



Academic Programs and Services
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Student Opportunity

- Julio Chavez competed and won the ACF Northeast Regional Student Chef of the Year Competition at the New York Culinary Institute at Monroe College in January. Special thanks to Sean Pehrsson who served as Julio's coach and to Victor Sommo and James Margiotta for their assistance with preparing for the competition. He will now be competing at the ACF National Convention and Show in New Orleans, LA in July.
- The Bronco Investment Group (BIG) organized the annual Casino Night in February. This year the group collaborated with the Delhi Computer Club, WDTU, and Step It Up. More than a one hundred students gambled to win raffle tickets to a drawing for a large screen LED TV, a Keurig Coffee Machine and a waterproof blue tooth enabled portable speaker. The success of this and prior events convinced the Student Activities Office to make Casino Night an official part of Winterfest. More than 85 guests played UNO, black jack, poker, roulette, and video games from the Computer Club's Library. The Bronco Investment Group's six members in attendance organized 11 student volunteers to set up the Casino in the Farrell Loft, to serve food and drink, host the event and leave the loft cleaner than when they arrived.
- The Introduction to Casino Operations class attended a field trip at the Saratoga Casino and Hotel in March. Mr. Skip Carlson, Director of Public Relations was the host, and he gave us a tour of the hotel, event space, recreational area, and Morton's Restaurant. The class stayed and were treated to dinner and also had the opportunity to watch a couple of horse races.
- Mike Barnes organized a field trip to Turning Stone Casino where students were given a tour by John Julien, Senior Director of Guest Relations. The group saw the steakhouse, nightclubs, three other restaurants, and the gaming floor. They also went to Point Place, Turning Stone's newest casino that opened March 1, 2018. There they had a tour and were treated to a wonderful lunch.
- The Bronco Investment Group (BIG) is planning a Bingo Night, a Financial Literacy Program to benefit our fellow students, and will join other clubs on a trip to job fairs in Albany and New York City later this semester. They have lined up speakers for this year including a licensed investment advisor, a residential real estate investor, and an accredited investor. Programs have covered mutual fund investment, indexed funds and ETF, as well as individual stock investments.
- Faculty and students from the Banquet Event Operations course hosted the Annual Etiquette Dinner in February. The facilitator was Frederic B. Mayo, MBA, PhD, CHE, CHT- Principal, Mayo Consulting Service and Clinical Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management from New York University. He is also Author of "Modern American Manners: Dining Etiquette for Hosts and Guests."
- The number and quality of PGM internship opportunities for students is overwhelming, indicating a great need for interns and entry level employees in the golf industry. Golf Professionals and golf course General Managers contact the program regularly looking for staff assistants. Three different facilities physically visited campus recently to recruit PGM students.
- Sean Pehrsson hosted two separate field trips in February. First was to the Anchor Bar in Buffalo (arguably the creator of Buffalo wings) and Wegmans Food Center in Rochester. Both locations provided detailed tours and tastings for culinary students.
- Students have participated in Delhi Decision Days. Current pre-licensure students demonstrated the simulation manikins and answered questions regarding the program.

