

Delhi People

Delhi Rates with Students

The results are in from the Student Opinion Survey conducted last April, and there's good news to report.

Barbara Jones, Vice President for Student Life, says 74 percent of the ratings from Delhi's Student Opinion Survey improved compared to the last survey in 2003. "There's been a great deal of conversation in the last few years about retention and how we treat students. The survey shows that we are doing something right."

Of the over 500 Delhi students who were surveyed, the majority were full-time students attending college for the first time and living on campus.

Overall, the largest increase in

rating improvements were in the number of students who were very satisfied with Delhi and the quality of education they were receiving.

Delhi students rated class size, library resources, availability of computers and quality of instruction as the best features of their academic experience. Students noted that Delhi is best for helping them acquire the knowledge and skills they need for a career and/or furthering their education. They also indicated that the Delhi environment helps them develop an openness to the opinions of others, that academic advising is

available when they need it, and that the college has helped them meet the goals they came here to achieve.

Health services, opportunities for community service, opportunities for involvement in campus clubs and activities, recreation and intramural programs, new student

orientation, health and wellness programs, the social support network, and personal counseling services were all high on the list of what students liked best about Delhi.

Athletic and recreational facilities received the highest mark among

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Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (center) visited the SUNY Delhi campus to offer her support of alternative energy and the Center of Excellence in Watershed Applications and Technology-Based Economic Revitalization, a collaboration between SUNY ESF and Delhi. She was joined by SUNY ESF President Cornelius B. Murphy (far left) and President Candace Vancko (far right).



Q & A with... Mary Pat Lewis

Occupation: Department Chair for Nursing and Allied Health

Birthplace: Troy, NY

Education: I received my B.S.N. from SUNY Plattsburgh, my M.S.N. from University of Connecticut, and my Ph.D. from University of Pittsburgh.

What do you like most about your job?

I enjoy working in an academic community where everyone is friendly and accessible from the top down. We have a tremendous faculty whose real goal is to help the students become successful. I also enjoy the moment when you finally see the students articulate what you've taught them.

What do you consider to be Delhi's hidden gem? I have fond memories of growing up in Delhi and feel that my parents were fortunate to raise children in such a great community. It's a place where students, faculty and residents can have a high quality of life...and of course there's always the golf course!

Who do you most admire? There are so many people in my life who I admire. On top of my list is my husband. He's generous, kind, and has a great outlook on life. And there's my son—he's on full scholarship at the University of Virginia doing what he loves, swimming. I would need to mention my parents, too. I admire their work ethic. They taught me how important an education is.

What is your greatest achievement? Raising my son.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? I would like to be a trainer for the Pittsburgh Steelers. I'm a real sports nut, as my students know. Very often I'll ask a Steelers question for bonus points on my exams.

the college facilities and grounds, and improved the most from the 2003 survey. Also receiving high marks in this category were library facilities, study areas and personal safety.

The college's course registration and financial aid continued to rank high among the services the college offers.

It's true, faculty and staff have done their part to make Delhi a better place to live and learn, but according to Jones, students should receive credit too. "For example, students were more satisfied with their newspaper and radio station. And they reported their friendships with their fellow students as what they like best about Delhi," says Jones. "We've done much as faculty and staff to foster a positive environment, but our students have contributed as well. They are more academically qualified and have a high level of campus involvement. These are individuals who care."

One interesting tidbit from the survey Jones noted—nearly 40 percent of the students say they check their Delhi email everyday, contrary to popular belief on campus. Not so surprising is that 81 percent of Delhi students use a cell phone.

Jones says, "We'll continue to use the results from the survey to make further improvements."

Kudos

Provost **Dennis Callas** reports that 135 students achieved Honors (3.50 - 3.74 GPA) and 147 achieved High Honors (3.75 - 4.00 GPA) for the Spring 2006 semester.

Athletics earned three coaching honors at the end of the Spring 2006 semester. **Dave Arehart** was honored as Regional Coach of the Year in golf by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). **Mike Spisto** was named All-Conference and Regional Coach of the Year in men's basketball and **Bob Backus** was named Regional Coach of the Year in cross country.

Mary Pat Lewis, Nursing and Allied Health Department Chair, has received Erpf-Sanford funding to help sponsor "Health Promotion," a conference for area nurses in April 2007. Professor **Lynn Domina** and Assistant Professor **Terry Hamblin** also received Erpf-Sanford funding to invite humanities scholars to campus.

