Edition by L. Williams and P. Hopper, recently published by F.A. Davis Company.
- Three Delgado administrators **Wes Payne**, *Dean of Business, Mathematics and Technology* and *interim director of Distance Learning and Instructional Technology*; **Missy LaCour**, *Program Director of Health Information Technology*; and **Dr. James Hurrell**, *Director of Veterinary Technology Program* have been asked to present a Tegrity

Webinar, "From Disaster Recovery to Growth; Serving Online and Traditional Students with Class Capture." The Webinar will take place on Thursday, February 22, at 12 p.m. Tied to the college's Blackboard Course Management System, Tegrity gives Delgado the ability to record, store and index courses online.

TeachText cont...

Orleans area are still not fully staffed. As more families continue to move back home, new schools will be opening in New Orleans and in St. Bernard and teachers will continue to be in great demand. Louisiana TeachNext graduates will play an integral part in our region's rebuilding process. Because Louisiana TeachNext graduates will often choose to teach in the communities in which they live, this next generation of teachers will provide a stabilizing force in our neighborhoods, helping to ensure a promising future for our children.

Title Changes

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

Salvator Alfonso – Web Site Coordinator, Office of Public Relations

Sarah Carmania – Grant Manager, Workforce Development and Education

Felicia Herring – Associate Bursar, City Park Business Affairs

Michael Larche – Radiologic Technology Instructor, Allied Health

Kevlin Sibley – Telecommunication Tech, Office of Information Technology

Tracy Sheffield – Senior Buyer, Purchasing

Promotions

Congratulations to the following employees who have recently been promoted:

Roberta Bartee – Nursing Associate Professor, Charity School of Nursing

Marilyn Ciolino – Associate Assistant Professor, Business and Technology, City Park

Phillas Denette – Biology Associate Professor, Science and Math

Alma Herron Evans – Nursing Professor, Charity School of Nursing

Darlene Frederic – Math Professor, Charity School of Nursing

Kathleen Joffrion – Visual Communication and Graphic Design Associate Professor, Liberal Arts

Anna Hall – Sociology Associate Professor, Liberal Arts

Brett Heinz – Psychology Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts

Joan Hedge – Nursing Professor, Charity School of Nursing

Sarah Inman – English Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Sciences, West Bank

Melissa Lacour – Health Associate Professor, Allied Health

Carol Leefe – Nursing Assistant Professor, Charity School of Nursing

Larissa Littleton-Steib – Interim Exec Assistant to the Chancellor

Marcella Lowell – Biology Assistant Professor, Science and Math

Ellen Manieri – Nursing Professor, Charity School of Nursing

Janet McArthur – English Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Sciences, West Bank

Christine Mitchell – English Professor, Northshore

Karen Muhsin – Comp Asst Professor Northshore

Chidi Oneyebekwu – Safety and Health Professor, Business and Technology

Donita Qualey – Professor Coordinator, Charity School of Nursing

Barbara Thomas – Early Childhood Education Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts

Shelly Tyler – ESL Professor Liberal Arts City Park

Susan Varble – Assistant Director of Purchasing

New Hires

We welcome the following employees who have recently joined Delgado:

Traci Bates – Biology Instructor, Northshore

Amy Bell – Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing

Keily Carr – Staff Interpreter, ARCC

Alicia Crump – Human Resources Tech Employment Human Resources

Alyssia Dayries-Sam – Math Instructor, Science and Math

Jeremy Dussell – Network Tech I

Molly Jahncke – Assistant Director of Public Relations

Tamara Kennedy – Human Resources Manager

Davian Morrell – Special Needs Counselor, West Bank

Coletha Riley – Nursing Instructor, Charity School of Nursing

Edward, Sims – Financial Aide Technical Support

Shannon Skena – Medical Lab Tech Instructor, Allied Health

Corliss Wilson – Coordinator of Admissions & Recruitment

Jacqueline Wood – Geology Instructor Science and Math