

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES 690 STUDENTS

Delgado Community College graduated 690 students from the City Park Campus, the West Bank Campus and the Charity School of Nursing on Saturday, May 13th in Spring 2006 Commencement Exercises at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. This commencement included graduates who finished their coursework in the fall but due to Hurricane Katrina, the December graduation ceremony was cancelled. Reverend Anthony DeConciliis, C.S.C.

and President of Holy Cross College, gave the convocation. Father DeConciliis also shared insights and inspiration from his Hurricane Katrina evacuation to the Superdome and the Convention Center. Admiral George R. Yount, Sector Vice President of Ship Construction for Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, delivered the commencement address.

Dr. Alex Johnson conferred the associate degrees and certificates.

U.S. DELEGATES TOUR CITY PARK CAMPUS

On Tuesday, January 24th, a delegation consisting of aides for Congressmen Bill Jefferson (LA) and George Miller (CA), and Senator Ted Kennedy (MA) toured the Hurricane Katrina damaged areas of the City Park Campus to learn of the college's recovery efforts and challenges. The delegates, Ericka Edwards (Jefferson), Ellyne Bannon (Miller), and Missy Rohrbach (Kennedy) also met with administrators, faculty, staff and students to explore opportunities for requesting and providing assistance. After walk-throughs of Building 2/Student Services, Building 7/Moss Memorial Library, and Building 32/Children's Center, and common areas of the City Park Campus,

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- 1 Dr. Alex Johnson leads the delegation into Building 2.
- 2 Arnel Cosey, Provost of the City Park Campus, with Ellyne Bannon, aide to Congressman Bill Jefferson.
- 3 Rad Tech students share their experiences at the forum with the legislative delegates.

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the group met in the Student Life Center for a question and answer session.

Dr. Alex Johnson gave a recovery overview and offered suggestions such as funding to support faculty and programs, repairs to facilities, replacement of equipment and furniture, the restoration of our library and its resources, as well as continued development for on-line and distance education. "Delgado's recovery is important to the rebuilding of the Greater New Orleans Community – about 88% of our students remain in our community and support it after graduating," said Johnson. Two Allied Health students, Tournika Blount and Jason Armstrong, also addressed the group and shared concerns about support for programs. *Faculty Senate President* **Bob Lawyer** also provided comments and said, "we need federal assistance desperately – we believe truly if you give us a hand, not a hand-out, the benefit will be reaped ten-fold."

Dr. Cynthia Cone, *Vice Chancellor for Learning and Student Development*, also reiterated the need to support online delivery of education – "our only offering for Fall was an eight-week online session where we were able to reach out to students who were unable to return or get to an area campus. We anticipated continued growth in distance learning and must manage this opportunity with a small staff that has shifted to accommodate growth, but we really need support for growth" said Cone. Additionally, many from the college's leadership team provided insights into various needs, including support for Information Technology infrastructure and emergency preparedness, student financial aid recovery systems, expansion of programs, housing issues, workforce development for existing jobs, as well as for new and emerging industries.

Scholarship Awards Assist Those Financially Impacted By Katrina

Fifty-three Delgado Community College students received Scholarship America awards ranging from \$250 to \$500 to assist with financial aid for those whose families are experiencing difficulty as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Delgado students benefited from a total of \$175,000 in funds dispersed, as a result of the college's Disaster Relief Fund grant, administered by Scholarship America. The Lumina Foundation for Education contributed to funds to the American Association of Community Colleges to coordinate this program.

DELGADO CHANCELLOR A Diplomat for Recovery

Dr. Alex Johnson, *Chancellor of Delgado*, has been appointed to several civic leadership committees assisting with hurricane recovery for New Orleans. He serves on the New Orleans City Council's Hurricane Recovery Advisory Committee which is charged with identifying and eliminating obstacles for recovery, recommending action steps, providing a sounding board for citizens, engaging in a process of due diligence, presenting one voice for recommendations to City leadership, and rebuilding trust and accountability. Johnson also served on Mayor C. Ray Nagin's Bring New Orleans Back Commission, where he chaired the Economic Development Sub-Committee and also served on the Education

Sub-Committee. The sub-committees provided reports with recommendations to Mayor Nagin for re-establishing the city's infrastructure for these two areas, in concert with the Mayor's comprehensive hurricane recovery plan for the City of New Orleans.

