Student Opportunity

- Merrill scholarship program: 17 nursing students awarded scholarships fall 2016.
- External review planning in process for MS nursing administration program.
- Master of Science (MS) nursing education program accreditation site visit in September.
- Laboratory renovation installed headwalls (oxygen, vacuum, etc.) and beds to more realistically reflect the clinical setting.
- Six graduate students presented research poster presentations Bassett Research Evening May 2016.
- Purchased a SkyTrak Simulator/Launch Monitor which will enable students to “play” golf year-round.
- PGM students secured internships in four states in addition to New York this summer, expanding Delhi’s reach and reputation into the golf industry. The Golf/Sports Turf students had internships in nine states outside New York.
- Justin Hayward was selected as a USGA Green Section Intern. He was one of 14 selected out of all the turf schools nationwide and had the opportunity (all expenses paid) to travel with a green section agronomist from the USGA for a week. Justin was able to gain a broader view of the GC Industry and learn GC Maintenance through the perspective of the green section staff. This is a high honor in our industry.
- Sean Pehrsson and James Margiotta coached the 2016 Copa Culinaria Junior World Culinary Cup team in Costa Rica. Team members Parris Sewer, captain, Sakari Smithwick, Thomas Downey, Alex Johnson and Obosoye Ojeaga took gold medals in the hot and cold food categories earning them the first international gold medal of its kind for SUNY Delhi.
- Stacey Patch, Instructor of Hospitality Management, operated and managed The Sherwood’s Inn at Riverview for the second season this summer. Stacey supervised student interns Rani Samudrala and Mei Pan, and together the team worked diligently to help build the success of the property. Student interns were afforded the opportunity to see all of the behind the scenes operations needed to successfully open and operate a small business in a challenging rural market. Over the last two seasons the team has seen tremendous growth in reservations and revenues, mainly supported by word of mouth advertising from return customers. The community outreach with local events venues was extremely positive as many agreed the property fulfilled a tremendous need for accommodations in the area. The “hotel” operated using four units with a total of 24 guest rooms. Marketing and advertising was done through social media resources and a website to market the property to NYC and the surrounding areas. Guests were given the opportunity to leave feedback through the Facebook page and many sent e-mails commending the team on their customer service and cleanliness of the property. A significant number of requests for advanced reservations for future seasons were received and the team hopes to have the opportunity to provide exceptional customer service in the future.
- Sean Pehrsson worked with an honors student to complete an in-depth report on Nancy Fuller and Rachel Ray. He was able to contact the Rachel Ray Show and get the student and her mother tickets to the show as well as a backstage tour. It was an awesome experience for her!
• Sean Pehrsson operates the food service for the Winnisook Club, a private club in the Catskills during the summer and oversees two student interns. He also employed two other students and a Delhi alumnus. Sean carries on a Delhi tradition with the Club that spans more than 30 years.
• Jennifer Redinger took her Green and Sustainable Meetings and Events class to The Stone and Thistle farm in Meridale. Many of these students have never been on a farm or touched a live animal that was being raised for consumption. It was a very emotional and educational experience for all.
• The faculty in the Delhi at Schenectady County Community College (SCCC) partnership programs in Hospitality Management; Business and Technology; and Criminal Justice attended summer SCCC and community recruiting events.
• Dr. Jack Tessier taught Ecology Experience to two local high school students to engage them in ecological research and encourage them to attend SUNY Delhi. One of the two students plans to apply to Delhi for Veterinary Science Technology.
• Drawings by two students, Hanase Komoda and Kaitlin Daly, have been selected for display in the “Best in Show” exhibit at the Albany State Museum this summer.

Faculty & Staff Excellence

Presentations:
• Faculty and staff presented at the following Nursing conferences around the globe:
  - The MOFET Institute International Conference on Academic Writing, Attitudes Towards Plagiarism in University Students, Academic Writing, Building Scholarship through Library Instruction and Writing Across the Curriculum Tel Aviv, Israel, June 2016.
  - Sigma Theta Tau Research Congress, Using the TPACK model to Increase Digital Skills and Pedagogy in Graduate Nursing Education, Cape Town, West Africa, July 2016.
  - CLNs Nursing Leadership Convention, A Technology Toolkit: Putting the Pizzazz into Teaching, June 2016, Hartford, CT.
  - International Nursing Association of Clinical Simulation and Learning, Transferability of Skills Using Virtual Clinical Simulations, Grapevine, TX, June 2016.
  - NLN Summit, Expert Clinician to Novice Clinical Faculty: The Development and Offering of an Online Course to Support Nurses’ Transition the Clinical Faculty Role, Orlando, FL, September 2016.
• Received a $20,000 SUNY IITG grant for the Accuracy and Proficiency of Auscultatory Skills in Nursing Students Using a Bluetooth Connected Stethoscope.
• Tom Philion attended two off-campus workshops this summer: the PGA of Canada Master Professional Henry Brunton workshop on coaching techniques, and Andrea Fallon-Korb Conference on Sports Psychology for Coaches.
• Marvin Seaman collected many fungal and insect samples from various locations across New York State. These will serve as examples in the classroom.
• Richard Celli became CompTIA Security + certified.
• David DeForest and Eric Laine recently completed American Canoe Association (ACA) Instructor Certification workshops. David received his certification in Kayaking, Eric completed a Stand-Up Paddleboard certification. The certifications enhance the Natural Resource Recreation and Sports (NRRS) course offerings by affording students the opportunity to note on their resumes that they participated in an ACA recognized course. This is an industry standard that bears significant weight with potential employers such as camps and outfitters.
• Eric Laine served as a wilderness trip instructor/specialist at SUNY Cortland’s Racquet Lake this summer.
• David DeForest employed two interns this summer. In addition to routine maintenance of the Outdoor Education Center the interns also constructed a new trail, reconditioned the
park labyrinth, constructed new picnic tables, created a natural play space, and resurfaced a section of the trail with crushed gravel (with the assistance of Tom Holdrege from the Horticulture program). Additionally, the interns worked two days a week with NYC DEP and assisted with vegetation monitoring at several of DEP planting sites.

