Welcome

Mrs. Babette Griffin graduated from Delta State in 2009 with a Master of Education in Secondary Education. She then attained her special education certificate through the alternate route program and has been teaching since. Recently, Babette’s special needs class at Houlka Attendance Center received a flat screen television, a Wii system, remotes, charger station, sports pack, and extra games from the Pilot Club in Houston, Mississippi. The Wii systems are being used for therapy in many rehab centers. The system is used to increase gross and fine motor skills and increase physical activity in the children. Babette is also partnering with the Autism Center of Tupelo to write a grant to build a playground for children with disabilities at Houlka Attendance Center.

Outreach

Most of this semester Graduate Studies has been traveling across the state recruiting at university events, but during the month of November, our office will have an information table set up in the Union on campus. The table will be set up every Monday and Thursday during November from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We encourage all who are interested in continuing their education to stop by and pick up information. There will be someone at the table during 11:00 and 1:00 to answer questions you may have about the different Graduate degrees. For more information please contact us at grad-info@deltastate.edu or 662-846-4700.
**Program Spotlight**

The Master of Education in Special Education consists of 39 credit hours. The program consists of 3 core education courses and the rest will be centered on special education. The special degree requirements consists of Advanced Survey of Exceptional Children, Behavioral Management, Literacy Instruction in the Elementary Schools, and an internship in Special Education or practicum in Special Education. There are over 60 students enrolled in the Special Education program for the Fall and the faculty is excited about the new students beginning the program during the Spring 2011 term. For more information about the Master of Education in Special Education please contact Vicki Hartley at vhartley@deltastate.edu or 662-846-4370.

**Student Spotlight**

Next month Jonathan Street plans on graduating from Delta State with a Master in Business Administration, but this is not where the road ends. Street has high hopes for the years to come. After graduating in December, he will begin an internship and in the Fall of 2011 he plans to begin law school. Between working as a Graduate Assistant with Dr. Cooper Johnson, graduate classes, and working at Airport Grocery Jonathan explains that it is important to "prioritize the events in your life." When asked to give advice to someone thinking about enrolling in a graduate program, Street says, "a Master's degree is a key component to making yourself desirable in the eyes of a potential employer."

**Coming Up!**

With the Fall semester coming to an end, it is important to plan for the following semester. Early Registration starts November 8, 2010. Be sure to contact your advisor for the classes needed to finish your degree. Spring semester starts January 10, 2011 and there is still time to apply to your desired Graduate program. Apply online at www.deltastate.edu. Just around the corner are our Thanksgiving Holidays. Students will be out of school from November 22nd through the 26th. Graduate Studies wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.