

# Delhi People

## Learning while Saving Energy

Delhi is offering students experience with “green” technology while offsetting a portion of the college’s energy use with a new solar laboratory.

One hundred solar modules were installed adjacent to the Electrical Technologies Center to provide a permanent site for demonstrating renewable energy technology (photovoltaic energy) to students preparing for careers in electrical and building construction. Twenty additional solar modules have been installed exclusively for students to learn how to set up and break down a solar electric system.

The new laboratory is thanks to a \$172,000 grant by the New York

State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

According to **Jim Ellis**, Instructor for Delhi’s photovoltaics program, it’s a win-win situation. “This lab allows us to increase the experiences for our students,” says Ellis. “Another benefit is that the lab produces 22.4 kilowatts of energy per hour, offsetting up to 25 percent of the annual electric usage for the Electrical Technologies Center.”

A monitoring kiosk in the Electric Technologies Center displays the amount of power the solar ar-

ray generates in real time. It also shows the total power generation since the system was installed. Ellis is currently working to place the monitoring system on the college’s web site for public viewing. From it, he is able to estimate that the solar array has spared the environment three tons of carbon dioxide since September 1.

Professor Emeritus **Bob Morris** introduced the concept of teaching solar electric energy in a 2002

student workshop. His goal was to help Delhi become certified to train solar technicians for New York State, which is the case today. SUNY Delhi is one of five institutions in New York State that offer nationally-accredited photovoltaic programs.

“Delhi’s inspiration has been Bob and his son **Jeremy**,” says Ellis. “Without them, our program wouldn’t be where it is today.”



**SUNY Trustee Eunice A. Lewin visited the Delhi campus October 25 to speak with students to hear their comments and concerns.**

## Common Hour Goes Green

New to the fall semester is Delhi's Common Hour, held Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. with campus-wide events held every third Thursday.

Delhi's Common Hour Committee has launched a series of events based on the year's "Go Green" theme. Classes are limited during the Common Hour and offices are encouraged to cut back on operations so that the campus community may participate in these events.

The Common Hour was kicked off with a successful Student Activity Fair in September when faculty and staff interacted with student organizations. October brought *King Corn* star **Curt Ellis**. He discussed issues on how we eat and how we farm. This month, "Go for the Green" included a re-purposing contest, a recycling casino night, a swap meet, and a presentation by Sue McIntyre, Director of the Solid Waste Facility in Delaware County.

Future events are being planned by the Common Hour Committee. "It's Not Easy Being Green" will feature a "green" costume party for faculty and staff February

24 with prizes awarded to those wearing costumes that celebrate the green theme. On March 15, the campus will be invited to explore money, business, corporations, and their impact on our quality of life through a series of planned events, including showings of the movie, *The Corporation*, throughout the week.

The Common Hour Committee includes **Lori Osterhoudt**, Chair, Director of Counseling and Health Services; Associate Professor **Jack Tessier**; Assistant Professor **Amber Tatnall**; **Barbara Kaplan**, Assistant to the President; Residence Hall Directors **Brittany Bookman** and **Owen Conklin**; **John Huber**, Assistant Director of Student Activities; **Kim MacLeod**, Communications and New Media Manager; Associate Professor **Terry Hamblin**; Associate Professor **Akira Odani**; **Nancy Hughes**, Director of Financial Aid; **Patricia Timoney**, Barnes & Noble Bookstore Manager; Assistant Librarian **Amanda Mitchell**; and **Christina Viafore**, Marketing Manager/Assessment and Sustainability Coordinator, CADI.

## Q & A with... Akira Odani

**Occupation:** Associate Professor, Business Program, Business and Hospitality Division

**Birthplace:** Tokyo, Japan

**Education:** B.A. in International Relations from International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, a Ph.D. in Modern Chinese History from Brown University, Providence, R.I. and 35 years in private industry.



**What do you like most about your job?** I like the opportunities to have an honest exchange of ideas with many bright young students.

**What do you consider to be SUNY Delhi's hidden gem?** It's professors practicing 'Team-Based Learning' (TBL).

**Who do you most admire?** Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

**What is your greatest achievement?** I was a restless, confused, and angry young man. Today I am proud to have achieved a reasonable level of "peace of mind."