- All 2nd Year Nursing students attended a Career Panel/Nurse Leadership event held in Contemporary Nursing. Students made connections with area hospitals and healthcare facilities regarding employment post-graduation.
- MS Students presented at a Chi Tau Coffee Chat about their experiences with RAM (Remote Area Medical) in part for their practicum requirements.
- The library offered 67 instruction sessions in the fall semester; another 24 have been scheduled so far for the spring semester. These numbers are up from previous years, and we have had several faculty request instruction who are new to the institution.
- The library has begun placing new and updated private study spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors in response to student feedback. Additional stations will be in place before the end of the spring semester.
- The library hosted a display of the winning posters from the fall Student Achievement Day, and it is currently hosting a display of the photographs and drawings made by Architecture students on their study abroad trip to Italy.
- Five Veterinary Science students are going to the America Association of Lab Animal Science QUAD Symposium in Connecticut meeting with Jessica Schiavo.
- Nine students and one faculty member participated in the 7th Study Abroad trip to South Africa in January.
- 11 students and five faculty/ staff members will return to WorldVets International Training program in Grenada, Nicaragua over the April break.
- Nine students and two faculty/staff from the Golf and Sports Turf Management programs were able to attend the Golf Industry Show (GIS) in San Antonio, TX. Students were exposed to the green industry, where they met alumni, industry leaders, and equipment sales reps which extends far beyond their educational career at Delhi. The Students also competed nationally in the Turf Bowl competition. Students Edgar Magana (senior) Andrew Wacendak, Mario Malagisi (juniors) and Jeremy Swift (freshmen) composed of the Turf Bowl Team that placed 12th out of 52 teams.
- Ryan Jeskie a senior in the Golf & Sports Turf BBA program is in the running for a USGA green section one week internship with the USGA. The annual USGA Green Section Internship Program provides students the opportunity to travel with the USGA Green Section staff during Course Consulting Service visits which brings knowledge/research results and practical information on construction/maintenance directly to golf course owners, managers, and golf course superintendents. The goal of the internship program is to provide students with a broad view of the golf industry and the opportunity to learn about golf course maintenance through the perspective of the USGA agronomists.
- Landscape and Design Management student Mariano Malagisi received the 2018 Belantoni Scholarship from the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) in February. Scholarships are awarded to students who illustrate leadership skills, a passion for the green industry and prove themselves academically.
- Greenhouse Production students will be able to see and experience firsthand micro-propagation at Delhi's unique business [PhytaCell Technology](#), LLC this spring. Owner Sally Scrimshaw provides the class a tour, demonstration and ability to try the process of dividing and cultivating the small plant specimens.
- The next Discover Delhi Day at Open House is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st and student registration has already passed the 200 mark. This day is projected to be our largest with both juniors and seniors in attendance.
- Resnick Academic Achievement Center (RAAC) spring semester student contacts are 6477 since January. Offices and student Contacts for the semester: Access Equity: 881, Advising and Academic Exploration Program (AEP): 1720, Career Services: 799, Tutoring, Math and Writing Center: 1397, Additional student usage for studying: 1019, Total Student Contacts with the RAAC for fall 2017: 16,999
- Access and Equity has a learning Coach that has been working with students in the afternoons on skills to be successful

- Tutorial Services offers peer tutoring, professional tutoring, faculty tutoring and all are both set up for individual and group tutoring as needed.
- Career Services has offered students the following presentations: Cover letter & resumes, Optimal Resume, Networking, Interviewing and Strategies for Employment. Career Services also worked with the Veterinary Science area to offer mock interviews for the students as they prepare for preceptorships and employment. Eighty six students attended with nine faculty and one staff member.
- There have been eight recruiters who have visited the campus: United States Air Force, Army, Navy, National Guard, Camp Winadu, ACCO and MDI (mechatronics employer), with a few more already beginning to schedule in the next two months.
- In the Academic Exploration Program (AEP) 25 students earned a 3.0 or better (31%), with 11 (14%) making the Dean's List.
- Fairbairn, E., R. Kole, and J. Tessier. 2017. Baseline data for study of power line rights of way management in Delaware County, NY USA. Submitted to the Delaware County Electric Cooperative.
- Mechatronics faculty took students to the Manufacturing in America conference and show in Detroit, MI for the third year in a row.
- Two Mechatronics students received \$750 scholarships from the Delaware County Association of Town Highway Superintendents.
- Steve McKeegan is taking a MOLES field trip with students to visit the East Side Access tunnel connection to Grand Central Station.
- Residential Construction faculty and students will be attending the Journal of Light Construction show in Providence, RI.

