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A Healthy Dose for Nursing



Members of the nursing faculty received specialized training on Nursing Anne VitaSim™, the latest in mannequin technology.

With enrollment on the rise, a dedicated facility, and grants for new lab equipment, SUNY Delhi's Nursing program is getting a real shot in the arm.

"We're seeing a great expansion," says Dr. Mary Pat Lewis, Nursing and Allied Health Department Chair. "It began with a new marketing focus and a partnership with Bassett Healthcare and Hartwick College. From there, enrollment has really taken off."

Delhi's "Stay Close. Go Far." marketing campaign and the Partnership with Nursing Opportunities were two ways the college began attracting local residents as a response to lagging numbers in its Nursing program. Since then, enrollment has increased significantly.

Dr. Lewis says, "Delhi is seeing a growing number of non-traditional students from the surrounding communities who see nursing as an exciting career option."

To accommodate the growth, the nursing program moved from two rooms on the first floor of Sanford Hall to a revamped, dedicated facility across the street in South Hall. The facility includes two large, open rooms that simulate a hospital setting, as well as a traditional classroom, which seats 20, and a conference room. Another new facility is the Olive B. Price Special Collections Room in the Resnick Library and Learning Center. Funded by an \$82,000 grant from the O'Connor Foundation, it is the college's first dedicated collections room,

featuring book, periodicals, and multimedia stations for nursing students.

In addition to new space, the Nursing program was able to secure state-of-the-art lab equipment through a grant totaling over \$24,000 from the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. "We saw the opportunity to tap into support beyond what we receive from SUNY," Dr. Lewis says. "With the South Hall renovations, equipment needed to be replaced, and we knew replacing it would be very costly."

Dr. Lewis and the nursing faculty also saw the grant as an opportunity to expand on their students' learning experience. They used the grant funds to purchase five VitaSim™

mannequins. "They are a really amazing tool in the classroom. They give the student the opportunity to practice a wide range of real-life patient assessment and care." The grant also funded specialized training for the nursing faculty on VitaSim™ mannequins so they could best utilize them in the classroom.

And there's more good news for Nursing—an additional \$20,000 from the New York State Education Department will help fund three more mannequins and additional equipment and supplies. "The support comes at a perfect time. We're able to capitalize on the success of the program, but at the same time maximize the learning experience for our students," Dr. Lewis says.

Newsmakers

Outstanding Academic Advising



Michael Branigan, recipient of the 2005 Outstanding Advising Award, speaks with one of his advisees.

Michael Branigan, Associate Professor in Applied Sciences and Recreation, has received the 2005 Outstanding Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). Professor Branigan was one of only 10 advisors honored nationwide in the Faculty Academic Advising category. This category includes individuals whose primary responsibility is teaching and who spend a portion of their time providing academic advising services to students.

Branigan is the third advisor from Delhi to earn this

national honor. Leslie McKay, Director of Academic Advisement and Retention, and Bob Henault, Professor Emeritus, each earned the award in 2000 and 2004 respectively.

Also recognized by NACADA this year was Linnea Goodwin Burwood, Associate Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She was awarded the Outstanding New Advisor Certificate of Merit. This honor is presented to individuals who have served as outstanding academic advisors for a period of three years or less.

New Business and Finance VP

Brian G. Hutzley has been appointed Delhi's new Vice President for Business and Finance. "We are very pleased to have a person of Brian's caliber serve as a chief financial officer," says President Candace Vancko. "Brian has a proven track record in financial and strategic planning in the corporate world, and we are excited to have an individual with his qualifications on board." Mr. Hutzley will provide oversight, leadership and vision for business affairs and budgeting, and for the College Association at Delhi, Inc. (CADI).

For the past five years, he has served as Director of Finance and Strategy at Mead-Westvaco in Sidney where



Brian G. Hutzley, VP for Business and Finance

he managed a \$1.2 billion budget. He has also served in a variety of strategic and financial positions during his 20-year career, including Amphenol Aerospace in Sidney, AT&T in Toronto, Software Division in Columbia, SC, and Retails Systems Division in Atlanta, GA. He holds an M.B.A. from Syracuse University and a B.S. in Accounting from Michigan State University.