**If you could change jobs with someone for a day, who would that be?** It would be Placido Domingo at the Metropolitan Opera singing in Puccini's *Turandot*, or the conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

## Giving Thanks for Service



In celebration of Veterans Day, Delhi's Veterans Services Office honored students, staff and faculty who have served our country with a reception in the Resnick Learning Center.

Those who attended received a variety of gifts, including a backpack, a coupon for a free beverage and pastry, three-ring binders, pens and veterans transition pocket manuals. Refreshments and veterans educational benefits resources were also shared.

Sharing their veteran stories at the event (pictured left to right) were students **Ricky Ackerly, Jr.**, and **Ethan Berghammer**, Professor **Ken Pyle**, Associate Professor **Steve Tait**, Students **Kenneth Smith** and **Shawn Bartlett**, and **Dominic Morales**, **Dean of Applied Sciences and Technology** with veterans certifying official **Michele DeFreece** listening. Thanks to CADI, Barnes & Noble and the Resnick Learning Center for their generous contributions honoring those who have served.

## Kudos

Congratulations to Delhi Culinary Arts majors who competed in the Société Culinaire Philanthropique's 143rd Annual Salon of Culinary Art and Exhibition in New York City November 13-15. Out of 12 entries, Delhi won five gold medals, six silver medals and one bronze medal.

Professor **Kathryn DeZur** was selected as a board member of the International Sidney Society for a term of three years. The Society publishes the Sidney Journal, a semi-annual periodical that provides a critical forum for scholars and students of Sir Philip Sidney, Mary Sidney Herbert, and other members of the Sidney family and circle.

**Sharon Reutenik**, Coordinator of the Writing Center/ELL Services, received a scholarship to participate in the Wesleyan Writers Conference in Middletown, CT.

Assistant Professor **Amber Tatnall** and Instructor **Jackie Howard** were selected as Service Learning Fellows by the O'Connor Center for Community Engagement. Each has received a

\$500 grant for incorporating a service learning component in their curriculum for the fall semester.

Assistant Professor **Amber Tatnall** and **Elizabeth Sova**, Coordinator of the O'Connor Center for Community Engagement, each received a professional development grant to attend the New York Campus Compact 10th Anniversary Conference and Celebration in New York City. During the conference, Dr. Tatnall presented the workshop "Working with the Differently Abled: Changing Attitudes Changes Lives." The presentation included five short videos highlighting SUNY Delhi's ongoing partnership with the Delaware County ARC through classes taught by Dr. Tatnall and Assistant Professor **Dave DeForest** that have been opened to DeLARC clients.

**Linda Weinberg**, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, has been elected to serve on the executive board of the SUNY sector of the New York State Disability Services Council.

**Dominic Morales**, Dean of Applied Sciences and Technology, was invited to be a member of the Delaware County Energy Action Committee.

## Purple Power



SUNY Delhi joined other state workers in taking a stand against domestic violence by wearing purple to work on October 19.

Those who participated in the state-wide event included (left to right): **Rebecca Hilts**, Assistant Director of Financial Aid; **Betti Padgett**, Keyboard Specialist 2; **Theresa Miller**, Agency Program Aide; **Julie Tierson**, BSN Program Assistant; **Alayna Weingates**, Clerk 1; **Diana VerNooy**, Office Manager; **Donna Dougherty**, Technology Support Assistant; **Tracy Hoepfner**, Keyboard Specialist 1; **Maureen McKenna**, Senior Development Officer; **Kristy Fitch**, Systems Administrator; and **Ann Kochersberger**, Clerk 2.

## New Faces

**Darcy Dibble** is the new College Accountant.

The Admissions Office recently welcomed Admissions Counselor **Anna Borkowski**.

**Laurie Jones** has joined Student Financial Services as a Clerk 1.

Three new janitors have joined the Delhi family. **Gary Oliver** and **James Wilson** are serving Residence Life and **Jason O'Donnell** is serving Farrell Center.

