

Accolades

Report to the Board of Regents

May 2017

- Congratulations goes to **Board of Regent Dr. Nick Adame** for the Texas Bar Association recognizing his role in the establishment of the Tejano Civil Rights Museum and Resource Center in the historic Grande-Grossman House in Heritage Park. The turn-of-the-19th-century structure includes a first-floor art gallery featuring new work reflecting Hispanic, Tejano or American Southwest themes every two months. The second floor contains the museum and artifacts. Exhibits include a “Wall of Tejano Heroes,” historic maps, flags and artifacts. The Tejano Civil Rights Museum opened in May 2014 in a collaborative effort between the City of Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville and the League of United Latin American Council Chapter No. 1. Dr. Adame serves as *Executive Vice President of the Tejano Civil Rights Museum and Resource Center as well as President of LULAC Council No. 1.*
- Claudia Jackson, Executive Director of Strategic Communication and Government Relations with oversight of the College Relations Office, served on the blue-ribbon judging panel with other panelists from the United States, Saudi Arabia and England for the 8th Annual International Brand Master (IBM) Award competition held by Educational Marketing Group, Inc. Jackson was named first runner-up for the award in 2011. The IBM Award is the culmination of a rigorous seven-month competition for top honors among educational marketing professionals from around the world. The prestigious honor is presented annually for exemplary brand-marketing efforts that have achieved outstanding results or recognition on behalf of an educational organization. Jackson’s time and talent as a judge was noted by EMG with this year’s award recipient coming from the University of Calgary in Canada.
- The National Science Foundation and the American Association of Community Colleges announced Del Mar College’s Natural Sciences team among 10 finalists selected from across the country to move to the final round of the third annual Community College Innovation Challenge. The competition focuses on innovation and entrepreneurial thinking and cultivates students’ knowledge and skills in the STEM areas to develop solutions to complex, real-world problems. Under the guidance
- of **Professor of Biology Dr. Rob Hatherill** and **Associate Professor of Biotechnology Dr. Daisy Zhang** with the **Natural Sciences Department**, Del Mar’s team was selected for their proposal to use viruses to fight antibiotic-resistant bacteria and is titled “Slowing Antibiotic Resistance with *EnteroSword*”. The team includes Biotechnology majors **Danial Nasr, Ray Pray and John Ramirez**, who will travel to Arlington, Va., in June for final competition. Congratulations!
- **DMC Journalism students** who oversee and write for the College’s two student publications—the campus newspaper, *Foghorn*, and magazine, *Siren*—brought home 36 awards from the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association’s (TIPA) annual competition and live contests in Dallas. Among the awards were 12 first place, 9 second place and 7 third place TIPA awards along with 8 honorable mentions. Topping off those wins, *Foghorn* Editor-in-Chief **Natalie Murphy** received a Mike Warms Scholarship for two-year students. The students produce the two publications under the guidance of **Associate Professor of Journalism Rob Muilenburg** and **Lab Advisor Scott Beckett** with the **Communications, Languages and Reading Department**. TIPA is the oldest collegiate press association in the nation and has grown into one of the largest and most respected collegiate groups in the country. Way to go, team!
- Congratulations, **Vocal Vikings!** Members of the College’s forensic team recently traveled to Virginia to compete during the 2017 Phi Rho Pi National Speech and Debate Tournament. Competition was tough with

558 students from 59 other colleges and universities competing for top awards. **Allison Meaux Rackley**, a Speech major, brought home a national Bronze Award in the individual public debate category. Rackley joined the team this spring and had only debated in one other tournament before becoming one of 129 participants vying in that category at the national level. Other Vocal Vikings who attended and participated in eight different events included Speech major **Michaela Engel** and Speech/Drama major **Mariah Massengill**. The team falls under the advisement of **Professor of Speech Sarah Contreras** with the College's Department of Communications, Languages and Reading.

- The College's **Student Government Association (SGA)** chapter and advisor **Beverly Cage, Director of Student Leadership and Campus Life**, attended the Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) Leaders Assembly in Houston and participated during their annual competitions. The chapter won several awards and recognitions including first place in the Community Service Project competition, second place for Advisor of the Year, third place for Chapter of the Year, third place for Poetry of the Year and honorable mention for Event of the Year. Additionally, Del Mar's SGA chapter was recognized for organizing a statewide Community Service Project with the Ronald McDonald House of Houston. TJCSGA is the only student maintained organization in the state that works to promote the cause of community college students at the local, regional, state and national levels. You make us Viking Proud!

Events

- **Friday, May 12, 7 p.m., Spring 2017 Commencement, American Bank Center Arena, 1901 N Shoreline Blvd., free:** It's all "Pomp and Circumstance" as Del Mar College awards approximately 1,094 certificates and associate's degrees combined to nearly 885 potential graduates during this spring's commencement ceremony. The American Bank Center arena will fill with blue caps and gowns with graduates hearing keynote speaker Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, Architect and Chief Executive Officer of Richter Architects. And, you can expect a special guest! For more information about commencement, call the Registrar's Office at 698-1248.
- **Friday and Saturday, June 16-17, Del Mar College Foundation and LNV Inc. "Stringers for Scholarships" Fishing Tournament, Marker 37 (13317 SPID), registration fee:** Grab the bait and get ready to fish for a cause during the fourth annual "Stringers for Scholarships" fishing tournament, including guided and non-guided divisions, to raise funds for DMC student scholarships. The two-day event opens with a Captain's Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday with free food, drinks and a sneak peek at raffle items. Fishing runs from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday with angler weigh-in between 1 and 3 p.m. To access team entry fee/sponsorship info, tournament rules, an entry form and other information, visit www.delmar.edu/foundation and click the "Stringers for Scholarships" button. Other questions? Contact Cynthia Arbuckle with the DMC Development Office at 698-1031 or carbuckle@delmar.edu.