

Accolades

Report to the Board of Regents

August 2016

- Del Mar College welcomes **Dr. Beth Lewis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**. Dr. Lewis' official start was August 1, and she brings more than 28 years of higher education instruction and administrative experience to the position. Most recently, Dr. Lewis served as President of College of the Mainland in Texas City for three years. Prior to her presidency, she was the founding Vice President of Academic Affairs at Northeast Lakeview College in San Antonio and Dean of Off-Campus Programs and of Academic Affairs at Blinn College in Brenham. Dr. Lewis' classroom teaching includes serving as a full-time faculty member in English for two community colleges and as an adjunct faculty member of English and in the Educational Leadership Doctorate program at Sam Houston State University. Among her many credits, the U.S. Department of Agriculture named Dr. Lewis as an Executive Fellow in Viticulture and Oenology for her expertise studying grapes and winemaking. To read a full release about Dr. Lewis, use the following link: <http://bit.ly/2auINx0>.
- Kudos goes to Dr. Bryan Stone, Professor of History with the Department of Social Sciences, for his second book titled "Memories of Two Generations: A Yiddish Life in Russia and Texas." Published by University of Alabama Press, the book is a translated memoir of the original author, Alexander Gurwitz, an Orthodox Jewish Hebrew from Russia who immigrated to the United States in 1910 at age 51. "Memories of Two Generations" recounts Gurwitz's life, education and family in Russia; his immigration and settlement in Texas; and the decades he lived in San Antonio. The original memoir was written in Yiddish. Working from a translation, Dr. Stone edited the text, prepared an interpretive introduction and footnotes and obtained publication rights. The result is a unique and powerful original document that offers provocative insights about Orthodox Jewish life both in Russia and Texas.
- The Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD) named **Carolyn Mauck, Professor of Kinesiology with the Department of Kinesiology**, as their 2016 David K. Brace Award recipient. The award is the highest honor the association bestows, and Mauck is the first member from Del Mar College to receive this award. A David K. Brace Award recipient exemplifies the best in teaching, service and/or administration with the recipient recognized by TAHPERD members as a noteworthy leader whose life and contributions inspire others. Recipients have served the profession for at least 20 years, held membership with TAHPERD at least 10 years immediately preceding their nomination and previously received a state, district, or national award for professional contributions. Congratulations for receiving this prestigious TAHPERD award!
- The Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce selected **Natalie Villarreal, Alumni Coordinator with the Office of Development**, as the honoree for Mi Casa Es Su Casa for August. Organizers noted that Villarreal represents Del Mar College with great pride by providing support to the College and its alumni, along with an attitude of "paying it forward" to the community. Mi Casa Es Su Casa is a women-only, quarterly event that celebrates the accomplishments of local women who are recognized as leaders who pave the way for other leading women now and in the future. Over 100 women attend each Mi Casa Es Su Casa with proceeds from the event benefitting the Mano A Mano Scholarship Program. Congratulations!
- In July, **Rosa Linda Reynoso, College Relations Office Staff Writer/Editor**, attended the 87th League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) National Convention in Washington, D.C., as a contender for LULAC's Woman of the Year national award. Earlier this year, Reynoso was named as the LULAC District 11 Woman of the Year and then as the 2016 Texas State LULAC Woman of the Year during the state convention in Laredo. She joined local LULAC Council #4444 in 2010 and now serves on the District 11 Board as secretary. Council #4444 members promote education and award scholarships annually through the DMC Foundation. The council also annually hosts the "Celebration of Family: Honoring Four-Star Parents" event to showcase parents of families who embody the values of the community through hard work, perseverance, character and giving. Way to go!

- Among founding board members of the Texas Association of Community College Marketers (TACCM), **Melinda Eddleman, Associate Director of Media Relations in the College Relations Office**, became the association's president last month for a two-year term. TACCM is a statewide consortium of marketing and communications professionals working for public community and technical colleges in Texas. The association serves as a clearinghouse for information, promotes the state's community and technical colleges and functions in an advisory capacity to other statewide organizations, including the Texas Association of Community Colleges and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). TACCM provides members with professional development opportunities and recently held the 2016 conference in Corpus Christi. TACCM also sustains the TEXAS genuine brand and statewide Career and Technical Education (CTE) initiative funded through the THECB.

Events

- **Friday, August 19, Summer 2016 Commencement, American Bank Center Arena, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd.:** Del Mar College prospective graduates, family and friends will convene to celebrate the accomplishments of the Summer Class of 2016. Ruth R. Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers with the Texas Workforce Commission, will give the keynote address. For more information, contact the Registrar's Office at 698-1248.