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New Programs Expand Opportunities



New Programs, New Opportunities for Students

Building on the strengths of its associate's degree programs, SUNY Delhi is introducing several new baccalaureate degrees.

“We’ve launched an ambitious effort to expand our baccalaureate and master’s level degree programs to meet student and industry demand,” says Provost Kelli Ligeikis. “With the addition of these new degrees, our students will now have more diverse educational choices and the opportunity to extend their stay at SUNY Delhi.”

A Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Human Resource Management was introduced in Spring 2018. This degree takes advantage of SUNY Delhi’s long history in business and technology education.

“The BBA in Human Resource Management (HRM) creates HR professionals with the rare capability of combining technology to leverage human ability within the culture and structure of an organization,” says Associate Professor Doug Gulotty, who is a lead instructor in the program. “The program builds a foundation of technical and human skills. Graduates will add to the value of any organization’s human capital.”

According to Professor Gulotty, employers can expect HRM graduates to have the variety of knowledge of tools, technologies and practices a modern human resources department needs. Graduates will be ready to learn an organization’s systems, recognize the tools, analyze the organizational goals, and contribute to the success of the department and the organization.

A new bachelor’s degree in Event Management responds to demands expressed by students, recommendations from the industry and the job market outlook, according to Dr. David Brower ’00, Dean of the School of Business and Hospitality Management. “Delhi’s hospitality, food service, recreation and sport, and conference facilities make it uniquely qualified to offer this new program,” he says.

On the cover: Pictured are Human Resource Management major Christnell Williams and Assistant Professor Laura Raner.

Graduates will be prepared to work independently as wedding planners or organizers of social events for not-for-profits, hotels, and large corporations and organizations. They will have knowledge in planning trade shows, leadership summits, and product launches.

According to Dr. Brower, student inquiries for event management studies and other hospitality areas have been steadily growing. That’s why the college is adding Culinary Arts Management and reengineering its Hotel and Resort Management, Restaurant Management and Foodservice Management programs.

Another program has received SUNY and state approval. A Bachelor of Technology degree in Facilities Management will build on the strengths of Delhi’s Applied Technologies and Construction Management programs, and includes a highly successful internship component, says Nancy Macdonald, Dean of the School of Applied Technologies. Industry professionals were approached for insight in fine-tuning the curriculum. Experiential opportunities will prepare students to manage the buildings and the systems of large complexes, such as hospitals, commercial buildings, residential or retail centers, educational facilities and other establishments. The program also incorporates sustainable practices, organizational behavior, supervisory abilities, project management, analyzing, problem solving, and other skills. Graduates will be fluent in their capacity to plan, design, oversee, and communicate with others in the industry. By integrating classroom studies with hands-on laboratory activities and an internship, students will complete this program well-prepared for the diverse opportunities in the field.

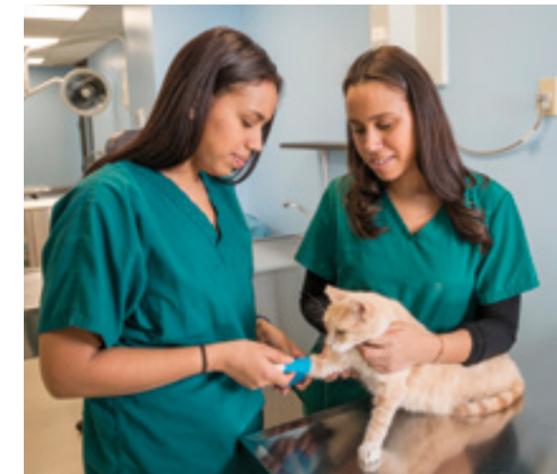
Awaiting State Education Department (SED) approval is a Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology. It will offer current students and graduates of other two-year veterinary technology programs an opportunity to complete a four-year degree. Approximately 45 percent of Delhi’s AAS degree graduates choose to pursue a bachelor’s level degree, since many positions in the biomedical field and veterinary public health now require a four-year degree, according to Bret Meckel, Dean of the School of Veterinary and Applied Sciences. Students will be able to focus on one of three areas—Research Animal Technology, Veterinary Public Health, and Advanced Clinical Practice. The initial junior class is expected to be approximately 24 students, and the program will launch Fall 2018.

