

Parents Association

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!

Fall 2016 in Full Swing

After an Orientation-filled summer, DSU's fall is in full swing. Student Life held the annual Move-In-Day, Panhellenic Council bid nearly 100 female students during Formal Recruitment, DSU Celebrated a 91st Birthday, University President William 'Bill' LaForge honored Judge Gustavo Gelpi at the DSU Colloquia, and the 31st annual Pig Pickin' was a signature weekend... just to name a few!

We are Delta State. And we are Family.



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AREA HOTELS

Comfort Inn
807 N. Davis Ave.
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Hampton Inn
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Cleveland, MS 38732
(662) 846-2915

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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

REMINDER

HOMECOMING 2016

We invite all to celebrate DSU's Homecoming 2016 as Statesmen Football take on the University of West Florida Argonauts Saturday, October 15th at 4:00 p.m. on Parker Field at McCool Stadium.

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Student Success

“A student’s ship doesn’t have to be sinking to take advantage of the services that we offer...”



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The Student Success Center is a student’s college compass! We are here to help students successfully navigate their college experience at Delta State as they make their way from classroom to cap and gown. We proudly provide a wide range of student support services that can be tailored to meet the individual needs of your student. A student’s ship doesn’t have to be sinking to take advantage of the services that we offer – we are here for him/her regarding even the most basic academic support needs. If a student needs to turn a “B” into an “A” to boost that GPA, we have resources to help with that also. Encourage your student to browse our site, send us an email, give us a call, or better yet, come by and see us!

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is FYS? First Year Seminar (FYS) is a program offered to all incoming students at Delta State (Freshmen and Transfer) that focuses on getting students ready academically while also welcoming them socially to Delta State! A team of instructors from around the University and student peer mentors discuss everything from time management to extracurriculars, learning styles to group activities, critical thinking to opportunities for relaxation. Offered as a weekly 50-minute class, worth 1 graded credit hour.

What do I do if my student calls and says, “I hate my major?” If your student hates his major, he should reach out to his academic advisor right away to discuss the issue. If he is uncomfortable with talking to his advisor first, he can contact Academic Advising Services, a division of the Student Success Center. This division helps students explore their interests and matches them to majors offered at Delta State. Once he finds a major that suits him, he can then talk to his advisor about changing his major. If your student does not know who his/her advisor is, the student can contact the department secretary of the major, or call Academic Advising Services, a Division of the Student Success Center, at 662-846-4577.

What does it mean if my student calls me and says he received an S.O.S. email? S.O.S. stands for Stay Okra Strong. We help students get connected to academic resources that can be used throughout their time in college. If a student receives an S.O.S. email, it means that the student should answer the email and make an appointment. Students receive S.O.S. emails because someone (usually an instructor) believes that the student could benefit from some extra help in his/her courses. This help could include: tutoring, study skills techniques, time management, and help with other academically related issues. As we like to say, receiving a S.O.S. doesn’t get a student in trouble – it prevents the student from getting into trouble in the future!

What do I do if my student calls me and says, “I’m failing college algebra?” Your student may visit the Academic Support Lab in Union 302B to receive peer tutoring in college algebra. The Academic Support Lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Your student may visit the Math Lab in Caylor Hall room 318. The Math Lab is open on Monday from 1:00 until 7:00 pm and Tuesday through Thursday from 1:00 until 5:00 pm. Tutoring is free to any DSU student.

For more information on the services provided by the Student Success Center, please see pages 38-39 in the Summer 2016 Orientation Booklet.

