

# Delhi People

## Teaming Up for Reaccreditation

SUNY Delhi is gearing up for reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and that means faculty and staff will be pitching in to conduct a comprehensive self study of the college.

The Middle States Commission is an independent board that accredits higher education institutions found throughout the Middle States region, which includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. The Commission also reviews institutions in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and several locations internationally every 10 years.

Associate Professor **Terry Hamblin** offers an analogy that sums up the importance of ac-

creditation. “You wouldn’t want to see a doctor who doesn’t have a medical license. The same holds true for a college without accreditation. It’s central to the integrity of degree-granting institutions.”

Dr. Hamblin is co-chairing Delhi’s Middle States Steering Committee with **Angela Rhodes**, Systems and Instruction Librarian. They are working with the committee to demonstrate that SUNY Delhi is competent in 14 characteristics of excellence established by the Middle States Commission.

“The self study is not just about academics,” explains Rhodes. “Everyone will play an integral part. We want all faculty and staff to know that they can be helpful in the process, and we hope they’ll get involved.”



**Associate Professor Terry Hamblin and Angela Rhodes, Systems and Instruction Librarian, co-chair Delhi’s Middle States Steering Committee.**

The steering committee is forming work groups that will address the 14 characteristics of excellence. They are looking for a large mix of volunteers to serve on the work groups—those with experience and those who have a fresh perspective. According to Dr. Hamblin, a greater number of volunteers results in greater diversity among the work groups, which will give Delhi an advantage in conducting its self study.

“We have such a diverse campus. Everyone has something to offer,” says Dr. Hamblin. “If everyone helps, the result will be a stronger self study for Delhi.”

A rough draft of the self study will be submitted to the campus community for review in Spring 2011. Faculty, staff and students will have a chance to comment on the document at that time. A complete self study will then be submitted to the Middle States Commission, and in Fall 2011, a team of representatives will visit the Delhi campus to conduct a final evaluation.

Dr. Hamblin and Ms. Rhodes say the current reaccreditation process has a solid foundation to start from because extensive work has been done to document and collect data since the last

accreditation process. That work has positioned the college to do a much better job at drafting a self study this time around.

The Middle States study is more than a process to achieve accreditation, explains Dr. Hamblin. “It’s also about bringing about change that will help Delhi move forward.”

Middle States Steering Committee members include: **Joe Batchelder**, Director of Capital Construction; **Mary Pat Lewis**, Professor/Nursing and Allied Health Department Chair; **LouAnn Matthews-Babcock**, Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Community Development; **Monica Liddle**, Associate Professor; **Brian Hutzley**, Vice President for Business and Finance; **Bret Meckel**, Associate Professor; **Jo Ann Kaufman**, Administrative Aide; **Akira Odani**, Assistant Professor; **Lori Osterhoudt**, Director of Counseling and Health Services; **Jim Sands**, College Council Member; **Eric Robert**, Associate Professor; **Nancy Smith**, Registrar/Director of Institutional Research; **Jeff Stedman**, Director of Academic Advisement and

## Family Fun



Delhi’s Family Day attracted over 1,300 registered guests for a Saturday filled with campus activities. The highlight of the day was a sit-down dinner for 1,200 in the Clark Field House (pictured above). Students and their families enjoyed music by Dr. K’s Motown Revue and an audience participation presentation by Robert Channing. Inset: Instructor **Jodi Krzyston** sizes up a balloon sculpture headdress.

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Retention; and a student representative to be identified.

To learn more about the Middle States accreditation process, visit the Web at <http://bit.ly/1ZBtEZ>. If

you are interested in serving on a work group, contact Terry Hamblin at [hamblitr@delhi.edu](mailto:hamblitr@delhi.edu), Angela Rhodes at [rhodesam@delhi.edu](mailto:rhodesam@delhi.edu), or call the Middle States office at 4727.



## Q & A with... Tom Phillion

**Occupation:** Director of the Professional Golf Management Program (PGM)

**Birthplace:** Glens Falls, NY

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Geography from SUNY Plattsburgh, member of the PGA of America.

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

I like the variety. I teach classes, recruit students, work with parents, and serve as an academic advisor. I wear a lot of hats, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I get to play a little golf, too!

**Who do you most admire?** My father who is no longer with us. I've looked up to him since I was little. I still look up to him today, literally.

**What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem?** I have a few gems to mention. There are Delhi's niche programs. We have so much to offer beyond liberal arts or business. My family and I love the outdoor education center. It's beautiful there. And for selfish reasons, I love the Bubble. How many colleges have an indoor facility like that for practice?

**What is your greatest achievement?** It's when I quit smoking. Maybe that wasn't an achievement, but it's the smartest thing I've ever done.

**If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be?** I would like to be Joe Girardi, manager of the New York Yankees. I'm an obsessive fan. I'd say Derek Jeter, but I'm too old to play shortstop.

## Kudos

Professor **Lynn Domina** and Associate Professor **Jack Tes-sier** were awarded Erpf-Sanford Grants for 2009-2010. The funds will bring a visiting writer and research scientist to the Delhi campus for special presentations.

