

Delhi People

Five Nominated for Chancellor's Award

Emmanuel Adjei, University Police Officer I, Dr. **Mary Pat Lewis**, Professor/Chair of Nursing & Allied Health, Dr. **Kirby Olson**, Associate Professor, Dr. **William Raynor**, Professor, and **Mary Wake**, Assistant Director of Counseling Services, have been nominated for 2009 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.

"These are distinguished members of the SUNY Delhi family who deserve to be considered for SUNY's most prestigious honor for faculty and staff," says President **Candace Vancko**.

University Police Officer I Emmanuel Adjei is Delhi's nominee for the new Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified

Service. Adjei has served with University Police since 1999 and is recognized for his ability to treat students with respect and help them understand the impact of their choices and actions. He works hard to help students in trouble by assisting them with referrals for counseling, employment, and other positive alternatives. Officer Adjei is well liked by students and described as "the type of person who brings a smile to your face when you're having a bad day." The Student Senate selected Officer Adjei as its "Most

Valuable Player" in 2006.

Dr. J. Kirby Olson has been nominated for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. Dr. Olson has published a number of books since first arriving on the Delhi campus in 2001. He has written two volumes of liter-

ary criticism, the comic novel *Temping*, and books on comic poets Gregory Corso and Andrei Codrescu. His creative work has appeared in the *South Dakota Review*, *Cortland Review*, and *Exquisite Corpse*, and his scholarship has appeared in *Victorian*

(cont.)



A special reception was held in Alumni Hall in honor of Michel Escoffier, great-grandson of culinary legend Georges Auguste Escoffier, who is widely-recognized as the creator of what is now considered classical French cooking. Long-time food journalist and culinary expert Carol Brock helped arrange the visit. From left to right: Michael Petrillose, Dean of Business and Hospitality, Michel Escoffier, President Candace Vancko, Carol Brock, and Associate Professor Tom Recinella.



Mary Pat Lewis



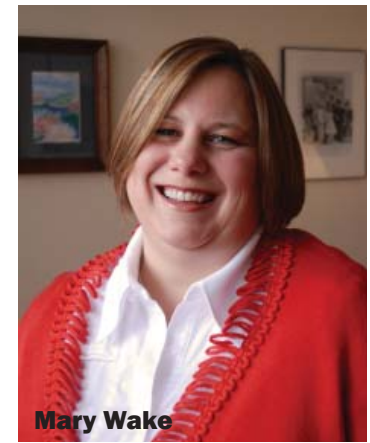
Kirby Olson



William Raynor



Emmanuel Adjei



Mary Wake

Poetry and Humor. Dr. Olson is the editor of *To Wit*, the newsletter of the American Humor Studies Association, which has been published at SUNY Delhi since 2004. Dr. Olson also serves triennially as the editor of SUNY Delhi's annual literary magazine, *Agate*. Dr. Olson received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research in 2002.

Dr. Mary Pat Lewis, who joined the campus community in 2004, has been nominated for Excellence in Faculty Service. Dr. Lewis is involved in a number of community initiatives in her dual roles as chair of the Nursing and Allied Health Department and as a faculty member. She has facilitated academic programs at the local and state levels as a member of the Catskill Area Health Education Center Nursing Workforce Committee and Board of Directors. Dr. Lewis has par-

ticipated in guiding community education on women's health as a board member of Planned Parenthood of South Central New York. She has partnered with Hartwick College's School of Nursing to enhance nursing education in the region and statewide as a member of Hartwick's External Advisory Council, and has assisted Bassett Healthcare with the Magnet Hospital reaccreditation. Dr. Lewis has also led the launch and expansion of Delhi's online RN to BSN program, the first totally online BSN program in SUNY.

Dr. William Raynor is Delhi's nominee for Excellence in Teaching. With 17 years of service, Dr. Raynor brings a global philosophy to his finance and business classes at Delhi. He has presented seminars in China, Peru and Mexico and has procured grants to promote a global business outlook on campus by bringing international

speakers to his classes. Dr. Raynor has also developed an international business knowledge exchange with students from England and was instrumental in bringing about accreditation by the International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) for his division. Dr. Raynor is committed to student success and has served on committees that deal with academic policies, residence life, disabilities awareness, and college retention. Highly involved on campus, he volunteers in many different capacities and participates in campus events such as Family Day and Open House.

Mary Wake has been nominated for Excellence in Professional Service. As a counselor, senior counselor, and now Assistant Director of Counseling Services, Wake is a dedicated student affairs professional who has had a profound impact on students dur-

ing her 12-year tenure at SUNY Delhi. She possesses specialized training in diversity and in alcohol and other drug (AOD) prevention, and has been instrumental in securing grants to provide numerous educational programs and prevention activities to students.

