

# CITY PARK CAMPUS NEWS



Greetings!

It's that time again. Another year has passed and once again, we're in the planning mode as we look forward to a productive academic year. By now, we are all aware of the impact the most recent legislative session will have on us via new laws, regulations, and the state's continuing fiscal woes. But, we've proven that in times such as these, we can do remarkable work.

Time and time again we have demonstrated our ability to withstand tough circumstances with innovation and fortitude. Whether it's increasing online courses for displaced students or recruiting at shopping malls to increase enrollment, the Delgado family not only survives its challenges – we thrive for the sake of our students. This year will be no different for us.

In the true spirit of the Dolphin family, we will continue to develop relevant and rigorous academic programs, improve our services to students, and build internal and external partnerships that support our mission. This isn't easy work, so we may have some tough days. Let's commit to our lessons learned - keep pushing, lean on each other, and remain focused on our goal – student success.

Together, we can do it!

*Arnel W. Cooney*  
*Executive Dean, City Park Campus*

## Facility Updates

The **Marvin E. Thames, Sr. Learning Resource Center** officially opened for business on August 1. Though the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in the spring, there were some remaining electrical issues that delayed the actual opening. The 60,800 square foot building is home to the library, the adult education program, and several study spaces. We hope you take some time to visit the new Center soon.

The **Phi Theta Kappa** and **Honors Programs** also have a new home. The two programs have been relocated to Building 1, Room 221 East where they will share space with the Evening Division. The hope is for the space to highlight the long-standing success of the programs and their students. Steven Edwards, who serves as chair of the Honors program, along with Emily Clay and Kim Russell – advisors to PTK students – are also now housed in the new space.

**Single Stop** has been moved to Building 2, Room 108 A (a former GED classroom). Recent growth in the number of students served and the addition of its Care Corner (food pantry) led to the need for a new location for Gilda Ebanks, Single Stop Coordinator, and Jacinta Massey, Assistant Coordinator.

Following the opening of the theatre last spring, the naming of the **Timothy K. Baker Theatre** was approved by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors. Signage in memory of the late Mr. Baker was erected in time for the onset of this semester.

**Workforce Development and Technical Education** has moved into its new building on campus, Building 8. The new location is located on Orleans Avenue, which will provide the division with improved community access.



## Campus Highlights



The campus is pleased to announce we have been selected to receive a Fab Lab – a state of the art digital fabrication lab. This is quite an honor for the College and the Greater New Orleans region. In partnership with the Fab Foundation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Center for Bits and Atoms, and sponsored by Chevron, **Fab Lab NOLA at Delgado Community College** is scheduled to open in October of 2016.

Intended for use by both students and the community, the lab will be equipped with 21<sup>st</sup> century fabrication tools - laser cutters, 3D printers, a CNC Router, fabric cutters, and more! The hope is to inspire Greater New Orleans youth to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), support a workforce pipeline for business and industry, and provide a platform for entrepreneurs and small businesses to innovate and create new products. These tools of innovation and inspiration are sure to attract tinkerers and makers— young and old—to our location, and show how hands-on STEM learning engages *all* in a powerful and impactful way—often beyond what textbooks can do.

**Sam Provenza** is the Fab Lab manager and he is already off to a great start making connections with the internal and external community. He can be contacted at [sprove@dcc.edu](mailto:sprove@dcc.edu) for more information. Stay tuned for Grand Opening details.

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## Coming to Campus Spring 2017...



The City Park Campus is also partnering with **Bricolage Academy** to host this year's **4<sup>th</sup> Annual New Orleans Mini Maker Faire** on **April 22, 2017**. Last year, 95 makers and over 3,000 visitors participated in the Faire. Plans are underway to make this year's event at its new location another success. More information will be forthcoming.

# Academic Program Highlights

Delgado Community College has received official notification of reaffirmation of accreditation by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**. The reaffirmation process occurs on a 10-year cycle, which means that Delgado's degrees, diplomas and certificates are accredited by SACSCOC through 2026.

## Arts & Humanities

The Delgado Community College **Certificate of Technical Studies in Kitchen & Bath Design (KBD)** program was awarded **National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) Accreditation**. NKBA Accreditation serves the professional needs of the industry and ensures consistent, quality education for students who want to become kitchen or bath professionals. Delgado Community College has the only NKBA-accredited program in Louisiana.

## Communication

This summer, Delgado's Communication Division piloted two sessions of innovative **READ Boot Campus**. Students whose placement test scores were on the upper end of the Dev. READ II scale were given the opportunity to participate in a free, intensive 5-day workshop. Twelve students signed up, of whom seven passed the end of session exam successfully, saving them money and a semester of developmental classes. The READ department will track the success of these students.

## Science & Math

The Delgado Community College Science Laboratory Technology, Biotechnology program hosted its third annual **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Challenges** summer program. This faculty-driven outreach endeavor was initiated by the Biotechnology faculty in the Math and Science Division, in order to promote 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students' interest in the sciences. The division also received a **National Science Foundation (NSF)** grant of \$184,904 to support its growing Science Laboratory Technology Biotechnology Program.

## Technical

Delgado Community College has entered into an agreement with **Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA US)** and the **National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3)** to offer Fiat Chrysler brand-specific training to Delgado Motor Vehicle Technology students beginning in the Fall 2016 semester. Delgado is one of 20 colleges nationwide selected to participate in the new program. The students will receive the opportunity to earn all relevant Chrysler certifications while enrolled in Delgado's fully accredited Motor Vehicle Technology associate degree and technical certificate programs.

## Who's Doing What? . . .

**Public Allies** and **My Brother's Keeper Alliance** – two national, non-profit organizations – have selected the College to receive two AmeriCorps Vistas to assist with enrollment planning efforts focused on the recruitment and retention of African-American males. They will begin their work with the Student Affairs division this semester.

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**Single Stop** has added an additional Care Corner (formally known as the Food Pantry) on the Sidney Collier Site. The new location held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 30.

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**The Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery** invites the public to the opening reception of "Twilight and the Dance of Trees" by Southeast Louisiana native Mia Kaplan. The exhibition is scheduled Aug. 25 - Sept. 22. There will be an opening reception and artist talk in the gallery on Thursday, Aug. 25, 5 – 7 p.m. The artist will speak at 6 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday – Tuesday, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Wednesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. For further information contact Brenda Hanegan, gallery director, at 504-671-6377, [bhaneg@dcc.edu](mailto:bhaneg@dcc.edu).

## Planning is the key to success! Mark these important dates on your calendar

Faculty/Staff Convocation	August 8, 9
Freshman Convocation/City Park Campus	August 9 & 13
Official 14 <sup>th</sup> Day	August 29
Fab Lab Grand Opening	TBD
Second Start Session Begins	October 5
Staff Convocation	October 10
Midterm Exams	September 26 – October 1
Fall Break & Technical Skills Expo	October 10 & 11
Spring Registration Begins	October 17
Final Day to Withdraw	November 2
Final Exams	November 29 - December 6
Commencement	December 13