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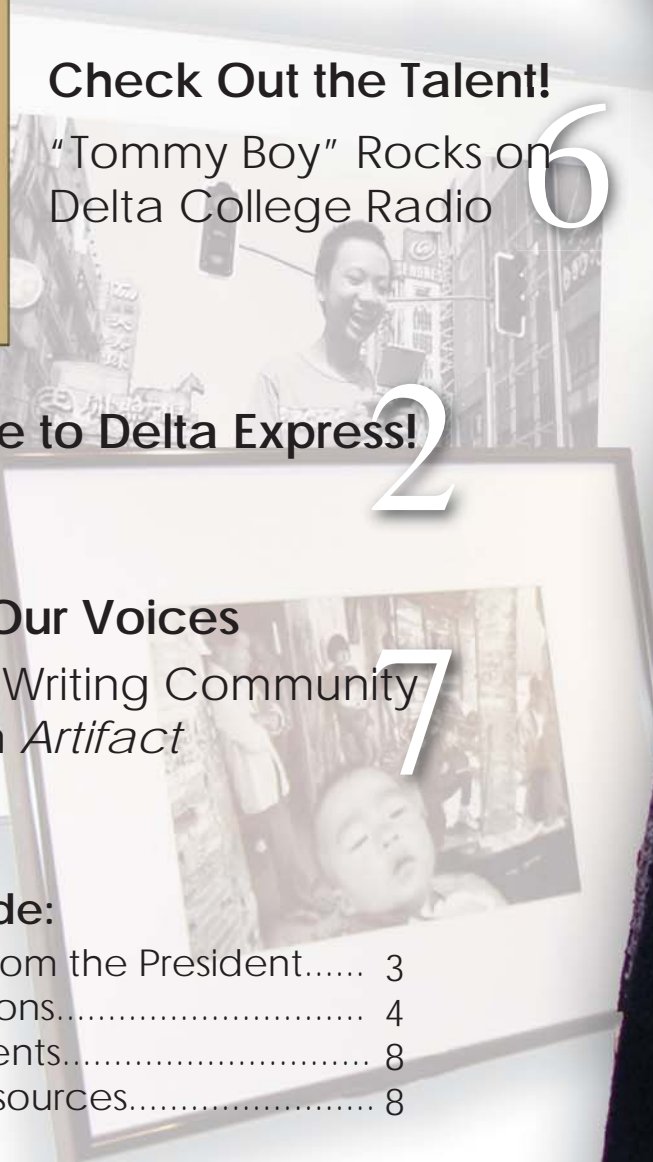
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# Welcome to

# DELTA EXPRESS

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Delta Express. This publication is produced by the staff of the Public Information Office and is intended to be a primary vehicle for sharing useful information with the college's classified, faculty and management staff.

As the college's public information officer, colleagues have asked if I intend to resurrect the Staff Notes newsletter. The short answer is "no." While I enjoyed reading the Staff Notes and

understand that keeping the campus community well informed of upcoming events and other basic information is important, something was missing.

To that end, the Express, while still sharing campus events, new hires, job openings etc., will focus on the more "human" side of our workplace. Many issues will include interviews with students and/or employees. The hope is we can shine a bright light on what brings us together as professionals.

Delta College is a remarkable place; it's a dynamic hub of activity that holds a special place in the lives and hearts of our community. The men and women who staff our college are a dedicated and interesting cast of characters who strengthen our college in ways that often go unrecognized. A little recognition is on the way.

This is your newsletter, so feel free to send suggestions for improvement. The Express will only be successful to the degree that the college community finds the information within valuable and useful.

Enjoy!



# Message from the President

A lot of numbers come across my desk. Numbers quantify most of the things we do at a college. We need numbers to understand budgets, enrollment trends, retention rates and many other issues critical to our success. In short, numbers guide many of our decisions. This is undoubtedly a good thing.

Today, however, I want to write about people. In fact, I want to write about a specific person. His name is Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa. If you haven't already heard his story you should. Many of you are part of it.