The college is also building on its highly successful online nursing programs by adding graduate level degrees like the master’s degree in Nursing Administration, which prepares students to work as nurse managers or directors in health care settings.

“With the increasing complexity of managing patient care in modern health care settings, nurse managers will require a skill set cultivated at the graduate level,” says Cheryl Levitt, MSN and Program Director. “That’s why this addition to our educational offerings is so important to the needs of the health care community.”

The new program draws from various disciplines, including nursing and business, to prepare graduates to assume health care leadership positions. Classes will be taught by highly credentialed nursing faculty who are leaders in online education. In addition to preparing nurses to attain administrative positions, the program also provides an excellent foundation for doctoral studies.

The flexible online format, with two seven-week sessions per semester, is designed to allow nurses to complete the program around demanding work schedules. It can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. GREs are not required for admission.



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The Merrill Family Legacy Continues

It's been more than 15 years since Charles "Chuck" and Kay Merrill took a personal interest in SUNY Delhi and its students.

Vince Olechnowicz, a friend and long-time staff member at the college, introduced the Merrills to Delhi, who were struck by what Chuck described as "the rapport and overall enthusiasm Delhi faculty have with the students...It inspired us."

A small investment in the Veterinary Science Technology Peer Mentor program by the Merrills has grown to nearly \$2.5 million in support for scholarships and academic resources. Their impact on student lives has gone far beyond financial aid. Chuck and Kay transformed student lives through visits to the campus to meet their scholars. As Patricia Eberhard '15 said, "They made you feel like you were part of their family. They were interested in your personal success and development."

Chuck passed away unexpectedly last year, but the Merrill Family Foundation has pledged its continued support for Delhi students. To honor his legacy, the college recently dedicated the Farnsworth Hall student lounge in his memory as part of Kay Merrill's annual campus visit. Speakers included Ian Gallagher '15 who has gone on to become a programmer/analyst at the college. "I always enjoyed the conversations I had with Mr. Merrill, discussing modern technology, weather and the outdoors. He was thoroughly interested in what I had to say, and he always had great advice to share with me."



Kay Merrill (center) with Ian Gallagher '15 and Samantha Duquette '19, scholarship recipients.

Vet Sci Among Nation's Leaders



SUNY Delhi inducted 15 members into the Beta Chapter of the Tau Phi Zeta National Honor Society for the first time this fall.

SUNY Delhi has been ranked fourth among the country's "Top 50 Best Veterinary Technician Programs" by TheBestColleges.org.

"The current ranking is further evidence of the strength of the 'hands-on' approach and dynamic faculty that are hallmarks of the SUNY Delhi Veterinary Science Technology Program," says Bret Meckel, Dean of the School of Veterinary and Applied Sciences.

TheBestColleges.org cited SUNY Delhi's excellent facilities that offer hands-on education with companion, lab, and farm animals. The online guide also pointed out that students receive on-the-job training during required preceptorships and special educational opportunities, including working with shelter animals, raising "Guiding Eyes for the Blind" puppies on campus, special electives, and a wildlife management study abroad program in South Africa. The full ranking can be found at: www.thebestcolleges.org/top-vet-tech-schools.

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Delhi Rises in U.S. News Rankings

SUNY Delhi continues to climb up the "Best Regional Colleges in the North" list, achieving its highest position to date and ranks 17th in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by U.S. News Media Group.

This is the 12th consecutive year SUNY Delhi has been ranked by U.S. News as a Best College. Delhi was ranked 19th on the 2017 list. The exclusive rankings, which include more than 1,600 schools nationwide, are now available online at www.usnews.com/colleges.

In addition, U.S. News recognized SUNY Delhi as one of only five colleges in the North where students graduate with the least amount of debt. Delhi also ranked 11th as a Best College in the North for veterans and was the only SUNY campus cited for cultural diversity.

"The U.S. News rankings highlight many of SUNY Delhi's unique strengths," says President Michael R. Laliberte. "They confirm that our emphasis on providing students with an affordable, applied learning experience results in outstanding graduate outcomes. We're also proud to be recognized as a leader in creating a campus environment that attracts and supports a diverse student body."

