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News from Graduate Studies

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Welcome

A year ago Dr. Albert Nylander tabbed a current Delta State graduate student to assist Graduate Studies in the role of promoting graduate programs at DSU. J.R. Love has helped over the past year by working in Graduate Studies to recruit students to the Masters, Specialist, and Doctoral programs. With previous experience in undergraduate recruiting at Mississippi State University, J.R. used a proven method to recruit – personal touch. Campus tours, Graduate Student Advisory Council, and assisting in Admissions are a few of the tasks that has consumed his time. “It has been a lot of fun to work at a university that is composed of people like the ones found at DSU,” commented Love. J.R. leaves DSU to pursue a Ph.D. in Higher Education with a concentration in Student Affairs at Kansas State University. He has a B.A. in Political Science from M.S.U. and a M.B.A. in Management from D.S.U.

Join Us

The final push by Graduate Studies to recruit Teach For America members was found in the H.L. Nowell Student Union at the “Join Us” event. Teach for America corps members were encouraged to start a graduate degree with DSU. Over 24 corps members came to this event seeking information on the graduate programs. A special thanks to several graduate faculty members: Dr. Bill Hays, Dr. Vicki Hartley, Dr. Milton Wilder, Dr. John Green, and Dr. Jenetta Waddell. Each graduate coordinator came to interact with the TFA members. Deans Leslie Griffin and Albert Nylander were also at the event to discuss Delta State’s graduate offerings for interested Teach For America members.



J.R. Love, II

Graduate Admissions/Recruiter

-Starts at Kansas State University on August 23, 2010



Dr. John Green, M.Ed.
Secondary Education and M.S. in Community Development, visits with TFA members at the “Join Us” event.

Program Spotlight



Dr. Leslie Griffin (left) and Dr. Jenetta Waddell (right) visit with a prospective student at the TFA event.

The Educational Specialist in Administration degree at Delta State is a part of the Thad Cochran Center for Rural School Leadership in the College of Education. Dr. Jenetta Waddell is the graduate coordinator for the program. Admission requirements include a 3.25 GPA, two years of relevant experience, a successful standardized test score of verbal skills and a completed graduate application. Over the past semester there has been an interest by Washington County school officials for DSU to offer courses at the Greenville Higher Education Center. The College of Education held several meetings to discuss the possibilities of offering courses at the GHEC. Dr. Lynn Varner, coordinator of the Ed.D. program, also went on the WXVT Channel 15 morning show to share these opportunities with the Delta region. For more information on the Ed.S. program contact Dr. Jenetta Waddell at jwaddell@deltastate.edu or 662-846-4370.

Student Spotlight



Kimberly Pierce
2010 Master of Science in
Nursing graduate
Brandon, MS

Kimberly Pierce is the newest member of the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing alum. She is a Brandon, MS nurse with Baptist Medical Center and recently completed the Master of Science in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Kimberly commented, "The program was difficult at first, but became easier once I was able to balance the courses and shift hours." When asked about advice to someone thinking about graduate school, she mentioned it should be carefully considered before making the decision. "The DSU School of Nursing faculty has been very personable and easy to work with even though I was two hours away from campus," added Pierce.

New Degree Program for Fall 2010:

Master of Science in Sports and Human Performance.

Welcome Back Students

Coming Up

The Fall 2010 academic term started on August 16, 2010. Graduate Studies welcomes a new graduate program starting this term, a Master of Science in Sports and Human Performance. Dr. Milton Wilder, current M.Ed. coordinator for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation program, will coordinate the new program. The September Newsletter will have a section devoted to the new MS program. Students planning on attending graduate school in the Fall should apply online today at www.deltastate.edu, then click the "Apply to DSU" icon. Graduate coordinators are still reviewing applicants to start for the Fall 2010 term.

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