

Delhi People

Delhi Goes Green

For SUNY Delhi, green is more than the college color; it's becoming a way of life for students, faculty and staff. Everywhere you turn there's news about sustainable energy or minimizing the carbon footprint, and SUNY Delhi is contributing to the effort more than ever before.

The college's energy savings dates back to a major plan President **Candace Vancko** put into motion to reduce the college's energy consumption. With the help of this plan, Delhi has reduced its energy use by over 25 percent. That's nearly 6.5 million BTUs, but the college has recognized that even more needs to be done given the bleak picture experts are painting for the Earth's future.

A "Green Team" is forming this semester, headed up by **Bonnie Martin**, Director of Administrative Services, **Vince Olechno-**

wicz, Environmental Health and Safety Officer, and **Ritchie Gabriel**, Maintenance Supervisor II. "It's fiscally sound to focus our efforts on being green," says Martin. "Many of the options we are exploring means saving the environment while saving money for the college."

Martin points to an energy brain trust that has helped jump-start Delhi's recent green efforts. Key facility staff members such as Physical Plant Director **Dave Loveland**, Director of Capital Construction **Joe Batchelder**, Supervising Electrician **Shawn Taylor**, Plant Utilities Engineer II **Bob Nicholson**, and Refrigeration/Air Conditioning Mechanic **Driscoll White**, are meeting regularly to discuss additional ways the college can



Members of the Cross Country team helped move in students on Orientation Day. For more photos, see page 9.

save energy. "They truly are the brains and I'm the trust," Martin comments. One example of an energy idea that has come out of their discussions is the change in summer hours so that air conditioning can be shut off during the warmest part of the day.

Martin says the next big push for Delhi's green efforts will be recycling. "We do well recycling batteries, oil, motor oil, metal, electronic wastes, glass, and plastics, but we need to do more where paper is concerned."

The Green Team has formed a plan that will place collection bins, blue for "comings" (e.g. bottles and cans) and green for paper, in all public places on campus. Two student employees will be responsible for collecting recyclables from the bins and delivering the recyclables to a collection center in South Hall.

Martin explains that when enough paper has been collected to fill a tractor trailer, Empire Recycling will take the paper away. If the

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Q & A with... Lindsay Cich

Occupation: Interim Coordinator of the O'Connor Center for Community Service

Birthplace: Buffalo, NY

Education: M.S. in College Student Personnel Administration from Canisius College in Buffalo and a B.A. in English with a minor in African-American Studies from SUNY Fredonia.

What do you like most about your job? I like the people I work with the most! Everyone has been so helpful in getting me acclimated to the position, and I have felt very welcome at SUNY Delhi.

Who do you most admire? I admire a lot of people, but Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum comes to mind. She is president of Spelman College, as well as a professor, clinical psychologist, author and speaker, who has devoted her life to studying racial identity formation, which is something I use in my understanding of student development.

What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem? The "behind the scenes" staff members are the glue that holds this campus together. Without amazing clerical staff, custodians, and other vital workers putting so much into the day-to-day effort, everything would fall apart at the college. I know SUNY Delhi really appreciates everything these workers do, and we should tell them that often.

What is your greatest achievement? Actually, it is receiving my master's degree while planning my wedding, which took place one month after graduation (I wouldn't recommend it!).

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? I have always wanted to work for Jim Henson Productions as a "muppeteer" because I think it would be a blast. You can't have a bad day on the job if you work on Sesame Street.

paper is of good quality, Empire will pay the college for anything that can be recycled. "We'll use that money to purchase more recycling bins. Our goal is to have a bin located next to every garbage can on campus. We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to recycle," Martin says.

Students are going green as well. **John Padavoni**, Director of Residence Life, says his department is piloting a program in Gerry Hall that will be expanded to all residence halls by Fall 2010. The program addresses sustainability and conservation issues through education with a recycling component. "The approach needs to be lifelong. We will be teaching students how their fuel consumption, water use, and use of electricity have an impact on the environment. This is knowledge that they can use well after college." Padovani says that the average student takes two showers a day, so for now, the main focus of the program is water use. In addition, contests will be held in Gerry Hall to see what areas recycle the most.