Aguirre Is New Chief Student Advocate

SUNY Delhi welcomed Dr. Tomàs A. Aguirre as its new Vice President for Student Life in September. Dr. Aguirre was selected from a field of highly qualified candidates after an extensive search process that drew on broad input from the campus community. President Michael R. Laliberte says, "Dr. Aguirre brings a wealth of experience, expertise and vision in the field of higher education leadership and student engagement. Our philosophy is, 'The student is the most important person at SUNY Delhi.' Dr. Aguirre will help ensure the student experience is front and center in all we do." Dr. Aguirre also serves as the college's Chief Diversity Officer.

Dr. Aguirre comes to SUNY Delhi from Texas A&M University-Commerce where he served as Assistant Vice President & Dean of Students. Prior to that, he served as Dean of Students at the University of New Mexico and Associate Dean of Students at Humboldt State University. His career also includes 20 years of experience in education administration and delivery.



He succeeds Barbara Jones who had served the college for over 30 years.

Culinary Students Win Military Competition

Culinary majors took first place in the student category at the 14th Annual Veteran's Support Network Military Culinary Competition in Washington, D.C. The event celebrated culinary professionals in the United States military in a head-to-head competition.

"This was no small feat for our students," says Dr. David Brower, Dean of the School of Business and Hospitality Management. "They aced the student competition, but they also did very well up against professionals who have been working in the field for years."

Delhi students competed against culinary professionals representing The White House, Chief of Staff of the Army, Secretary of Homeland Security Executive Dining Room, Coast Guard Headquarters, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Naval Reactors Headquarters and Naval War College, Chief of Naval Operations, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Commander, Atlantic Region, United States Coast Guard, Air Force Combined Command, and Marine Corps Commandant. In the last round of the professional competition, Team Delhi came in fifth place.

Student team members included Jerusaline Johnson from India, Yuka Matsumoto from Japan, Jessica Shultis and Carly Yezzo from Schenectady, NY, and Julio Chavez from North Rose, NY. Preparation assistance was provided by Peter Blayne from Westbury, NY.

Many of the students were already familiar with culinary competition. Johnson, Shultis, Yezzo and Blayne all served on SUNY Delhi's hot food team that recently won a silver medal at the American Culinary Federation (ACF) national championship, and Chavez is a nominee for the 2018 ACF Student Chef of the Year.

The students attended educational workshops and networking events a day prior to the competition. "For them, it was just as important to brush elbows with these culinary elite as competing against them," says Chef Pehrsson, who coached the students.

The team's travel to Washington, D.C. was funded by the International Food Service Executives Association Kae de Brent Hodges Scholarship Fund.



Photo by Paul Morigi

Vet Sci Major Saves Animals Abroad

Jordanna Rabadi of Wappingers Falls, NY spent two weeks in Thailand last summer honing her vet tech skills. Traveling with study-abroad organization Loop Abroad, Jordanna was selected as part of a small team of vet tech students who volunteered to give care at a dog shelter and spent a week working directly with rescued elephants at a sanctuary.

Jordanna volunteered alongside veterinarians from the U.S. and Thailand. Jordanna and her team volunteered at the Elephant Nature Park in northern Thailand, working with the giant animals and learning about animal rescue and conservation on a larger scale. The Elephant Nature Park is home to over 60 elephants who have been rescued from trekking, logging, or forced breeding programs. Jordanna helped to feed, bathe, and care for elephants, and learned about their diagnoses alongside an elephant vet. The Elephant Nature Park is also home to over 1,000 animals, including cats, dogs, water buffalo, horses, and cows, and is sustained in huge part by the work of weekly volunteers like Jordanna.

For her second week, Jordanna volunteered at the Animal Rescue Kingdom dog shelter in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The shelter is home to over 100 dogs who have been rescued after being abandoned, beaten, or abused. While the dogs can be adopted, any who aren't are cared for by the shelter for the remainder of their lives.



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The college hosted a craft beer dinner in Alumni Hall on October 14 with all proceeds benefitting student scholarships. Hors d'oeuvres and a five-course meal were offered with locally-sourced produce, meats, cheeses, and selected beer and cider pairings. The dinner was presented by Delhi's award-winning student chefs who were accompanied by certified cicerones (left to right) Jim Campbell, Brice Gonzales, and Drew Michalak.



Regional Awards for Vet Sci Faculty, Students and Alumni

Veterinary Science Technology faculty, students and alumni received numerous awards and honors at the Upstate New York Branch of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science (Upstate AALAS) September meeting in Syracuse, NY.

