

# Delhi People

## Positive Changes

Students who returned this fall noticed a series of changes on campus: a new logo and tag line “Inspiring Minds. Changing Lives,” welcome banners and signs, and an expansive new Agora; all designed to make SUNY Delhi a great place to be.

“This is a huge time for Delhi,” says **Brian Wallenhorst**, a second-year student majoring in Hotel and Resort Management and vice president of Student Senate. “The recent rankings and the new logo are the start of something great for this college. I can see that the SUNY Delhi name is getting out there. I know that we’re on top of the list for students considering this college.”

Wallenhorst mentions that students have also taken notice of the refurbished Agora. “I was happy to see benches were added. It’s

now a great place to get together and ask your friends how their day is going. It’s something all the students should be proud of.”

“I think Delhi is making great changes,” says **Traci Upton**, an Information Technology student. She came back to SUNY Delhi after graduating with an associate’s degree in Business Administration and is now pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Information Technology. “The new logo is more sophisticated and the college’s tag line says that Delhi students are inspired. I think the yellow is a great accent color. It makes the banners and signs stand out around campus.”



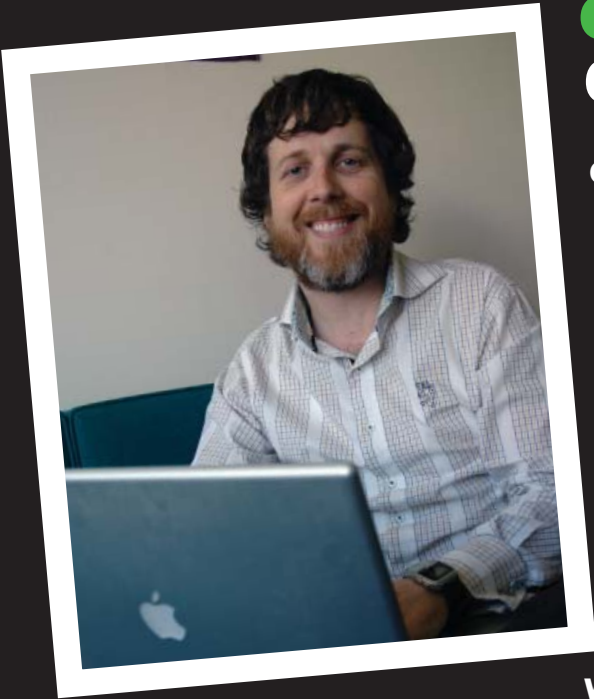
**Caroline Spencer, a Liberal Arts major from Rochester, takes a moment to speak with fellow student Brian Wallenhorst on Delhi’s new Agora, now an expansive space for students to enjoy. The college took the opportunity to renovate the space as part of a major construction project that replaced the campus steam line system.**

This year’s orientation was the perfect opportunity to showcase the positive changes taking place, according to **Lori Osterhoudt**, Director of Counseling Services. She’s led Delhi’s orientation activities for over 10 years. “I have to give credit to **Joel Smith** and **Barbara Jones** for coming up with the idea of using the new

branding campaign as a basis for this year’s orientation theme ‘Get Inspired,’” says Osterhoudt. “It’s such an upbeat, positive message. It just made so much sense to use it.”

All incoming freshmen received a t-shirt with the “Get Inspired”

**(cont.)**



## Q & A with... Clark Shah-Nelson

**Occupation:** Coordinator of Online Education

**Birthplace:** Cedar Falls, Iowa

**Education:** A master's degree in Instructional Technology from University of Colorado, a bachelor's degree in German and Scandinavian Studies from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

**What do you like most about your job?**

It's a nice combination of technology, creativity and working with great people in a pastoral environment.

**Who do you most admire?** My son, Rishi. He's only five months old, so it's hard not to sit around and admire him.

**What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem?** Leslie Mokay's cinnamon rolls. I first tried one when the Human Resources department sold them as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Then Leslie made them for someone in our department, and I was completely envious. That's when I asked about her mastery of cinnamon rolls and she baked some for me. I had one today, actually.

**What is your greatest achievement?** I think it was pretty cool that I was able to work as a professional actor in New York, Los Angeles, Spain and around the world. I've also had some success as a professional musician and toured Europe. My recording partner and I recently released a record on a New York City label. I tend to be very interested in many different things and pursue them with vigor.

