

Delhi People

Hospital Benefits From Expertise

Under the direction of Assistant Professor **Nana Andoh**, third-year architecture students are earning accolades for their innovative design work for Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton.

Dotti Kruppo, Vice President of Community Services at Delaware Valley Hospital, had first approached President **Candace Vancko** with the idea of engaging students for the project. “We were discussing ways in which Delhi students have worked with the community to complete certain projects,” explains Kruppo. “I knew about Delhi’s architecture program, which prompted me to ask President Vancko if Delhi might be interested in collaborating on our primary care center.”

According to Professor Andoh, the current facility had many design flaws that needed to be addressed. The space was maze-like as the result of many quick-fix renovations over the years and offered no sense of privacy for patients. Sound traveled within the space and did not allow for private conversations. The hospital presented Professor Andoh and the students with a wish list of design features. Two of the main items on the list were a central nurses station and a priority to maximize privacy.

A total of 17 students broke out into eight work teams. Students were required to visit the site and take photos as part of their re-

search. Each team came up with its own distinct solution for hospital representatives to consider.

Although the hospital’s budget was limited, Professor Andoh felt it was important to go beyond the budget restrictions and expand the project. “Our approach was to give them something grand, but

to also present options that would allow them to scale back to meet their needs.”

When presented all eight options, Vice President Kruppo said her favorite was a suite-style design by **Rebecca Parese** and **Steven McCormack**. It featured a

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Former Provost Dennis Callas returned to campus for the dedication of The Callas Center for Teaching and Learning on the third floor of Bush Hall. At the ceremony, Dr. Callas was presented the rank of Provost and Professor Emeritus.



Q & A with... Steve McKeegan, P.E.

Occupation: Professor,
Construction Technology and Management

Birthplace: Delhi, NY

Education: Civil Engineering, Clarkson University

What do you like most about your job? I enjoy working with the students in the labs, helping them build mock-ups, and showing them how to test soils. (I just talked with a graduate who is a soils testing technician. He loves it!)

What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem? It's our labs. All of our Construction Technology courses have labs that come as close to reality as possible. We've built full section mock-ups of the Electrical Technology Center in Smith Hall.

Who do you most admire? All the great folks in the construction industry.

What is your greatest achievement? I would say instructing our students through hands-on, team-based learning. Our students are able to see construction from foundation to rooftop. My next goal is to make our heavy construction instruction as close to real-world as possible using models and mock-ups, much like we have done with commercial construction. The annual MOLES Student Day and the field trips that our alumni arrange enable our students to witness commercial and heavy construction first hand.

If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be? I'd like to be an obituary writer for the *New York Times*. No kidding! I read the obituaries every day and learn about the most fascinating people.

central nurses station and a suite designated for each doctor. "We wanted to create a design where anyone who was visiting for the first time would know where to go," says **Rebecca Parese**. "We came up with four physician suites around a circular nurses station with each suite containing three exam rooms, a bathroom and a physician's office."

Professor Andoh says the designs and the schematic drawings offered to Delaware Valley Hospital would be valued at \$100,000 if a professional architecture firm was hired for the job. "Dotti now has many options she can present to an architectural firm," says Professor Andoh. "She can point to any of the features that the hospital wishes to implement. This eliminates much of the up-front conversation with the hired architects, saving the hospital in consultation fees."

Instructor **Jared Yando** and Construction Management majors are in the process of estimating construction materials for the project, which will help the hospital better define the scope and cost of the project.

Centennial Winner



Congratulations to Kyleigh Wentworth, the winner of Delhi's centennial design concept competition. Kyleigh won a \$100 gift certificate from the Barnes & Noble Campus Store and a gift basket courtesy of Student Life. Thanks go to all the students, faculty, staff and alumni who participated in the contest. Pictured above: **Patti Timoney**, Campus Store Manager; **Kyleigh Wentworth**, contest winner, and **Lori Osterhoudt**, Director of Counseling and Health Services.

Kudos

Delhi's electrical program recently received approval for both an A.A.S. and an A.O.S. option in Integrated Energy Systems, which represents another step toward offering a curricula that focuses on sustainability.

Four Professional Development Grants were awarded by the Deans' Council. Associate Professor **Terry Hamblin** received \$400 to attend the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAHR) annual conference in Alexandria, VA. Instructor **Landa Palmer** was awarded

\$250 to attend the New York State Nurses Association Faculty Camp in Latham. **Anna Reed**, Library Clerk 3, received \$188 to attend the 33rd New York State Library Assistants' Association Conference at SUNY Geneseo. **Mary Wake**, Assistant Director of Counseling Services, was awarded \$265 to attend the Counseling Centers of New York Conference in Ithaca.

Community member **Nancy Gleason** was so pleased with the recent appearance of reality-show star **Matt Roloff** that she wrote to Student Activities Director **Marty Greenfield** to let him know. She said, "It was nice to experience a rare event without having to pay an arm and a leg. Thank you for bringing this entertainment so close to our area. With things like this, it's easy to see why two of my children loved attending Delhi. It is evident the faculty and staff work hard to make the college a place you want to be!"