Professor Alan Franks '74 (pictured top row, fourth from the left) was awarded the Upstate American Association of Laboratory Animal Science Charles E. Schadler Award. This prestigious honor was presented to Franks for his long-term commitment and outstanding contributions to the principles of humane laboratory animal care and the organization.

Three Delhi Veterinary Science Technology majors swept the Sam Martin Upstate Branch Scholarship Awards. Emily Mark from Staatsburg, NY, Billy Robinson from Owego, NY and Andrea Krahforst-Lang from Canaan, NY (pictured bottom row from left) were each presented \$500 for maintaining a B+ or better average, a high degree of skill in "hands-on" techniques in the area of laboratory animal science, and an interest in pursuing a career in the biomedical research community. To qualify, the students wrote essays expressing their goals for education and employment that conveyed an interest in a career that reflects the values and mission of AALAS.

A Delhi alumna was also recognized at the conference. Christine Peterson '02 from Cornell CARE, who serves on SUNY Delhi's Veterinary Science Technology Advisory Council, was awarded the Upstate AALAS Technician of the Year Award. Peterson was recognized as an animal professional who has exhibited an exceptional interest in the field of laboratory science and who has promoted humane animal care.

Also in attendance at the conference were Associate Professor Ken Pyle '69, Instructional Support Specialist and Facility Manager Erica McKee '04, Program Director and Assistant Professor Katherine Murphy, and Alicia Quattropani '15, who is head technician trainer at Syracuse University and works part-time at a private veterinary practice.

Assistant Professor Jessica Schiavo '08 organized the trip and serves as President-Elect and Chair of Outreach for Upstate AALAS.

In addition to the Upstate AALAS awards, SUNY Delhi Instructional Support Associate Kate Dewitt was awarded a Maddie's Fund Grant at the ASPCA Shelter Medicine Conference at Cornell University. The \$1,000 award was donated to SUNY Delhi's local animal shelter partner, Heart of the Catskills Humane Society.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STEVEN PADIN-PAREDES '18

Major:

Construction Management: Design and Building (BT)

Hometown:

Monticello, NY

Extracurriculars:

Club Managers Association of America, Lambda Alpha Upsilon, Latin American Student Organization, Associated General Contractors, Student Conduct Council Board, Personal Safety Committee, Black Student Union, Peer Educator, and Flag Football

Best Part of Delhi:

The vast knowledge I've gained. Not just the knowledge I have retained from the various courses here, but also from the different organizations of which I have had the privilege to be a participant.

Regrets:

My only regret as a college student is that I'm not able to spend a lot of time with my kids. I have two beautiful babies with my amazing girlfriend. There's Steven, Jr. who is 3 and Gianna who is a year old.

Ah-ha Moment:

I have accomplished so many things at Delhi that I never thought I could accomplish, but in all honesty I'm not sure my Ah-ha moment has happened yet. Maybe it will happen when I walk the stage with my bachelor's degree in hand. I'll get back to you when that time comes.

Advice:

College is a fantasy that you can easily get caught trying to live in. For most students, like myself, it's the first time you are away from home and you have that freedom to do as you please. You can make the best out of that freedom or not. Don't get caught up in the fantasy. Make the best out of your time here. Be on time to classes, and get your work done on time. There aren't many second chances, so don't procrastinate! Burst out of that bubble and become a leader on campus. Although it has been a journey, I do not regret it. It has been an experience that has had an impact on me for the better.

Future Plans:

I've never been the type to plan too far ahead, simply because you never know what life will throw at you. With that being said, my plans for the immediate future are to graduate with my bachelor's degree and find an organization to work for that suits me.

Alumni Council Scholarships Awarded

The Alumni Council awarded 20 \$1,000 scholarships to students for the 2017-18 academic year, honoring them at a special Family Weekend reception. Scholarship recipient Emily Cooley expressed the sentiments of the recipients saying, "Because of the Association's generosity, I am able to pursue my passion of baking and pastry at one of the finest institutions in the state."