**If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be?** I would say Jack Black, the actor. I couldn't compare to his talent and his looks, but I always wanted to work on a big feature film. I think if we switched, he'd make a fine addition to SUNY Delhi. I'd like to see what he would do with online education.

message and the new colors. As a spin-off, orientation leaders and Residence Assistants who participated in a combined training for the event sported shirts that read "I'm Inspired."

Wallenhorst participated in orientation as a Resident Assistant and has seen a change in the type of students who are coming to Delhi. "All the new students on my floor got along immediately. I've never seen such a large group of people with many different backgrounds get along so well."

Upton says that Delhi students are more involved than ever. "I serve on the Student Programming Board and for every event I've worked at this year, all the seats have been filled." Commenting on this involvement, orientation, and the atmosphere in general, she adds, "We've had such a great start to the year. It can only get better!"

*More about the Orientation Fall 2007 on page 9.*

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## Learning Leadership



CIO **Patrick Masson** graduated this summer from the SUNY Leadership Program, which offers a two-year certificate through Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Management Development Program.

The program is designed to meet the operational and personal needs of a higher-level manager whose functions include identifying and communicating organizational direction, the dynamics of large-group management, thinking strategically within and beyond the organization, and advanced communication techniques.

Pictured are Masson (left) at the graduation ceremony in Albany and **Brian Hutzley**, Vice President for Business Affairs, (right) who attended on Masson's behalf.

## Kudos

SUNY Delhi was ranked in the Top 45 baccalaureate colleges in the North in the 2008 *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Colleges." This is the first time the college has earned this honor.

The college's Golf/Turf Management programs were ranked among the top colleges and universities in the nation and the best in New York State for golf/turf management by *TurfNet* magazine. The college's two-year program was ranked fifth while its four-year program was ranked 14th in the nation.

A total of 144 students achieved high honors (3.75-4.00 GPA) and 150 achieved honors (3.50-3.74 GPA) during the Spring 2007 semester.

**Barbara Jones**, Vice President for Student Life, was elected to a two-year term as Vice President

for the SUNY Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers.

The Deans' Council awarded Associate Professor **Dave Hultenius** a professional development grant of \$215 to attend the seminar "Challenges of Structural Renovation: New York and Beyond" in Albany in October.



Senior Assistant Librarian **Steve Dixon**, Instructor **Julee Miller**, and Instructional Support Associate **Cheryl Peletz** have been invited to select books of their choice to be added to the Resnick Library collection. This is in honor of Dixon and Miller achieving continuing appointment and Peletz for achieving permanent appointment.

Associate Professor **José Medina** was recognized by the women's soccer team as "Person of the Week."

## Promotions

**Stephen McKeegan** has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor.

Dr. **Marsha Stock** has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor.

**Floyd Vogt** has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor.

**Richard Golding** has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor.

Dr. **Terry Hamblin** has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor.

**Pam Peters**, Director of the Library, has been promoted from Senior Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian.

**Eric Robert** has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor.

**Joan Erickson** has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor.

**David Krzyston** has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor.

**Jamie Rotter** has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor.

**Joe Batchelder** has been promoted from Facilities Staff Assistant to Capital Construction Coordinator.

**Carol Bishop** has been promoted from Controller to Director of Business Affairs.

**Janice Hall** has been promoted from Keyboard Specialist I to Secretary I in the Learning Center.

**Debra McLaughlin** has been promoted from Keyboard Specialist I to Secretary I for University Police.

**Louis Reyes** has been promoted from Associate EOP Counselor to EOP Counselor.

**Lisa Thompson** has been promoted from Cleaner to Janitor.

**Jennifer Troxell** has been promoted from Student Activities Associate to Assistant Director of Student Activities.

**Mary Wake** has been promoted from Interim Judicial Coordinator to Assistant Director of Counseling Services.

## New Faces

**Philip Hubbard** has joined Delhi as the Dean of Technology. He holds an Ed.S. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, an M.S. in Human Resources Management from Binghamton University, and a B.S. in Marketing from Missouri State University. He recently served as vice president for student and commu-

## Hogwart Advice



Associate Professor **Alan Franks**, Veterinary Science Technology Department Chair, had the honor of giving the keynote speech at this year's convocation as the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Professor Franks gave a rousing speech that related the experiences of Delhi students to that of the Jedi of *Star Wars* and the students of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from the Harry Potter stories.

nity services at Fulton-Montgomery Community College.

