One of our newer additions to the office of Graduate Studies is April Mondy. She is currently contributing to the work study program for the Graduate office. April, originally from Helena, Arkansas, is a sophomore at Delta State. As a Computer Information Systems major, April also creates time to serve as a member of the College of Business Student Advisory Council. In her spare time, April helps out with broadcasting one of three family owned radio stations, including WJIW in Greenville. April says she is “excited” about working with the Graduate office, and she is quite enthusiastic about her undergraduate degree at Delta State. Phillips Community College is also where April has taken classes to further her academic background. Eight siblings will be with April when she returns home for the holidays.

One of the most common questions that comes to the Graduate Studies office is, “When should I apply for Graduate School?” The answer our office gives back is, “Now.” Our office will continue to take applications for students to start school work in January 2010. The Holiday time will delay the process some, but our office will continue to assist students in getting through the admission process. Applications must be completed, with official transcripts, application fee, and immunization record. The Graduate Coordinator, who is over the degree that is being sought, will review the applicant for graduate studies. At this time a decision will be made for admission to Delta State as a Graduate Student. The final step to becoming a student is to register for classes online at myDSU via the Delta State website. A PIN # will be needed and can be obtained from the Graduate Coordinator, after the applicant has been admitted into the Graduate Program at Delta State.
The goal of the Doctor of Education degree is to prepare educators of personal and professional stature to assume the duties and responsibilities of teaching as well as various types of service and leadership roles. Candidates can choose to focus on one of four major tracks: Elementary Education, Counselor Education, Educational Leadership or Higher Education. The overall areas of emphasis within the doctoral program are curriculum, supervision, and leadership. Admissions into the Doctorate program is based on the following criteria: 3.25 GPA, GRE scores, CAAP test, interviews, and a portfolio. Each of the various tracks has a Graduate Coordinator to assist in advising for the program. For more information on each please contact our office or one of coordinators listed to the right.

**Program Spotlight**

Julie Green, a Hearin Fellow in the Community Development Program, plans to enter a doctoral program upon her graduation from Delta State in May 2010. She enjoys working within the community and conducting research for the Division of Social Sciences. In her spare time, Green says, “I am creating a program for educational institutions that provides an international curriculum within the school systems for the Mississippi Delta.” Green’s passion for the educational system and public affairs stems from her desire to foster change. She encourages anyone who loves to work within their community to pursue the Community Development program. Green appreciates the structure which provides “practical, hands-on classroom application.” Recommending the program, Green also values the research and theoretical background that she received throughout her coursework. “All of my instructors serve as mentors to me,” added Green.

**Student Spotlight**

“All of my instructors serve as mentors to me.”
- Julie Green
2009 Masters student in Community Development

**Coming Up**

The last several weeks of the semester will go by quickly for students, faculty, and staff. Final exams will start on December 7th and end December 11th at DSU. Graduating students are done by December 3rd and grades will be turned into the Registrar’s office. Fall commencement will take place on December 12, 2009 in Walter Sillers Coliseum. Students will begin a Winter Break starting on December 14th and will return to classes on January 11th.

Dr. Lynn Varner (above) and the home for College of Education, Ewing Hall (below).

**TFA survey had 199 respondents, the other programs of interest can be found by emailing jrlove@deltastate.edu**

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