

# Parents Association

# Delta State University

## ABOUT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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WELCOME! PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS RECEIVE AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK INTO DELTA STATE CAMPUS LIFE VIA MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS, CONNECT WITH NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION, AND PARTNER WITH DSU ATHLETICS AND RECRUITING. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO ENHANCE ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR STUDENT'S LIFE.

THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PAID YOUR DUES. WE HAVE AN ESTABLISHED ACCOUNT WITH THE DSU FOUNDATION THAT WILL ALLOW YOUR DUES TO BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. PLEASE SEND YOURS IN IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY. WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK AND INVITE ALL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED VIA THE CONTACT INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE LOWER RIGHT CORNER. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU FOR A CAMPUS VISIT SOON. CHEERS!

### Student Organization of the Month—National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., commonly known as NPHC, is an umbrella organization for nine historically black, international Greek letter Fraternities and Sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. On May 10, 1930, on the campus of Howard University in Washington D.C., the National Pan-Hellenic Council was formed as a permanent organization. The Council promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

The **Delta State NPHC** features four fraternity and three sorority chapters. The fraternity chapters include Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. The three featured sorority chapters include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. In October, the Council hosted Go Hard or Go Home Homecoming Step Show, highlighting each chapters' members and alumni, as well as a tribute to #BlackLivesMatter and Racial Reconciliation.



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### VISITOR INFO

#### AREA HOTELS

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Holiday Inn Express  
808 N. Davis Ave.  
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#### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Downtown Shopping · The Train Museum · Levitt Amp Concerts · Blues Trail The Grammy Museum Mississippi · Dave "Boo" Ferriss Museum & Statue

#### STUDENT FAVS

Hey Joe's · No Way Jose Mosquito Burrito · Crave The Warehouse · Lenny's Delta Dairy · A la Carte

[www.VisitClevelandMS.com](http://www.VisitClevelandMS.com)

### REMINDER

#### PARENTS DAY 2017

Mark your calendars for our first annual Parents Day! The Parents Association and Student Life will plan activities for you on *Friday, April 7th!*

Visit [www.deltastate.edu/parentsassociation](http://www.deltastate.edu/parentsassociation) for more information.

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### Student Success

## Summer & Fall 2017 PRE-REGISTRATION IS \_\_\_\_\_ ?



**It's that time again!** Pre-Registration for summer and fall classes is coming up soon: **the week of April 3rd—7th**. The week after Spring Break, the Student Success Center will encourage your student to take steps to prepare for this important week. The April Pre-Registration period covers registration for three separate semesters: Summer I, Summer II, and Fall 2017. As mentioned last semester, Pre-Registration is an opportunity for your student to proactively register for courses for the upcoming semester(s).

Academic Advisors set aside time during PRE-REGISTRATION week specifically to assist your student. It is a critical component of preparation for your student that will help him avoid unnecessary problems and stress for the upcoming term(s) - especially as it relates to work schedules and book/supply lists. Early registration for your student means having the best choices for the courses he wants/needs and ensuring he stays on track to graduate on time.



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## STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

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### Encourage Your Student to **PREPARE** to **PRE-REGISTER!**

The **last two weeks of March**, encourage your student to take the initiative to:

- Find out WHO their advisor is—by contacting the department secretary for their major, or by calling SSC's Academic Advising Services at (662) 846-4577.
- View the Academic Map for their program of study.
- Look over courses to see what fits into their academic plan and schedule.
- Make a list of potential classes to take to the meeting with their advisor.
- Check for holds on their student account and take care of them before their advising session.