Pictured are (front row): Anna Munley, Veterinary Science Technology; Rachel Hanstine, Nursing; Emily Cooley, Culinary Arts; Julia Witt, Veterinary Science Technology; Scott Seeley, Information Technology Management; and Cassandra Mott, Construction Management: Design and Building. Council members shown are Wayne McCabe '70, Meg Sawicki '79, Nancy Heimbuecher '04, Walter "Bud" Caroopas '63, Bruce Jones '75, Todd Baright '82, Kathy Holusha '68, President Michael R. Laliberte, and Virginia Giles '11.



SUNY Chancellor Visits Campus

New SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson had a chance to tour the campus during her visit to SUNY Delhi for the University Faculty Senate Fall Plenary. Chancellor Johnson's visit stops included the Veterinary Science Technology labs in Farnsworth Hall, Applied Technology labs in Smith Hall, and the culinary kitchens in Alumni Hall where she posed for a photo with Delhi's award-winning hot food team.



Online Learning Ranks Tops in State, Nation

SUNY Delhi has been ranked 12th in the nation for online education, according to Best College Reviews. Delhi is the only SUNY institution to make the list.

Best College Reviews praised SUNY Delhi as a "leader in online higher education," citing its experienced faculty and "rigorous online bachelor's degree programs" in Hospitality Management, Criminal Justice, and Nursing. See the full ranking at www.bestcollegereviews.org/top/online-colleges.

"SUNY Delhi is rightly gaining attention throughout the state and the nation for excellence in online education," says Provost Kelli Ligeikis. "We recognize the importance of adapting and delivering education to meet the needs of our students and the modern world, and our faculty are among the most innovative in the field."

OnlineColleges.com ranks SUNY Delhi among the top 25 "Top Colleges of 2017" in New York State. The site noted Delhi's focus on affordability, student services, and the availability of its online programs. *OnlineColleges.com* used the most recent government data to evaluate colleges and universities across the country. The exclusive rankings are available at www.onlinecolleges.com/top-colleges-tool/new-york.html.

The RN to BSN program is ranked among the best online BSN programs by *collegechoice.net*, a resource for online learning and college information. The exclusive rankings can be found online at www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-online-rn-to-bsn-programs.

Offered totally online, Delhi's RN to BSN program was first launched in 2008 and is the only degree of its kind in New York State. The program has grown to almost 750 students, and is affiliated with nearly 260 clinical sites and about 1,200 preceptors. *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked SUNY Delhi among the Top 50 colleges in the nation for online baccalaureate degree education for three consecutive years. The RN to BSN program was also selected by *GetEducated.com* and *AffordableCollegesOnline.org* for its excellence and affordability.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT ANNAMARIE LUCEY '85

Major: Hotel and Resort Management

Current Residence: Hillsborough, NJ

Current Job: Director, Revenue Management Operations, North America, Marriott International

Best Part:

For me, the best part of my Delhi education was the balance of the great curriculum with professors who had real-life work experiences to share. Along with the mandatory summer internship program, my professors were able to make the hospitality industry more multi-dimensional by providing theoretical and practical learning. The education, coupled with the campus environment, provided activities across a wide spectrum of interests. My choice of SUNY Delhi turned out to be one of the best decisions I've made in my life.

Regrets:

My only regret as a student is that I didn't focus more on properly learning to speak a foreign language. I took Spanish and French classes that gave me some basics, but I failed to become fluent in either. Spending my career in the hospitality industry has afforded me the opportunity to travel around the world and work with people from many countries. In this multicultural world we live in, I regret I don't have the ability to speak multiple languages fluently.

Ah-ha Moment:

My first day at Delhi was my big Ah-ha—that there was life outside of Brooklyn and it was up to me to choose my future! I was used to city living with large groups of people always moving fast around me. Delhi taught me to appreciate how different life can be, and that difference wasn't a bad thing. I went to Delhi not knowing a single person, and after two years, I had built relationships with some people that have lasted through to today.

Advice:

Take advantage of every opportunity to gain different experiences and learn new things every day. Sometimes you won't know "what you want to be when you grow up," but you'll get closer to figuring it out by understanding what you don't want to be or do. Be true to yourself and follow your own path. Take chances! The journey can take you wonderful places you never even had dreamed of.

Future Plans:

I want to continue to learn and travel the world. I plan to finish my BBA now that SUNY Delhi offers an online program in my field.



