

SUNY DELHI ENROLLMENT LARGEST IN 13 YEARS

DELHI, NY ... This fall, SUNY Delhi has the largest total enrollment since 1989. Enrollment has been on the rise for five consecutive semesters thanks to new degree options and outreach initiatives. A total of 2,405 students are enrolled at Delhi, compared to 2,249 in Fall 2001.

Enrollment Services reports that the college is well over its enrollment targets for the fall semester, with nearly a 15 percent increase in returning students. Larry Barrett, dean of enrollment services at SUNY Delhi, also believes that this fall is the largest enrollment of part-time students in the college's history.

"We predicted an increase, which is why we set higher goals this semester," said Dean Barrett. "However, we exceeded our estimates, and credit that to Delhi's ability to focus on flexibility and affordability. We offer a number of unique degree options that continue to attract students from across New York State."

The college has over 40 academic programs to choose from and continues to expand its baccalaureate degrees. Currently there are 204 baccalaureate students, compared to 160 last fall. Delhi's baccalaureate numbers are expected to grow even more. Proposals for additional four-year degrees in veterinary science technology, architecture technology, and recreation and sports facility area management have been submitted to the State University of New York.

SUNY Delhi also gave local residents new options to pursue nursing degrees by collaborating with Hartwick College and Bassett Healthcare, and launching the "Stay close. Go far." campaign through the Delaware County Rural Healthcare Alliance. This has prompted a 130 percent increase in the college's nursing enrollment. "Hard work, commitment and creativity have revitalized Delhi's nursing program, and with the new exposure, more and more students are pursuing nursing at Delhi," said Mary Jane Giarrusso-Wilkin, nursing department chair for SUNY Delhi.

"And our technology programs continue to grow. We have doubled our enrollment in the automotive program, which goes to show that our certificate and two-year degree programs are just as popular," Dean Barrett added.