Delhi students formed their own "Green Team" last semester acknowledging that sustainability is everyone's responsibility. Martin will be inviting the student group

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to join the faculty/staff Green Team for further collaboration. She's also looking for faculty and staff who believe in the green effort and wish to join the Green Team. "This is a grassroots effort that needs volunteers on all levels," says Martin. "It's in our best interest, students, faculty and staff alike, to become better environmental stewards."

To join the Green Team, contact Bonnie Martin at 4498 or martinbg@delhi.edu.

Green Tip

The Green Committee hopes to reach out to the campus community with suggestions on how to save and recycle. Look for tips in *Delhi Today*.

When it comes to clothing, "going green" isn't confined to St. Patrick's Day. Donate your used clothing to Regalia, the campus' gently-used clothing store. All profits go for student scholarships. Give your household items to a local charity like the Open Door, Delaware Opportunities or the Salvation Army instead of tossing them out.

Rolling Out the Welcome Mat



More than 200 alumni attended Alumni Weekend 2008, June 6-8, making it the largest alumni event held on the campus in over 10 years. Over 50 faculty and staff volunteers were on hand to welcome them back. Clockwise from top: Librarian **Pam Peters**, Vice President for Student Life **Barbara Jones**, and Associate Professor **Eric Robert** spoke with Alumnus of Merit **Erik Healy** at the Friday night Welcome

Reception.



Coach **Bob Leary** helped introduce the New Riders of the Purple Sage Saturday night when they returned to the Delhi campus



after 20 years. History was made when Delhi's winningest coaches met—Interim Athletics Director **Bob Backus** and Wrestling Coach

Frank Millard. Distinguished Professor **Joe Greenfield** helped represent the Technology faculty at the 75th Construction Anniversary celebration. Student Ambassadors **Savannah Hansen** and **Brian Wallenhorst** greeted alumni guests.

National Honors



When Phi Eta Sigma made a call for scholarships nominees, Delhi's chapter advisor, Assistant Professor **Joan Erickson**, jumped at the opportunity even though it has been less than one year since SUNY Delhi inducted its first group of students into the national four-year honor society. She encouraged **Valerie Outsen**, a Delhi Presidential Scholar and honor society member, to apply. Outsen's efforts were rewarded when she became one of 35 students in the nation selected for the Phi Eta Sigma scholarship. "This is an amazing achievement for Valerie and for the chapter when you consider the size of our college and that we're only in our first year as a chapter of Phi Eta Sigma," says Erickson. Outsen received \$1,000 that she will use to help fund her pursuit of a dual degree in Culinary Arts and Criminal Justice at SUNY Delhi.

Pictured above: Assistant Professor Joan Erickson, advisor to SUNY Delhi's Phi Eta Sigma chapter, Valerie Outsen, and Provost Dennis Callas.

Kudos

Professor **Mike Miller** has been selected to receive an Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) for making significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising. He will be recognized at the organization's national conference in Chicago in October.

SUNY Delhi starred at the State University of New York College Admissions Professionals (SUNYCAP) annual conference in Rochester this summer. **Pat Mente**, Assistant Director of



Josh Gregory with his New Professionals Award

Admissions, was honored with the SUNYCAP Professional of the Year Award, which recognizes those whose efforts have exemplified the best of the admissions profession within SUNY. **Josh Gregory**, Enrollment Counselor, was recognized with the Larry Appel New Professionals Award for outstanding performance as a new SUNYCAP professional. In addition to their awards, Mente was named SUNYCAP's Vice President for 2008-2009 and Gregory was named Co-Chair of Nominations and Elections and Special Missions Representative for the organization.



SUNYCAP Past President Clare Burth with Pat Mente receiving his Professional of the Year Award

SUNY Delhi welcomes seven Presidential Scholars this fall. The select high school graduates each will receive a full-tuition scholarship by attending SUNY Delhi. This year's Presidential Scholars include: **Scott Davis**, a Park and Outdoor Recreation major from Walton, **Jaclyn Smith**, an undeclared major from Franklin, **Jessica Jones**, an undeclared major from Davenport, **Taylor Laauser**, a Liberal Arts–General Studies major from Delhi, **Rachel Valentine**, a Business Management major from Walton, **Stephanie Shellman**, a Nursing major from East Branch, and **Michael Lawrence**, an Environmental Studies major from Downsville.

