• **Frank N. McMillan III**, an adjunct faculty member teaching geography, is the winner of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Children’s Book of the Year Award for his book “The Young Healer.” McMillan is one of two winners in the Chapter Book category with Charlesbridge Publishing releasing the book in 2012. The NAESP Foundation will endorse “The Young Healer” with their Children’s Book Award emblem. As the first NAESP Foundation’s competition, over 1,000 manuscripts were submitted.

• **Dr. Jonda Halcomb**, Dean of Arts and Sciences, **Dr. Laura Parr**, Counselor and Professor, and **Stanley Leja**, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Coordinator of Engineering Programs, secured a $599,635 National Science Foundation grant covering at least 88 Scholarships for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S-STEM) for the College’s Future Forward Scholarship Program (F2SP). The grant supports scholarships for students majoring in areas such as biology (non medical), biotechnology, chemistry, computer science, electrical engineering, engineering technology, geographic information systems, geology, mathematics, mechanical engineering and physics.

• Faculty and staff provided a standing ovation as **Dr. Loyd Poplin**, Chairperson for the Natural Sciences Department and chemistry professor, received the 2010 Dr. Aileen Creighton Award for Teaching Excellence at the College’s Convocation to launch the fall 2011 semester. Dr. Poplin is the College’s ninth faculty member to receive the prestigious award that recognizes recipients’ emulation Dr. Creighton’s legacy as a “master teacher.”

• **DMC Office of College Relations** and **Stephen Rybak** of local advertising firm Morehead, Dotts & Rybak received notice of the College’s “Where you want to go.” television campaign winning a Telly Award as part of their 32nd annual competition. The campaign features four individuals and several vignettes highlighting different programs the College offers. The Telly Awards honor the very best local, regional and cable television commercials and programs, the finest video and film productions and work created for the Web. This year’s competition received over 11,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents.

• The **Del Mar College Chapter of the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE)** awarded textbook scholarships totaling $2,100 to seven students for the 2011-2012 academic year. Each student received $300 to cover textbook expenses. Scholarship recipients include Najjala Gibson, a culinary arts major; Terrell H. Goekte, an undeclared major; Sarah Guerrero, a culinary arts major; Leticia Lopez, a registered nurse education major; Elizabeth Parks, an undeclared major; Silbestre Porras, a liberal arts major; and Ryan David Wyatt, an accounting major.

• Del Mar College has earned three awards this summer from the Government Finance Officers Association for the College’s efforts toward a more transparent system of accounting in its annual budget reports. DMC Comptroller **John Johnson** and the **Business Office** received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) while **Dr. Lee Sloan**, DMC Vice President of Administration, Finance and Student Services, received an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) on behalf of the **Business Office** for its fiscal year 2009-2010 budget. Dr. Sloan and the Business Office also earned a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its annual budget for fiscal year 2011.

**Upcoming Events:**

• **September 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on DMC West**: Third Annual Citywide Health Fair Sponsored by the Corpus Christi Chapter of the NAACP with several types of health tests provided to the community for free.

• **September 19 at 11 a.m. in Room 433 of White Library**: Guest speaker Dr. Jose B. Gonzalez presents “Latino, Hispanic, Latin American: What Difference Does It Make Anyway?” as part of the College’s Hispanic Heritage Month observances and sponsored by the Del Mar College Cultural Programs Committee.
• **September 20 at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2 in the Harvin Student Center on DMC East:** Del Mar College’s observance of Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day with guest speaker Cecilia Garcia Akers, daughter of the late Dr. Garcia, and a screening of “The Longoria Affair.”

• **October 1 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Performance Hall on DMC East:** 2011 “Come Home to Del Mar” scholarship fundraiser featuring music icon Dionne Warwick. Tickets are available through the Box Office and online (www.delmar.edu/richardson). Sponsorships available. Contact the Office of Development at 698-1317 or foundation@delmar.edu.