Dr. **Deborah Adelman** is an Associate Professor of Nursing for Delhi's new online B.S.N. degree. She holds a Ph.D. and an M.S. in Nursing, as well as a B.S.N. from the University of Illinois.

Joining the Delhi family are Residence Hall Directors **José Sanchez, Seth Warren, Albin J. Cich**, and **Matthew Juba**. Sanchez holds a B.A. in Communications from SUNY New Paltz and is pursuing a master's degree in Higher Education from Binghamton University. War-

## A Permanent Mark



New to this year's September 11 Remembrance Ceremony was the addition of a permanent plaque in memory of those who perished on that fateful day. The plaque, which simply reads "A Living Remembrance, September 11, 2001" was donated by the Student Senate last spring and was placed at the base

of the Bradford Callery Pear tree, which was planted as a memorial at SUNY Delhi's Remembrance Ceremony in 2003.

ren holds a B.A. in History from Plymouth State University in New Hampshire and previously served as a residence hall director at Post University in Waterbury, CT. Cich holds a B.A. in English from SUNY Fredonia and is pursuing a master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration from Canisus College. Juba holds a B.A. in Sports Manage-

ment and Communication Studies from SUNY Cortland and served recently as a residence hall director at SUNY Oneonta.

**Amanda Fucci-Bartoszek** is the new Alumni Center Coordinator. She holds an M.B.A. from the College of Saint Rose as well as a B.S. in Marketing and Management from Siena College.

New to the college's Health Center is **Maria Wesley**, Keyboard Specialist I, and **Christian Vesterfelt**, Counselor. Wesley holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan and was previously employed by Eastern Tennessee State University and Hartwick College. Vesterfelt holds an M.S.W. from the University of South Carolina and a B.S. in Marriage, Family and Human Development from Bringham Young University. He previously worked for the University of South Carolina's Counseling and Human Development Center.

**LouAnn Matthews-Babcock** is the new Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Community Development. She holds an M.S. in Educational Administration and Policy Studies from SUNY Albany and a B.A. in Communication Arts from Utica College of Syracuse University. She recently served as area coordinator for residence life at SUNY Morrisville.

Two new faculty members, Assistant Professors **Deborah Barrow** and **Paul Newsome**, have been hired to teach Architecture Design and Building. Barrow holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Colorado, as well as a Master of Library and

Information Services and a B.S. in Political Science from Florida State University. She comes to Delhi from Thammasat University Bangkok, where she taught architecture. Newsome holds an M.S. in Education from the College of Saint Rose and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Florida. He recently served as a professor of architecture at Dutchess Community College.

**Alan Smith** joins the Technology Division as an Instructor of Carpentry. He holds an A.O.S. from SUNY Delhi in Carpentry.

Seven new faculty members are teaching in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Division. Dr. **Daniel Klossner** is an Assistant Professor of Science. He holds a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Binghamton University and a B.A. in Biological Sciences from Elmira College. Dr. **John Reeher** is an Assistant Professor of Science. He holds a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Iowa State University and an A.B. in Chemistry from Thiel College, PA. He comes to Delhi from Finger Lakes Community College. Dr. **Jack Tessier** is an Assistant Professor for the college's new Environmental Studies degree. He holds a Ph.D. in Environmental and Forest

Biology from SUNY ESF as well as an M.A. and B.A. in Biology from SUNY Geneseo. Dr. **Amber Tatnall** is an Assistant Professor of Social Sciences. She holds a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Capella University, an M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling from Syracuse University, and a B.A. in Psychology from Binghamton University. Dr. Tatnall recently served as a training consultant in California. Dr. **Penny Pardoe** is an Assistant Professor in Social Sciences. She holds a Ph.D. in Contemporary Politics and History and an M.A. in International Relations Intelligence from Salford University, and a B.A. in Politics and Contemporary History from Rivier College. Dr. Pardoe has taught previously at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. **Susan Greenwood** is an Assistant Professor of Science. She holds a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from the Medical College of Georgia and a B.S. in Biology from Augusta State University. Dr. Greenwood previously taught at Midlands Technical College and Georgia Military College. **Martin Christiansen** returns to SUNY Delhi as an English Instructor. He holds an M.A. in English from Michigan University, a B.A. in English and Speech/Drama, and

an A.A. in English from Concordia University.

