

Accolades

Report to the Board of Regents

December 2016

- Congratulations to the **Music Department** and their students who were selected for the 2016-2017 Texas Two-Year College All-State Concert Band and All-State Choir after auditioning this fall. Both groups will participate during the annual Texas Music Educators Association Convention in February in San Antonio, along with about 200 other students from across the state. Studying under the direction of **Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Abel Saldivar Ramirez** and **Professor of Stage Band and Guitar David Irving**, the following students were selected to participate: **Jaden Byers**, trumpet; **Mikey Cantu**, trumpet; **Susana Diaz-Lopez**, French horn; **Rene Gomez III**, alto saxophone; **Kevin Lopez**, clarinet; **Jeremy Pansano**, trombone; **Tlaloc Perales**, trumpet; **Adrian Ramirez**, oboe; **Matthew Solis**, French horn; **Michael Solis**, euphonium; **Bradley Sosa**, trombone; and **Eloisa Sutphin**, oboe. Additionally, Jazz Band students **Francisco Perez**, bari saxophone, and **Christina Villanueva**, alto saxophone, were selected as alternates. DMC Sound Recording students recorded the auditions for the instrumentalists. Under the direction of **Dr. Greg Graf, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities**, Del Mar Concert Choir students selected include **Angel Hernandez, Dona Michael, Edward Ramirez, Casper Silva** and **Quentin Zundt**. Additionally, **Bianca Sanchez** and **Andrea Tovar** were selected as alternates.
- Last month, the Coastal Bend Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals named **Mary McQueen, Executive Director of Development and the DMC Foundation, Inc. (DMCF)**, as their Outstanding Fundraising Professional of the Year during their fourth annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon. The Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) joined Del Mar College in September 2010. Since then, the Foundation has increased by \$10 million, placing the DMCF in the top 10 percent of community colleges in the nation regarding total assets and average annual fundraising. Kudos!
- Richter Architects won a Merit Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Corpus Christi Triennial Design Award Program **for their design of the Music Building Phase I project, which included renovation of Wolfe Recital Hall and expansion of the Fine Arts Center Music Building**. The expansion includes two recording studios, a rehearsal hall, music laboratories and classrooms, along with the signature curved outdoor façade featuring brick and glass. The east-facing concave exterior serves as an amphitheater for outdoor concerts. The AIA Corpus Christi chapter brings local architects together to continue advancement and development in the profession with about 100 local members. Acting as a resource to the general public, AIA Corpus Christi utilizes its vast local and national opportunities to educate, promote and encourage ongoing support and appreciation of innovative and historic architecture. Congratulations to Elizabeth and David Richter and team for winning the award!

- **Dr. Elizabeth “Beth” Lewis, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,** attended the “Leadership Academy: Promoting Postsecondary and Workforce Success” held by the National League of Cities (NLC) in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. The NLC selected Corpus Christi as one of 12 cities to participate. Dr. Lewis is one of 19 stakeholders from Corpus Christi who are developing a strategy to increase educational attainment in the Coastal Bend.
- The **College Relations Office** won four Medallion Awards during the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations District 4 conference held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in October. Winning entries included bringing home a Bronze Award in the College Annual Report category for the 2014-2015 Popular Annual Financial Report, Silver Award in the Radio Ad/ PSA, Single category for the DMC Transportation Training Services spot, a Bronze Award in the TV Ad/PSA, Single category for the DMC Transportation Training Services spot, and a Silver Award in the Feature Writing category for a story about the College’s Workforce Programs and Corporate Services Division. The NCMPR District 4 Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges in District 4. It’s the only regional competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among marketing and public relations professionals at two-year colleges.

Events

- Tuesday, Dec. 20, Noon, Annual Tuba Christmas Concert, Plains Capital Bank, 500 North Shoreline, free: Take a break from the holiday rush as nearly 100 tuba, euphonium, baritone and sousaphone musicians play everyone’s favorite holiday tunes. This musical event promises “Winter Wonderland” memories to get you in the holiday spirit. Conductors represent both Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Del Mar College Music Departments with Master of Ceremonies filled by DMC’s David Irving. For more information, call 698-1616 or email dirving@delmar.edu.