

Delhi People

President Saakashvili (center, below) receives honorary degree. Read story on page 4.

Four Honored with Chancellor's Awards

Four faculty and staff members have been named recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence, the State University's most prestigious honor. Dr. **Kathryn DeZur**, Associate Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, **Kenneth C. Pyle**, Associate Professor of Veterinary Science Technology, **Pamela J. Peters**, Director of Library Services, and **Cynthia A. Haynes**, Secretary 2, Technology Division, will be presented their awards at the Employee Appreciation Day ceremony Monday, May 24.

"We are very pleased that the outstanding work and dedication

of our faculty and staff are being recognized by the State University of New York," says President **Candace Vancko**.

Dr. DeZur will receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. An associate professor in Delhi's Liberal Arts and Sciences Division, she has taught

for 11 years at Delhi. Her classes range from introductory level to specialized honors courses for which she has developed the curriculum. She has enhanced student excellence through the use of instant response clickers in the classroom, classroom discussion coupled with online discussion, and team-based learning that

develops a positive, competitive spirit while maintaining individual accountability among students.

Dr. DeZur's creative and energetic delivery in the classroom encourages students to continually learn and achieve and she has raised the bar for academic rigor and stu-

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Kathryn DeZur

dent engagement. As chair of the advisory committee for the college's honors program, Dr. DeZur has enhanced the program, which promotes student achievement and scholarship at the associate and baccalaureate levels. She has also energized the Delhi faculty through the development of a lecture series to encourage the spirit of shared research. Dr. DeZur has published numerous articles and poems and has served as the editor of *Agate*, the campus literary publication. She has been selected as a Speaker of Humanities by the New York Council for Humanities and was recognized by the SUNY Research Foundation with a Chancellor's Research Recognition Award in Humanities in 2003.

Associate Professor Pyle will be recognized with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. A faculty member and



Ken Pyle

alumnus of Delhi's Veterinary Science Technology program, Professor Pyle has been teaching at Delhi for 35 years. He has written articles on training and education for technicians and has been an article/scientific paper peer reviewer for two juried journals in his discipline and serves on the editorial board of a third journal. Professor Pyle serves as project manager of TechPharm, a business enterprise for the college. His sabbatical to the University of Miami led to the development of the first and only monkey colony at an AVMA-accredited veterinary technology program and the development of Delhi's primatology courses. He was recently selected as an International Technician Fellow by the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) to participate in an exchange program for laboratory animal science



Pam Peters

trainers and instructors in Great Britain.

Professor Pyle's fundraising activities have expanded student learning at Delhi. He was instrumental in securing \$10,000 annually for student assistantships through Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals. Professor Pyle's 30-year affiliation with the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science has led to AALAS Branch Scholarships for Delhi students. In addition to these activities, Professor Pyle has procured in-kind donations for the Veterinary Science Technology program, valued at tens of thousands of dollars.

Peters is receiving the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. A highly effective student-focused leader for 13 years at Delhi, Peters has transformed Resnick Library into