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### Athletics

**Lady Statesmen Basketball** started off the month of February with a 5-game home stand. They dropped two tough GSC matches to the West Florida and Valdosta; however, they were able to bounce back with a big win over GSC foe Mississippi College. The Lady Statesmen closed out the home stand with wins over both Lee University and Shorter University. Winning ways continued as they defeated Christian Brothers at Walter Sillers Coliseum. To close out the regular season, the Lady Statesmen travelled to West Alabama and West Georgia where they were able to add two more wins to the record books in the process of clinching their birth into the GSC Tournament. The Lady Statesmen travelled to Georgia to take on Valdosta for the first round of the GSC tournament, but were unable to handle the hot shooting from the Lady Blazers en route to a 66-41 loss. The loss concluded the season for the Lady Statesmen as they finished with a 14-14 record.

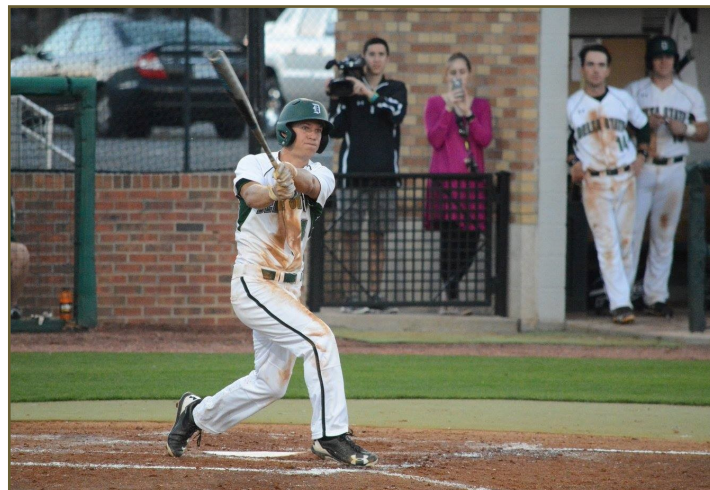
**Statesmen Basketball** kicked off the month of February with a big GSC win over West Florida followed by defeating the No. 24 Valdosta by a score of 72-58. The winning ways continued, as they defeated GSC foe Mississippi College followed by big GSC wins over Lee, Shorter, Christian Brothers, and West Alabama. The 7-game win streak propelled the Statesmen into third in the NCAA's regional rankings. They closed out their regular season by falling to West Georgia in Carrollton, Ga. Devin Schmidt, senior guard for the Statesmen, was named First-Team All-GSC for the fourth time in his career and is only the third player in league history to do so. The Statesmen kicked off GSC tournament play by hosting Shorter for the quarterfinals. In a back and forth game, the Statesmen were able to knock off the Hawks by a score of 85-93. The Green-and-White will head to Birmingham, Ala. to face No. 2 seed Alabama-Huntsville for the semifinals.

The **Delta State Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Team** co-hosted the NSISC Championships to close out their season beginning Feb. 15th. The Statesmen finished second behind Lindenwood University, but were able to defeat Henderson State, St. Cloud State, UT-Permian Basin, and Ouachita Baptist. Following the NSISC Championships, the Statesmen earned 12 bids to the NCAA Division II National Championships to be held in Birmingham, Ala. The individuals that earned bids to Birmingham include: Fabrice Wendel, Mattia Schirru, Nathan Sawicki, Alex Peach, Gabriel Miranda, Cody Lavoie, Matteo Fraschi, Adam Charlton, William Ashwell, Nic Martin, Eli McBride, and Kyle Weesner. The Lady Statesmen finished second behind Lindenwood; but, defeated West Florida, Henderson State, UT- Permian Basin, and Ouachita Baptist. Following NSISC Championships, 12 Lady Statesmen earned bids to the NCAA DII National Championships in Birmingham, Ala. This list includes divers; Hailey Leonard and Casey Moore and swimmers; Celina Batsel, Chloe Bennett, Hannah Hummer, Abigail Isom, Caroline Jousse, Anastasia Klyarovskaya, Kierston Page, Gaby Santis, Kirsten Stroven, and Melanie Tombers.

On the diamond, **Statesmen Baseball** kicked off the 2017 season with completing a sweep of Harding University (pictured below), splitting a series with No. 20 Florida Southern College, and defeating Mount Olive. They kicked off GSC play by taking a 2-1 series win over West Alabama. After defeating Southern Arkansas, the Statesmen claimed a GSC series win over Lee University to close out the month.