Alumni and Students Connect on the Road

Delhi alumni, students, staff and President Michael R. Laliberte gathered in Albany, NY and New York City in November for Student-Alumni Networking Socials. The socials helped alumni reconnect and gave current students networking opportunities with some of SUNY Delhi's many accomplished graduates.



Hospitality students Jillian McCarthy, Emily Richards, Marianna Searallo, and Aneka Bogle met with SUNY Delhi graduates from the NY Metro region.



Janice Raiford '68, President Laliberte, and Hospitality Management major Elyse Villarroel share their Delhi experiences at the SUNY Global Center Networking event.



Kenny Masover '05, Assistant Professor Brienne Slocum '09, Subhash Modasra '13, School of Business and Hospitality Management Dean David Brower '00, President Laliberte, Assistant Vice President for College Advancement Michael Sullivan, and Joanna Mancuso '11 pause for a photo in New York City.



David Leonardo '77, Maria Guido Jones '99, and Walter (Bud) Carompas '63 reconnect at the Capital District Networking social.



Students Kassandra Mott (far left) and Musa Kanneh (far right) spoke with Delhi graduates Aaron Wanser '13 and Brandon Littlefield '13 in Albany, NY.

CLASSNOTES

1941

Graduates **Clara Andreasen Walker**, **Bernice O'Dell Hoffman**, and **Helen "Ginny" Stangewy Mennerick** are pictured here dining at Brooks B-B-Q in Oneonta this past September. Donna Walker Lewis, daughter of Clara Walker, was so amazed by the power of friendships formed at Delhi that she felt compelled to send the photo below.



1949

Paul Hogencamp recently shared a story about his time in Japan. We would like to apologize for previously printing that his first son was born in Japan. In fact, he was born on Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, TX, and later traveled with his mother, Paul's wife, to Japan when he was 14 months old.

1956

John M. McCauslan has been elected to the Gwinnett County Housing Authority in Georgia, the Board of Directors of the Wolf Creek Subdivision in Dacula, GA, and the Board of Directors of the Sandprints Condo Association of Destin, FL.

1959

After graduating from Delhi, **Cyrus Ward Blade** worked for Neversink for 32 years, retiring in 1994. Since then, he has been living the life of a farmer. Ward is part of a true SUNY Delhi legacy. His mother, **Gladys Muhlig Blade** graduated in 1927 from the Teacher Training program. His daughter, **Melissa Blade Slater**, also attended Delhi for one year in 1981. Ward's son, **Cort Blade**, played baseball for the Broncos for his two years at Delhi, graduating with a degree in Finance in 1984. His granddaughter, **Katlin Slater**, graduated in 2016 from the Nursing program.

1960

Thomas Hyer and **Barbara Briggs '61** were married shortly after graduating from Delhi in 1963. They moved to Fair Lawn, NJ, where they've been living for the past 50 years. They have four children and two grandchildren. Before retiring at 62, Thomas led a successful 36-year career in construction with Schiavone Construction Co. Barbara worked for Syracuse University in the Office of Business Education and Office Administration. She then became a homemaker and began working part-time as a promotion worker for the Paramus Shopping Center for 20 years.

1962

Eugene L. Scanlin, who lost his wife five years ago, recently remarried. Eugene has one son, Jason, who gave him two grandchildren, Deven and Valen. He lost his daughter five years ago, who was survived by her children, Orion and Arielle. Eugene has been retired for 20 years. He loves living in Florida.

1964

After graduating, **Charles P. Mazurak** earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1971. Returning to his alma mater in 1975, he taught in the Architecture and Construction programs until 1978. He became a licensed architect in New York State in 1977. He built his house in Delhi that very same year. In 1982, he began working at SUNY Oneonta as the Facilities Coordinator, remaining in that position until 1995. After becoming a New York State licensed professional engineer in 2004, he worked for a variety of architecture and engineering firms, served as a code officer in the village of Delhi, and worked on other projects as a self-employed professional. He and his wife, Betsy, are happily married. They have two sons and grandchildren.

1966

Virginia Yager retired in 2012 and has greatly enjoyed this new stage of her life. She substitute teaches periodically at North Tonawanda High School in Niagara County, NY. Virginia and her husband, Skip, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this past August. Virginia recently lost her brother Phillip R. Morris '65.



