

Parents Association

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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—Omicron Delta Kappa

Our E-newsletters include a special feature, Student Organization of the Month (SOM)!

Omicron Delta Kappa, or ODK, is this month's SOM. ODK is an honor society geared towards developing leaders in the collegiate and community life. Members of ODK are chosen based upon their high standard of efficiency in collegiate activities and ability to inspire others to strive for conspicuous attainments along similar lines. ODK brings together the most representative students in all phases of collegiate life and thus to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate interest. The members of ODK also work to bring together members of the faculty and student body of the institution and other ODK members based on mutual interest, understanding, and helpfulness.

There will be an interest meeting for all of those students interested in joining Omicron Delta Kappa on February 8th. It will take place from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. in H.L Student Union room 302A.

Applications are available in the Office of Housing & Residence Life, Bailey 108.



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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

SPRING BREAK

Mark Your Calendars for Spring Break to be observed on March 13-17th. DSU offices will remain open, as students enjoy their Break. Follow DSU on Social Media for up-to-date information on all University closings.

STUDENT LIFE

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NEWSLETTER CONTINUED

Student Success

S.O.S. - STAY OKRA STRONG!

Dear Parents,

Has your student mentioned that he/she received an S.O.S.? If so, encourage him/her to respond to the email and set up an appointment. As we like to say, if your student receives an S.O.S., it does not mean he/she is in trouble, but that we are trying to prevent him/her from getting into trouble academically. As coordinator of the S.O.S. (Stay Okra Strong) Early Alert System, I want to introduce myself and tell you about the services we offer to DSU students.

S.O.S. is an early warning system that helps your student find the appropriate resources needed to stay on track with his/her academics. S.O.S. takes a proactive approach to connect university resources with the individual needs of students faced with academic and institutional obstacles throughout the progression of their educational pathway. The goal of S.O.S. is to work collaboratively with campus faculty and staff to ensure student academic success.



LET US KNOW!

S.O.S. (Stay Okra Strong) early alert system helps identify and assist at-risk students through organized outreach.

Why might your student receive an S.O.S.? Some reasons students generally receive an S.O.S. include: missing class excessively, at-risk of getting cut from class, earning low assignment scores, etc. If your student is struggling in a course and the faculty member feels he/she could use some outside help, the instructor will send an S.O.S. alert to our office. Once the alert is received, we reach out to the student through email and phone to offer our assistance. We offer students a chance to sit down with us and have a conversation about what they need to be successful. We help them create time management plans, give study tips, and set them up with tutors to help him/her stay on track to a successful semester.

We want to see your student(s) succeed!

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



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NEWSLETTER CONTINUED

Athletics

Lady Statesmen Basketball completed the month of December with 2 wins and 3 losses. The Lady Statesmen were able to rally past Miles College and Union University; however, tough losses were suffered to Mississippi College, Shorter University, and Lee . The Lady Statesmen used an overtime thriller to defeat Miles College after point guard Alondrea Rush nailed a 3-point field goal to force overtime. Next, the Lady Statesmen used a strong defensive effort to defeat Union by a score of 51-41 at Walter Sillers Coliseum. January brought more success with defeats against West Georgia, West Alabama, Alabama-Huntsville, and North Alabama. Lady Statesmen dropped two tough losses to Christian Brothers and North Alabama. On January 20th and 22nd, they travelled to Valdosta and West Florida for two massive GSC matchups; suffered a 53-50 loss to the Blazers and 87-51 loss to the Argonauts. The final away trip for the month of January featured contests against Alabama-Huntsville and North Alabama. Lady Statesmen fell to the Chargers by a score of 77-62 and bounced back with a big win over UNA, 55-52.

Statesmen Basketball completed the month of December with 3 wins and 2 losses. The Statesmen were able to rally past Mississippi College, Bethel University, and Lee University. The month of January brought more success for Statesmen Basketball. The Statesmen earned wins against Christian Brothers, West Georgia, West Alabama, and North Alabama twice. Following a 47 point performance by senior All-American Devin Schmidt (pictured), the Statesmen knocked off No. 25 Alabama-Huntsville. Following his performance against the Lions, Schmidt earned GSC Player of the Week honors for the second time this season. On January 20th and 22nd, the team travelled to Valdosta and the West Florida for two big GSC matchups. Delta State fell 79-62 to VSU followed by a close 83-78 loss to UWF. Statesmen Basketball rounded out the month of January with one last away trip to Alabama-Huntsville and UNA. After a back-and-forth affair, the Statesmen suffered a tough 77-72 loss to the No. 19 Chargers; however, the Statesmen gained a 84-79 win over the UNA Lions to close out the month of January.