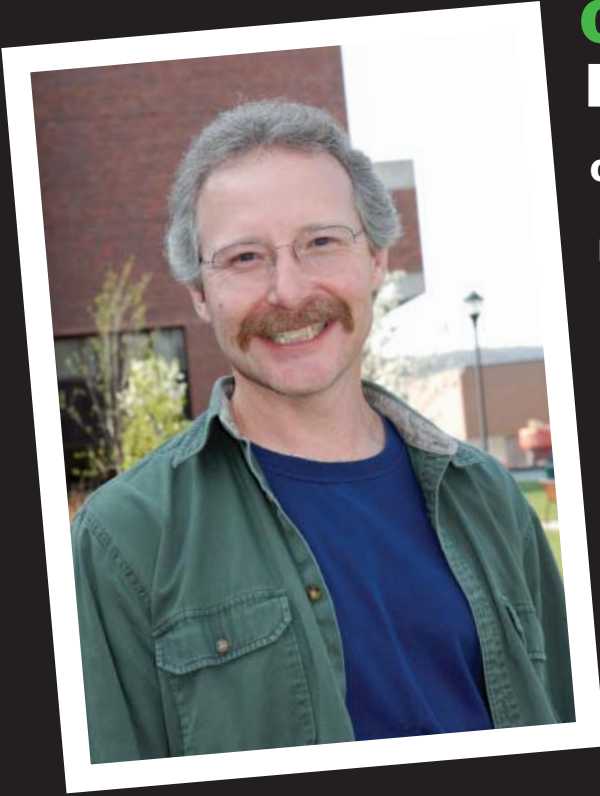


Cindy Haynes

a facility that is extremely popular and consistently receives high marks on the Student Opinion Survey. She also regularly provides workshops and programs for students interested in learning more in the areas of research and technology use. An innovator in her field, Peters was a member of the committee that formed SUNY Connect, which gives students across the State University system access to more than 18 million volumes and thousands of electronic resources. Her expertise and knowledge is regularly sought out by her peers, as evidenced by recent invitations to serve as a program reviewer for Hudson Valley Community College and Schenectady County Community College.

Her continuous involvement with professional organizations and

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Q & A with... Fred Sander

Occupation: General Mechanic

Birthplace: Oneonta, NY

Education: Delaware Academy and vocational courses at the Western Delaware BOCES.

What do you like most about your job? Working with people and making their jobs easier. I also enjoy woodworking, which is part of my job, and the challenges my job presents.

Who do you most admire? I admire the people of SUNY Delhi. They go about what they do so selflessly. We have a lot of people here who give it their all and that inspires me.

What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem? It's the warmth of the Delhi campus. I said earlier that it's all about giving for those of us who work at Delhi, so I would have to say that's our gem. And that warmth starts right at the top with Candace.

What is your greatest achievement? Helping make a difference everyday.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? That would be Chip Foose. My sons and I enjoy restoring cars. I'd love to have a shop like Chip Foose's.

activities at the state level has kept Peters at the forefront of trends in academic and library communities. She has provided the Delhi campus with cutting edge services, strategies and resources that also benefit the greater SUNY community. Peters has also been particularly adept in cultivating gifts for the library. Her partnerships with faculty and staff have resulted in gifts to fund the construction of special collection rooms within the library and allowed for the significant acquisition of research materials for nursing and veterinary science students. In addition to these activities, she was able to secure a \$50,000 gift from Richard and Marilyn Wickham of Delhi to fund technology improvements for the library and learning center and was a leader in helping raise funds to renovate the college's library.

Haynes will receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service. A member of the Delhi campus community since 1982, she began her career as a stenographer in the word processing center. Haynes served many departments within the college prior to her promotion to a senior stenographer in the Technology Division in 1986. Haynes' incredible work ethic, exemplary job performance and dedication to the institution earned her that promotion, which includes managing the Technology Division office. She has been described as the "glue" of her division, and is highly regarded for her commitment to Delhi. Haynes works tirelessly on behalf of students with a philosophy that they come first.

A SUNY Delhi alumna, Haynes is committed to making the college a better place to learn

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and work. She has served on major campus committees, including the Middle States Steering Committee, the Budget and Planning Committee and search committees for leadership positions. Haynes has been instrumental in campus-wide efforts such as the annual Skills USA Region II competitions, alumni weekends, the annual Cruise-In Car Show, and “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work” Day. She also works diligently to raise funds for the campus’ United Way campaign.

President of Georgia Honored

Mikheil Saakashvili, President of the Republic of Georgia, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by SUNY Delhi at a special ceremony on April 20 at the State University of New York Global Center in New York City.

President Saakashvili is recognized throughout the world for his efforts in bringing democratic values to the Georgian Republic and for strengthening his country’s ties to the United States.

At the event, State University Chancellor **Nancy Zimpher** and President **Candace Vancko** made remarks. **Carl Hayden**,

chairman of the SUNY Board of Trustees, assisted President Vancko in presenting the award to President Saakashvili.