Assistant Professor **Doug McMullen** was named to the ONC BOCES Career and Technical Education Hall of Fame. The award is given to a graduate of the BOCES center who has demonstrated leadership in his or her field with dedication to the community.

**Lou Shields**, Director of Career, Transfer and Veterans Services, received the 2009 New York College Learning Skills Association Award for Outstanding Service to Students.

Delhi has expanded its Professional Development Grants initiative. The maximum award has increased from \$100 to \$400 and grants are now available to faculty and all staff with a total of \$8,000 allotted to each group. This increase is thanks to a \$11,000 contribution from Business and Community Services. Barnes and Noble continues

# Breathing Room



Construction is underway on a 2,000 square foot addition to the Clark Field House. According to **Joe Batchelder**, Director of Capital Construction, space for some athletic activities was lost with the redesign of Farrell Hall. “We also recognized the need for additional classroom and activity space at Clark,” he says. The addition will extend off of the existing conference room and is due to be completed in Spring 2010.

to contribute \$5,000 annually. Several grants were awarded this month. Associate Professor **Allen Wachter** received \$400 to attend the Veterinary Hospital Managers Association’s Continuing Education Meeting in Coco Beach, FL, in January. **Michele DeFreece**, Director of the Resnick Learning Center/EOP, received \$400 to at-

tend the Second Annual National Symposium on Standards, Self-Assessment and Student Learning Outcomes in Arlington, VA, in November. **John Kolodziej**, Aquatics Coordinator/Swimming Coach, received \$400 to attend the 33rd Annual Eastern States Swim Clinic in New Jersey in October. **Justin Wood**, Track and Cross

Country Coach, received \$400 to attend the 27th Annual U.S. All-Star Track and Field/Cross Country Coaching Clinic in New Jersey in December.

## Promotions

**Sarah Burkdorf** has been promoted from Instructional Support Associate to Instructional Support Technician.

**Carolyn Scobie** has been promoted from Instructional Support Associate to Instructional Support Specialist/Facility Manager for Veterinary Science Technology.

**Barbara Scherer** has been promoted from Secretary 1 to Secretary 2.

**Richard Hood** has been promoted from Plant Utilities Assistant to Plant Utilities Engineer 1.

**Derek Smith** has been promoted from Plant Utilities Helper to Plant Utilities Assistant.

**Sharon McKee** has been promoted from Janitor to Supervising Janitor.

**Cheryl Dietzman** has been promoted from Clerk 1 to Keyboard Specialist 2.

## New Assignments

**Jessica Beaudet** is now an Instructional Support Associate for CIS’s client support services.

## New Faces

**Yudis Contreras** is the new language instructor for Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Jessica Gaske** has joined Nursing and Allied Health as an Instructional Support Associate.

**Grady Miller** is an Instructional Support Assistant for online education.

**Sara Fabrizio**, a 2003 Delhi graduate, joins Veterinary Science Technology as an Instructional Support Associate.

**Connie Fairchild** is a Keyboard Specialist 1 in the Registrar’s Office.

**Donna Toombs**, Clerk 1, has joined University Police as a night clerk/dispatcher.

Facilities welcomes **Melissa Sosa** as Plant Utilities Helper and **Karl Guy** as Maintenance Helper.

## Out and About

Associate Professor **Bret Meckel**, Assistant Professors **Kathleen Ogborn** and **Erika Moran**, and **Jackie Howard**, Veterinary Science Distance Learning Coordinator, attended the annual Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE) Symposium in Omaha, NE. Assistant Professor Moran was elected to the Veterinary Science Distance Learning Coordinator Board of Directors.

**Barbara Jones**, Vice President for Student Life, was elected as President of the SUNY Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers for 2009-11.

**Tom Banks**, Testing Coordinator/International Student Advisor, led a two-week International Student Orientation program for freshmen from Japan.

**Christina Viafore**, Water Testing Lab Director and Co-Advisor for Delhi's Colleges Against Cancer, accompanied students **Danielle Schafer**, **Sean McAllister**, **Deana Kani** and **Jean Viafore** to a summit for college groups at the American Cancer Society Headquarters in Johnson City.

**Michele DeFreece**, Director of the Resnick Learning Center/EOP, is President of the New York State College Learning Skills Association for 2009-10. **Linda Weinberg**, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, is the association's second vice president.

Assistant Professor **David Brower**, Associate Professor **Bret Meckel** and Professor **Mary Pat Lewis**, Nursing and Allied Health Department Chair, have been selected for the Chancellor's statewide Strategic Planning Committee.

Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator **Vince Olechnowicz**, the Delhi Fire Department and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control held a fire safety orientation for new Resident Assistants.

Assistant Professor **Amber Tattall** and Associate Professor **Deb Adelman** are working with the O'Connor Center for Community Service to incorporate service learning into their curricula.

**Chris Wildenstein**, Nurse 1, and **Cathy Harris**, Counselor, coordinated a "Health and Wellness Fair" on September 17.

## Study Abroad



Associate Professor **Linnea Goodwin Burwood** (pictured above with a colleague) arrived in Russia on September 12 to begin her days as a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Burwood has been assigned to both research and teaching duties at Moscow State University. According to Dr. Burwood, it's the Harvard of Russia.