Resnick Learning Center Director **Michele DeFreece** is President-Elect for the New York College Learning Skills Association and will take the lead in developing the program for next year's conference on retention.

Veterinary Science Technology student **Kaitlyn Wojdyla** earned a \$1,000 AKC/Bayer K9 Advantix Veterinary Technician Scholarship. Only 25 scholarships were awarded to students from across the nation. To be eligible, students must be from an accredited college and be an active member of a NAVTA student chapter.

Provost **Dennis Callas** reports that a total of 164 students achieved high honors (3.75-4.00 GPA) and 182 achieved honors (3.50-3.74 GPA) during the Spring 2008 semester.

Justin Wood, Interim Head Women's Cross Country/Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach, won the ninth annual Oneonta Tigers 5K Championship on August 12 at Neahwa Park.

Instructors **Dan Davis** and **Ralph Nerzak** and Assistant Professor **Doug McMullen** each received \$150 Professional Development Grants from the Deans' Council to attend the North American Council of Automotive Teachers conference at Pennsylvania College of Technology in July.

Promotions

Allen Wachter, **Jan Sohns**, **Peter Daempfle**, and **Gary Brackett** have been promoted from Assistant Professors to Associate Professors.

Mike Miller has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor.

Lori Osterhoudt has been promoted from Director of Counsel-

Exclusive Living and Learning



Riverview, SUNY Delhi's newest student residence, opened its doors to returning students this fall. Faculty and staff were invited to tour the apartment-style living following the college's open meeting on August 26. Shuttle bus transportation was provided as many faculty and staff members took the opportunity to see the apartments before students moved in.

The new residence accommodates 70 students in eight suites, each with four bathrooms, wireless connectivity, and cable. To be considered for the new housing option, students were required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better and be in good academic standing and involved with community service. The project was funded by the College Foundation.

Pictured above: Martha Vink, Campus Chaplain, and John Kolodziej, Swimming Coach took a tour with Resident Assistant Kasey Carpentier.

ing Services to Director of Counseling and Health Services.

Bob Backus, Head Coach for Men's and Women's Cross Country/Track and Field, is serving as Interim Director of Athletics/Head Men's Cross Country Coach.

Wilford Barnhart has been promoted from Plant Utilities Assistant to Plant Utilities Engineer I.

Stephen Morganstern has been promoted from Maintenance Helper to Maintenance Assistant.

New Assignments

Lynda Preiser is stepping down from her position as Director of Student Health Services and will continue to serve as a half-time Nurse Practitioner.

Beau Bracchy, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, will also take on the duties as Coordinator of Intramurals and serve as the Athletics Department's Game and Facility Manager.

Jodi Krzyston is an Instructor in Nursing.

Cheryl Dietzman has moved to a Clerk I position in Purchasing and Accounts Payable.

Geoff Moore, Head Men's Soccer Coach, is also serving as Staff Assistant to SUNY Delhi's students from China.

General Mechanic **Fred Sander** is now Foreman in the college's carpentry shop.

New Faces

The Architecture Technology program has added two new Assistant Professors. **Christopher Lobas** has 13 years of architectural experience and comes from his own firm in Colorado. He also taught at the University of Utah and the University of Colorado. Lobas holds Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees from the University of Detroit–Mercy. **Z. I. Sanchez** has been an independent architect in the United States since 1993 and previously worked as an architect in Europe. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University and a Master of Architecture degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Lindsay Cich is Interim Coordinator for the O'Connor Center for Community Service. Cich previously worked at SUNY Fredonia and has filled in part-time for