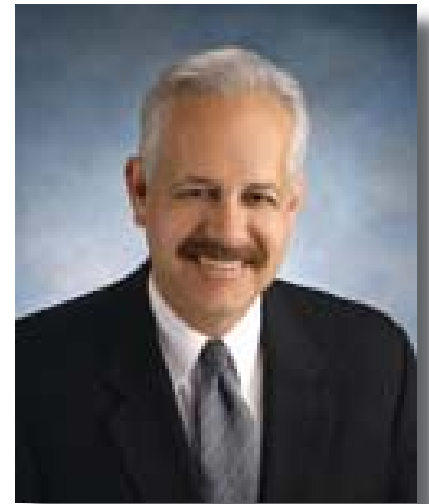
Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa came to the United States under the same set of conditions that many of our students do. With little money but tremendous ambition, he came from Mexico to work in the fields. In the late 1980's he found his way to Delta College where Alfredo attended school in the evenings to learn English while working difficult and harsh jobs in the daytime.

He refused to be limited by the challenging circumstances of his life. In 1991 Alfredo graduated with an associate's degree. He next attended U.C. Berkeley and eventually graduated from Harvard Medical School.

Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa is now a neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins University specializing in high tech brain surgery. The finer details of his story are available in the February issue of the Readers Digest.

There are many reasons his story appeals to me. I like to root for the underdog. I love to see people, especially our students, succeed and I'm always inspired by improbable and well deserved victories. But what I enjoy most about this story is that it reinforces one of my cherished beliefs: *when intellect and drive are paired with access to education, astonishing things can happen.*

The spring semester is well underway and we have many



Dr. Raúl Rodríguez

challenges before us. As we prepare to meet these challenges, let's take a moment to reflect on our successes and how what we do changes the lives of so many. As I mentioned, numbers are an important part of running a school, but they don't tell the whole story. The rest of the story is told every time one of our students, like Dr. Quiñones-Hinojosa, pushes beyond limitations and barriers to accomplish their dreams. In the end, what we do is about our students. Their success is linked to our own in ways that numbers alone can not describe.



# Recent Board of Trustees Actions

- On December 4th, 2007, Leo Burke was installed as the new President of the San Joaquin Delta College Board of Trustees. Representing Central Stockton (Area 2), Leo Burke has been a member of the Delta College board for the better part of 28 years. Mr. Burke has an extensive history of service to Stockton and the local community as manager of the Stockton Civic Auditorium, retiring in 1992 after 30 years.
- A bid was awarded to Applegate Johnston, Inc of Ceres, CA to temporarily relocate several portable buildings from Merced to the college's property in Manteca. When the Mountain House site infrastructure is in place, these buildings will be moved to Mountain House for use as temporary classrooms while the permanent Mountain House campus is constructed. In addition, an office unit and a set of restrooms will be relocated to the Stockton campus. The office relocatable will be used as swing space (as needed) and the restrooms will be used during the renovation of the football, track and softball fields.
- The board voted to authorize the district to lease property at 41 West Yokuts. The property will become the college library while the current facility is being renovated. The lease was approved for 2 years with an option to extend for two six month periods.
- A newly submitted organizational chart for the district was submitted and approved. The new chart reflects structural changes made in the previous year and includes a name change for Disabled Student Services. Their new title is Disability Support Programs and Services.
- The board granted Sabbatical leaves to the following instructors:

**Tom Adamson:** This sabbatical will allow Mr. Adamson to collect data to determine the reasons behind low retention/success rates in physiology (Biology 32) at Delta College. Mr. Adamson will work with recognized scholars in physiology education as part of his own professional development. This collaboration will focus on fostering meaningful learning techniques and building learning communities. His goal is to improve student success in Biology 32.

**William Ferraiolo:** This sabbatical will allow Mr. Ferraiolo to enroll in an eight-week work practice apprenticeship program at Green Gulch Farm Zen Center. The program involves intensive study of Buddhist principles, meditative methods and contemporary developments within Buddhism as well as practical application of Buddhist psycho-dynamics.

**Nina Hewitt:** This sabbatical will allow Ms. Hewitt to develop a more visual and interactive microbiology laboratory safety and waste disposal training and testing program. The new program will be tailored to the specific laboratory situation at Delta College.

**Laila Marei:** During her leave, Dr. Marei will research the academic, cultural, and psychological causes behind math anxiety, with a focus on its manifestation in beginning algebra. She will generate a bibliography of existing research and findings for use by other faculty. In addition, Dr. Marei will create a student manual with studied and methodical ways of recognizing, reducing, and overcoming math anxiety.

