

From the President's Desk

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Why Are You Here?

At Delta, our stated mission is “to educate student for careers that exist today.”

Our underlying philosophy is to have a positive impact on every person possible. As such we must invest whatever is necessary to meet the needs of our students, prospective students and graduates. Sometimes then, we must give up a lunch break or temporarily assume duties that aren't ours in order to best serve our students – not out of duty or obligation, but from a sincere desire to meet the needs of others and to help them succeed.

Remember, *our goal is to help students reach theirs!*

F.Y.I.

Lafayette Branch Campus Awarded “School of Distinction” by ACCSCT: Our accrediting commission has honored the Lafayette campus with this distinction for the 2006-2007 year.

This award is intended to recognize ACCSCT accredited institutions that have demonstrated a commitment to the expectations and rigors of ACCSCT accreditation, as well as a commitment to delivering quality educational programs.

Congratulations to the faculty and staff of Delta Lafayette!!!

Catalog combined for Delta, BR and Lafayette:

Just a notice: As of today's date, we have completed work on the combined catalog for Delta, BR and Delta, Lafayette. Copies are being printed now and will be sent to the Lafayette school next week.

Discovered during DCAT, BR Graduation:

During a recent graduation of Delta, BR, an instructor shared with the crowd the similarities between her life and one of her graduates that bonded them together and helped each of them through their related tragedies.

The instructor lost her home and most of their family's belongings to a fire while the student lost her home and possessions to the floodwaters of “Katrina.”

To hear of the difficulties that both overcame and how they encouraged each other was quite inspiring. These two ladies exemplified determination for the rest of us to follow.

Calendar – Delta, BR and BLC

Graduation - PN-Night Class	Aug 16
BLC Out for LSBPNE Meeting	Aug 17
Non-LPN New Student Start	Aug 20
BLC Out of the Office	Aug 23-28
Labor Day-students & employees off	Sept 3
Accreditation Site Visit-Delta, BR	Sept 11-12
BLC Out for FL License Renewal	Sept 19-21

True Freedom

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are “unalienable human rights” according to our United States Declaration of Independence.

We as Americans treasure our freedom. Too often however, we use our “liberty” to “pursue happiness” that only leaves us empty and/or wanting more at best or in bondage at worst; we never seem satisfied – and we never will be satisfied outside of God's best for our lives.

Paul tells us in Romans 8:2, “*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*”

Jesus explains the principle of true freedom in John 8:31-36, *Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” They answered Him, “We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You shall be free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. And the slave does not remain forever; the son does remain forever. If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*”

Notice the progression in the first part of this passage. Also notice that each principle is a prerequisite to the one following it:

- if you abide in My word
- then you are truly disciples of mine
- and you shall know the truth
- and the truth shall make you free

Jesus was then asked basically, “free from what, we are not slaves.” Jesus explained that everyone is a slave of sin and only He (Jesus) can free us from that bondage.

I heard this once and it stuck with me, “*True freedom is not the ability to do what I want, but the power to do what I ought.*” Allow God to fill you with His power so that you will have true freedom!