Five new Cleaners have joined SUNY Delhi—**Deborah Budine, Michelle Bain, Benny Morales**, and the mother and daughter team **Kathleen and Sally Niece**.

**Christina Viafore** and **Sylvia Quick** have been hired to staff Delhi's water quality testing laboratory. Lab Director Viafore holds a B.S. in Biology from SUNY Geneseo and comes to Delhi from DMV International. Lab Technician Quick holds an M.A. in Teaching from Binghamton University and a B.S. in Biochemistry from SUNY Buffalo. Quick recently served as a quality control technician at TYCO Healthcare in Hobart.

**Barbara Hein** is the Director of the Center of Excellence in WATER. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University and an Ed. M. in College Counseling and Student Personnel Administration from SUNY Buffalo. She previously held the position of Interim Grants Officer at SUNY Delhi.

Three new faculty members are new to the Business and Hospital-



Registrar **Richard Nabinger** (center) received his emeriti certificate from President Candace Vancko (far left) in August. President Vancko and Provost **Dennis Callas** visited Nabinger at Fox Memorial for the presentation. They were joined by his wife, **Pat** (far right).

ity Division. Dr. **Peter Clement** is an Assistant Professor of Business and Information Technology. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and an M.S. in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an M.B.A. from Eastern New Mexico University, a B.S. in Hospitality Administration from Christelijke Hogeschool Nederland University, and a B.S. in Economics from Southern University and A&M College.

**Shannon Shoemaker** returns as an Instructor. She holds an M.S. in Education from SUNY Potsdam, a B.S. in Business and Distributive Education, an A.A. in Business Administration from SUNY Delhi. Shoemaker recently taught Business and Office Technology at Coastal Georgia Community College. **Lee Heron** is an Instructor for Hospitality Management. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a specialization in Hospitality

Shop Talk



Michigan artist **Mark Beltchenko** (far left) visited the Delhi campus to view the site for the installation of a sculpture he is creating for the college. As a sculptor of metal, he was interested in visiting with faculty from the Welding program. Assistant Professors **Gerry Scheck** (center) and **Chris Mignier** (far right) were happy to show Beltchenko the college welding facility and share with him some of their own techniques.

Management from Bowling Green State University. Currently pursuing an M.B.A. at Tiffin University, she has worked for Marriott International in Ohio, Florida, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

New to the Athletics Department is **Robert Schoener** as Head Men's Basketball Coach and En-

rollment Counselor. He comes to SUNY Delhi after serving as the assistant coach at Monroe Community College in Rochester for the past three seasons. He holds a B.A. in History from St. John Fisher College.

Dr. **Erika Fogle** is an Assistant Professor for the Veterinary Sci-

ence Technology program. With over 20 years of experience in the veterinary medical profession, she holds a Ph.D. from the University of Akron School of Law, a B.S. in Communications from Cleveland State University, and an A.S. in Veterinary Technology from St. Petersburg College. She recently served as a hospital administrator for Richfield Animal Medical Center in Ohio.

**Naomi Benjamin** has been named Secretary I for Student Activities.

**James Willmott** has joined the Applied Sciences and Recreation Division as an Assistant Professor who will be teaching Golf Course Management, Turf Management and Plant Pathology. He holds an M.S. in Plant Pathology and Physiology from Virginia Tech and a B.S. in Plant and Soil Sciences, Cum Laude, from West Virginia University.

**Jason Guy** is a Mechanic for Facilities. He has received diplomas from Ohio Technical College and recently served as a line technician for Royal Chrysler of Oneonta. Also new to Facilities is Plant Utilities Assistant **Richard Hood**, and Plant Utilities Helper **Wilford Barnhart**. Barnhart

received an associate's degree in HVAC from SUNY Delhi.

Dr. **Debra Reif** is the Assistant Professor/Coordinator of Inter-Institutional Programs at Schenectady County Community College. She holds a Ph.D. in Business Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and an M.B.A. and M.S. in Accounting from the University at Albany.

New Assignments

**Rosalie Higgins**, former Dean of Business and Hospitality, has come back from retirement to serve as liaison to SUNY Delhi's bachelor's programs offered at Schenectady County Community College.

Instructor **Donald Reynolds** is now full-time in Hospitality Management.

**David Brower** has moved from Schenectady County Community College to an Assistant Professor in Hospitality Management on the Delhi campus.

