

Delhi People

Hot Food Team Bound For Nationals

Delhi's culinary team earned the title of 2010 Regional Champions this month at the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Northeast Region Championship in Hershey, PA. The team will now compete for the National Championship in August at the ACF National Convention in Anaheim, CA, in August.

This win gives Delhi its fifth regional championship title in nine years. Delhi is the only New York State team to have ever won the Northeast Region Championship.

Instructors Victor Sommo and James Margiotta coach the team. Chef **Tom Recinella**, Program

Director of Culinary Arts, serves as the team's manager.

"Winning the regional championship was the most profound achievement in my career," says Chef Sommo, a 2001 graduate of Delhi's Culinary Arts program. "Words cannot describe the emotions I felt when I heard the team announced as the northeast regional champions."

On the heels of winning the regional championship, Delhi's hot food team made an appearance on the cable morning show Fox & Friends March 17 on the Fox News Channel. The team was invited to the show by the Quarter



Sarah Thurgood, Delhi's culinary team captain

Master School at Fort Lee, VA, the winner of the 35th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition. Chef Recinella established a relationship with the Army culinary team members by helping them prepare for competition for the past two

years. During winter break, Chef Recinella and 10 Delhi culinary students traveled to Fort Lee to help the Army team hone its cooking skills.

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Q & A with... Dunstan McNutt

Occupation: Reference and Instructional Librarian

Birthplace: I was born in Oak Ridge, TN, but soon moved to Johnson City, TN, where I grew up.

Education: B.A. in History and Philosophy from East Tennessee State University and an M.A. in History and an M.L.S from Indiana University.

What do you like most about your job? There are two things. Interaction with students is first. I've worked at much larger universities and did not see students regularly like I do at Delhi. It's the interaction

with students that drives me in my work. Secondly, it's the unique opportunities I have here at Delhi. I was recently asked to teach a philosophy course, which has been a rewarding experience."

Who do you most admire? My Papaw, my maternal grandfather, is definitely at the top of my list. Usually when people age they get stuck in their ways...not my grandfather. He's changed his ideas and has become more open and accepting.

What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem? It's the level of interaction that all faculty and staff have with the students. Our faculty and administration have a real interest in the students and see the students as individuals. It's very refreshing.

What is your greatest achievement? Finding a job in this recession, but also finding a job I love.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? I'm a "Meet the Press" junkie, so I'd love to sit in David Gregory's chair for just one Sunday.

"I was thrilled when Master Sergeant **Dave Turcotte** and Chief Warrant Officer 4 **Russell Campbell** asked us to participate with the Army for Fox and Friends," says Chef Recinella. "It is a privilege to work alongside the military chefs, and it was an honor for us to be there with them. Our students help their cooks with technical skills and culinary knowledge, and in the process, their soldiers teach our students valuable life and leadership lessons. We look forward to many future opportunities with the Army as our relationship continues to grow."

Delhi's hot food team members include: **Sarah Thurgood**, Team Captain, a fourth-year student from Bovina Center; **Kenny Liranzo**, a third-year student from New York City; **Joe Michaud**, a fourth-year student from Gansevoort; **Julie Hernandez**, a third-year student from Bainbridge; and **Mike Specioso**, a third-year student from Binghamton.

Watch the Fox & Friends "After the Show" show to see the team.

Dennis Disciples



Provost **John Nader** hosted an honors reception to recognize Delhi students who made the Dean's List for the Fall 2009 semester on February 24 in the Library Café. A total of 516 students made the Dean's List (3.50 or greater GPA) during the semester.

The reception also marked the announcement of the first Dennis Callas Honors Scholarships. The scholarships were initiated by the College Association in honor of Delhi's former provost and will be awarded on an annual basis.

The first students to receive the new scholarship included (left to right): **Ana Cristina Ramos**, a Liberal Arts major from New York City, **Abigail Butler**, a Liberal Arts major from Walton, and **Mitchell Meyers**, a Liberal Arts major from Staten Island. Each received \$800 towards their Delhi education.

Kudos

Ethan Lennox, an Adventure Recreation major from Apulia Station, and **Than Oo**, a Hotel and Resort Management major from Manhattan, are among an elite group of students to be formally named recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. They will be honored by SUNY on April 6 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.

SUNY Delhi has been recognized with the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the volunteer efforts of the O'Connor Center for Community Service for the fourth consecutive year. SUNY Delhi has received this special recognition every year since the inception of the award.

Marty Greenfield, Director of Student Activities, earned a Campus Events Planner of the Year award from Power Performers for Delhi's Family Day programming.