Athletics Kudos

SUNY Delhi Athletics received the 2005 Pepsi Award, making this the second consecutive year the college was recognized nationally for its overall program excellence at the two-year college level and for promoting all programs in all sports on an equal basis. Athletics Director Gary Cole accepted the award at a luncheon at the Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando on June 15. In addition to the award, SUNY Delhi received a \$1,000 donation from Pepsi to put toward scholarships.

Men's Lacrosse Coach Robert Leary was named Coach of the Year as part of the 2005 National



Athletics Director Gary Cole accepts the Pepsi Award from ESPN's Bill Raftery

Junior College Athletic Association All-American Men's Lacrosse Team. Coach Leary led his team to a 10-4 record this year, beating Monroe Community College in a sub-regional playoff game. The win sent the Broncos to the Region III Final Four at Herkimer Community College.

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Turf Research Will Help Develop Best Practices

SUNY Delhi's Golf/Plant Science program received \$7,000 in grants to study ways to address water issues, such as water conservation practices, irrigation management, and improving turf drought tolerance, for golf courses.



Students prepare a water-quality test site.

Thanks to over \$5,000 from the Sullivan County Challenge Golf Tournament, and about \$2,000 from the Central New York GCSAA Chapter and the Finger Lakes GCSAA, a water quality testing site has been developed on the Delhi College Golf Course.

The research site was constructed this spring and will be used to teach students, as well as those in the golf

and turf industries, how to test water quality and apply water management practices. The site has two features—a location to perform an irrigation audit, a procedure that evaluates whether a water system is operating properly and efficiently, and a location for testing how effluent water affects turf performance and quality. The area will also be used to test nutrient and pesticide leaching, affects of effluent water use at various levels, which grass varieties will perform best under the use of effluent water, and best management practices for improving drought tolerance.

“We plan to show Delhi students how applied research can lead to solutions for turf management problems,” says Dominic Morales, Dean of Applied Sciences and Recreation. “We will also invite turf and golf managers throughout the industry to see the site results for themselves so they may learn more about SUNY Delhi’s findings and how to apply them in the field.”

Four Honored by SUNY Chancellor

Dr. John Sandman, Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Gary L. Edwards, Professor of Technology, Richard W. Nabinger, Registrar, and Joyce Hagen Sen, Assistant Librarian, have been honored as the 2005 recipients of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence, the State University’s most prestigious honor.

“They are extraordinary members of the Delhi campus community who contribute to the success of our

students in so many ways, both in and outside of the classroom,” President Candace Vancko says.

Dr. Sandman received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Professor Edwards was honored with the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Nabinger received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Sen was recognized with the Chancellor’s Award



Dr. Michael Petrillose (far right) receives his Research Recognition Award. Present are (far left) SUNY Delhi Provost Dennis Callas, Chancellor Robert L. King, and Trustee Patricia E. Stevens.

Professor’s Research Recognized

Dr. Michael Petrillose, Associate Professor of Hospitality Management, was honored in May with the SUNY Chancellor’s Research Recognition Award. A 1977 graduate of Delhi’s Hotel and Resort Management associate degree program, he was among 52 scholars and scientists throughout the SUNY system who were recognized for their accomplishments in medicine, education, literature, genetics, engineering, music, environmental studies, chemistry, computer science, and other fields.

“These award-winning faculty from 26 State University of New York

campuses have contributed to the dramatic growth in the importance and volume of research, scholarship and creativity that we have seen take place,” said Vice Chancellor John J. O’Connor, president of The Research Foundation.

Dr. Petrillose’s award-winning research focused on improving customer and employee relations and the application of technology within the hospitality industry. This spring, he received a SUNY “Conversations in the Discipline” grant to host an industry-focused program on notoriety and corporate reputation on the Delhi campus.



for Excellence in Librarianship. All four were presented their awards at SUNY Delhi’s 88th commencement exercises on May 21.

From left to right, Dr. John Sandman, Professor Gary L. Edwards, Assistant Librarian Joyce Hagen Sen, and Registrar Richard W. Nabinger.

Reunion 2005 A Time to Remember

This year's reunion weekend welcomed over 150 alumni and their guests to the Delhi campus.

Alumni enjoyed a laid-back schedule that included a Friday night wine and beer tasting, campus tours, golf, hiking, open hours at the fitness center, and a museum tour. The party continued into Saturday evening with Brooks Bar-B-Q on the front lawn of Catskill Hall and live entertainment by Jon Liebing, who performed everyone's favorite hits.