Wake has taken on many campus leadership positions, including chair of the AOD Task Force, Institutional Review Board, Personal Safety Committee, and more recently, as Associate President of the College Senate and chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board. Beyond Delhi, Wake has served also as a trainer and assisted with planning for the Onondaga County Council on Alcoholism/Addictions, the Leatherstocking Regional Consortium on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Delaware County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Use.



Q & A with... Reese Ortiz

Occupation: Custodian, SG 7, Russell Hall

Birthplace: Bronx, N.Y.

Education: I attended University Central of Bayamon in Puerto Rico on a volleyball scholarship to study carpentry.

What do you like most about your job? What keeps me going is the interaction with the students. It's the little things that make a difference in their lives. It's sharing a cake with them that my wife

baked or helping them when they need straightening out. I

volunteer to supervise the student probation program through the O'Connor Center. That's what we're here for, to help the students succeed.

Who do you most admire? My grandmother, hands down! She brought up four boys as a single woman and always provided for us.

What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem? I have two words—Candace Vancko. She took this place, flipped it upside down, and turned it around. It's unbelievable how she has managed to change Delhi in her 10 years as president.

What is your greatest achievement? What I am most proud of is my home in Hamden. It's my mini-estate. I've remodeled it, built a horse barn for my wife and daughter, and a barn for my son to work in, and even carved out five acres to build a house for my mother-in-law.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? Joe Girardi. I grew up behind Yankee Stadium and never went to a game until my kids were 14 years old. It would be great to be the manager and hang with the players in the dugout all day.

Choices, Choices

The old adage, "Necessity is the mother of invention," rings true for the College Association at Delhi. With the closing of the Farrell Hall Commons and Café for renovations, CADI needed to scout out new ways to serve meals on campus.

"The Farrell Hall Commons was only meant to be a temporary way to serve our growing student population, but it really gained in popularity with the students," says **Pat Heath**, CADI General Manager. According to Heath, the current campus food venues could not absorb the number of meals, about 2,000 per day, lost due to the closing of Farrell.

The solution was the opening of three new venues, Cobblestone Market on the second floor of Evenden Tower, the Cyber Café in Sanford Hall, and Mac Express in the MacDonald Hall lobby.

Cobblestone Market opened in January and has really taken up the slack for the Commons, says **Mike MacNeill**, Manager. "It's a deli concept with sandwiches made to order. There's something special about having your sandwich made in front of you."

(cont.)



Ryan Parker receives his handmade submarine sandwich from student workers Cheryl Norway and Athanasius Roberts at the Cobblestone Market in Evenden Tower.

MacNeill adds that the venue has expanded to include breakfast as well.

Cobblestone Market has already matched the popularity of the Farrell Hall Commons, selling about 1,000 meals a day. “The food is very fresh. We get supplies in every day. I should know. I work most mornings,” says **Anthanasius Roberts**, a Cobblestone Market student worker.

The Cyber Café has taken on an entirely different niche, selling microwavable entrees that are prepared fresh daily. Students may use the microwaves available in the Café or take their meals back to their residence halls. The Café is housed in the former Cyberland Lounge, which was an underutilized facility. Seven computers remain for students who wish to surf the web while enjoying their food. “It’s more of a lunch and af-

ternoon venue,” explains MacNeill, who also manages the Cyber Café. “Its popularity is growing as students discover its location. We’re running out of some things by the end of the day, so that’s a good sign.”

Mac Express is a “grab-and-go” venue that is designed to serve students who are

short on time in between classes.

Heath notes that faculty and staff can also benefit from the variety of food venues now found throughout campus. “You can purchase meals for a discounted rate by using Bronco Bucks. Basically, you save the cost of tax by setting up an account with CADI. You can then add money online through our ManageMyID feature on the web,” Heath says.

Campus Food Venues

Cobblestone Market

Mike MacNeill, manager
Evenden Tower, Room 212
Monday - Friday,
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Cyber Café

Mike MacNeill, manager
Sanford Hall, Room 108
Monday - Friday,
11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

MacDonald Hall

Jamie Rotter, manager
Monday - Friday,
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mac Express

Jamie Rotter, manager
MacDonald Hall Lobby
Monday - Friday,
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Midnight Café

Jamie Rotter, manager
MacDonald Hall
Thursday - Monday
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Campus Convenience

Teri Turk, manager
Monday - Friday,
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday,
3:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Library Café

Ulla Wadner, manager
Monday - Friday,
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Price Chopper Visits



SUNY Delhi recently hosted **Mark Brown**, Price Chopper's Vice President of Perishables. Brown met with President **Candace Vancko**, Provost **Dennis Callas**, Business and Hospitality Dean **Mike Petrillose**, and Director of College Advancement **Joel Smith** to learn more about Delhi's award-winning programs and explore potential collaborations between his company and the college.

