

News from Graduate Studies:

September 30, 2009

Delta State University Graduate and Continuing Studies

(662) 846-4700 grad-info@deltastate.edu

Kent Wyatt Hall Room 239 Cleveland, MS 38733



Welcome

There has been a steady hand over the last several years in the middle of changes in the Graduate and Continuing Studies office. Sarah Boyles begins her 20th year as an employee with Delta State University. She has seen positive strides at DSU during her two decades of service to the university. In return, the university has twice awarded an honor that is given to an employee for her service. Once in 2007 and 2009, Sarah Boyles was awarded employee of the month. First as senior sec-

retary of Graduate Studies and later as Administrative Assistant for Graduate and Continuing Studies. Currently, she is the Coordinator of Graduate Studies/Admissions.



Graduate Students at DSU are from the following countries:

- Brazil  
- Turkey 
- Canada 
- France 
- Jamaica 
- Australia 
- Ireland 

Special points of interest:

- Foreign Countries Represented
- 914 Total Fall Enrollment
- On the Road, Again
- Former President of Health Group
- Social Event Planned

Inside this issue:

- Welcome
- Outreach
- Program Spotlight
- Student Spotlight
- Coming Up

914 is the total number of graduate students for Fall 2009. Dr. Albert Nylander, Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies states, "We are pleased to have an increase in graduate enrollment. We must make sure we are meeting the needs of our students and looking ahead to the Spring semester."



Support the Graduate Programs

Makes Checks Payable to:

DSU Foundation

Memo Line: Graduate Studies Fund

Send to: DSU Foundation

P.O. Box 3141

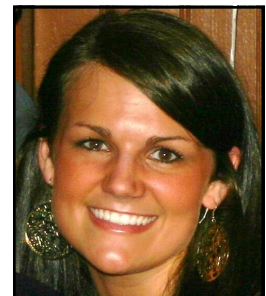
Outreach

Over the last several weeks the Graduate Studies office has been on the road. We have travelled to Ole Miss, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University and Greenville, MS to recruit students to the graduate programs. These trips have produced a broad selection of names – both in quantity and quality. Chasity Boling and

Shamayel Patton are graduate students who helped in recruiting these students to take a look at what DSU has to offer.

"Students are often looking for graduate programs that Delta State offers," says Chasity Boling, 2008 DSU alumni and current MBA student. "We are there to help make sure they understand the admissions process." Pine Bluff, AR and Hattiesburg, MS will be the next

locations in which we will recruit students to DSU. Each of these events has been well received.



On September 24, 2009:

The College of Education partnered with the Graduate Studies Office for a trip to Clarksdale, MS. An interest meeting was held for approximately 21 teachers looking to pursue a Masters in Elementary or Special Education.

Program Spotlight

Health, Physical Education and Recreation is more commonly known as HPER at DSU. A Masters degree can be obtained in this field of study through our College of Education. Dr. Milton Wilder is the graduate coordinator for this program. A total of 33



hours of course work is designed to complete this program. The Southern District of the **American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, and Dance** previously tabbed the coordinator of DSU's graduate program to lead the District. This group serves to advocate for programs that encourage healthy, physically active lifestyles. Currently there are approximately 33 students who are enrolled in classes to earn a Master of Education in Health, Physical Education and Recreation at DSU.



Graduate Coordinator:

Master of Education in Health, Physical Education and Recreation
 Milton Wilder, Ph.D.
 662-846-4555
 mwilder@deltastate.edu



"I have found that not only is Delta State overflowing with information, but also inspiration."

-Trenton Chess
 2009 I-MBA Student

Student Spotlight

Trenton Chess is a student in the Integrated-Master of Business Administration program. An alumni of Jackson State University and former student a Coahoma Community College, Trenton is taking in the educational opportunities now in his third academic setting. He landed upon DSU by talking with a couple of

friends who are alumni of DSU. Starting the program in August Trenton states, "When I got here I was very pleased to see that what my friends told me was true." There are difficulties and challenges to switch from working full time to becoming a full time student. However, this semester he is a **Graduate Assistant** with the Recreational Office

on campus, through Doug Pinkerton. When asked about his experience so far at DSU Trenton replied, "I have found that not only is Delta State overflowing with information, but also inspiration." Starting a graduate degree is something that should be on the minds of a senior about to graduate, according to this I-MBA student.

**Who are the B.F. Smith Scholars at DSU this semester?
 Ashley Tucker, Drew Barham, Alana Fizer**

B.F. Smith Scholars are competitive based funding opportunities at DSU. A package includes tuition, books, and a stipend.

Coming Up

On October 20th from 5:00 - 6:00 there will be a social event for all graduate students to attend in the Union State Room. This will be a time to relax and visit with other graduate students while enjoying light refresh-

ments. Career services and DSU Library Services will also be at this event. Dr. Wayne Blansett, a former graduate student at DSU and current Vice-President of Student Affairs at DSU will be in attendance. Please come on Tuesday evening to join in this event.



Important Dates:
 October 12
 (Mid-term)
 October 14-16
 (Fall Break)