

DELGADO LAUNCHES LOUISIANA'S FIRST MARITIME TOWBOAT SIMULATOR AT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Delgado's Maritime, Fire, Radar and Industrial Training unit and their industry partner Florida Marine held a ribbon cutting on May 18th at their new state-of-the-art Towboat Simulator training facility in Mandeville. The Towboat Simulator is the first of its kind in Louisiana.

After Hurricane Katrina devastated Delgado's City Park Campus maritime simulator and radar training facility, one of the college's maritime partners, Florida Marine, donated training facilities at their Mandeville offices to accommodate Delgado's Maritime, Fire, Radar and Industrial Training unit. The college quickly

resumed training in September to fulfill several Louisiana Department of Labor Incumbent Worker Training grants for maritime industry clients and secured the new Towboat Simulator from Transas Marine.

The Towboat Simulator was installed on April 10th, 2006 and the first class was held on April 24th, 2006.

Typically, the Maritime, Fire, Radar and Industrial Training Facility supplies training for 9,000 mariners a year, providing Louisiana's maritime industry with certifications and re-certifications

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Delgado One of the "Innovators of the Year"

Delgado was recognized by New Orleans CityBusiness as one of their 2006 "Innovators of the Year" at an awards banquet held June 23rd. The honor was given for the college's rapid response in offering an online semester in the weeks following Hurricane Katrina. In the post-Katrina environment, many local businesses had to change and adapt the way they had previously operated. According to Tommy Santora, Associate Editor of *CityBusiness*, "the 2006 class of New Orleans CityBusiness Innovators of the Year has met that change head-on, taken risks, introduced new ideas and developed different, and at times more diverse, identities." A total of 32 entities were recognized as "innovators" and Delgado was one of only 2 Education Award recipients.



1 Delgado's new state-of-the-art Full Mission Towboat Simulator

2 Pictured, left to right: Regina Radosta, Jill Schwab, Lauren King, Dr. Leroy Kendrick, Larissa Steib, Rick Schwab, Dr. Alex Johnson, Kathleen Mix, Rod Myers, and Curt Cowan.

ISAAC DELGADO HALL GARNERS HISTORICAL DESIGNATION

An excerpt from *The Dolphin*,
written by Joanie Creson

Isaac Delgado Hall is now registered as a National Historical Building in the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. This is an honor; not only for the structure, but for the institution as well.

According to **Victor Mirzai**, Professor of Architectural Restoration Renovation at Delgado Community College, this designation protects many historic buildings in this country from demolition. It becomes hard to change the function of the structure once on the registry. The building is protected because it becomes part of the history of the city, state, and country as well.

One benefit of being placed on the national registry is that if anything is destroyed through time or acts of nature, financial support is available from the federal government. Tax incentives are set in place to help get these buildings back. Whoever owns the buildings, whether

public or private, receives money for repairs.

The project to have Isaac Delgado Hall placed on the national registry began in Mirzai's Architectural Restoration Renovation class. Every year the class locates a significant historical building to study in terms of its history, when it was designed, and who built it. Mirzai realized that we have a significant building sitting in our own back yard.

Five architectural students provided 12 sheets of drawings that documented the building from the ground up. Those drawings were entered into a competition called the Patterson Prize for Restoration Renovation in Washington D.C. According to Mirzai, the competition is for universities, and it is a tight contest



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because everyone is prepared. Past winners include LSU, Tulane and the University of Texas in Austin.

"I am very proud of our students, our department, our division and the college. We did very well in the competition. It signifies that a small community college can be amongst the best to compete," Mirzai said.



Delgado Receives Donation from Community Colleges in North Carolina

Community colleges throughout the state of North Carolina, in conjunction with their individual Student Government Associations, organized fundraisers to raise money for the Delgado Community College Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund. Pamela Little, Associate Director of Student Development Services with North

Left to right: Connie Boudoin, Resource Development/Alumni Specialist; Pamela Little, Associate Director of Student Development Services, North Carolina Community College System; Steve Johnson, SGA President, North Carolina Comprehensive Community College; Micheale Royce, SGA President, Delgado West Bank Campus; Nita Hutter, Director of Resource Development; and Michele Greco, Director of Student Life, West Bank Campus.

Carolina Community College System and Steve Johnson, SGA president of North Carolina Comprehensive Community College presented the check, totaling \$5,687.

BLACKBOARD SUMMER INSTITUTE HELD

Delgado Community College recently hosted the 5th annual Blackboard Summer Institute with 36 faculty participants. The Summer Institute is designed to train new faculty in online teaching, or further enhance online teaching skills and techniques for experienced faculty, and is usually a two-week session. This year's Summer Institute was held over one week and was a ground-breaking event for Delgado as it was the first time instruction was conducted almost completely online with a combination of asynchronous and synchronous events throughout the week. Delgado's Faculty Training Lab was flooded by Hurricane Katrina, making facilities unavailable this year.