As part of his visit, Brown enjoyed a gourmet luncheon in Alumni Hall prepared by Delhi culinary students, and dined with **Brianne Slocum**, contender for the national title of 2009 Student Chef of the Year.

Brown also toured the Hospitality Management classrooms and labs, attended a student ice carving class, and witnessed chocolate sculpting in the college's new baking lab.

Pictured above: Instructor Julee Miller proudly shows Mark Brown her baking class creations.

Kudos

Provost **Dennis Callas** reports that a total of 193 students achieved high honors (3.75-4.00 GPA) and 187 achieved honors (3.50-3.74 GPA) during the fall semester.

Assistant Professor **Dan Andrews** and Instructor **Pete Campbell** each received a \$150 professional development grant from the Deans Council to attend the 2009 HVAC-R and Plumbing Instructor workshop at the National Conference Center in Landsdowne, VA. Assistant Professor **Betsy Weidenbach** also received a professional development grant to participate in a Gluten-Free Baking course at the Culinary Institute of America.

Assistant Director of Counseling Services **Mary Wake** is the most recent Faculty/Staff Person of the Week selected by the Men's Lacrosse team.

New Faces

Benjamin McGraw joins Applied Science and Recreation as an Assistant Professor of Golf/Plant Sciences. He holds an M.S. from University of Massachusetts Amherst and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

Bruce Brown has been hired as a University Police Officer. Officer Brown comes to Delhi from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. He holds a B.A. in Sociology from SUNY IT.

Out and About

Michele DeFreece, Director, Resnick Learning Center/EOP, **Lou Shields**, Director of Career, Transfer and Veterans Services, **Linda Weinberg**, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, **Sharon Ruetenik**, ESL and Writing Center Coordinator, and **Josephine Monaco**, Adjunct Instructor and Professional Tutor, attended the New York College Learning Skills Association Symposium on Developmental Education. DeFreece will be the president of this state organization for 2009-2010. Ruetenik and Monaco presented "List Poems: Hooking Developmental Readers and Writers on Imagery." DeFreece also attended the National Conference for Developmental Education in Greensboro, NC.

Assistant Librarian **Angela Rhodes** attended an instructional conference at SUNY Geneseo.

Jeff Stedman, Director of Academic Advisement, attended the Region 1 National Academic

Advisement Association meeting in Saratoga.

Louis Reyes, EOP Counselor, has been selected to be a participant in the Opportunity Programs Leadership Institute at the Tri-State Consortium Conference in Galloway, NJ.

Adjunct Instructor **Rhonda Harrow-Engel** and Assistant Professor **Christopher Lobas** accompanied students on a trip to the Clark Museum in Williamstown, MA, to see the “Painting Softly” exhibit, which included works by Whistler, Homer, Sargent, Twachtman and others.

Counselor **Cathy Harris** has volunteered to teach dance aerobics for students, faculty and staff this semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Clark Field House.

John Huber, Assistant Director of Student Activities, organized a Greek Community Service Day on March 15 with about 80 student volunteers making an effort to clean up the campus and the Village.

Associate Professors **Michael Barnes** and **Bob Seibert** took seven students to Westchester County to visit three private clubs--Beach Point Club in Mamaroneck, Westchester Country

Club in Rye, and the Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough. Instructor **Don Reynolds** toured Brewery Ommegang in Cooperstown with the International Foodservice Executives Association (IFSEA), the student organization he advises.

Professor **John Sandman** traveled to Saratoga to give a presentation to the SUNY Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers on Delhi’s Freshman Seminar Program. Dr. Sandman co-presented with **Lori Osterhoudt**, Director of Counseling & Health Services, and **Marty Greenfield**, Director of Student Activities & College Union.

Associate Professor **Kathryn DeZur** participated in “Mathematics and Love,” a poetry reading panel sponsored by SIGMAA-ARTS (Special Interest Group of the Mathematical Association of America–Arts) at the 2009 Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Mary Wake, Assistant Director of Counseling Services, and **Christian Vesterfelt**, Counselor, presented the professional development workshop “Dealing with Mental Health Concerns Raised by On-Line Students” for Delhi faculty and staff.

Teaming Up for Intramurals



Student Life has organized a faculty/staff volleyball intramural team this semester. Team members include (from left to right): **Christina Viafore**, Water Testing Lab Director; **Barbara Jones**, Vice President for Student Life; **Jeff Stedman**, Director of Academic Advisement; **Mary Wake**, Assistant Director of Counseling Services; **Kristen Baxter**, CADI Director of Auxiliary Services Finance, and **Louis Reyes**, EOP Counselor. Also on the team, but not pictured, are Professor **Floyd Vogt**, Assistant Librarian **Angela Rhodes** and Professor **John Sandman**.

Softball intramurals will be starting soon. Faculty and staff who are interested in forming a team should contact **Beau Bracchy**, Intramural Coordinator, at 4604.