Dr. Johnson attended the American Council on Education's (ACE) national conference in Los Angeles in February. Also at the conference, Dr. Johnson participated as a panel member for the *Crisis Planning and Response: Lessons Learned by Hurricane Katrina* presentation and was inducted into the ACE Board of Directors.

On Wednesday, March 29th, Dr. Alex Johnson traveled to Washington, D.C., with

UNO Chancellor Tim Ryan and Tulane University President Scott Cowan to meet with U.S. Senators Mary Landrieu (LA), Arlen Specter (PA), and Thad Cochran (MS) to provide an update on the recovery status of the college and make an appeal for additional support. Cochran is the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and Landrieu and Specter are committee members. The university and college leaders requested \$800 million in low-interest loans and \$100 million in grants to assist in rebuilding facilities and restoring services for New Orleans' affected higher education institutions. The group was invited to present to the Senators in Washington by Senator Mary Landrieu.

FLOODGATE RAISES \$29,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Delgado's March 17-19 presentation of *Floodgate* and the opening night's Patron Party Delgado Foundation fund raiser generated over \$29,000 for scholarships for Delgado's theatre students affected by Katrina and the Contemporary Arts Center's Performing Artists Fund. The side-splitting satire *Floodgate*, by Larry Gelbart (*Tootsie, M*A*S*H*) starred local and national celebrities, and was held in Delgado's Main Auditorium on the City Park Campus. Gelbart's wicked sense of humor poked fun at a mock congressional hearing on emergency response to a fictitious flood in Washington D.C. *Floodgate* provided theatre-goers much-needed relief and release from post-Katrina stresses. The play ran for three nights, selling out the first two and coming close to capacity on the third. The event was also featured prominently in local news media as well as the leading national entertainment industry trade publication *Variety*.



- 1 *Joyce Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Alex Johnson enjoy the Floodgate Patron Party.*
- 2 *Patron Party Co-Chair Lee Giorgio poses with actor Jay Thomas.*
- 3 *Kris LaMorte, Karen Kaia-Livers, and Dennis Woltering.*
- 4 *Yvette Alexis with Tim Baker.*

Faculty and Staff Volunteer to Clean Up City Park Campus

On Saturday, April 1st, Delgado's City Park Campus was the scene of a massive volunteer beautification and clean-up project. More than one hundred faculty, staff, students, family and friends of the college gathered to "de-Katrinatize" the City Park Campus. Students and faculty from the Horticulture department, in concert with

the Provost's Office, planned garden designs and secured landscaping tools and materials in advance. Workers assisted the Delgado maintenance team in erasing the remaining scars from Katrina and replacing some much needed and appreciated color to the gardens and common areas of this beautiful campus. Even the lagoon got a make-over with volunteers, in waist-deep water, herding and scooping duckweed and trash. Lunch was provided for all workers, and activities kept children entertained, including the creation of a mural depicting a new New Orleans, and the Spacewalk experience. Our thanks to everyone who participated in this endeavor—the campus looks great!



IRON CHEF DONATES \$15,000 to Delgado Culinary Arts

For three nights beginning Wednesday, March 15th, French Quarter restaurant *Stella!* hosted a very special grand re-opening and dining experience featuring chef and owner, Scott Boswell, and the internationally recognized celebrity chef, Hiroyuki Sakai, of the *Iron Chef* show on cable TV's Food Network. Diners were treated to an eight course meal each night prepared by Sakai and Boswell at Stella! Iron Chef Sakai of Japan received

a \$15,000 fee for his participation but requested that all of his earnings from this event be donated to Delgado Community College's Culinary Arts program. In addition, the Provincial Hotel also donated \$2,500 to the college. **Dr. Mary Bartholomew**, *Director of Culinary Arts* at the college said the funds would greatly assist in the rebuilding of a training kitchen and to replace equipment damaged during Hurricane Katrina.

