

# News from Graduate Studies:

August 31, 2009

Delta State University Graduate and Continuing Studies

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

Kent Wyatt Hall Room 239 Cleveland, MS 38733



## Welcome

Ann Lotven arrived at Delta State University on February 4, 2008 to a warm and vibrant atmosphere. She serves as the Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs at DSU. In her role she works closely with the Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies. She recently said, "Pursuing a graduate degree from Delta State is clear evidence that the student possesses the intellect, focus and drive to meet a very rigorous challenge. These talents are transferable and regardless of what educational or career path is chosen will help ensure success." When asked about her advice to a current graduate student, Dr. Lotven issued a fun challenge. "Take the opportu-

nity to study but also take time to enjoy the experience, the friendships, the shared learning opportunities, the intellectual rigor and the challenges. This is the time when you may well be the most liberated in terms of thinking critically, challenging assumptions and trying out new ideas. Enjoy the ride!"

**"These talents ...regardless of what career path will help ensure success."**

-Dr. Ann Lotven  
Provost, DSU

## Interdisciplinary Travel Program

In an attempt to offer domestic and international travel assistance to the Delta State Community, the Office of Institutional Grants and the Division of



Graduate & Continuing Studies have partnered to offer a new travel service entitled "The Interdisciplinary Travel Program." The mission of this partnership is to work with the academic units to offer unique travel-based courses both domestically and internationally possible for all students.

### Special points of interest:

- Words from the Provost
- MS Delta Native in the Office
- Online Social Justice and Criminology
- Perseverance to the End

### Inside this issue:

- Welcome
- New to the Office
- Program Spotlight
- Student Spotlight
- Coming Up



## New to the Office

A 2007 Mississippi State University alumni and current Delta State M.B.A. student has returned to his roots. Growing up only forty-five miles south of the Cleveland campus, J.R. Love has been tasked with recruiting students to the graduate programs at DSU. From 2006-2008, J.R. dealt directly with the students of

MSU. First as student body president then later as the recruiter in the President's office – students have always been at the forefront. Moving to Cleveland in July of last year, John Green of the Institute for Community-Based Research at Delta State tabbed J.R. to work in the 11 counties of the Mississippi Delta to research local food production, including buying and selling. A

### Take a Guess ?

Fall 2009 Graduate Student Enrollment is being calculated. What is the total number? Next newsletter will have the answer.

- A) 700 B) 800 C)900 D) \_\_\_\_

former graduate assistant in the Division of Social Sciences, he began August 1, 2009 in the Graduate Office to assist in admissions and to help stay in contact with prospective and current students.

### Support the Graduate Programs

#### Makes Checks Payable to:

DSU Foundation

Memo Line: Graduate Studies Fund

Send to: DSU Foundation

P.O. Box 3141

## Program Spotlight



The Master of Science in Social Justice and Criminology degree is taking major steps forward on the campus and in Ireland. A degree in this field can be obtained on the campus or fully online. Dr. Tiffany Guidry coordinates this program and is excited about the opportunity of working with prospective students. There are multiple paths that can be pursued with this degree. 36 hours of course work are designed to prepare students for professional careers in law en-

forcement, corrections, the legal system and academia. Core classes include: Statistics, Theories of Criminal Behavior, Professional and Institutional Ethics, Historical Analysis of Criminal Justice, Organization and Philosophy of Criminal Justice, Seminar in Criminal Justice and Research methods in Criminal Justice. Dr. Guidry says, "There are three different options, which give students different choices for completing the program requirements."

### Graduate Coordinator:

**Dr. Tiffany Guidry**

**662-846-4120**

**tguidry@deltastate.edu**



## Student Spotlight

*"With a lot of prayers, wonderful professors, family support, and hard work I was able to graduate on time."*

-Tonya Longest

2008 Master of Secondary Education in Art

Tonya Longest recently earned a Masters in Art degree at Delta State. However, her path to obtaining this degree is anything but normal. She graduated in 2003 with her undergraduate degree and then completed her Masters degree in 2009. The



time in between these two dates are what makes this amazing graduate smile. Being diagnosed with breast cancer did not stop her determination to obtain a graduate degree. As a wife, mother, and step-grandmother, Tonya had to serve a lot of different roles – now student and patient. Medical conditions continued all during the time of trying to study to com-

plete an Art degree at the Masters level with Delta State. Tonya says, "With a lot of prayers, wonderful professors, and hard work I was able to graduate on time." A true testament that perseverance will pay off in the end even in the midst of very difficult times and situations. Future plans include teaching Art at the college level.

### Quick Fact:

*DSU has a Masters degree program that ranks in Top 8 in the United States*

## Coming Up

A veteran of Delta State University for more than two decades is in the Graduate Office. Starting off in Telecommunications and now handling Graduate Admissions, she will give her insight to how Delta State has made positive strides. Furthermore, steps are being put into place for promoting our graduate programs

during the months of September, October, and November for our Graduate and Career Fairs. Hattiesburg, Jackson, Oxford and Pine-Bluff some of the places we will be traveling outside the Mississippi Delta. The purpose of these trips are to make certain our graduate programs are fully communicated to a diverse audience in our state and outside the state.



### New International Advisor:

**Petya Petrova**

**662-846-4730**

**ppetrova@deltastate.edu**



Follow us on Facebook

and now on Twitter!

[www.twitter.com/dsugradoffice](http://www.twitter.com/dsugradoffice)



*Kent Wyatt Hall Room 239 Cleveland, MS 38733*

*Phone: 662-846-4700 Fax: 662-846-4313*