The Deans Council awarded several Professional Development Grants to faculty and staff this month. **Lori Osterhoudt**, Director of Counseling & Health Services, and **John Huber**, As-

sistant Director, Student Activities, each received \$165 to attend the National Orientation Directors Association Region IX Conference in Ithaca. **Jeff Stedman**, Director of Academic Advisement & Retention, was awarded \$400 to attend the 2010 National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing and Retention in Atlanta, GA. Assistant Professor **Joan Erickson** was awarded \$122 to attend the 2010 New York State Mathematics Association for Two-Year Colleges Annual Conference in Ithaca. **Rob Schoener**, Head Men's Basketball and Women's Softball Coach, received \$400 to attend the Nike Championship Basketball Clinic in Verona.

Associate Professor **Allen Wachter** is now a Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM) through the Veterinary Hospital Managers Association.

Out and About

The O'Connor Center for Community Service has introduced a new program called Bronco Buddies. Delhi students are working with children ages 8-12 at South Kortright Central School to provide ongoing, mentor relationships. Bronco Buddies is a collaborative program that also includes

the Delaware Opportunities Big Buddy Program and students enrolled in Assistant Professor **Amber Tatnall**'s Childhood Psychology class.

Assistant Professor **Ben McGraw** presented his research on annual bluegrass weevil and white grub management at the New York State Turfgrass Association's Western Regional Conference in Buffalo.

Elizabeth Sova, O'Connor Center Coordinator, presented a roundtable discussion on "How to Effectively Track Service Hours" at the Service Learning and Community Service Coordinators Association meeting at SUNY ESF in Syracuse.

Angela Rhodes, Systems & Instruction Librarian, presented a webinar for the Western New York Library Resources Council called "Your Library on Moodle." Delhi celebrated its first RA Appreciation Week, February 22 -26, thanks to the efforts of **Jason Fishner**, Assistant Director of

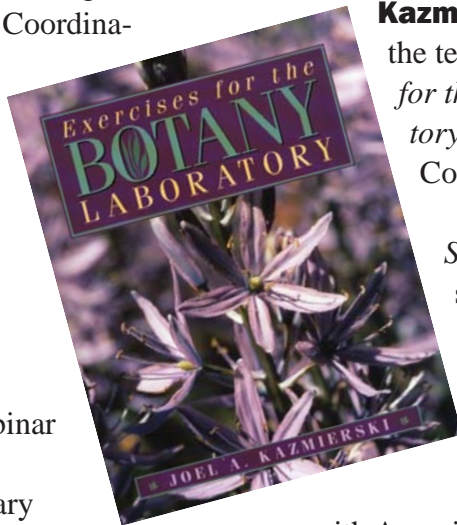
College Housing/Riverview. In addition, **John Padovani**, Director of Residence Life, and Resident Directors **Sean Babcock**, **Nilam Kotadia**, **A.J. Cich**, **José Sanchez** and Fishner are teaching three RA courses this semester.

New Faces

Mercedes Mori has joined Financial Aid as a Keyboard Specialist 1.

In Print

Professor Emeritus **Joel Kazmierski** has authored the textbook, *Exercises for the Botany Laboratory*, Morton Publishing Company.



Signatures, Delhi's student operated restaurant, is featured in the *Catskill Mountain Guide Magazine* with interviews

with Associate Professors **Tom Recinella** and **Rick Golding**. Read the full article on the magazine's web site.

Practical Design



SUNY Delhi's Architecture Technology senior design studio class has designed a mobile display unit for the Clean Energy Technology Training Consortium (CETTC).

The Consortium chose the concepts of students **David Carr** and **William Hitchcock** for the project. According to Assistant Professor **Z. I. Sanchez**, the club collaborated on a final design that integrates the best of each student's concepts. "The final display unit has at its core a five panel set-up that can be assembled with 'off the shelf' items from Williams Lumber 8, Rhinebeck. Williams Lumber 8 was a key supporter of the Sustainable Hudson Valley and the Consortium."

The students will get an opportunity to make the first prototype of the display unit in Delhi's Arch BT studio and will assist in the production of the five other units. Interested in seeing the design? Check out their sketches online at the Architecture Club web page.

Twenty Years Ago Today



SUNY Delhi recently hosted the NJCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship Tournament for the last time. This year marked the 20th consecutive year that the college hosted the tournament. The tournament will now move to Sullivan County Community College for the next three years.

"It's a very bittersweet feeling," says Professor **Barbara Sturdevant**, who has volunteered for the tournament since the beginning and has served as Tournament Director for the last two years. "I have met some wonderful people over these last 20 years and made friends with people from all over the country. Those on the outside saw the finished product of three days of basketball with no idea of the amount of work that goes into putting on an event such as this. Each year I send out over 100 thank you notes to the volunteers who have helped pull it all together. Our volunteers have set a standard that will be hard for other host schools to duplicate."

It was perhaps fitting that the last tournament welcomed back former Athletics Director **Gary Cole** who returned to officiate during the last day of games.

Pictured (top) is retiree **Walt Schultheis** (left) who welcomed his host team "The Storm" from Davidson County Community College; (below) Tournament Director **Barbara Sturdevant** shows a T-shirt she received as a gift from a tournament team to **Jean Alverson**, former Athletics secretary and long-time tournament volunteer.