In attendance were alumni from the fraternity PsiD and the sorority ABX. They arranged for a special gathering at the Delhi College Golf Course on Saturday afternoon.

This year's Alumni Awards recognized John Caparella '78 as the Distinguished Alumnus and Erik Healy '89 as the Alumnus of Merit.

Caparella is senior vice presi-

dent and general manager of the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee, FL. He joined the Sheraton Corporation shortly after graduating from Delhi and quickly became one of the industry's rising stars. He enjoyed a 17-year career with Sheraton that included an assignment at Sheraton's corporate headquarters and management positions at hotels and four-star luxury properties in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Orlando. From there, he became the first executive vice president of planning, development and administration and president of Planet Hollywood.com.

Caparella was presented the 2004 Gaylord Leadership Excellence Award by Gaylord Entertainment CEO Colin Reed. Also, he was recently named Outstanding General Manager of the Year by the American Hotel



PsiD alumni and friends—front row: Jim Bush '67, Bob Bush '77, Mike Solomon '78, Tom McClenahan '65, Joe Hinchman '68, Dick Gallagher '65, and Jack Nearing '65; back row: Bruce Jones '75 (Kappa Sig), Bill Chermak '68, Jim Reichle '73, Joe Otello '70, Frank Doogan '72, Frank Garti '73, Steve Sandle '68, Chuck Leniek '68, Brad Adam '68, Dave Wakin '69, Dirk Sheeley '70, Ed Gallacher '69, Bill Norton '72, Glen Thompson '68, Neil Riddell '62, Jack Ramsay '76, Ed Randall '79, and Dave Eliassen '65.

and Lodging Association and received the Golf Key Elite Award, which is given to the top five meeting properties in the world by *Meetings and Conventions magazine*.

A strong supporter of the college, Caparella has served on the original capital campaign committee for the Alumni Hall Hospitality Center and has helped sponsor Delhi's culinary team at the American Culinary Federation National Championship. This summer, Caparella hosted a Delhi student for an intensive week-long internship at the Gaylord Palms as part of Delhi's Kennedy Award program. He also volunteers his time as a member of the Hospitality Advisory Board.

Healy, a graduate of Delhi's Engineering Science program, has distinguished himself as junior executive with Whiting Turner, a major construction corporation. There, he has managed many engineering projects throughout New York, Virginia and Vermont. While working in Virginia for Whiting Turner, Healy was named Project Manager of the Year by the Washington Building Congress, which recognizes the highest standards and practices in real estate, design and construc-

tion. Currently, Healy serves as manager for a micro-electronics project for IBM in East Fishkill that totals nearly three hundred million dollars.



John Caparella '78,
2005 Distinguished Alumnus



Erik Healy '89,
2005 Alumnus of Merit

Healy keeps close ties with his alma mater, serving as a member of the college's Construction Technology Advisory Council. He has hired several students from Delhi's engineering program as interns on the East Fishkill project and has used his industry contacts to arrange for the donation of nearly \$10,000 worth of equipment for the college's construction labs.



ABX alumni—back row: Terri Clerkin-Doogan '73, Linda Di Piro-Fischer '73, Lyn Baron-Pinto '69, Rosie Cumbo-Leniek '69, Jeannie Wells-Sheeley '71, Barb Jacobs-Geywits '70, Sue Layaw-Stein '69, Jan Hurlburt-McGrath '69, and Linda Darling-Powell '65; front row: Mary Scanlan-Vignogna '78, Deyrel Dearbeck-Smiarowski '65, and Carol Wright-McClenahan '65. Those who attended but not pictured: Steve Kass '74, Tom Kaufman '72, Joe McCarthy '74, Angela Urbano-Aiello '73, Pattie Parisi-Horning '73 and Steve Johnson '74.

Class Notes

1940

John and Helen "Witty" Robison celebrated their 61st anniversary February 19.

1941

Herbert and Norma Boice ('42) Klippel celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Fall 2004.

1951

Orvetta Parks Palmer writes that husband George recently retired from the ministry. They live in Newburgh.

1952

Rev. George E. Barney of the Freedom Life Church, Irving, TX, has been a missionary in Mexico for 40 years.