**Share your news
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**Have a story idea or
something to be recognized?**

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Promotions

Sharon McKee has been promoted from Supervising Janitor to Custodial Operations Manager.

New Faces

Patti Timoney is the new manager of the Barnes & Noble Campus Store.

Out and About

Residence Director **Nilam Kotadia** and **Barbara Jones**, Vice President for Student Life, attended the 2011 NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA. Vice President Jones helped host the SUNY Alumni and Friends reception at the conference.

Assistant Professor **David Brower** and members of Delhi's Association of Travel Executives, Hotel Management Society, and Club Managers Association of America helped kindergartners from Delaware Academy learn the letter "c" by baking chocolate chip cookies in the college's kitchen.

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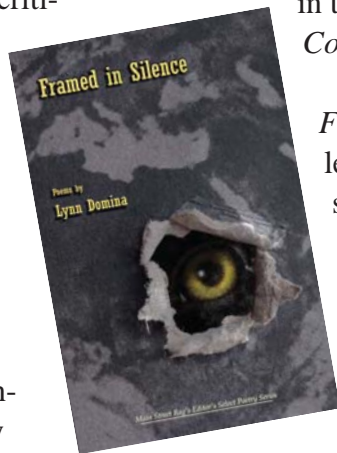
Dunstan McNutt, Reference and Instruction Librarian, attended the Association of College Research Libraries (ACRL) 2011 conference in Philadelphia, PA, where he presented on a panel entitled “Instruction Deconstruction: Perspectives on Critical Information Literacy.” The panel looked at ways in which traditional models of information literacy are found wanting, and how critical theory can inform teaching.

Mary Pysnik, VISTA Member; **Elizabeth Sova**, O’Connor Center Coordinator, **Ulla Wadner**, Library Café/Catering Manager, and Culinary Arts student **Phil Ricciardi** attended the “Farm to Market Connection” hosted by Pure Catskills of the Watershed Agricultural Council in Liberty. The conference brought together farm and food business people from the Catskills, Hudson Valley and the metropolitan region to discuss topics that ranged from increasing

farmers market sales to connecting with consumer buying clubs.

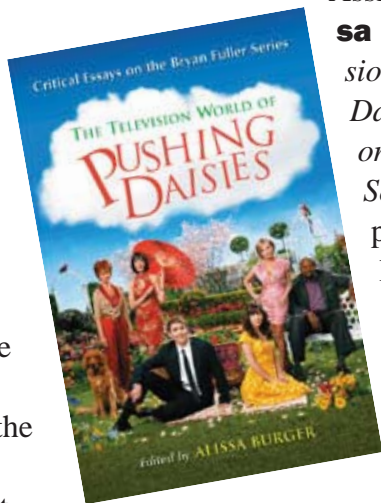
In Print

Assistant Professor **Ben McGraw**’s research article “Nematodes for Control of Annual Bluegrass Weevil” was published in the February issue of *Golf Course Management*.



Framed in Silence, a collection of poetry by Professor **Lynn Domina**, was selected for publication after finishing as a runner up in the 2010 Main Street Rag Poetry Book Award.

Assistant Professor **Alissa Burger**’s *The Television World of Pushing Daisies: Critical Essays on the Bryan Fuller Series* was recently published by McFarland. Her book is a collection of 10 essays that address the elements that made the show a popular success.



Easier Travels



Under the direction of Professor **Floyd Vogt** and Instructor **Jared Yando**, students completed a bus stop for Adirondack Trailways on the southeast side of campus. A new sidewalk and concrete pad was designed, engineered and installed to prepare for installing the shelter, which was purchased through Brasco International Inc. Adirondack Trailways contributed \$2,000 towards the project.

Associate Professor **Peter Daempfle**’s textbook *Science and Society* was accepted for publication by Pearson Learning Solutions and is scheduled for release in fall 2011.

Assistant Professor **Sandra Johnson**’s book, *Assertive Community Treatment: Evidence Based Practice or Managed Recovery*, was published by Transaction Publishers.

Why We Relay

Delaware County's Relay For Life event, April 29-30, gets a huge boost from SUNY Delhi. With over 500 faculty, staff, and students participating, Delhi makes up the majority. Here are some of Delhi's dedicated "Relayers."



Barbara Kaplan

"I am proud to be part of this fundraiser. I have lost friends to cancer and have many more friends who are survivors, including one of my sisters."



Kyle Dinet

"I am participating because every little bit helps. I want to do what I can because if I was the one that had cancer, I know that others would do it for me."



Rick Golding

"My mom was a survivor, my dad died from cancer, and now my brother has been stricken...I work and fight back for all of them as well many other friends and relatives...we will find a cure!"



Christina Viafore

"I Relay because my Dad is a survivor and I am so thankful for that. Since his cancer diagnosis, he's been able to celebrate 12 birthdays and in June we'll celebrate his 13th!"



Rocco Pesce

"I Relay not only for the fight, but to remember and celebrate."



Pam Hilton

"This year I Relay for my best friend Amy. She was diagnosed with breast cancer a month ago."



Christy Hubbard

"I Relay because I'm a survivor."