Dr. Alex Johnson provided welcoming remarks to the group at one of the few live gatherings. The Summer Institute was

organized by **Ed McGee**, *Instructor of Computer Information Technology* and the college's Online Education Coordinator. This year's institute was made possible by the following partner organizations who donated their time, talent, and expertise in online education: The Fielding Graduate University, Crossroads Consulting Group, Illuminate (providing the server and software for the webinars), and Learning Times. The following persons have donated their time and expertise: Dr. Rena Palloff (The Fielding Graduate University, and Crossroads Consulting Group), Dr. Keith Paratt (The Fielding Graduate University, and Crossroads Consulting Group); and Jonathan Findelstein (Learning Times). Delgado's **Rick Daniels** solicited the funds to help pay for the expenses.

Baseball America Donates to Delgado Baseball Program



Accepting the donation from two representatives of Baseball America (center), are left to right, Tommy Smith, Aston Ryan and Joe Scheuermann. Presentation was at the New Orleans Zephyrs home game.

On Friday, June 9th, the Delgado Baseball program received a \$12,500 donation from **Baseball America** magazine at the New Orleans Zephyrs home game. On hand to accept the donation were *Delgado Athletics Director* **Tommy Smith**, *Baseball Coach* **Joe Scheuermann**, and Delgado Foundation Board Chairman Ashton Ryan. The funds are dedicated to renovating and restoring Delgado's baseball field, Kirsch-Rooney Stadium, on the City Park Campus.

DCC and SLU Work Together on Upcoming Conference

Delgado Community College and Southeastern Louisiana University are currently working together on the third annual Northshore Excellence in Teaching with Technology Conference, to be held July 20th and 21st at the SLU St. Tammany Center, Delgado-Covington, and Fountainbleau High School. This three-year collaboration has now expanded to include the St. Tammany Parish Schools.

Post-Katrina, alternative delivery of education and distance learning has become even more important in reaching students. Topics include online and web-based course delivery, digital media, web design, technology grant development and more.

Delgado and Southeastern have also collaborated on a grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents to expand the 2006 and future conferences and to continue supporting faculty excellence throughout the year. "The truly exciting component of the grant proposal," said **Ashley Chitwood**, *Assistant Dean of Student, Community and Workforce Development* at Delgado Northshore, "is the procurement of \$65,000 in leading-edge technology that would be shared by conference participants – university, community college, and K-12." Items might include electronic white boards, response systems, PDAs and other technology to enhance classroom learning.

The NETT conference is open to any educator wanting to learn more about the use of technology in the classroom. Faculty can register on-line at www3.selu.edu/sttammanycenter/nett2006/new.htm.

DEPARTMENT OF EMS EDUCATION RECEIVES GRANTS

Delgado Community College's Department of EMS Education has recently been approved for three grants to provide education for new and current EMTs within the New Orleans area. These grants, which total \$251,609, include:

- An Incumbent Worker Grant in the amount of \$72,000. This grant will be used to fund training for the employees of AMED Ambulance Inc. in the area EMT Basic, Intermediate, Paramedic and various non-credit courses that consist of but not limited

to Weapons of Mass Destruction and Core Disaster Life Decontamination for Health Care Provider classes. The non-credit courses are provided by the Emergency Response Institute.

- A National Emergency Grant in the amount of \$154,838. The grant will allow Delgado's program to train 318
- Emergency Response personnel in the area of Advance Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advance Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Basic Disaster Life Support. This grant is in coordination

with the City of New Orleans, Life Guard Inc., Guardian EMS, St. Charles EMS, West Jefferson EMS and East Jefferson EMS.

- A grant for Customized Regional Workforce Training in the amount of \$24,771 for EMT Basic training. "Careers that Heal" will allow the program to provide free training for 15 EMT Basic students living in the Katrina affected area. The class is scheduled to start on August 7, 2006 and end on October 6, 2006. Job placement after course completion will be available.

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Librarians Helped Beautify City Park Campus

On Friday, June 23rd and Tuesday, June 28th, more than 40 librarians attending the American Library Association annual convention in New Orleans volunteered their services to the City Park and West Bank Campuses. These volunteers rolled up their sleeves for beautification of the grounds, and cleaning projects for classrooms and other facilities.