Hospitality and Culinary Career Day Held

Delgado's Culinary Arts sponsored a Hospitality and Culinary Career Day on Friday, March 31st at the City Park Campus for 120 Jefferson Parish high school seniors. Activities included a job fair with six local hotels participating, lunch that included a business etiquette presentation, and seminars such as "dress for success" and "resume writing."

BAKE SALE A SWEET SUCCESS



The Culinary Arts bake sale was a "sweet" success on February 14, 2006. Congratulations to **Malayne Demars**. She was the lucky 50/50 raffle winner and won \$55. The funds helped finance the Knowledge Bowl Team attending the competition at the American Culinary Federation Central Regional conference in Minneapolis, MN on March 31st.

Chef Jon Petrie, pastry arts instructor; Kathy Isaacson, Knowledge Bowl Team Captain; Chef Nancy Burbach, Culinary Arts instructor and Knowledge Bowl Coach; Dr. Mary Bartholomew, Director of Culinary Arts and Hospitality, and Warren Punecky, Interim Dean for Business and Technology; draw for the raffle winner.

FINE ARTS GALLERY HOSTED GROUP EXHIBITION

Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery, in Isaac Delgado Hall, City Park Campus, hosted a new exhibition *Women With Guns*, with a gallery talk with participating artists, followed by the opening reception on Thursday, April 6th.

The *Women With Guns* exhibition was a group show that was originally scheduled for November and re-emerged post-Katrina with participating artists Barbara Brainard, Nicole Charbonnet, Wendy Chisholm, Courtney Egan, Cheryl Hayes,

Donna Hurt, Jenny Kahn, Carol Leake, Lory Lockwood, Daphne Loney, Trish Maud, Senam Okudzeto, Saskia Ozols, Mary Jane Parker, **Robin Pellegrin**, Raegan Robinson, Maxx Sizeler and Monica Zeringue.

The exhibition *Women With Guns* seeks to examine the complexity of the cultural stereotypes that trap men and women in unquestioned and destructive role-playing. The exhibition was co-curated by Loyola University art instructor Carol

Leake, and *Delgado Fine Arts Gallery* director and art instructor Robin Pellegrin. The work featured a range of media including painting, monotype, photography, assemblage, sculpture, video production and digital image making. Each artist addressed themes relating to women and the violence and/or cultural baggage inevitably signified by the gun, images concerned with gender, identity, power and role playing.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNIT ADDRESS HRMA of Greater New Orleans

Members of the Workforce Development and Education unit, including **Kathleen Mix**, Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and Education; **Rick Schwab**, Project Manager, Maritime, Fire, Radar and Industrial Training Facility; **Larissa Littleton-Steib**, Director, Corporate and Community Training, Workforce Development & Education; Lauren King, District Dean of Workforce Development-District 1, Louisiana Technical College; Mike Garvey, Jefferson Parish Workforce Investment Board; and Ron Zornes, Manager of Organizational Development, Canal Barge Company, Inc. delivered a presentation on National Emergency Grant Training Opportunities to the Human Resources Management Association of Greater New Orleans (HRMA) at Delgado Community College on April 19, 2006. The HRMA is the local chapter of the national Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM), which is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. HRMA's mission is to advance the human resource profession in the New Orleans area by providing essential and comprehensive training, development, and resources.



Members of the Workforce Development and Education Unit. Pictured left to right: Rick Schwab, Mike Garvey, Kathleen Mix, Ron Zornes, Lauren King, and Larissa Littleton-Steib.