Bang a Drum

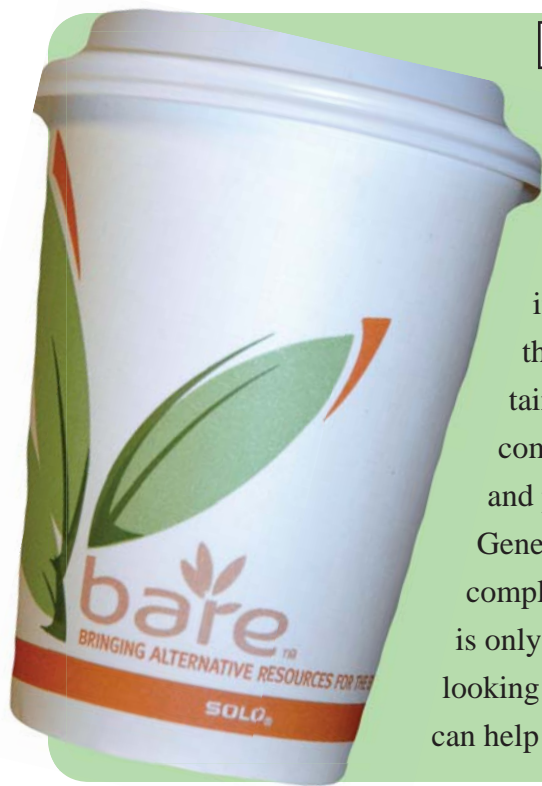


Jim Donovan of Rusted Root fame was welcomed back to the Delhi campus after making a highly successful drumming presentation to the students last year. This year he held two drumming sessions as part of the college's orientation activities: one session for student orientation leaders, and another session for faculty and staff (pictured above) on how drumming can relieve stress. From left to right: **Jim Donovan**, **Mary Wake**, Assistant Director of Counseling, **Kathy Markham**, Staff Assistant, **Glenda Bolton**, Associate Professor, **Christian Vesterfelt**, Counselor, and **Clark Shah-Nelson**, Online Coordinator.

Student Activities and the Counseling and Health Center at SUNY Delhi.

New to the Athletics staff are **Justin Wood** and **Amber Sohns**. Wood is Interim Head Women's Cross Country/Interim Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach.

He holds an A.A.S in Physical Education from SUNY Delhi, a B.A. in Social and Behavioral Science from Seton Hall, and an M.S. in Exercise Science/Human Performance from Southern Connecticut State University. He previously served as Southern Connecticut's Assistant Coach for Women's



Being Green

CADI is introducing a new single-use cup on campus that is eco-friendly. It's from the new Bare™ (Bringing Alternative Resources for the Environment) range of sustainable products that are made completely from recycled paper and plastic. **Pat Heath**, CADI General Manager, says, "They are completely biodegradable, but this is only the tip of the iceberg. We're looking at many other ways CADI can help the environment."

Cross Country and Track and Field. Sohns is Head Women's Basketball Coach. A Delaware Academy graduate, she went on to play for SUNY New Paltz where she was two-year captain and earned MVP honors for three consecutive seasons. There, Sohns received All SUNYAC honorable mention honors and earned a B.S. in Elementary Education.

Ryan Oliver is Lab Technician for the Catskill Regional Water Testing Laboratory at the eCenter. He holds a B.A. in Biology from Hartwick College where he served

as a Stream Ecology Research Assistant.

James Lees, Jr. is the Internship Coordinator for the Professional Golf Management program. He previously instructed at the U.S. Golf Academy in Plymouth, IN, and served as a PGA teaching professional for the City of Laporte, IN. He holds a B.S. in Sports Management from Slippery Rock University and is a PGA Class A member.

Nilam Kotadia is the new Residence Director for Russell

Hall. She previously served as a project manager for C.O.P.E., a federal initiative targeting drug use and HIV prevalence. She holds an M.A. in Counseling with a concentration in Student Affairs/Higher Education and a B.S. in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Montclair State University.

James Margiotta, Akira Odani and **Adriene Clifford** have joined the Business and Hospitality Division. Instructor Margiotta holds an A.S. in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University. Assistant Professor Odani holds a Ph.D. from Brown University and a B.A. in Social Science from the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. Instructor Clifford holds a B.S. in Business from Fordham University and an M.S. in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Maja Krzyston, Tassha Rathbone and **Cheryle Levitt** have joined the Nursing faculty. Krzyston is an Instructional Support Associate/Clinical Lab Instructor. She holds an A.S. in Nursing from SUNY Delhi and is currently pursuing her B.S.N. through Delhi. She previously served as an RN at O'Connor

Hospital. Rathbone is Coordinator for Freshman Clinical. She previously served as a staff mentor/staff nurse at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown. She holds an A.A.S. in Nursing from Morrisville and a B.S.N. from Hartwick. Levitt is an Assistant Professor for Nursing. She holds a Ph.D. in Nursing from Duquesne University, an M.S.N. from Villanova University, and a B.S.N. from Temple University. She recently taught for Walden University and University of Phoenix.