## Out and About

The O'Connor Center for Community Engagement has teamed with the White House to become a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national program recognizing those who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service. As a certifying organization for the award, the O'Connor Center is responsible for verifying service hours, nominating potential recipients and delivering the award.

Associate Professor **Peter Daempfle** recently completed

work as a science content specialist on the Michigan State University/NSF Grant "PROM/SE: Promoting Rigorous Outcomes in Mathematics and Science Education."

Associate Professor **Ben McGraw** presented "Get the Pest of the Field: Insect Control for Sports Turf," at the Winning Fields Conference in Troy and at the Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association Educational Meeting at the Neshobe Golf Club in Brandon, VT.

Associate Professor **Terry Hamblin** presented "You Say You Want a Revolution: John Lennon, The Beatles, and the Political Culture of the 1960s" to the Andes Roundtable.

Assistant Librarians **Amanda Mitchell** and **Dunstan McNutt** presented at the SUNY Librarians Association Conference in Plattsburgh, "Step Away from the Podium: Bringing Active Learning Techniques into Library Classrooms."

Associate Professors **Glenda Bolton** and **Jack Tessier** and Instructor **Pete Campbell** presented at the 11th annual Conference on Volunteerism and Social Responsibility at SUNY Oneonta.

Associate Professor **Stephen Tucker** attended the 2011 Advanced Hybrid/Alternative Fuel Institute at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, OH. The Institute was sponsored by the National Science Foundation with the objective of providing hands-on learning experiences to assist in facilitating the development and improvement of hybrid and alternative fuels curriculum and instruction.

**LouAnn Matthews-Babcock**, Director of Judicial Affairs, has been working with students **David Exelbert** and **Protima Singh** who serve as Delhi's new Community Assistants. These two positions have been created to better improve relations between students who live in the community and community members.

Thanks to Assistant Librarian **Dunstan McNutt** and Clerk **Denise Holcomb**, Delhi now has an online, campus-wide repository. The site serves as a clearinghouse where faculty and staff may post documents on campus assessment and planning.

Associate Professor **Birgitta Brophy** was selected to judge the Sullivan Renaissance Beautification Competition for the third year. The four-day event provides winning communities with cash awards to recognize their efforts in enhancing their project areas.

The College Association at Delhi, Inc. (CADI) is partnering with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets by participating in the new Farm to College program. The goal of the program is to assist college and university food service personnel meet the growing demand from students, faculty, staff and parents to include locally-grown and produced food on menus and at special events.

## Campus Learning Experiences



SUNY Delhi students had the opportunity to use their talents to help the college with priorities this month. Instructor **Kathy Gillooley** (pictured above, far left) and Instructional Support Associate **Julia Ward** instructed Horticulture and Landscape design and Management majors to replant shrubbery overgrowth to the side stalls of Alumni Hall as part of a classroom experience.

Pictured below, Assistant Professor **Nana-Yaw Andoh** used a redesign of the college golf course clubhouse as a recent project for Architecture Technology majors. Those who could offer their expertise were invited to critique the student presentations at the clubhouse on October 21. They included: Assistant Professor **Brook Denison**, Adjunct Instructor **Janet Ho**, Golf Pro **Dave Arehart**, Assistant Professor **James Lees**, and Associate Professor **Ben McGraw**.

# What a Relief



Over 160 students, faculty and staff volunteered for SUNY Delhi’s annual Community Service Day at various locations across Delaware County. Many assisted with flood relief clean-up efforts. Fred Miller, proprietor of Miller’s Drug Store in Margaretville, commented on the effort in a letter to President **Candace Vancko**, “I cannot say enough about their helpfulness, great attitude and positive work ethic. This has been a hard time for us and having these young people come out and lend a hand was a real boost.” Pictured clockwise from top left: Students carrying water and cleaning supplies in Margaretville; students gather with a Margaretville representative to discuss clean-up plans, waste is carried off from a Margaretville home; students remove mud from a playground in Fleischmanns; students remove debris from under a Margaretville home; and Electrician **Jim Warren** driving students to their Community Service Day destinations. *Margaretville photos by student Helen Caster.*