Workforce Development Hosts Gourmet Meal

On Tuesday, February 21st, Vice Chancellor **Kathleen Mix**, (ably assisted by **Laura Ditta**) and Delgado's Workforce Development and Education unit hosted local leaders and business luminaries for a French Gourmet Dinner and Demonstration in the Culinary Arts kitchen on the City Park Campus. Chef/ Instructor **Vance Roux** shared his family secrets and delighted attendees by preparing an outstanding French gourmet meal. Culinary Chefs **Jon Petrie** and **Lou Demarest**, along with culinary apprentices, Gerald Schwandt, Jr. and Brandon Blackwell, and culinary assistant, George Dauphin served the many guests in attendance, including **Dr. Alex Johnson** and Mrs. Daphne Johnson, **Jim Eagan**, **Curt Cowan**, **Carol Gniady**, and **Dr. Leroy Kendrick**. The multi-course meal included pates, French onion soup, steak tartare, cheese souffle, leg of lamb provincial with grilled vegetables, potatoes au gratin, and white chocolate

mousse, accompanied by appropriate French wines generously provided by our friends at Glazers, Inc. All dinner guests received copies of the recipes shared by **Chef Roux**.

Business leaders who attended include: Maurice Baird, Workforce Investment Board; Bridget Carter, Entergy; Sterling & Charlene Dolese, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems; Wayne Fontana, Courtenay, Hunter & Fontana; Lee & Melanie Giorgio, Select Properties, Ltd.; Jim & Tonia Henderson, Louisiana Community and Technical College System; Don Hutchinson, City of New Orleans, Mayor's Office; Barbara & Ben Johnson, GNO, Inc.; Mike Reese, International

Economic Development Council; Frank Stansbury, Glazers, Inc.; Lisette Sutton, The Cookin' Cajun Cooking School, and Joe & Gail Williams.



1 Culinary Chefs Chef Jon Petrie, Culinary Apprentice Gerald Schwandt, Jr., Chef Lou Demarest, Culinary Apprentice Brandon Blackwell, Chef Vance Roux

2 Alex Johnson, Kathleen Mix and Don Hutchinson

3 Vance Roux

“Windshield Tour” Gives Overview of West Bank Careers

The second annual “Windshield Tour” for the Harvey Canal Industrial Association was conducted on Wednesday, April 12th by **Connie Boudoin** of *Delgado’s Development Office*. The objective of the event was to educate and expose high school seniors to possible careers in industries on the West Bank and to assist them in choosing a rewarding educational career path. Connie is an HCIA Member and she developed the concept of the tour. Over 200 students participated in the event. The students were taken by bus to five companies along the Harvey Canal – Nabors Offshore, Bollinger Quick Repairs, Guico Machine Works, Evans Industries and Superior Energy. At each, students were given an overview of the individual business and explained what jobs are needed to successfully operate. Students learned of jobs openings from roust-about to engineering and from administrative to CEO. Following the tour the students were treated to lunch, including a presentation by **Leroy Kendrick** of Delgado Community College that tied the educational component directly to the skills needed for the work force.

SGA “Coffee House” A Hit



Beth Patterson entertains students at West Bank “Coffee House” event.

Delgado’s West Bank Campus SGA was proud to present Beth Patterson, an Irish musician, at the second Coffee House on March 30th. SGA served popcorn to students and Beth shared information about the Irish Bouzoukis, wonderful stories about her studies abroad, and her music with all that attended. The West Bank SGA holds the “Coffee House” once a month.

Get Connected with Teachers and Technology

The 3rd annual NETT (Northshore Excellence in Teaching with Technology) Conference, a collaborative endeavor by Southeastern Louisiana University, Delgado Community College and St. Tammany Parish School Board, is slated for July 20 and 21, 2006 and is now accepting registrations. The purpose of NETT 2006 is to provide educators with the knowledge and skills to integrate technology into the classroom. This year’s conference has expanded to include two days of technology

workshops and sessions. Thursday, July 20th will feature optional pre-conference workshops to be held at various locations, including: Southeastern St. Tammany Center, Southeastern Hammond campus, Delgado Covington Center, and Fontainebleau High School in Mandeville, LA. The second day of the conference, Friday, July 21st, will begin with an exciting and informative general session followed by several different 60-minute concurrent sessions. Participants will be able to select concurrent sessions from a list of topics