Carl Perkins' Leadership Grants

Carl Perkins' Leadership Grants have been awarded to authors **Larissa Littleton-Steib** and **Leroy Kendrick** with Workforce Development and Education for Industrial Engine Mechanic, \$24,231. In addition, grant authors **Lillian Grose**, **Ken Savoie**, and **Juan Chevalier** for Entrepreneurial Project will also receive \$11,300.

Councilmember Sapir Allocates Funds to Delgado Foundation

As a parting gesture by outgoing New Orleans City Councilmember-at-Large Eddie Sapir, final allocation of funds to support civic programs included a donation of up to \$4,000 (to be determined) to the Delgado Community College Foundation.

Third School of Nursing Graduating Class Since Katrina

Delgado's Charity School of Nursing is pleased to announce its third graduating class since Hurricane Katrina. The program had 128 graduates this semester, many of which completed two very intense compressed sessions from January through July. This is the first time Charity School of Nursing has ever provided compressed sessions. The pinning ceremony was held Friday, July 21st at 7:00pm at St. Dominic's Church.

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necessary for compliance and operations. Since Katrina, Delgado has trained over 4,000 mariners despite Hurricane recovery related limitations and conditions. Training currently provided at the Mandeville facility includes: Firefighting classroom training (with hands-on training taking place at the college's New Orleans East firefighting training facilities); Tankerman; Deckhand; Hazardous Materials lectures; Safe-Gulf; Radar (20-25 courses including Automatic Radar Plotting Aids and refresher courses); Safety; and customized training upon request.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- State Representative **Nita Hutter**, *Director of Development and Governmental Relations*, was recently elected as the Chairman of the Legislative Women's Caucus. The caucus is comprised of a diverse group of female legislators who serve in both the House and the Senate. Secondly, Hutter was selected for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by The Council of State Governments, and will attend their Leadership Conference. Representative Hutter was selected from many applicants by a committee of state elected and appointed officials as one of the most promising leaders in state government.
- Delgado *Motor Vehicle Technology instructor* **Eric Babcock** will be recognized by Mitchell 1 as the "Educator of the Year" because he received the highest grade nationwide out of all automotive educators taking the recent ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Certification Tests administered by the NIASE (the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence). The award includes \$500 and an all-expenses paid trip to attend the annual NACAT conference, held in Edmonton, Canada, July 16th-21st; he was presented his award during their banquet on Thursday, July 20th. Mitchell 1 is one of the two leading national companies that sell automotive service information systems to auto repair businesses, including automotive repair information, auto repair data and diagnostics, auto repair manuals, auto maintenance, labor estimating, integrated repair, estimating, and shop management software solutions.
- *Chancellor* **Alex Johnson** participated as a panelist at the 59th Annual Education Writers Association National Conference on Saturday, June 3rd in New Orleans. The panel, entitled "Higher Education: Making Decisions When the Unthinkable Happens" provided information on institutions operating during crisis, such as Hurricane Katrina and 9/11 in New York. Other panelists were Warren Bell, associate vice president of Xavier University of Louisiana and Dr. David Caputo of Pace University in New York City. In addition, the conference attendees collected for a contribution of \$750 towards a matching scholarship fund for Delgado students affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- Delgado *West Bank Provost* **Dr. Donna Alley** has been asked to serve as the 2006 Chair of the Education Committee for the Algiers Economic Development Foundation, where she serves on the Board. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Algiers Towne Planning Meetings for the Future of Algiers.
- On Friday, June 16th, **Gwen Boutte**, *Director of Enrollment Services*, represented the college and served as the Keynote Speaker at the 2006 annual EMAS Recruitment Pro/Telecounseling Pro Workshop in San Diego, CA. Her address was entitled "The Road to Recovery is Paved by Champions: A Learning Centered College endures the test of Hurricane Katrina."
- **Dr. Jeffery Smith**, *Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Learning and Student Development*, recently had two photographs published in **Being There**, a literary/art periodical that "aims to present views of writers, poets, photographers and artists as they witness reality, for the purpose of shifting consciousness toward peace, clarity, affirmation of life, generosity, stewardship, wisdom, creativity and beauty." Dr. Smith's photographs showed elements of destruction left behind by Hurricane Katrina.
- **Kathleen Mix**, *Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Education*, was asked to become a member of Louisiana's Women Leaders, an initiative of Governor Kathleen Blanco, designed to enhance individual lives and help create strong and healthy communities in which to live, work and play. Mix will attend the regional conference on October 6th, to be hosted by Nicholls State University.
- On Friday, July 21st Delgado *Culinary Arts instructor* **Chef Nancy Burback** appeared with American Culinary Federation chefs on WWL TV to talk about the Culinary Classic Salon to be held on August 5, 2006. Chef Nancy is the ACF New Orleans' chapter Secretary.