**Lady Statesmen Softball** began their season by competing in the Gulf Shores Tournament. During the tournament, Delta State was able to defeat Miles College and Tuskegee College; however, they fell to Embry-Riddle, North Georgia, Rollins College, and Missouri- St. Louis. Lady Statesmen softball also competed in the Falcon Frenzy where they were able to defeat Montevallo, Truman State, UIndy, and Tuskegee College. The Lady Statesmen began GSC play by dropping series to both West Florida and Lee.

The Delta State **Tennis Team** came up short to opening their 2017 season to Alcorn State, but will have much opportunity to gain advantages next month.



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### Campus Counseling Center

The Campus Counseling Center, located in the O.W. Reily Health Center, provides university students with individual and group assistance in adapting to stressful situations while attending DSU. Examples such as adjusting to the university environment, relationship issues with roommate, professor, parents or significant other, choosing a vocation, selecting a major, and solving personal, social, and educational difficulties are common reasons students utilize counseling. The Campus Counseling Center is open for service and FREE to students, faculty and staff, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Bologna Performing Arts Center

The Bologna Performing Arts Center opened its doors September 1, 1995. The Center houses the 1,178-seat Delta & Pine Land Theater and the 135-seat Recital Hall. The Bologna Performing Arts Center at Delta State University has earned recognition as one of the premier locations for entertainment and arts in Mississippi and the Southeast. Here are some of this season's upcoming events:

- **SYBARITE5**— Tuesday, March 21st @ 7:30 p.m.
- **Guest Artist Recital, Jonathan Jung, piano**— Thursday, March 23rd @ 7:30 p.m. (Music Department event)
- **The Illusionists**— Thursday, March 30th @ 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 662.846.4625 or by mailing an order form to the Bologna Performing Arts Center office. The 2016— 2017 Season brochure can be downloaded from the Bologna web site at [www.bolognapac.com](http://www.bolognapac.com).

### Intramurals

Encourage your student to participate in Intramurals on campus! They are a fun way to get involved and stay healthy...both team and individual sports are available and it's FREE to participate. A student can join an existing team, create one of his or her own, or participate in any of the Singles sports, like tennis. For more information, contact Coordinator Kirk Mansell, 662.846.4569.

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### Winning the Race returns March 27-28

The award-winning conference Winning the Race will return to the Delta State campus for its fourth year on March 27-28. This year, the conference will focus on advancing education in the Mississippi Delta. The program will be presented in partnership with the Casey Family Programs and will focus on identifying educational inequalities and strengthening educational opportunities in the Mississippi Delta. The 2017 schedule features a critical dialogue about current issues related to education, social justice and community healing, while highlighting opportunities for sustained community action, awareness and mobility.

The 2017 conference will feature highlight speakers that include Dr. Ivory Toldson, president and CEO of the Quality Education for Minorities Network, and Dr. William C. Bell, a Delta State graduate and president and CEO of Casey Family Programs. In addition to stellar speakers, conference breakout sessions will feature topics covering social justice, civil rights and law, economic opportunities, education and community, and culture and community. These sessions will be guided by leaders from around the state and nation.

The University will kick off the conference with an open house on March 26 from 2-6 p.m. at the Amzie Moore House Museum and Interpretive Center located at 614 South Chrisman Avenue in Cleveland. A press conference honoring the work of Mississippi civil rights veterans will take place at the house at 3 p.m. Conference activities will begin on campus at 8 a.m. on March 27 in the Bologna Performing Arts Center at Delta State. For more information, contact [wtr@deltastate.edu](mailto:wtr@deltastate.edu).

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**PARENTS:** Please let us hear from you. We would like to know what you would like to see in your newsletter So, feel free to email your suggestions as soon as possible to the email address listed below. Please enjoy the holiday season with your Statesman or Lady Statesman. **We are Delta State. And we are Family.**