Delgado Wins 2 Silver Addy Awards

Delgado Community College’s Department of Public Relations won two Silver ADDY Awards from the New Orleans Chapter of the American Advertising Federation at their March 10th ADDY Awards event. The ADDY Awards are highly coveted and recognize excellence in advertising practices. Fellow competitors and winners included the city’s major advertising agencies and corporate in-house marketing departments. The QEP Campaign (brochure, lanyards, and poster); and the Delgado Foundation and Alumni Brochure “Fund Your Future” each won Silver ADDY awards in the Collateral Material category. The QEP Campaign contributors were: **Carol Gniady** and **Michelle Biggs**, design concept and copywriting, and Melanie Carnsew, graphic design. The “Fund Your Future” brochure contributors were: **Carol Gniady**, design direction, and Elena Reeves, copywriting and graphic design.

ranging from distance learning, e-learning, digital media, to technology grants and professional development. Lunch is included on both days.

Participants can register for the conference and one optional pre-conference workshop by logging on to www3.selu.edu/sttammanycenter. The pre-conference workshops are limited in size and are expected to fill up quickly. For more information, call (985) 893-6286 or email sttammanycenter@selu.edu

ESL STUDENTS PRESENT INTERNATIONAL FAIR AND FASHION SHOW



The students from the program of English as a Second Language presented the International Fair and Fashion Show on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in the Dolphin Patio. Over 20 countries were represented with a showcase of attractive arts and crafts. Students participating in the Fashion Show wore attire from their native countries. Music was provided by Julio and Cesar. Students enjoyed pizza and soft drinks provided by the Student Government Association.



Students model fashions from their native countries (above).

Arts and crafts were shown at fair. (right)

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Psychologist Lecture on Effects of Hurricane Katrina

Delgado Community College's Psychology Department hosted Dr. Karen Huffman, Professor of Psychology at Palomar College, and winner of the National Teaching Award from APA, Division 2 on the City Park campus Wednesday, March 8th for an open presentation on stress and Hurricane Katrina entitled "Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans?"

Delgado Student Named Student of the Year

Delgado Nursing student Gabriella Powell was named the Student Nurse of the Year by the Louisiana Organization for Associate Degree Nurses (LOADN) at their state convention. Ms. Powell is a dynamic student who participates in all aspects of nursing education and has been cited for excellence in clinical. She is also her Class President, is a very active member in the Charity Association of Student Nurses pre-professional organization, and also a member of the Honor Society of Charity School of Nursing.

Candidate Forum

On Wednesday, April 12th, Delgado's West Bank Campus hosted a Candidate Forum for City Council District C in partnership with the Algiers Economic Development Foundation, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and the Algiers Council of Neighborhood Presidents. The forum provided City Council District C candidates with an opportunity to dialogue with constituents about the future of the area, which includes Algiers, the French Quarter, Bywater and the Marigny neighborhoods.

Culinary Arts Succeeds at Knowledge Bowl

Delgado's Culinary Arts Knowledge Bowl Team placed second at the American Culinary Federation Central Regional Conference in Minneapolis, MN. Team members included Kathy Isaacsen, Misty Marks, Paul Robert, Harold Burkenstock, and Mario Reyes. **Chef Nancy Burback, CEC, CCE,** is the Knowledge Bowl coach. Knowledge Bowl is similar to Culinary Jeopardy. There were 10 teams competing from

all over the central region in a double elimination round robin.

Even Katrina Can't Stop Crawfest

Delgado City Park's Student Government Association once again successfully hosted "Crawfest" on Wednesday, April 26 on the Dolphin Patio. Approximately 1,000 student, faculty and staff gathered, and consumed 3,500 pounds of the spicy mudbugs. Entertainment for the day included a DJ and local brass band Soul Rebels. The Louisiana National Guard provided a game of football toss for the students.

Early Childhood Education Students Hosts "Day of the Young Child"

On Saturday April 8th Delgado's West Bank Early Childhood Education program hosted a "Day of the Young Child" by the Gazebo. This event coincided with the National Week of the Young Child, which was held April 2nd – 8th. Traditionally the "Day of the Young Child" is a

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