In presenting the award, President Candace Vancko said, “We are proud to honor a scholar whose vision and leadership have inspired a nation to create new alliances with the Western world.”

Under President Saakashvili’s leadership, SUNY Delhi and the Republic of Georgia have formed an educational partnership that will strengthen Tbilisi State University (TSU). This partnership was inspired by President Vancko’s daughter-in-law, Tika Svanidze Vancko, who is a native of Georgia.

Other dignitaries in attendance were **Eunice Lewin** and **Melody Mercedes**, members of the SUNY Board of Trustees; Law



At the reception following the ceremony: Tika Svanidze Vancko; President Candace Vancko; Chancellor Nancy Zimpher; SUNY Board of Trustees Chairman Carl T. Hayden; and Trustees Eunice Lewin and Melody Mercedes.

Professor **Lori Damrosch** and Associate Dean **Ross Frommer**, both from Columbia University, President Saakashvili’s alma mater; and presidents from across the State University system.

Five Delhi hospitality students served at the reception. They

included **Jamie Rywalt**, **Justin Brand**, **Kaycee Darby**, **Jerry Resilien**, and **Subhash Modasra**.



Man of the Season



Coach **Justin Wood** has been named 2010 NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Men’s Coach of the Year. Wood has continued the success of the cross country and track and field teams with the men’s team winning the NJCAA Division III cross country championship for the sixth consecutive year, establishing a new championship meet record. The men’s indoor track team finished in eighth place at the NJCAA championships, equaling the highest finish in school history, previously achieved in 2004 when Coach Wood was a member of the squad. Also under Coach Wood, the women’s cross country team won the Region III and Mountain Valley Conference championships.

Kudos

Tom Phillion, Assistant Professor/PGM Director, and **Dave Arehart**, Golf Professional and Golf Manager of the College Golf Course at Delhi, have been recognized by the PGA President’s Council for efforts to support “Growing the Game.”

Rebecca Hilts, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, completed her master’s degree in Social Policy in Education through Empire State College.

The O’Connor Center for Community Service reached its goal to raise \$5,000 to benefit Hope for Haiti, an organization that supports Haitian youth. Delhi students partnered with local organizations, including Kiwanis and the Delhi Fire Department, to reach their goal. The College Association at Delhi, Inc. and the Coca-Cola Company also assisted more than 100 students who raised funds through events on campus and throughout the Delhi community.

The Deans’ Council has awarded Professional Development Grants to Professor **Bill Moyse** and Instructor **Alan Smith**. Each

was awarded \$145.77 to attend the Journal of Light Construction Trade Show in Providence, RI, this month and each received \$135 to attend the LEAD Removal Certification in Syracuse in May. The Deans’ Council also awarded \$400 to **Amber Sohns**, Women’s Basketball Coach, to attend the Nike Championship Basketball Clinic in Verona in May.

The Student Senate issued its first Faculty/Staff Programming Grants to support educational programs outside of the classroom. During the Senate’s March 31 meeting, grants were awarded to: Instructor **Jessica Backus-Foster** in support of a culinary class trip to the Baron H. Galand Knowledge Bowl competition; PGM Director **Tom Phillion** in support of a student trip to the USGA Headquarters in Far Hills, NJ; Officer **James McCartney** in support of RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training on the Delhi campus; and Assistant Professor **Amber Tattall** in support of two educational programs for the Child Growth and Development and Human Sexuality classes.

LouAnn Matthews-Babcock, Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Community Development, and **Denise McLean**, Secre-
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tary 2, organized a reception on April 1 to recognize the faculty and staff volunteers who have served on Student Conduct Council for five or more years. Those receiving recognition certificates included Associate Professor **Glenda Bolton**, Professor **Lynn Domina**, Assistant Professor **Joan Erickson**, Dining Service Director **John Ford**, Director of Student Activities **Marty Greenfield**, Associate Professor **Terry Hamblin**, Swimming and Diving Coach **John Kolodziej**, Assistant Director of Admissions **Patrick Mente**, Assistant Professor **Chris Mignier**, Dining Hall Manager **Jamie Rotter**, Director of Academic Advisement and Retention **Jeff Stedman**, Professor **Marsha Stock**, and Secretary 1 **Colleen Shackelton**.

