

From the President's Desk

Billy L. Clark, President

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Lightning Strikes

Delta, BR was stuck by lightning on Friday, 8/31/07 at about 2:30 pm. Thankfully, nobody was hurt and our two main servers went unscathed, but our remaining electronics (computers & peripherals, phones, internet, etc.) were quite damaged. Every computer in the Administrative Building (Building B) had some damage.

A big **THANK-YOU** to Mr. Bettencourt and Ms. Thurman with Optimal Performance for working throughout the weekend and most of the day on Tuesday to restore/repair systems. Although we still have some problems (waiting on replacement parts to arrive) we are up and running!

The Delta Advantage #1 EMPLOYED GRADUATES!!!

We graduated 187 students in our most recently completed Annual Report to our accrediting commission (ACCSCT).

The vast majority of these graduates are working in the career for which they trained.

As a matter of fact, we've graduated so many people in the nursing, medical, and dental fields, that you are more likely than not to encounter one of our graduates at any medical clinic, hospital, nursing home, etc that you visit in East Baton Rouge Parish.

For example, I had a check-up with my primary care physician this week and while checking out, one of our recent LPN grads came up to me confidently (with a big grin on her face) and said, "Mr. Clark, I'm a nurse!" then gave me a big hug – I couldn't have been more proud of and happy for her and Delta's faculty and staff that helped her achieve this.

Nothing brings me more joy than coming across one of our successful graduates who are thrilled with their new career.

Home Education Admissions

Louisiana has a significant portion of its population that are home educated through the high school years. As such, these students will not possess a traditional high school diploma or GED.

After reviewing Federal Law, Louisiana Law and analysis by HSLDA we have developed an admission policy applicable to those who have been home educated.

For more information or for a copy of this policy, please contact me.

Calendar – Delta, BR and BLC

Labor Day-students & employees off	Sept 3
Accreditation Site Visit-Delta, BR	Sept 11-12
BLC Out for FL License Renewal	Sept 19-21
Non-PN Day Start	Oct 1
BLC Out for COE Accreditation	Oct 8-11
Non-PN Night Start	Oct 15
PN Day Orientation	Oct 22
On-Site Advisory Board Meeting	Oct 24
PN Day Graduation	Oct 25

Accreditation Site Visit

On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11-12, 2007, representatives from our accrediting agency will be visiting our campus. This is our regular renewal of accreditation process that occurs every five years (if we do things well).

The members of the accrediting team will be roaming the campus and will be talking with faculty, staff, and students while they are here. There is no reason to be anxious, just answer questions to the best of your knowledge, and if you really aren't sure how to answer any questions, just say so, and direct them to someone who can help.

I believe we are more prepared for this visit than any previous visit – after all we are very good at *"teaching folks to fish!"*

Marriage Oneness

From I Corinthians 7:3-4, "Let the husband render unto the wife her due: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power over his own body, but the wife."

Marriage is not a 50/50 relationship, but a 100/100 relationship! God designed marriage in such a way that "the two shall become one" (Matthew 19:5). In doing so, God ensured that an investment in your spouse is an investment in yourself as well.

I Corinthians 10:24 tells us, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well being." God designed us and He knows what really brings joy to our lives – not getting but giving.

A marriage focused on "what's in it for me?" is doomed to misery and ultimately failure.

A marriage focused on "what can I do for my spouse?" will bring true joy and fulfillment in a way that you never imagined and will unite husband and wife in "oneness" in a way only God could design.