**Nicole Kirby** is now an Associate EOP Counselor.

**Mike Buel** is now extending his technical support within CIS to cover the Help Desk.

**Jeff Stedman** has been named Coordinator of Academic Advisement.

**Jamie MacNaught** has moved to the Hospitality Management department as Secretary I.

**Christina Wildenstein**, Nurse I, is now full-time in the Health Center.

## Out and About

Professor **Mary Jane Giarrusso-Wilkin** traveled to the Dominican Republic with a group of nursing students to learn about caring for diverse patients.

Annual Fund Coordinator **Paul MacDonald**'s work was selected this summer for the 72nd Annual Cooperstown Art Association's National Art Exhibition.

Director of Career Services **Lou Shields** presented the workshop "Career Exploration: A New Age Approach" to 120 high school juniors at the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program at Hartwick College. He also presented "Delivering Career Services to Online Learners" at the annual SUNY Career Development Organization Conference in Canandaigua.

CIO **Patrick Masson** presented a paper at the 2007 SUNY Conference on Institutional Technology entitled "User Designers and Other Agile and Iterative Approaches in Technology Deployment, Use and Management." He co-authored the paper with Dr. **Ken Udas**, Executive Director of the Penn State World Campus.

**Clark Shah-Nelson**, Coordinator of Online Learning, was the featured speaker at the Spring 2007 Capitol District Education Technology Group Conference, "Podcasts: What is Everyone Doing?" at the College of Saint Rose in Albany.

## Retiring

**Joyce Sen**, Assistant Librarian, retired in August after 10 years of service to SUNY Delhi.

**Richard Nabinger**, Registrar, retired in August after 30 years of service to SUNY Delhi.

**Kathy Decker**, Secretary I, retired in June after 28 years of service to SUNY Delhi.

**Janet Bodisco Massink**, Nurse I, retired this June after 21 years of service to SUNY Delhi.

## In Print

SUNY Delhi was featured in the New York State Hospitality and Tourism Association's July newsletter. Business and Hospitality Dean **Mike Petrillose** was quoted on how the hotel industry can work with colleges to improve skills for future hoteliers and how it can enhance present hospitality programs.



## Births

**Joan Townsend**, Personnel Associate, welcomes grandson **Caelon Michael Townsend**, born to son Eli and wife Michele on September 16.

## 4 things you need to know about Residence Life

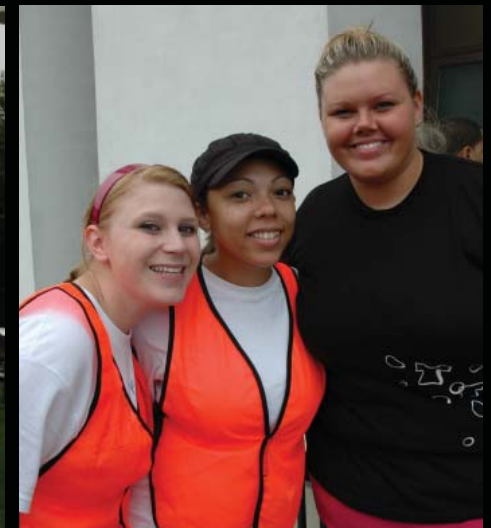
**1** As a residential college, 65% of SUNY Delhi students live on campus.

**2** For students living in the residence halls, there is at least one Resident Assistant on each floor, creating a 30:1 student-to-staff ratio.

**3** Each residential student receives cable service, telephone service, wireless internet service, free laundry, use of recreational/TV lounges, and all halls are within a short walk of all campus facilities and resources.

**4** Three Living-Learning Environments operate on campus (Veterinary Science Technology; Nursing; and Golf, Plant Sciences & Recreation) to help bridge academic and residential life.

## Getting Inspired



This year's theme to orientation was "Get Inspired" and the day wasn't short on inspiration with the new look to the campus. Images from Orientation Fall 2007 (clockwise): Delhi's new welcome banners; **Kevin Brodie** of the men's soccer team who came to SUNY Delhi from Canada; President **Candace Vancko** (left) helped parents and students; Dean of Business and Hospitality **Mike Petrillose**; student volunteers **Jillian Anderson**, **Lauren Lecour-Johnson** and **Cassie Greene**; **Glenda Roberts**, Director of Business and Community Services; students **Mike Sloat** and **Deanna Scott** at convocation; Resident Assistant **José Luis**.