- David DeForest was recently honored by the ARC of Delaware County as their Community Partner of the Year for the service he and his service learning students provided throughout the year.
- Eleven Hospitality Management faculty members attended the Certified Hospitality Educator Workshop held on campus at SUNY Delhi in June and earned the Certified Hospitality Educator designation. This certification is sponsored by the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute and is good for five years.
- Jennifer Redinger was elected to the position of SUNY Delhi College Senate Presider and University Faculty Senate (UFS) Campus Governance Leader.
- Dr. Kathryn DeZur was elected Vice President of the International Sidney Society and she also received the Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creativity.
- Roshan Houshmand completed a year-long traditional Buddhist thangka painting and drawing course in three months at the Shechen Monastery’s Tsering Art School in Nepal this summer. It is a six-year program and she plans to continue next summer.
- Rhonda Harrow-Engel has a show of paintings at the MURAL Gallery in Hobart which will be on display in September and October. MURAL Gallery is interested in connecting with SUNY Delhi in regard to volunteer opportunities for students who have an interest in the arts.
- Dr. Kirby Olson will read from his new book of poetry, Christmas at Rockefeller Center, at the New York City Public Library at Bryant Park in September.
- Dr. Jack Tessier presented a talk, “Droppers of Erythronium Americanum Grow to Avoid Cold While Finding Nutrients,” at the Northeast Natural History Conference, Springfield, MA.
- Dr. Terry Hamblin presented a talk, “Student Activism during the 1960s and 1970s” at the SUNY Delhi Alumni Weekend in June. Terry also traveled to the United Kingdom in July to conduct research related to his book project on The Beatles and the Politics of the 1960s. While in Liverpool, Terry was interviewed by Spencer Leigh for BBC Radio’s Merseyside program “On the Beat” about the topic of Rock Music and American Politics. The program aired on Sunday, August 14, 2016 and is available online at the BBC Merseyside’s website.

**Community Connections**

- Exploring partnerships between SUNY Delhi RN to BSN program and Ellis Hospital School of Nursing to offer dual degree, additional conversations with Ulster and Westchester.
- PGM students and staff continued their partnership with Stamford Junior Golf, Inc. in a Delaware County Golf in Schools Program. Ten different area schools continued to offer an introductory golf unit in their physical education curricula last year, and Delhi PGM students teach these classes for the first two days.
- Marketing efforts were once again directed toward Junior Golf Tours throughout the four NYPGA sections. Tom Philion was on-site at junior events in Albany, Rochester and Syracuse in July, and on Long Island in August. Over 450 golfers received a SUNY Delhi PGM golf towel and heard a brief overview of our program and facilities. Tom was also invited to do a State-of-the-Industry seminar for The First Tee of Metropolitan New York (Eisenhower Park location). There were about 25 golfers aged 13-18 in attendance.
- Horticulture and Golf & Sports Turf Management will be hosting the annual board meeting for the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association in November.
• Julee Miller, Brianne Slocum, and Jessica Backus-Foster taught two workshops: 30-Minute Meals and Cupcake Decorating as a part of the ARC of Delaware County's professional development day on campus in August.

• Jennifer Redinger met with Maggie Daniels, author of the textbook, *Wedding Planning and Consultancy for a Diverse Population*, in Washington D.C. She spoke with her about new opportunities for the classroom and showed her what innovative ideas we were using. Ms. Daniels will be writing a revision to the text in two years and asked if Jennifer would create some additional case study scenarios based on her experiences.

• Scott Swayze instructed 28 police recruits at a Division of Criminal Justice (DCJS) Zone 7 police academy this summer. The curriculum included Cultural Diversity/Bias Related Incidents and Sexual Harassment, Case Preparation and Demeanor in Official Proceedings, and Police Interview and Interrogation techniques. Scott is a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services General Topics Instructor.

**Resource Development**

• Liberal Arts and Sciences were able to complete five searches for full-time, tenure-track faculty, who began teaching at the college this semester.