Faculty & Staff Excellence

- Tom Phillion recently attended the New Jersey Golf and Travel Show as an exhibitor. Over 7,000 people attended the show during the three days. Numerous attendees stopped by the booth to learn about the program offerings and campus facilities.
- As a part of the recent series of personal health and wellness workshops, Jessica Backus-Foster and Brienne Slocum led a group of seven faculty and staff in a one hour Heart Healthy Cooking workshop in February. Participants learned how to show their hearts some love by learning about the top 11 heart healthy foods, their benefits, and how to easily incorporate them.
- Brienne Slocum and Tracy VerValin attended the International Restaurant and Food Service Show in New York City in March. They connected with vendors and attended educational seminars geared toward Hot Trends, Operational Excellence and Marketing/Social Media.
- Sean Pehrsson and James Margiotta and a group of 10 culinary students attended the ChefConnect: Charlotte in Charlotte, NC over mid-winter break. Students were able to attend seminars and demonstrations while networking with other students and professional chefs.
- Carrie Fishner received the President's Award for Diversity for the "I am Check the Box" program collaboration with Lisa Tessier.
- Amanda Calabrese will be presenting a poster at the Distance Library Services Conference, San Antonio, TX in April.
- Jenny Collins helped to research the college's diverse past for the dedication of the new Diversity Lounge; and alum and first African American graduate Thomas Russell Brown for the event.
- The Library is helping to coordinate the Open Education Resources (OER) project across campus. Librarians have been meeting with faculty to explore OER options for their courses, and have also been working with campus instructional designers and technologists to make these resources available in Moodle. Carrie Fishner is the campus lead for this program. As of January 2018,

Delhi had 17 course sections of OER offered with 851 students enrolled. Using the formula provided by SUNY, Delhi students have saved \$25,300 in textbook costs this academic year.

- Jenny Collins is taking the course “Copyright X” from Harvard Libraries and Katelyn Baroody is taking a Federal Depository Library (FDLP) course on government documents.
- Birgitta Brophy attended Landscapes 2017 held in Louisville, KY and attended educational sessions, a faculty forum sponsored by the National Association of Landscape Professionals and other networking sessions. Landscapes 2017 is part of the Green Industry and Equipment Exposition (GIE+EXPO) sponsored by Hardscape North America, Professional Grounds Management Society and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute.
- Jeff Stedman has been working with deans and program directors to work through the details of academic advisement and schedule creation for Bronco Ready Days.
- Katie Murphy and Dawn Sohns designed a diversity unit on implicit bias and micro aggressions for the Delhi Diversity Series.
- Nicole Hoffman and Laura Pehrsson attended the first annual SUNY Advising Conference held at SUNY Albany.
- Allene Slating is participating in COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) with her Student Success Course and another instructor in Mexico. The students engage in cross-cultural exchanges of communication and learning. Allene also attended a COIL conference where she met with other professionals who were also teaching a COIL course.
- Faculty have offered to run some office hours in the Resnick Academic Achievement Center (RAAC) to support students in Physics, Chemistry, History, Economics, Biology, Government and Architecture.
- RAAC staff participate in Bronco Ready Days, Delhi Decision Days and Discover Delhi. Staff also represent the area on the planning committees for these campus visit days.
- School of Nursing Presentations/Posters:
Goulet, M., & Levitt, C. (2018, January 8). *Online Course Development 101*. SUNY Delhi Faculty Development Day. Deane, S. (2018, March 21). *Future Technologies in Nursing Education*. Keynote Speaker at 20th Global Nursing Education Conference.

Workshops:

Susan Deane and Cheryle Levitt completed the *Introduction to Institutional Effectiveness* course with Distinction, from the SUNY Center for Professional Development, and are currently enrolled in Course #2: *Research Methods for Institutional Effectiveness*.

Publications:

Winters, N. (submitted.). The relationship between personality, tenure, and intent to stay or leave of emergency nurses. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.

Winters, N., & Cherkis, F. (submitted). Using mastery learning to improve confidence and competence in the physical assessment skills of nursing students. *Nurse Education in Practice*.

Research: Cheryle Levitt submitted a study application for Delhi IRB approval. The study will begin on April 3 (VLDD). *Increasing TPACK Skills in Graduate Nursing Students*.

The BSN/MS Technology committee has an ongoing study (in data collection) called "What's in your pocket? Technology usage for access and participation in online courses by nursing students".

Nancy Winters is collecting data for the research being conducted by the FACT2 Task Force for Mixed Reality.

Scott Swayze completed the National Grid Natural Gas Emergencies First Responders course taught by Capt. Rick Macheda, National Grid Pipeline Public Safety Liaison.

