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FW: From the President's Holiday Desk!

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Good morning everyone! This semester has gone by so quickly that it is a shock to realize that we are done. It has been an "interesting" semester (to say the least) and a productive one as we continue to see increased enrollment and, hopefully, that growth will translate into increased retention.

Holiday Party

I want to thank everyone who attended my Holiday Open House last week in the Horton Gallery. If you didn't attend, you missed an exceptional culinary event. Of course, the company and conversation were good as always, but it was the food that rightfully stole the spotlight. The savory hors d'oeuvres prepared by **Chef Paul Trout**

and his students set a tasty table and only whetted the appetite for the dessert extravaganza assembled by **Chef Robert Halabicky** and his culinary arts students.

I have been to some amazing buffets in the past at quality establishments such as the Ritz Carlton hotels and the Bellagio in Las Vegas, but, in my view, our students not only equaled those efforts, they surpassed them. I was literally awestruck by the visual attractiveness of the display and also by the variety and quality of the numerous dessert offerings.

I mentioned to Chef Halabicky that he and his students were setting the bar high for future events. His response impressed me in that he confidently stated that they would definitely do something even more spectacular next year. Bravo to all of our culinary arts students!

We had a second Holiday party when we realized that the custodians and other employees who work in the evening were not able to attend the first party because of their work schedules. This party was not as elaborate as the campus wide celebration, but the food was good and it was wonderful to single out and recognize the people who work hard every night to keep our campus clean.

Interim Dean of Planning, Research, and Regional Education

As you all know, many of our senior level management positions are currently being filled by interim appointments (and they are all doing a good job I might add). Yesterday we added one more to the list. That is, we completed the interviews for the Interim Dean of Planning, Research, and Regional Education. I am pleased to report that I offered the position to **Dr. Matt Wetstein** and I was greatly pleased that he accepted the position.

Matt served in a similar interim position previously and performed extremely well in that capacity. Matt will begin his new duties on January 16, the day after the Board of Trustees vote to make his appointment official.

Holiday Message

As we each head off in different directions to spend the holidays with our family and friends, I want to wish everyone at Delta College a warm and merry Holiday Season. Many thanks to each of you for all of your outstanding efforts this semester. I believe that our students were served well and that everyone at the college needs to be included in the credit and appreciation for that accomplishment. Likewise, I wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to working with all of you to make 2008 an eventful and fantastic year!