Dr. Burwood offers her first impressions abroad: "When I open my mouth, people know I am not Russian, and they are very helpful correcting my pronunciation and telling me what the appropriate word for something is. Russians are very warm and nice people, not the abrupt and unhelpful people that we associate with the old Soviet Union. My neighbors know no English, but they are very nice, and so far, have helped me with simple things like garbage disposal."

Participants included Delhi's peer educators, Athletics Department, Personal Safety Committee, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Task Force. Outside agencies and organizations included Public Health, O'Connor Hospital, STOP-DWI, the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council, and Safe Against Violence.

## Births



**Jeff Stedman**, Director of Academic Advisement & Retention, and his wife **Sarah** had a baby boy, **Ethan Patrick** (pictured above), on September 4.

Adjunct Instructor **Libby Mari-gliano** and husband **Lee** had a baby girl, **Lily Barrett**, on September 13.

Grants Coordinator **Carmen Andoh** and Assistant Professor **Nana-Yaw Andoh** had a baby girl, **Maya Barbara**, on August 6.

## In Print

Professor **Kirby Olson** has completed a five-year term as editor of *To Wit: Official Newsletter of the American Humor Studies Association*. His last issue will be October 2009.

ESL and Writing Center Coordinator **Sharon Ruetenik** published the book *The Wooden Bowl* in August. She has held readings and book signings at the Art and Soul of the Catskills festival in August and at the Andes Round Table.

The article "Classroom Debate Format: Effect on Student Learning and Revelations about Student Tendencies," by Associate Professor **Jack Tessier**, appeared in the June 2009 issue of *College Teaching*.

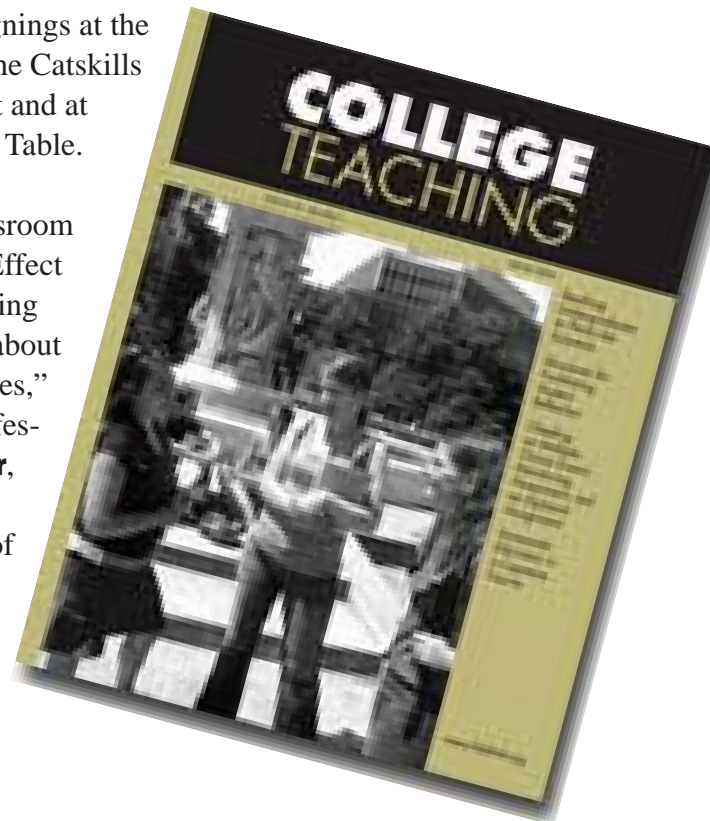
An article by **Mary Pat Lewis**, Profes-

or/Nursing and Allied Health Department Chair, on dealing with NCLEX anxiety appeared in *Scrubs* magazine. The publication is a lifestyle magazine for nurses.

## Weddings

Congratulations to Assistant Professor **Dave DeForest** and Academic Services Associate **Kristin Keller**.

Congratulations to Capital Construction Staff Assistant **Morgan McKee** and **Erica Andrews**.



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# Our Chinese Friends



President **Candace Vancko**, husband **Bob**, and Enrollment Services Dean **Craig Wesley** traveled to China in September to reconnect with **Jiehao Ma**, **Yupeng Zheng**, **Lihui Jiang** and **Ke Yang** who attended Delhi as part of a SUNY initiative to host students who were displaced by the Sichuan earthquake tragedy. The Vanckos and Dean Wesley spent the first three days in Beijing sightseeing, and meeting with SUNY and Chinese representatives. They then traveled to Chengdu where Delhi's students hosted a tour and treated the group to a spicy Sichuan dinner. The trip was sponsored by the People's Republic government.

Top row: Ke, Lihui, Jiehao, Bob Vancko, President Vancko and Yupeng exchanging gifts, Jiehao and Yupeng enjoying candied apples, and Ke and President Vancko at the airport. Middle row: Ke, Jiehao, Dean Wesley, Yupeng, President Vancko and Lihui, Lihui helping with the luggage, the Vanckos with Lihui's family. Bottom: The Vanckos with Jiehao's family.

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