1972

Paul Beaudry would like to hear from his plumbing, heating and pipefitting classmates. Paul works at General Dynamics in Rock Falls City. George W. Currie retired from a 28-year career with the IRS, Criminal Division, as a supervisory special agent in Lexington, KY. He then took a position with the Inspector General's Office and became their director of internal audit.

1975

Robin "Coach" Blackman writes, "After working 10 years in Prudential's European agency, I have settled down in Rochester and continue my career in financial planning with Massachusetts Mutual."

1976

Vinnie Gibney writes that after leaving Delhi, he continued his education, receiving a B.S. degree from Cornell, an M.S. degree in veterinary entomology/parasitology from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a D.V.M. degree from Ohio State University. He spent some time in the French Riviera breeding horses, later starting a solo equine/race-track practice here in the states, and retiring from track work in 1996. He now owns and operates a small animal hospital in Greenville, OH. Vinnie and wife Candace have two children and two grandchildren. Maura Tierney writes that she is looking forward to the 30-year reunion next year. "Hope all of you '75-'76 grads will consider being there...we're lucky to have that time in our lives." She and husband Jonathan Olson '75 have three teenage boys and live in North Granby, CT. Maura is a writer for CIGNA and Jonathan is director of dining services at Amherst College.

1977

Antony Aberson has been a technical sergeant for 22 years and is stationed with the North Carolina Air National Guard. Lori Woods Watson is an administrative assistant at the University of Maine. Husband Chris is a police officer for the Town of Orono. Lori writes that she would love to hear from her old classmates.

1978

John Caparella was recognized as the American Hotel and Lodging Association's Outstanding General Manager of the Year, for outstanding accomplishments and exceptional service in the lodging industry. John is senior vice president and general manager of the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee, FL.

1980



Peter Merena was nominated and chosen to be a torchbearer for the 2002 Olympic procession through Philadelphia. According to a news article, his work with the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter for multiple sclerosis, providing inspiration to his community, led to his nomination. Peter is a curator with the Museum of Olympic Baseball and Softball.

1981

Michael Sena has written a new book, *Lean Mom, Fit Family*. Michael is a fitness specialist in the Chicago area and was recently voted as one of America's top 100 personal trainers by Men's Journal Magazine. He is a Chicago television fitness personality as well as a fitness contributor for United Airlines worldwide. Michael credits his parents as having been tremendous influences in his life and strong advocates of getting a good

education. Stacy Smedes Stoliker works for Ulster County Purchasing. Stacy is currently enrolled in a paralegal program. Husband Tom is a vehicle inspector for the New York State Department of Transportation in the bus division.

1983

Peter Oberacker, Jr. writes that he works for Form Tech Solutions as a research chef. He and wife Shannon live in Schenevus.

1985

Tracy White James works for Mayfair Management, Inc. in Carrollton, VA. Husband Edward is coordinator of transportation for Smithfield Packaging. Mary K. Ott has been honored as employee of the quarter for Campers Barn of Kingston. Mary has been with Campers Barn for three years and is presently a parts store clerk. She and husband Tom have two children: Cameron, age 6, and Christian, age 4.

Weddings: Stacy Butts to Robert Rovig, June 9, 2005, in Maui, Hawaii. Stacy is an administrative assistant for the Stroom Jewish Community Center. Husband Robert is in biomedical research for Becman Coulter, Inc. They live in Seattle, WA.

1993

Janeen Connington Cunningham has been appointed deputy director at the Putnam County Youth Bureau. Husband Tom is a physical education teacher at Somers

Class Notes

Middle School. They have two daughters: Courtney, age 3, and Shannon, age 1.

1994

Births: To Marcus and **Wanda Ramirez Smith**, a daughter, Gabriella Rose, July 2005. Wanda is an administrative assistant for Arthur Rutenberg Homes in central Florida.

1996

Erin Kalagassy is a licensed veterinary technician at the ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York City. Erin recently had an article published in *ASP-CA Animal Watch Magazine* describing the highly skilled help in an animal emergency at Bergh Hospital.

1998

Steven Whipple is superintendent at the West Point Golf Course. He and wife Dena, married April 30, 2005, live in Cornwall on Hudson.