The **Delta State Men's Swimming and Diving Team** began the month of December by hosting their annual Christmas Invite at the DSU Aquatic Center. The Statesmen took second place behind Lindenwood by a close score of 1201.5 to 1094.5; however were able to defeat Lindenwood-Belleville during the contest. Following the meet, the Statesmen Swimming and Diving Team rose to No. 8 in the latest CSCAA Top 25 poll. On January 14th, the Statesmen celebrated senior day by honoring seniors Alex Peach, Matteo Fraschi, and Fabrice Wendel prior to defeating Henderson State by a score of 189 to 71. The Team travelled to Atlanta, Ga. in order to take on Emory University. The Statesmen suffered a tough 177-121 loss to the Eagles as they closed out their regular season competition.

The **Delta State Women's Swimming and Diving Team** began the month alongside the Statesmen. They earned a second place finish by defeating Lindenwood-Belleville and taking a tough 1284-1217 loss to Lindenwood University. On January 14th, the Team defeated Henderson by a score of 208-54. Prior to the start of the meet, the Lady Statesmen celebrated seven seniors for their hard work and dedication to the program: Anastasia Klyarovskaya, Chloe Bennett, Gabby Core, Maisey Kent, Kiersten Page, Kirsten Stroven, and Melanie Tombers. Joining the Statesmen at Emory University, the Lady Statesmen also competed against West Florida, and were able to defeat the Argonauts by a score of 181.5 to 118.5; however, suffered a tough 170-128 loss to the Eagles in order to finish off their regular season.



Check out DSU Statesmen!



To stay up-to-date on all Statesmen and Lady Statesmen events, visit www.gostatesmen.com.

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Housing & Residence Life

The Department of Housing & Residence Life provides a comfortable, safe, and secure environment for living and learning while enhancing the overall development of each student. Delta State Residence Life puts you in the middle of the action for campus events and programs. Living on campus will broaden your college experience and provide you with opportunities to make new friends and create memories that will last a lifetime. Housing & Residence Life is dedicated to making your resident experience the best it can be. In a friendly “home away from home” atmosphere, Housing & Residence Life promotes community building and provides a place for developing friendships, sharing, and learning. The Office of Housing & Residence Life can be reached via email at housing@deltastate.edu or via telephone at 662-846-4151.

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:

- **Faculty Recital, Dr. Jung-Won Shin**— Sunday, February 6th @ 7:30 p.m. (Music Department event)
- **DSU Most Beautiful Pageant** — Thursday, February 16th @ 7:30 p.m. (Student Government Association event)
- **STOMP** — Tuesday, February 28th @ 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.

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.

Delta Educational Opportunity Center is accepting applications

Delta State University’s Center for Community and Economic Development announces the launch of the Delta Educational Opportunity Center, a Federal TRIO Program. In an effort to educate and train residents of the Mississippi Delta, the EDOC, under the leadership of Lakisha L. Butler, is recruiting young adults, 19 or older, who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. DEOC provides counseling and information on the college enrollment process to qualified adults. Participants receive one-on-one assistance in completing applications for financial aid and college admission. Workshops will offer study skills, computer literacy, basic financial planning skills and more to participants and their families. In addition, participants will be provided access to computers to search online resources, like scholarship information and career options.

To learn more about the DEOC, attend an upcoming information session. In Bolivar, Washington, Humphreys, Holmes, Issaquena and Sharkey counties, contact LaSheka D. Bell at 662-846-4334 or email lbell@deltastate.edu. In Coahoma, Tunica, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Sunflower, and Leflore counties, contact Jonathan Calvin at 662-846-4335 or email jcalvin@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 enjoy the holiday season with your Statesman or Lady Statesman. **We are Delta State. And we are Family.***