

From the President's Desk

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Great Majors – We train for today's "in-demand" career opportunities.

Faculty Development Update

Congratulations to Gina McKnight, Jeanette Jenkins, Joyce Kaiser, Jodi Bennett, and Vivian Harper for completing their annual faculty development requirements already!

If you have completed your requirements as well, please make sure your Program Coordinator and Mrs. Roy have your information.

A Little More Success!

Since the last newsletter, I've had the opportunity to speak with many students and a handful of graduates. I'm happy to report that the graduates are excited about their new careers, while the students are excited about what they are learning.

I spoke with six LPN graduates who all passed their licensure exam and are employed at starting wage rates of \$12.50 - \$16.50 per hour. I also spoke with a student who is here because his spouse graduated from here less than a year ago and is already earning \$23.50 per hour.

I just happened to answer the phone Friday, and spoke with a recent Dental Assistant graduate who was just hired at his extern site for \$12.00 per hour.

Last week we began a program of mailing graduate surveys to our recent graduates. As of today, we've received responses from Dental Assistant and Medical Assistant graduates with starting wage rates of \$8.50 - \$12.00 per hour.

Congratulations to all faculty and staff in a job well done!

Calendar – Delta, Baton Rouge

Veterans Day Holiday-Friday	Nov 9
Non-PN Day Start-Monday	Nov 12
Thanksgiving Holiday-Thur & Fri	Nov 22-23
Student Christmas Break begins-Fri	Dec 21
Students Return to Class-Mon	Jan 7
Non-PN Day Start-Monday	Jan 7
Non-PN Graduation-Thurs	Jan 17
Martin Luther King Holiday-Mon	Jan 21
Non-PN Nite Start-Tuesday	Jan 22
MLK Make-Up (if needed)-Fri	Jan 25
PN Graduation-Thurs	Jan 31
PN Day Start/Orientation-Monday	Feb 4
PN Nite Start/Orientation-Monday	Feb 11

Thanksgiving

As we near our Thanksgiving national holiday, it seems appropriate to remind ourselves what it really means to be thankful.

One of the 49 weekly character qualities we emphasize to our students and employees is that of "*Gratefulness – Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life.*" I *Corinthians 4:7, ...*" and what do you have that you did not receive?"

The secret to gratefulness is contentment. *Hebrews 13:5*, "Be content with such things as you have."

My wife and several of our children are on a church mission trip to a town in Mexico just across the border from McAllen, TX. Yesterday, my wife told me of a lady in Mexico who was so very grateful to one of our church members who repaired her roof to stop the rain from coming in – sounds perfectly normal, right? But this "house" is made from scrap wood and tin that her family was able to find along the road and/or in the garbage (as a matter of fact, this entire neighborhood is built on top of a garbage dump that was reclaimed by dumping about a foot or two of dirt on top of the trash).

The typical homes there consist of one or two rooms and normally have only a dirt floor. Most have no plumbing or electricity and certainly no air conditioning (it was 90 degrees yesterday). And when it rains, the water flows through many of the homes in this neighborhood. (By the way, the garbage dump continues to grow at the end of this neighborhood.)

A factory worker there (working for American companies) will earn about \$6 per day. Yet this woman, instead of complaining about what she didn't have was so grateful for what she did have that we Americans are left amazed.

This puts a new perspective on *I Timothy 6:8*, "And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content," doesn't it?

What I glean from this is that the secret of contentment then is focus on what I have instead of what I don't have.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."