1969

William C. Gaetano (above, center) proudly stands with four other SUNY Delhi graduates who now work at his firm. The graduates are (left to right) **Lucas Saltsman '03**, **Josh Rowlands '17**, **Brad Talbot '11**, and **Rob Reed '12**. Bill feels that he is fortunate to have Delhi graduates working in his company. He has been involved with Delhi for 48 years, and he still waves the Delhi flag—it's in his blood. He writes that his company has benefitted greatly from the outstanding quality and expertise of these young graduates. "Kudos to the Delhi faculty," he says. "I hope to keep the legacy going!"

1973

William Zimmerman is living in Tarrytown, NY. He is the City of New Rochelle Parks and Recreation commissioner.



1978

Paul Zalocha has recently accepted a new position with Marriott. He is now managing the sales efforts for five hotels in the Tysons area of Virginia.

1980

Santa Viteretti Duran's experiences at Delhi became the foundation of her can-do attitude. She is currently a vocational teacher in California and recently celebrated her 57th birthday. She is happy to say that Delhi is still part of her life as she is building on her associate's degree to pursue a BA.

1989

Geovanny Osorio and his family, who reside in the Houston area, were lucky when Hurricane Harvey hit, not suffering any significant flood or wind damage. Geovanny is a member of the City of Houston First Response Team that assessed damage to all facilities, such as police stations, health and community centers, and public library. Additionally, Geovanny and his wife gave back through their church, helping community members "mud out" their houses. He says that everyone is trying to get back to normal as fast as possible. Geovanny is doing his part to make that happen.

1992

Vince DiStefano moved to Maryland in 2014 to serve as superintendent at Musket Ridge Golf Club. Musket Ridge, one of the most prestigious courses in Maryland, is also renowned for its



world-class event venues. He and his wife, Helen, have two teenage boys and will be celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary.

1997

Gerardo Siniscalchi, currently serving a nine-month tour in Baghdad, Iraq, has recently been promoted to the rank of Major. This is his 27th year of service in the military, including time both on active duty and in the reserves. During his deployment in Iraq, Gerardo served as architect for the Combined Joint Task Forces and Component Command. This position covers all aspects of construction in Iraq, Syria, and Jordan. When home, he and his wife, Christina, and four children live in Trout Creek, NY. Their oldest child started college this year at the Savannah College of Art and Design.





2003

Horticulture and Landscape Design and Management majors met alumnus **Peter Kelleher**, a graduate of the Golf Course Superintendent program, at the 2015 New England Grows Show in Boston, MA.

Theta Kappa Mu, a 70's era Delhi fraternity (shown above), gathered for its 45th reunion at the college's Turf Center. The group has made a tradition of camping out and golfing in Delhi for most of its reunions. "Delhi's a great place and gave us all a good start. We've done well for ourselves," noted **Tom Borgersen**. Back row left to right: **Bob Gustin '73, Tom Borgersen '73, Ed Sweeny '73, Bill Ward '74, Dave Dolan '74, Tom Curtin '74, Rich Panetta '72, Joe Hoag** (son of the late **Bob Hoag '74**) and front left to right: **Dan Iovino '73, Ralph Possemato '72, and Charlie Zambito '74.**

2004

Matt Muserlian and his wife Emilie have recently moved from Nashville, TN to Charleston, WV. Matt is now the Director of Operations at the Marriott International in Charleston, SC.

2012

This past August, **Nathan Monfett** was promoted from Assistant General Manager to General Manager at the new Residence Inn in Kingston, NY. He helped open the property in May of 2016 in his role as Assistant General Manager. Previously, he had worked with BBL Hospitality.

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In Memoriam

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

- Frances Brooks '41
- Joseph Donahoe '52
- Robert Cortelyou '55
- Patrick Delello '56
- Donna Decker Many '59
- Elaine Dederick Giebelhaus '64
- Phillip R. Morris '65
- Darlene Beightol Mendrick '68
- Brad Russell '76
- Sherie Tillman Schiff '76
- Susan VanBuskirk Mappes '79
- Dr. Joseph Flagello, Jr. '85
- Melinda Sue Ives Natoli '10
- Edeline Dejean '12
- Joshua Baluyut '19

- Deborah MacGibbon,
Secretary I
- Herbert Sorgen, *Librarian*
- Robert Smith, *Professor*

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