Births: To **Chad** and **Bryn Fefee**, a son, Brayden Everett, on February 8, 2005. Chad is a carpenter with Carpenters Local 747 in Syracuse.



To David and **Jodi Como Roos**, a son, Noah Matthew, on June 21, 2005. Jodi is a veterinary technician for Ryegate Small Animal Hospital. Husband David is a math teacher for Stevens School of Peacham. They reside in Johnsbury, VT.



2000

Weddings: **Timothy Warren** to **Ashley Brooker**, July 16, 2005. Tim is a lineman for the New York Power Authority. Wife Ashley is employed as a mental health technician at A.O. Fox Hospital. The couple lives in Worcester.

2003

Weddings: **Kelley Judd** to **Anne E. Berge**, July 23, 2005. Kelley is attending Colorado State University at Fort Collins, studying park and protected area management.

2004

JaNelle Etsitty is continuing her education at Western Carolina University. She's also working part-time at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, a private golf course located in Highlands, NC.



The men's lacrosse program welcomed back alumni for a reunion at the Clark Field House in September. Those in attendance included: (top row) Rory Murphy '05, student Ryan Kelly, Gavin Bortz '05, Bruce Busch '05, B.J. Smith '05, and Howard Linderman '01; (bottom row) Tom Rizzo '01 and Mike Giampiccolo '01.

An Invitation to Hospitality Alumni

Monday • November 14, 2005
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Affinia Manhattan
(formerly Southgate Tower Hotel)
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Join President Candace Vancko and the Hospitality Management Department as they honor John Caparella '78, SUNY Delhi's 2005 Distinguished Alumnus. Retired faculty will be in attendance. Admission is \$25, which includes a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Can't attend? Consider sponsoring a student at this networking event for \$15.

RSVP by calling the Alumni Office at (607) 746-4600.

In Memoriam

SUNY Delhi notes with sorrow the deaths of the following alumni, faculty and staff.

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| Sylvia Barrett '22 | Bruce John Page '69 |
| Arthur K. Hoag '27 | Robert L. Garrity '71 |
| David Jones '31 | Donna Dean Beckstead '72 |
| Jeanett Carpenter '33 | Mark D. Hunt '76 |
| Ruth Church '41 | Robert J. Derousie '78 |
| Nancy Boice Schwab '43 | Ramona R. Redmond '78 |
| Franklin G. Oles '44 | Andrew C. Ruckert '85 |
| Wilfred "Wil" Lincoln Chaffee '48 | Brent S. Randall '06 |
| George Herbert Fowler '48 | Edith R. Brannen, CADI Food Service |
| Mary Ann Alger Ballard '65 | Dollie Goodnough, Campus Nurse |



Good Neighbors

SUNY Delhi's O'Connor Center for Community Service received the 2005 Father Eugene Willis Good Neighbor Award from the Delaware County ARC, an organization which supports children and neighbors with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The award was presented in recognition of Delhi students who have consistently reached out to the organization. Standing are Barbara Jones, Dean of Student Life, and Marty Greenfield, Director of Student Activities and College Union. Seated are Jerry of the ARC and Martha E. Vink, O'Connor Center Coordinator.



SAMPLING THE WORLD

SUNY Delhi's wealth of student diversity was apparent at "Sample the World," an evening event sponsored by Delhi's International Student Association and Association of Travel Executives in Alumni Hall during the spring semester. Here, student Hitoshi Mori invites Amy Metnick, ESL Coordinator, to learn more about Tibet.

Alumni Update

Tell us about yourself!

If you've received a promotion or award...started a new job...married...had a baby...or have other news you'd like to share, please complete this form. Feel free to send an attachment with additional information or photos.

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Delhi Welcomes Presidential Scholars

SUNY Delhi welcomed six new Presidential Scholars this fall. These individuals, who represent the best and brightest local students, have earned full tuition scholarships to support their Delhi education. From left to right: Taylor Church, a Hotel and Resort Management major from Walton; Virginia Perry-Unger, a Carpentry major from Hancock; Jessica Walker, a Veterinary Science Technology major from Masonville; James Gunipero, an Automotive major from Delhi; Caitlyn Branigan, a Liberal Arts major from Walton; and Elissa Ploutz from Arkville who is starting out in Delhi's undeclared option.

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