The Dean's Council has awarded three new professional development grants. **Jackie Howard**, Instructor/Veterinary Technology Distance Learning Coordina-

tor, received \$174 to take the synchronous course "Complete Urinalysis" through the Veterinary Information Network over the Internet. Assistant Professor **Terry Hamblin** received \$300 to attend the Society for the History of Technology Annual Conference in Las Vegas in October. Associate Professor **Kirby Olson** received \$300 to travel to Philadelphia to research his next book. Assistant Librarian **Amy Schleigh** received \$250 to attend the SUNY Librarian Association Annual Conference at SUNY Geneseo.

Promotions

Drs. **Lynn Domina** and **Patti May** have been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor and Dr. **Monica Liddle** has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Division.

Doug McMullen has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor in the Technology Division.

In Business and Hospitality, **Tom Recinella** has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and **David Brower** has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor.

Lynn Oles has been promoted

Connecting SUNY



SUNY Delhi students have access to 18 million volumes and thousands of electronic resources at their fingertips thanks to SUNYConnect, which was launched this August. Available through Resnick Library, this new feature enables students, faculty and staff from across the SUNY system access to a shared online library.

"SUNYConnect is, at its heart, a gateway for all SUNY students to access virtually unlimited information resources anytime, anywhere," says Library Director Pam Peters (above far right), who served on the committee for SUNYConnect with library directors (from left to right) Brenda Twiggs (HVCC), Lynne King (SCCC) and Carla Johnson (Alfred Ceramics). "SUNYConnect takes the tradition of libraries networking to the next level."

SUNYConnect uses specialized software to compile a library catalog that includes every item found in the SUNY-wide library system. Additional technology allows faculty and students to request items such as books, DVDs, and scanned copies of journal articles from other libraries in the system.

"Ultimately, this means our staff is able to spend more time with users, manage complex web-based resources, and design new learning and study spaces on campus."

Waste Not, Want Not



Before the major task of digging up the campus steam pipes began this summer, faculty and staff volunteered their time to rescue the valuable granite pavers from the agora space. Thanks to the following faculty and staff, the pavers will be saved for another use on campus: **Ellen Giambalvo**, Clerk I; **Janet Newcomer**, Instructional Support Specialist; **Richard Blask**, Senior Counselor; **Suzanne Puffer**, President's Secretary; **Lori Osterhoudt**, Counseling Services Director; **Pat Mente**, Assistant Director of Admissions; **Barbara Kaplan**, Provost's Secretary; **Rob Mazzei**, Director of Admissions; President **Candace Vancko**; **David Krzyston**, Instructor; **Walter Greene**, Motor Vehicle Operator; **Josh Gregory**, Enrollment Counselor; **Mike Buel**, Senior Staff Assistant; **John Andrews**, Maintenance Assistant; **Phil Hadley**, Supervisor of Grounds; **Dennis Klimowski**, Senior Programmer/Analyst; **Roberta Hudson**, Secretary II; and **Pam Hilton**, Enrollment Counselor.

from Keyboard Specialist in Enrollment Services to Secretary I in Athletics.

Jan Elwell has been promoted from Secretary I to Agency Program Aide in Records and Registration.

Sean Babcock has been promoted from Resident Director to Complex Coordinator.

Mark Liddle has been promoted from Highway Equipment Operator to Maintenance Assistant.

John Andrews has been promoted from Construction Equipment Operator to Maintenance Assistant.

Sharon Alwine has been promoted from Janitor to Maintenance Assistant.

New Faces

Two new Resident Directors join Residence Life. **Andrew Brackett** comes from Albany where he was a graduate intern for the New York State Education Department. Brackett holds a B.A. in Economics from University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. **Milton Ousland** comes from Oneonta Job Corps where he was director of student activities and recreation services. He holds a B.A. in Music Industry from SUNY Oneonta.

Nancy Frazier also joins Residence Life as Assistant Complex Coordinator. She holds a B.B.A. in Hotel and Resort Management and an A.A.S. in Humanities from SUNY Delhi.

Jessica Beaudet has joined Computer Information Systems as a Systems and Network Assistant. She holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems: Network Administration from Hartwick College and an A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems from SUNY Delhi.