**Peggy Rocha:** This sabbatical leave will allow the instructor to travel to West Africa to improve her knowledge of the culture and language (various dialects) in Francophone countries of West Africa. She will compile a Study-Abroad handbook for use by all Delta instructors who wish to lead travel programs abroad or within the U.S.



## Spotlight On: Jan Marlese, Delta Staff

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Jan Marlese likes what she sees at Delta’s L.H. Horton Jr. Gallery. She became its new director last summer. “I want people to see the gallery as an important part of campus life and curriculum. This is one of my goals at Delta.”

With a Bachelor of Science in Arts Administration from the University of Minnesota and a 20 year career as an Arts Administrator, Marlese is well prepared to move the Horton Gallery into the future. Prior to Delta College, Jan was Executive Director of the Arts counsel of Napa Valley. “Many students have never been to an gallery before. The Horton Gallery will be a great introduction to galleries and art...a nice place to hang out and enjoy the displays.”

Art runs in Jan’s family. Her husband, Jim, is an artist, and 10 year old daughter Emily plays guitar and sings. Jan dabbles in photography,

painting and drawing, though doesn’t feel the need to display her work just yet. When not involved in the art world, she likes hiking and camping.

Of prime importance to Marlese is incorporating gallery shows with Delta College course study. “Art students, and all students for that matter, can become familiar with a variety of mediums and styles that are meaningful to their class work.”

Marlese knows the Horton Gallery can bring in nationally know artists to share their work with the community. Award winning photographer Mark Leong recently presented his exhibit, *China: Margins and Mainstream*. Leong’s photos show ordinary people seeking their place in a reconfigured Chinese society as it transforms into an economic powerhouse.

“Not only can we bring in top artists, but the gallery can highlight local talent.” adds Marlese.” The next show features Delta’s own Mario Moreno with *Vanishing Landscapes of California*.”

Jan’s future gallery plans include possible summer programs and exhibits. “I also want to integrate video with exhibits. These videos would be complimentary to the exhibit and topic related.” *A Visit to China’s Miao Country* by Eleanor Coppola was shown with the Leong exhibit.

Installing a gallery show is no easy task. It takes a great deal of time and devotion. So...next time you’re walking by the Horton Gallery, stop by and take in the latest exhibits. While you’re at it, say hello to Jan Marlese and talk some “art.”

# Check Out the Talent!

## Tom Dempsey, Delta Student

Broadcasting Major Tom Dempsey makes the long commute from Brentwood to Delta College almost every day. “I spend a lot of time in my car,” says Dempsey. “I also work weekends at a Safeway in Dublin, but it’s all worth it.”

Dempsey was enticed to check out Delta’s broadcast department after positive feedback from his friend, Delta broadcasting student Melissa Edson. “Instructor William Story said I could become a DJ on Delta’s radio station right away. That was it! I had to come to Delta College.”

Tom Dempsey got his wish. He hosts a rock show called “Tommy Boy” Mondays at 1pm, and a lively sports talk show called “The Fanatics” Tuesdays at 1pm.

Now in his second semester, Dempsey has moved up the radio job chain. Tom is now Delta College Radio Program Director. “Initially, I wanted to become a

play-by-play announcer. I still do play-by-play for Delta’s women’s basketball team. However, there’s something really special going on at the station. It feels great to be part of it! I wanted to become the station program director and I found I really enjoy the management side of the business.”

Tom believes Delta’s broadcasting department will prepare students for jobs right out of the program. He gives special kudos to the efforts of instructor William Story. “He had Delta College Radio on the air the first week of the semester. Amazing.”

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Tom adds, “Mr. Story knows his stuff. He’s dedicated and gives us the opportunities we need.”

Tom’s ultimate broadcast job would be at San Francisco’s sports talk radio station, KNBR. “I’m a huge baseball and San Francisco Giants fan. For me, that’s the ‘be-all and end-all.’”

And finally, Tom Dempsey ends with something that comes natural for a program director...a station pitch. “There’s no question, Delta College Radio offers the best variety of music and talk programs in the Stockton area. NO LIE! We’re at 89.5 FM and stream our programs at [deltacollegeradio.com](http://deltacollegeradio.com). Check us out!”