- Kathryn DeZur attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Conference in Tampa, FL. The sessions she attended were relevant both to her professional writing and to her pedagogy of our creative writing classes.
- Rhonda Harrow-Engel conducted a Shibori Workshop for staff development workshops held at SUNY Delhi. Rhonda also created the color palette for, and grouted the “POPS Mosaic”, now mounted in the Farrell Center.
- Carrie Fishner and Lisa Tessier had a book chapter titled “Rethinking the role of libraries as an active social space” accepted in an edited book titled *Social Justice and Activism in Libraries, Moving Beyond Diversity to Action* (in-press).
- Terry Hamblin and Lisa Tessier co-presented their archival research titled “Progressivism in Rural New York” at the Researching New York Conference in Albany.
- Michelle Jones's article "Blinded by the Roll: The Critical Fail of Disability in D&D" was published in *Analog Game Studies* on March 5, 2018.
- Kirby Olson will publish a translation of an interview by French poets Valery Larbaud and Leon-Paul Fargue in *Common Knowledge* (an Israeli journal) in August 2018.
- Mechatronics faculty member Will Warner delivered a presentation about his program at the MIA (Manufacturing in America) conference in Detroit.
- Several CT/CM faculty are going to a Hayward Barker seminar on jet grouting in Syracuse

Community Connections

- David Brower and Heidi Yorke met with Don Dales of the Hobart Book Village to discuss opportunities for student projects with the renovation of the Hobart Inn, a historic property located on Hobart’s Main Street. Mr. Dales has secured numerous grants to fund the renovations.
- The Golf in Schools program, where PGM faculty and students introduce the fundamentals of golf through Physical Education classes, is underway. Ten different schools in two counties take part in the program. PGM students get hands-on experience in teaching and also qualify for community service. This is also an opportunity to market our program and recruit students.
- Adriene Clifford continues as Treasurer and board member of Hanford Mills Museum. David Brower also serves as a board member and chairs the Fund Development and Marketing Committee.
- James Margiotta and students Dan Hess and Julia Gaffney participated in the annual Ice Harvest Festival at Hanford Mills Museum in February. The team carved three separate ice sculptures and interacted with attendees, explaining the fundamentals of sculpting.
- Adriene Clifford and Charles Mole continue to facilitate the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Through this program, they supervise four students who are currently taking the income tax course and who have become IRS certified to be volunteers to assist lower income individuals with free tax preparation and filing. The students run this program for four hours each Saturday that college is in session, beginning in February.
- The Business Department continues their relationship with the Town of Walton. Student’s video tape town meetings and upload the video to the website. As part of her independent study, this year’s student gave a presentation to the board on ways to use social media and created a Town “Social Media Policy” for them.
- Lynne Smith bought Days for Girls to Campus in January. This humanitarian organization makes feminine hygiene packs for women in underdeveloped nations. In addition, the organization also promotes microenterprise among young women in these countries. More than 40 participants from the local community and the campus community were in attendance. This event went a

long way towards increasing the community's acceptance of college students and assisted in raising the reputation of the college within our community. Richard Celli and Mathew Heath VanHorn assisted in off-campus advertising.

