

# From the President's Desk

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## Website Redesigned, Up & Running

We have finished enough of the re-designed website to publish it on the web. If you haven't had a chance to do so, please take a look and let us know what you think. [www.deltacollege.com](http://www.deltacollege.com)

## The Delta Advantage #11

**4-Day School Week** – Most of our classes are conducted Monday through Thursday. This allows our students to take care of other responsibilities without missing classes.

## Gustav Recovery

As many of you are well aware, the Delta, BR campus suffered extensive damage as a result of Hurricane Gustav in September 2008.

In summary, we lost about 30% of our occupational capacity and were forced to rearrange office and classroom space in order to reopen just two weeks after the storm tore the roof off of Building A and did enough damage to the roofs of Buildings B, C, and F, that they had to be replaced.

I must admit that for about 8 hours after first seeing the devastation, I was depressed. But I woke up the next morning with a vision of what we could now accomplish through the rebuilding effort.

It was truly amazing (Providential in my opinion) to see everyone work together to get back up and running. We truly have a great group of folks here.

And, although Gustav forced us to evacuate an entire building, the storm gave us the opportunity to rebuild/remodel/update this building practically from the ground up.

What's more, before we could do that, we had to make substantial improvements to Building C including, electrical repairs, a new a/c unit, re-roof, re-floor, re-paint and then move 21 faculty and staff into an 1100 square foot building. Miraculously, that was accomplished in less than two weeks!

We have spent well over half a million dollars to repair/replace facilities/equipment at the Baton Rouge campus (less than half of that covered by insurance), but the results are spectacular.

Within the next few weeks, we will be moving back into Building A which will become the "Practical Nursing" building. It will have five classrooms, one nursing lab, two conference rooms, a resource/library, and all PN Faculty/Staff offices.

All eight classrooms are complete with audio/visual systems utilizing a/v projectors, computers, DVD/VHS players to enhance instructional effectiveness.

And probably most importantly, the restrooms have been expanded and remodeled.

Now the most exciting part – once the nursing program move is completed, we will be able to renovate/remodel the entire campus – beginning with Building D! If you want to get an idea of what the entire campus will look like, take a look at Building A or the Medical Lab in Building E.

There is so much more I'd like to say about the great things coming our way, but I am running out of space. Most of us (myself included) have a difficult time reading more than one page.

I hope to be able to tell more of what's coming in future issues. Keep watching and reading.

## Calendar – Delta, Baton Rouge

Non-PN Day Orientation-Tuesday	May 12
Non-PN Faculty Meeting-Wednesday	May 20
Graphic Design Advisory Board-Thursday	May 21
Memorial Day Holiday-Monday	May 25
Business Advisory Board-Tuesday	May 26
PN Advisory Board-Wednesday	May 27
Dental Advisory Board-Wednesday	June 3
MA/MOATB Advisory Board-Thursday	June 4
Non-PN Faculty Meeting-Wednesday	June 10
Financial Aid Offices Closed	
Corporate-Wide for Training-Thurs/Fri	June 11-12
BLC Out of Office	June 12-June 19
Non-PN Day Orientation-Tuesday	June 30
Summer Break Begins-Sunday	June 28
Classes Resume-Monday	July 6
Phlebotomy Class-Saturday & Sunday	July 11-12
LPN Refresher Orientation-Monday	July 13
Non-PN Night Orientation-Tuesday	July 14
PN Day Orientation-Tuesday	July 28

## It's Never Too Late

*"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." 1 Peter 3:9*

The Lord has so much He wants to give you, but He cannot do so until you give your life to Him. God's will for your life is exactly what you would choose if you knew all the facts. As long as you are still alive, there is hope. Give up to your ways, give in to God's ways, and experience God's Best!