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 opportunity 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!”

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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.

Take a Guess?

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

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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 enforcement, 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. ”

Student Spotlight

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 complete 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