

From the President's Desk

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Do We Really Care?

I sometimes wonder if we really do go above and beyond the call of duty. But then I get a chance to talk with our students and graduates and again am reassured that we do go the "extra mile."

Last week, in speaking to a few students who are completing their coursework and about to start their externship, the topic turned to the service they received from us.

Two of the three students told me that shortly after starting their program, they were ready to drop out of school due to outside pressures (family needs, financial needs, etc.)

Both of these students told me that they discussed dropping with their instructor and their admissions representative and through the concern shown by these employees, the students were encouraged and motivated to finish school so that they could help solve these problems by getting established in the career they had chosen to pursue.

I do not have permission to share their names, but I fully expect to receive their "Grad Bios" before the end of the year with their "Success Story." For past success stories, visit our website at www.deltacollege.com.

Calendar – Delta, Baton Rouge

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 in New York-Thurs & Fri	June 11-12
BLC Out of Office	June 15-19
Summer Break Begins-Sunday	June 28
Non-PN Day Orientation-Tuesday	June 30
Classes Resume-Monday	July 6
BLC Out-COE Conference-Thurs & Fri	July 9-10
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

Kudos to Dr. Noel Nesbitt

Our very own "Dr. Noel," PN Program Coordinator at the Covington Campus has been selected by the *National Council of State Boards of Nursing* to participate as a member for the special item writing panel in June 2009.

It is quite an honor to be selected, but this is Dr. Noel's second time to participate in an NCSBN panel. Congratulations Dr. Noel!!!

The Delta Advantage #12 & #13

Convenient Start Dates – Most of our programs start every six weeks.

Easy Enrollment Process – All applicants receive personal assistance through an admissions representative to guide them through the admissions process.

New Financial Aid Service/Consultant

Effective July 1, we'll be utilizing a Financial Aid Servicer/Consultant for the first time in the history of our college.

All of our students and most of our employees will notice no difference in our operations as there will really be no difference in our awarding and administering financial aid dollars on behalf of our students.

However, the difference will be "behind the scenes." ECM will afford us a higher level of regulatory expertise and oversight as we comply with the massive amount of federal regulation governing the administration of Federal Pell Grants and Student Loans.

I am really excited about this and anticipate our level of service to our students to get even better than it is now.

Are You Different?

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:1-2

This writing may be a little different than the rest as it is directed toward those of us who claim to be Christians.

If someone doesn't know you, would they be able to tell you are a Christian? Is there any difference in your life than those without Christ – the music you listen to, the movies/TV shows you watch, how you treat others, how you dress? Are you joyful? Are you an energy giver or taker?

When we become a Christian, the things of the world leave – our desires are "transformed" to those of God. By doing so, God then "proves" His will in us, that which is "good and acceptable and perfect."

Do you want God's best? Let him transform you to be all that He created you to be!