# Finding Our Voices

The San Joaquin Delta College Writers' Guild Club started here on campus in the fall of 2006. The group publishes a monthly magazine called *Artifact*. *Artifact* features poems, short stories, recipes, and other writings submitted by students, alumni, faculty, and classified employees.

The mission is to focus on furthering one's writing by making a connection to craft, or art form, and the real world. The Writers' Guild's goals are to meet other writers, network, give feedback, explore write-for-hire opportunities, and have fun through creative club activities.

Club advisor, English professor Paula Sheil, says, "For students to become writers, they need a vehicle that demands their attention and participation. *Artifact* is just that magazine. Its incessant monthly deadlines require students to produce without belaboring their writing's worth. The editors do that!"

Distribution of *Artifact* started with 300 copies in the fall of 2006. That number quickly grew to 500 per issue. In September 2007, circulation grew to 1,500 copies every month. Some of the copies go to the public library to be distributed

all over San Joaquin County. The rest are distributed to locations on campus: labs, the library, the bookstore and student lounges. The magazine enjoys limited distribution in Stockton, Lodi and Manteca at outlets such as Java Aroma, Starbucks, hair salons, art galleries and many more.

Within 10 issues, the magazine has published more than 300 poems, stories, essays, and photographs by nearly 75 contributors. More importantly, "*Artifact* makes no distinction between student, faculty, classified or alumni writers. We are a community of word users," Sheil says.



# Special Events

February 27 - March 2: U.S. Army Aviation Van Simulator Expo  
Feel the thrill of flying an Apache, play America's Army videogame for prizes, climb a rock wall, and see if you have what it takes to be Army Strong. This free event is offered by the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve.

For more information go to  
<http://deltacollege.edu> and select  
Events Calendar

February 29: Delta College Math Competition

The Delta College Math Competition will be from 12 - 1 in Shima 401. This competition gives our best math students a way to shine and also earn monetary prizes. The Delta College Math Competition is part of a national math competition for two-year colleges sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC).

March 8: Electronics Waste Collection Event

Onsite Electronics Recycling in conjunction with San Joaquin County Solid Waste Division hosts a free electronics waste collection every 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Shima 2 parking lot (Northwest corner of Campus).

March 11: Health Fair

The Health Fair 11 is being organized by Nursing 10, Community Health Nursing students. Free screenings for diabetes and hypertension will be performed. Information about community programs to promote health and wellness will be available.

March 12, 13, and 15: CCC M/W Basketball State Championship Tournament

Come and show your support!!

## Human Resources

### New Position Entitlements:

On January 15th, 2008, the Board of Trustees voted to create a new entitlement for a **Registrar**. The new position was placed at salary range 18 on the Management scale.

The position of Coordinator of Public Safety has been reclassified to **Director of Public Safety** to more accurately reflect scope of duties.

### Resignations and Retirements:

Dr. Anthon Apostolidis, Instructor, January 8th, 2008

Ralph Olstad, Director of System Development, March 1st, 2008.

Tony Wallage, Usher, January 1st, 2008

Karen Poole, Buyer, December 14th, 2007

Delsada Wilson, Custodian, January 4th, 2008

Kimberly Robinson, Learning Advisor II, November 29th, 2007

### Interim Appointments:

Effective January 16th, 2008, **Dr. Kathy Hart** has been appointed to the position of Interim Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction.

Effective January 16th, 2008, **Dr. Matthew Wetstein** has been appointed to the position of Interim Dean of Planning, Research and Regional Education.

### New Hires:

#### **Cristina Childress**

Learning Advisor I, Child Development Center

#### **Emerita DeCampo**

Learning Advisor I, Child Development Center

#### **Nancy Esparaza**

Custodian, Facilities Planning and Management

#### **Deborah Menzel**

Learning Advisor I, Child Development Center

#### **Alyssa Nguyen**

Research Analyst, Planning, Research and Regional Education

#### **Rocio Razo**

Learning Advisor I, Child Development Center

#### **Celia Rico**

Senior Office Assistant (Lateral transfer from Facilities Planning and Management to Community Education)

#### **Christina Rivera**

Human Resource Specialist, Employment and Employee Relations

#### **Gary Tornngren**

Budget analyst, Business Services

#### **Therese Zerka**

Learning Advisor I, Child Development Center