The Hospitality Management program has welcomed new faculty. Assistant Professor **Mike Breslin** and Instructor **Donald Reynolds** are teaching classes in Hotel and Resort Management and Restaurant and Foodservice Management. Breslin holds an M.S. in Food Science and Marketing Management from Cornell University as well as an A.S. from Finger Lakes Community College and an A.O.S. from the Culinary Institute of America. Reynolds previously served as director of food service and nutrition services for Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. He holds an M.S. in Healthcare Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as well as a B.S. in Food Administration from Rochester Institute of Tech-

nology and an A.S. in Hotel and Resort Management from SUNY Delhi. New Adjunct Instructors for Hospitality Management include **Melanie Slavens** and **Judith Winter**. Slavens holds an M.S. in Nutrition and a B.S. in Dietetics from Utah State University. Winter holds a B.S. from SUNY Oneonta and is a New York State Certified Dietitian-Nutritionist.

Mark Slavens has been hired as an Assistant Professor of Turf Management and Golf Course Management. Slavens is a graduate of Utah State University where he earned a B.S. in Horticulture, a B.S. in Business Administration and an M.S. in Plant Science/Turfgrass Science. He recently served as an assistant superintendent for Logan Country Club in Utah.

Lucinda Brydon is the new Sectary II for Student Life. She comes to Delhi from Delaware County ARC where she was community relations director. Brydon holds a B.S. in Marketing and Communications from the SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology.

Bill Thompson is an Assistant Professor for the new Criminal Justice program. A sociologist and criminologist from Britain, he is a member of the British Academy of Experts and has made over 150

appearances on national television and BBC radio. Thompson holds an M.A. in Historical Sociology from Essex University and a B.A. in Historical Studies from Portsmouth University.

Cathy Harris, LMSW, is an Interim Counselor for Counseling and Health Services. Harris comes from Norwich where she worked with Hospice and Palliative Care of Chenango County. She holds a Master of Social Work from SUNY Oneonta.

Traci Raymond is a new Keyboard Specialist in Enrollment Services from Sidney. She holds an A.A.S. in Business Administration from SUNY Delhi.

New to the Nursing program are **Jennifer Lusins** and **Ericka Helmeyer**. Lusins is an Instructor who comes from Bassett Healthcare's dialysis services. She holds a B.S. in Nursing from Hartwick College. Helmeyer is an Adjunct Instructor who is also with Bassett Healthcare. She holds a B.S. in Nursing from Pace University.

Tom Helmeyer is the new Head Men's Basketball Coach. He comes from City College of New York where he was assistant coach of the men's team. Prior to that he served as assistant coach for the

New to the Ranks



Regalia has welcomed five new volunteers this semester to assist with the college's gently-used clothing store. They are **Lucinda Brydon**, Secretary II, **Anna Reed**, Library Clerk III, **Joan Townsend**, Personnel Associate, **Heather Cochran**, Hospitality Center Coordinator, and **Nancy Fraizer** (pictured here, right, with one of Regalia's founding mothers, **Barbara Kaplan**, Provost's Secretary).

Also good news for Regalia—the store has currently raised nearly \$8,000 for the college's general scholarship endowment since its inception.



EOP welcomed 49 students to the Delhi campus for Summer College from July 2 to 28. Offering classes in computers, English and math, as well as workshops on student success, the program has been a great opportunity for freshmen to get jump on college life. Steve Dixon, Senior Assistant Librarian, who worked with the program for the first time this summer, says it's a great opportunity for faculty as well. "I found I was able to really get to know some of the students," says Dixon. "You see them everyday, which allows for more contact. I soon realized I was offering the students much more than instruction. I was also serving as a mentor."

men's team at Tallahassee Community College. Helmeyer holds a B.A. in Media Studies from Queens College.

Dr. **Cindy Elston** is a new Assistant Professor for Veterinary Science Technology. She comes to Delhi from the Pima Medical Institute in Seattle, WA where she

was a veterinary assistant instructor and relief veterinarian. Dr. Elston received her D.V.M. from Ohio State University. She also received a B.A. in Microbiology from Miami University, OH.

Hans Herrmann, who previously worked for Ike Klingerman Barkley Architects, P.C. in New

York City, is a new Assistant Professor for the Architecture program. He holds a Master of Architecture and a B.S. in Design from Clemson University as well as an A.A. in Architecture from SUNY Delhi.

Rebecca Hilts is the new Assistant Director of Financial Aid.

She comes from SUNY Oneonta where she was a financial aid counselor. She holds a B.S. in Business from Albany Regents College and an A.A.S. in Office Technology from SUNY Delhi.