Out and About

Barbara Jones, Vice President for Student Life, has been invited to serve as a member of the editorial board for the *New York State College Student Personnel Association Journal*.

Mary Wake, Assistant Director of Counseling Services, attended a conference on traumatic brain injury and addiction, sponsored

by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Services.

Athletic Director **Bob Backus** attended the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) meetings in Colorado Springs, CO, and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) meetings in Cincinnati, OH.

Counselor **Cathy Harris** attended a two-day training focused on cognitive processing therapy for the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) at the Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz.

Lori Osterhoudt, Director of Counseling and Health Services, and **John Huber**, Assistant Director of Student Activities, attended the regional conference of the National Orientation Director's Association at Cornell University.

Leslie Madeo, Nurse 2, attended a conference on dementia in Oneonta.

Delhi students assisted Bassett Healthcare's Smoke Free Parks

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Paula DiPerna Visits



Policy analyst and author **Paula DiPerna** spoke to students, faculty, staff and community members during a recent campus presentation, "Pricing the Priceless: The Experience of the Chicago Climate Exchange."

DiPerna is Executive Vice President of the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), the world's first inter-sectoral mechanism for trading carbon dioxide emissions allowances and the first in the U.S. to achieve voluntary and binding emission reductions from leading companies and other institutions.

DiPerna's presentation was part of SUNY Delhi's participation in the United Nations Academic Impact initiative. SUNY Delhi has joined institutions of higher education from around the world in partnering with the U.N. and actively supporting 10 universally accepted principles. Delhi has chosen to focus on "A Commitment to Promoting Sustainability through Education."

Pictured above: President **Candace Vancko**, students **Colin Covitz** and **Ana Cristina Ramos**, and Paula DiPerna at a dinner discussion prior to her presentation.

Going Shoeless



Student Senate President **Than Oo** and **Kishan Zuber**, Electronic Media Counselor, teamed up to encourage the campus community to go shoeless and donate gently-used shoes to raise awareness and help those who go shoeless everyday through “Soles4Souls.” Oo then worked with **Cheryl Dietzman**, Keyboard Specialist 2, to promote a “One Day Without Shoes” event on the Delhi campus. Delhi students, faculty and staff joined a quarter of a million people around the world in going without shoes to raise awareness of those afflicted with podoconiosis, which is 100 percent preventable given basic foot hygiene and by wearing shoes.

The shoes collected have been sent to the Soles4Soles charity with shipping provided by Barnes and Noble.

Above left to right: Student **James Finneran**, O’Connor Center Coordinator **Elizabeth Sova**; Nursing students **Taylor Stone** and **Andrea D’Altilio**; Student Senate President **Than Oo** and nursing students **Melissa D’Altilio** and **Christy Hubbard**.

initiative by cleaning up cigarette butts in the community and presenting their collections at a Delhi Town Board Meeting with a proposal to make local parks smoke free.

Denise McLean, Secretary 2, and Associate Professor **Eric Robert** coordinated the Skills-VICA regional competition on the Delhi campus, welcoming over 500 high school students from Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, and Tioga Counties.

In Print

Three poems by **Sharon Ruetnick**, ESL and Writing Center Coordinator, were published in the April issue of the e-zine *Ad Hock Monadnock*. Also, her poem, “Home,” was read on NPR’s “Off the Page” as part of national poetry month.

The National Collegiate Scouting Association’s “Coaches Corner” featured **Bob Leary**, Men’s Lacrosse and Women’s Soccer Coach, in a “Q & A” article.

Practical Pianist

Pianist **Hyperion Knight** (pictured right) recently spoke to Hospitality Management students about the ins and outs of working on cruise ships. Knight also performed at this year’s Zraly Scholarship Endowment dinner.