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Athletics

The onset of fall athletics is upon us here at Delta State University for the 2016-2017 season. The **Statesmen Football** team took on Gulf South Conference opponent Shorter University in the 31st annual Pig Pickin'. The Statesmen scored 27 first half points, cruising to a 47-7 victory at home. The Statesmen are now 2-2 overall and 1-1 in GSC. The Statesmen then went on to defeat Mississippi College in the Heritage Bowl by a score of 61-31 thanks to a 33 point second half. **Men's Golf** competed in Cougar Classic on September 27th where they rounded out the Top 14 schools. The Statesmen were led by redshirt freshman John Crawford-Counts with a 44th place as he shot a 222 over the three-day course. Next up, the men's golf team will travel to Hot Springs, Arkansas as they compete in the Reddie Invitational at the Hot Springs Country Club's Arlington Course on October 3rd and 4th. **Lady Statesmen Soccer** completed a 2-game home stand over the course of Pig Pickin' weekend. The Lady Statesmen dropped a 4-0 Gulf South Conference contest to Christian



Brothers University on Friday the 23rd. On Sunday, September 25th they stepped on the pitch again to compete against Gulf South Conference opponent Union University. The Lady Statesmen had a strong first half; however were unable to hold off the Lady Bulldogs and suffered a 4-0 loss. **Statesmen Soccer** also completed a 2-game home stand over the course of Pig Pickin' weekend. On Friday, September 23rd, the Statesmen Soccer team completed a thrilling 2-1 overtime win over Spring Hill College at Delta Field. The Statesmen took the field on the following Sunday to take on the Argos of the University of West Florida; however suffered a tough 1-0 overtime loss due to an early overtime goal. Next up, both the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen soccer teams travel to the University of Alabama—Huntsville and the University of West Alabama to continue their GSC tournament hunt. **The Delta State**



Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving team competed against the University of Alabama to open their 2016-2017 season, boasting many stellar times and personal bests. The teams recently competed against Rhodes College at the DSU Aquatic Center and both men and women earned significant wins; the Statesmen defeated Rhodes College by a score of 189-37 and the Lady Statesmen by a score of 172-69. Up next for Swimming and Diving, the teams will travel to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock on October 15th.

To stay up-to-date on all Statesmen and Lady Statesmen events, visit www.gostatesmen.com. For more information on ticket purchases and where to watch your Statesmen compete, follow us on social media!

Check out DSU Statesmen!





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Career Services

Career Services helps students and alumni continue their vocation by providing various career development opportunities. They will host six career fairs this semester, and provide resume writing assistance and interview skill training. Encourage your student to stop by their office, H. L. Nowell Union 300, or contact by phone at 662.846.4646 or email to careerservices@deltastate.edu.

Okra Patch

The Okra Patch project contains several components: a spirit club for students, faculty, staff, alumni and the surrounding community to become more involved at sporting events. In addition, the Okra Patch project will provide a mentoring initiative with local schools as well a civic engagement regional stewardship initiative. The Office of Student Affairs is looking for members to join in “The Patch” for sporting events and away games. For additional information please contact Dr. Vernell Bennett at 662-846-4150 or visit www.deltastate.edu/student-life/okra-patch/ to sign up! Use #PromoteThePatch on social media, too!

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:

- **The Avett Brothers** — Tuesday, October 4th @ 7:30 p.m.
- **Los Angeles Guitar Quartet** — Thursday, October 6th @ 7:30 p.m.
- **Shanghai Acrobats of the People’s Republic of China** — Tuesday, October 11th @7:00 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 20156— 2017 Season brochure can be downloaded from the Bologna web site at 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 golf or archery. For more information, contact Coordinator Kirk Mansell 662.846.4569.

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

DSU has identified improving cultural competence as its current QEP plan. A cultural competence improvement will allow for students to discover and learn about other cultures. In addition, understanding cultural bias; improve intercultural communication skills; developing empathetic skills; and moving effectively within a globalized society. When working in an increasingly multicultural society and global economy, it takes more than just a simple interaction. Cultural competence is not innate and cannot be assumed; by taking full advantage of its location’s rich history, and bountiful cultural resources, Delta State plans to be proactive in improve its students’ worldview. For more information about QEP activities, events, or how you can help enhance your students’ cultural experience at DSU, contact the Coordinator, Michelle Johansen, by email at mjohansen@deltastate.edu.

PARENTS: *Hopefully, you have learned something from this newsletter that you did not know. 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 visit campus and enjoy a beautiful fall weekend with your Statesman or Lady Statesman.*

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