Misty Davis joins Enrollment Services as the Online Enrollment Coordinator. She comes from SUNY Cobleskill where she was a member of the admissions and financial aid staff. Davis holds an associate degree as an Administrative Specialist from Utica School of Commerce and a bachelor's degree in Professional Studies from Empire State College.

Joining the Health and Counseling Services team are **Cathy Harris** as Counselor and **Karen Gabriel** as Clinic Supervisor/Nurse Practitioner. Both previously worked in Delhi's Health Center. Gabriel most recently served as an N.P. at Bassett Healthcare. She earned her Practical Nursing Certificate and A.A.S in Nursing from SUNY

Delhi. Harris is a licensed social worker and holds a Master of Social Work from SUNY Albany and a B.S. in Psychology from SUNY Oneonta. She previously served as a social work coordinator at Hospice and Palliative Care of Chenango County.

Susan Perkins is Delhi's Senior Development Officer. Perkins has over 13 years experience in the advancement field with the University of Chicago, the College of Staten Island/CUNY, North Shore/LIJ Health System, and Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law as well as a B.A. in Sociology from Drew University.

Two of SUNY Delhi's May graduates have returned to campus.

Aliza Rutledge is the new Hospitality Center Coordinator. She holds a B.B.A. in Hotel and Resort Management. She also served in the New York Army National Guard from 2002 to 2008. **Cody Weber** is an Instructional Support Associate for the Automotive Technology program. He holds an A.O.S from Delhi, and is certified in automotive air conditioning and as a New York State inspector.

Dave Anderson is a Plant Utilities Helper in the Heating Plant

with extensive facilities maintenance experience.

Tim Ludden has joined University Police as an Officer II. He comes from SUNY Oneonta where he served on the police staff.

Moving On

Athletics Director **Mike Spisto** has taken the position of Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Nicole Beauregard is the new women's basketball coach at SUNY Brockport.

Instructor **Nelson Lopez** has moved on to Binghamton University as Assistant Director of Latin American Studies.

Assistant Professor **Hans Hermann** has joined the architecture faculty at Mississippi State University.

Assistant Student Activities Director **Jennifer Troxell** is at Bloomfield College in New Jersey as Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

Amanda Fucci-Bartoszek has moved to the State of Washington

to be with her husband who is in the military.

Instructor **Jennifer Lusins** has taken a full-time position as nurse in Bassett Hospital's Emergency Department.

Julia Iannello has been named head librarian at Oneonta School District.

Retiring

Professor **Pat Judd** retired in June after 30 years of service.

Pete Bracci, University Police Officer II, retired in July after 25 years of service.

Dennis Klimowski, Senior Programmer/Analyst, retired in July after 38 years of service.

Share your news with Delhi People! Have a story idea or something to be recognized?

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Births



Congratulations to **Joan Erickson** and husband **Mark** on the birth of their son, **James Lucas** (pictured above), May 16.

Congratulations to Keyboard Specialist I **Dawn Morganstern** and husband **Carl** on the birth of their son, **Hunter Guy**, May 30.

Congratulations to Enrollment Counselor **Pamela Hilton** and husband **Jeremy** on the birth of their son, **Evan James**, August 8.

Congratulations to Technology Support Specialist **Shawn Brislin** and wife **Jen** on the birth of their son, **Dylan Patrick**, August 22.

Smiles On Opening Day



Students, faculty and staff were all smiles on August 29 when SUNY Delhi welcomed back a record enrollment. Clockwise: Move-In crew student **Leah Paskalides**; Resident Assistants **John DeLuca**, **Kristina Guilboard**, **Shakinia Johnson**, and **Ben Bocian**; Orientation Leader **LaQuana “Chi” Thornton**; **Justin Wood**, Interim Head Women’s Cross Country/Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Coach; Associate Professor **Tom Recinella** helped daughter **Amber** move in; orientation leader **Deana Kani** and **Barbara Kaplan**, Provost’s Secretary.