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*New Dean of Graduate
Studies is in Place*

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Fall 2008: Commencement

- 3Doctoral
- 11....Specialist
- 135...Master

Welcome

On June 1, 2009 the Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies gained a new leader. Dr. Albert Nylander has begun the transition as the Dean; this is a position that has been vacant for about a year. Coming over from Social Sciences as Chair of that department, Dr. Nylander brings with him over 12 years of service to Delta State University. Previous to that he obtained his Bachelor and Master degrees from the University of Mississippi and Doctorate degree from Mississippi State University.

Dr. Nylander is very excited to take over this new role at Delta State University. "We have outstanding programs and faculty members at the graduate levels, and I'm looking forward to working with everyone across campus," says Dr. Nylander. There are approximately **850 graduate students** in our school. This is composed of the Doctorate degree in Education, Specialist degree in Education, and Master degrees in a variety of programs. Three people make up the office staff for Graduate Studies. We are here to help you in anyway, so feel free to contact us.

Spring Commencement

On May 9th, 2009 in the Walter Sillers Coliseum, Delta State University conferred 137 graduate degrees. Of these, 2 were Doctoral students, 9 were Specialist students, and 126 were Master students on the campus. Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Chairman and CEO of BankcorpSouth, Inc., delivered the keynote address to the graduates. Also, obtaining an honorary doctorate degree was Mr. Robert Elliot, 1959 graduate and creator of the Elliot Program of Excellence on the Delta State campus.



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The School of Nursing offers a Master of Science in Nursing degree - Online

Program Spotlight

There has been an incredible amount of emphasis on health care following the Presidential election in the United States. Delta State University is a leader in this area for the delta region of Mississippi. A Master of Science in Nursing degree, which is online, will allow students to become a **Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Administrator, or Nurse Educator**. Certain hospitals, such as Greenwood Leflore Hospital, have programs to allow students to return to work for them after completion of the degree, in exchange for tuition assistance. The School of Nursing also offers undergraduate degree programs to allow students to start the track of becoming a health care professional. For more information please contact Dr. Vicki Bingham in the School of Nursing at 662-846-4255.

Quick Fact:
Commercial Aviation Program at DSU has a fleet of 22 planes

Student Spotlight



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- Tracy Baker is a 2008 Master of Education graduate and teaches Special Education in Leland, MS

A highlight to a successful college career is the awarding of a degree at the end of the year. However, the journey along the way can be a major part of the story to success. Tracy Baker, 2008 Master of Education graduate, is sharing her journey with students in Leland, MS. "DSU Graduate School satisfied my desire for higher academic attainment while simultaneously fulfilling the needs of countless children eager for a higher quality of instruction," says Tracy Baker.

Raised in Chicago and an alumna of Western Michigan University, she is now teaching special education in the Leland Public School District. One of the challenges she faces is showing that these students have a voice. "Teacher of the Year" is the honor she obtained after only her first year of teaching. Delta State University is a vessel she used to help her reach even higher in obtaining her career goals. For more information about the College of Education please contact Leslie Griffin at 662-846-4400.

Coming Up

Jeffrey Farris who serves as DSU Alumni Director will share his thoughts on the Graduate School in the next [News from the Graduate School](#). He holds a Bachelor and Master degree in Education from Delta State University.

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