

# From the President's Desk

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## Graduate Success Stories

We received this note from one of our employees last week. It just goes to show, what goes around comes around.

"I just want to relate to you the success story of one of our Business Office Administration graduates. JO is a young single mother who entered Delta in 2007 straight out of high school. Her son, was her main motivation for wanting to start a successful career. While I had the pleasure of teaching her myself, I have to give Ms. Umstetter all the credit for her success, as our Business students spend almost all of their time in her classroom. JO had two job offers during her last week in class and accepted a position with a local Orthopedic clinic.

At first, I didn't make the connection between JO's position and my own life. My surgeon belongs to a practice that is a part of the Ortho clinic. It was a surprise the first time I called and the voice at the other end of the phone said, "This is JO, Can I help you?" How many JO's can there be in this town?

Over the past few months, in and out of the hospital and back and forth to doctor's offices, it always made me feel safe and secure knowing that I'd find JO at the other end of the line when I called. Whether I was just scheduling a routine appointment, calling with questions, or needing to get in to see my doctor for an emergency, JO was always professional, personable, and had a positive attitude. It helped so much to hear this strong young woman's voice and know that she would do her best to help me. It always made me think back to the obstacles she had overcome in her own life, and remember that all things are possible.

I can't tell you how glad I am to be back here where I belong, with my Delta Family! I want you to know how grateful I am to you and your family for allowing me the opportunity to be a member of this team. I am looking toward the future of our College and our students with renewed excitement!"

## The Delta Advantage #10

**Less Time** – Our programs are designed to provide the needed job skills in the shortest amount of time practical. Most of our programs are normally completed in 7 ½ months (12 months for the evening division).

**1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyers Classes - FREE**  
Begins Wed, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mrs. Roy.

## Calendar – Delta, Baton Rouge

Non-PN Day Start-Monday	July 7
Dinner w/PN 100% classes	July 10
Non-PN Night Start-Monday	July 21
Hurst Review	July 21-24
Medisoft Training@Lafayette-Tuesday	July 25
PN Day Start-Monday	July 28
Non-PN Graduation-Tuesday	July 29
PN Graduation-Thursday	July 31
PN-Night Graduation- <u>Covington</u> -Thur	July 31
PN Night Start-Monday	August 4
Homebuyers Class Begins-Wednesday	August 6
BLC Out of Office	August 8-15
Non-PN Day Start-Monday	August 18
Non-PN Day Start-Monday	September 29

## Delta, BR Facilities Upgraded

**3<sup>rd</sup> Computer Lab-Updated:** The computer lab on the far side of Building A has been upgraded with new computers. This lab is used most by our business students and will now be able to run the latest software even faster.

Additionally, room was made in the back of this lab to facilitate research and study from our upcoming Business Associate Degree. (More on the Associate Degree as we make it through approvals.)  
**"New Medical Assistant Lab:** If you haven't had a chance to see this, please do so. The medical assistant lab is in Building E and has been totally remodeled with new cabinets and counters, a reception desk, waiting area and additional lab equipment.

This lab was a test run for a new flooring material and a new color scheme. We anticipate using this as a model for the remainder of the campus.

## "GIGO"

*"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap."*  
Galations 6:7.

We call it GIGO (Garbage In, Garbage Out). For example, if you allow negative thoughts into your mind, you are more apt to be negative.

Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Is your glass half-full or half-empty? If you really want God's best for you, think about God's best!

*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Philippians 4:8.