- Liz Santobuono is running a March Madness of Books program – students/faculty/community can vote for children's books that have been pitted against each other in brackets at the library desk. The final bracket will take place the week of March 26. The library has collaborated with the College Bookstore to supply prizes.
- Advanced Landscape Design and Practices students, in the Horticulture Sciences area, are working with Delaware Academy on developing ideas for new foundation plantings at the high school. Mr. Bartlett, the school's grounds superintendent, provided guidance as to what the schools needs are. Students will prepare designs for the entry to the high school as well as recommendations for locations of future tree plantings on campus.
- Julia Ward was appointed to a three-year term and welcomed to the board of Directors of the Delhi Beautification Corporation. This is a nice connection between the village and the campus where possible partnerships can be established.
- Horticulture Faculty have entered into discussion about the possibility of offering an Introductory Horticulture class to students at Delaware Academy. The class could be offered starting fall 2018.
- Utilizing the new Kubota ATV and accompanying groomer, students of the Service Learning class have been grooming cross country ski trails throughout the College Golf Course. Two trails of varying difficulty cover nearly four miles for college and community members alike.
- For the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation, Glenda Roberts and Dawn Sohns have been hosting monthly meetings for the deans, program directors, and identified faculty liaisons for the Delhi Advantage College in High School program. These meetings are open sessions to address issues/concerns, answer questions, and share stories of the experiences the faculty liaisons are having. We plan to have these meetings at least once per month throughout the year.
- We are working on a summer Program Development Day for the high school instructors and other exciting initiatives to engage our faculty with the high school faculty. A poll will be distributed to both the high school faculty and the college liaison to determine the most appropriate times to host these programs.
- Students and faculty from the Restaurant Management and Operations course hosted a victory lunch for the members of the residential construction team who won their national competition.
- Nancy Winters nominated as Co-Chair of the FACT2 Task Force for Mixed Reality. Nancy also volunteers for a community family with multiple family members with mental illness providing services such as medication, financial, and medical management.
- On April 19, Career Service and the Alumni Association are working together to offer a networking event for our Architecture and Construction Management Students. Alumni will visit the college and offer our students experience and guidance for networking opportunities in their future.
- Jeff Stedman and Gabriella Vasta sit on the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) committee that connects our area with student life in discussions of concerning student behaviors. This allows for excellent communication between the areas and the ability to note students who are in need of contact.
- Scott Swayze is working with 1st Sgt. John Lehmann of the Delaware County Correctional Facility to translate their inmate handbook into Spanish.

- Lisa Heimbauer is maintaining her relationship with the ARC of Delaware, and she had one of their clients audit her PSYC100 course during the fall 2017 semester and PSYC215 during this spring 2018 semester.
- Chris Cormier was interviewed on the topic of drug addiction for the documentary, “WHACKED! Opiate Addiction in Rural America,” produced and directed by Jessica Vecchione, and premiered in March 2018 at the Theater in Walton.
- Dan Davis interviewed Delaware Academy students for entry into the Fall 2018 cohort of the SUNY Delhi-DA CTEP program
- The Auto Club is working with Kurt Apthorpe, Director of the Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, to prepare a VW Beetle to fit inside the center, which will allow residents to practice getting in and out of the vehicle. The club will be removing the drive train and all fluids in order to turn the Bug on its side so that it can fit through the doors of the building.
- Gary Brackett is leading the collaborative effort between SUNY Delhi and Otsego County to build Tiny Homes to serve as temporary housing for the homeless.

Resource Development

- The PGM program’s putting green in the swing lab has been upgraded to include a more realistic surface.
- Hospitality faculty and staff secured a \$1,800 in-kind donation from the American Culinary Federation to support student attendance at the ChefConnect: Charlotte conference in Charlotte, NC in February. While at the conference, students had an opportunity to experience traditional North Carolina barbecue and other cultural elements in addition to the conference.
- The library received \$6,851 through Baker & Taylor’s Coordinated Collection Development award process, administered through the South Central Regional Library Council this year; this award will go towards the purchase of library resources.
- Golf and Plant Sciences was awarded a onetime \$500.00 Ancillary Funding request to add irrigation to a portion of the Farnsworth hall greenhouse complex. This is an upgrade to the facility that will show student industry standards as well as a mist and drip irrigation system. It will also give the plants the proper watering requirements on a regimented schedule that is best for the plants.
- Julia Ward secured a donation of a BIOSPHERE, which is an all in one eco-system terrarium equipped with a misting and lighting system from an alumni -Jeff Moskal who is currently a sales representative for OASE North America/GeoGlobal Partners LLC. This will be a nice addition for the department in showcasing a professional terrarium as well as a conversational piece at open houses, etc. Julia was also able to get a donation of 20- 32oz and 20- 64oz measuring cups for the department from Jason Woulfin at SQM North American Corp.
- The NRRS program was able to purchase a new tandem kayak. This kayak will be utilized specifically to deliver personalized programming for persons with disabilities.
- Career Services continues to utilize College Central Network (employer database) and Optimal Resume that supports both students and employers.
- Siemens continues to be a great supporter of our Mechatronics program, providing us with both software and hardware.
- Connections were made at MIA with Universal Robots that will enable us to purchase robots at a 50% discount with free software.