Three new Adjunct Instructors have joined the Liberal Arts and Sciences Division—**Dustin Purdy, James Friery** and **Michael Halpin**. Purdy, who is teaching Math, holds an associate degree in Liberal Arts from SUNY Delhi and a B.A. in Applied Math from SUNY IT. Friery and Halpin are instructing in the Social Sciences. Friery holds a Master of Library Services from Union College and Halpin holds a B.A. in European History from SUNY Oneonta.

Gregory Onasch, George Dolezel, and **Richard Maxey** have joined the Technology Division. Onasch is an Instructional Support Associate in Automotive Technology. He holds a B.A. in History from Grinnell College, Iowa. Dolezel is an Instructor for Masonry. He's owned Dole Contracting-Masonry and General Contracting since 1975 and holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from SUNY Oneonta. Maxey is an Adjunct Instructor for Carpentry-Building Trades. He holds an M.A. in Liberal Studies from SUNY Stony Brook.

New Assignments

Instructor **Samme Chittum** is now Assistant Professor of Communications.

Kathy Markham has moved from serving as UUP Chapter Assistant to Staff Assistant for Residence Life.

Kenny Fass has returned to Computer Information Systems as a Lead Programmer Analyst who serves as Delhi's web site coordinator.

Senior Counselor **Mary Wake** has taken on the position of Interim Judicial Affairs and Community Development Coordinator. A search to fill the position is planned.

Nicole Kirby is serving as Interim Coordinator of Academic Advising and will manage the academic jeopardy process called Early Warning.

Leslie Mokay has moved from the Office of Advisement and Retention to the Office of Registration as Associate Registrar.

Dick Nabinger has assumed the responsibility for Institutional Research in addition to his duties as Registrar.

Bill Sherman is now serving as Instructional Support Associate for the Veterinary Science Technology program.

Out and About

Director **Glenda Roberts** and Program Associate **Debra McLaughlin** of Business and Community Services attended a retreat in June at the Rensselaerville Institute hosted by the Continuing Education Association of New York.

Instructor **Nelson Lopez** led a trip for students this summer to El Salvador. Participants were immersed in an intensive two-week language and cultural program that included conversational Spanish, Latin dance classes, and cultural excursions to ruins and other cultural sites.

Brian Hutzley, Vice President for Business and Finance, and **Carol Bishop**, Controller, attended a three-day workshop on public-private partnerships for higher education facilities sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO).

In June, O'Connor Center Coordinator **Martha E. Vink** and

Instructor **Pete Campbell** traveled with 10 students to help build homes in Mississippi where the eye of Hurricane Katrina passed.

Career Services Director **Lou Shields** presented a career exploration workshop to over 100 high school seniors as part of the Rotary Youth Leadership program at Hartwick College in July. Also in July, he conducted career planning training for over 40 EAP practitioners at the Chenango Valley State Park in Port Crane.

In Print

Instructor **Nelson Lopez** completed "Vértice: Español Para la Comunicación Moderna," a book for teaching Spanish. By using his book, Delhi students are paying 50 percent less than the cost of the previous book. Lopez's book is streamlined to include just what a student needs in one semester.

Assistant Professor **Peter Daeimpfle** recently reviewed "Essentials of Biology" by **Silvia Mader**.

Retiring

Assistant Professor **John Smalilin** has retired from the Technology Department after 27 years.

Associate Professor **Jim Zimmer** has retired from the Veterinary Science Technology program after 8 1/2 years.

Two staff members have retired from Custodial Operations—Assistant **Jack Doig** after 22 years and Janitor **Frank Parente** after 15 years.

Births

Congratulations to University Police Officer **Ladd Dawson** and wife **Jestina** on the birth of their daughter, **Alexandria Louise**, born on July 14, and Assistant Professor **Monica Liddle** and husband **Mike** on the birth of their son, **Andrew Gabriel**, born on July 31.

Share your news with Delhi People!

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Warm Welcome



With over 2,400 students coming to the campus this year, faculty and staff pitched in to make a smooth start to the fall semester. Clockwise from top left: **Barbara Jones**, Vice President for Student Life and President **Candace Vancko**; Coach **Bob Backus**; **Paul MacDonald**, Annual Fund Coordinator, **Carol Banks**, Food Service Employee with the CADI Staff; **Bonnie Martin**, Director of Administrative Services and **Ellen Giambalvo**, Clerk I; **Brian Hutzley**, Vice President for Business and Finance and student; and **Bill Thompson**, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice.