

## Accolades

### Report to the Board of Regents

July-August 2017

- Del Mar College is proud of **Biotechnology majors Danial Nasr Azadani, Reavelyn Pray and John Ramirez, who made up the College's team and took first place in June as competitors in the final round of the** National Science Foundation and American Association of Community Colleges third annual Community College Innovation Challenge. The team won the national award for their **product, EnteroSword, which is a spray that slows the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.** The competition was all about innovation and entrepreneurial thinking using students' knowledge and skills in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) areas to develop solutions to complex, real-world problems. Del Mar's team made the final round for their project focused on bacteria resistant to conventional antibiotics treatment methods by advocating the use of tailor-made viruses that target harmful bacteria without endangering humans. The students study under the mentorship of **Natural Sciences Department** faculty **Dr. John "Rob" Hatherill, Professor of Biology, and Dr. Daiyuan "Daisy" Zhang, Associate Professor of Biotechnology.** Congratulations!
- Kudos goes to **Mary McQueen, Executive Director of Development and the DMC Foundation,** and her team for another successful "Stringers for Scholarships" Fishing Tournament to raise more funds for Del Mar College students. Held June 16-17, the fourth annual scholarship fundraiser was a collaboration between the Foundation and LNV, Inc., at Marker 37. The two- day event attracted 49 teams and raised \$40,000 to assist our students with realizing their dreams.
- On July 18, the **Del Mar College Foundation** accepted a \$51,000 donation from **Flint Hills Resources** in support of several initiatives. Among those programs receiving was the College's **Corpus Christi Prefreshman Engineering Program (CCPREP),** which is part of the state-wide TexPREP, and organized by **James Shollenberger, CCPREP Director and Assistant Professor of Mathematics,** and **Nedal Shheber, Assistant Professor of Computer Science.** CCPREP received \$19,700 for new robot kits that seventh through ninth graders used during this summer's camp and \$20,000 to support the program overall, allowing participants to attend for free. The check presentation was scheduled during CCPREP's annual media day. Thank you to Flint Hills Resources for their support!
- Congratulations goes to **John Rojas, Director of Transportation Training Services,** and his team for making Del Mar College a Texas Department of Public Safety Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Third Party Skills Testing Program site. The College is now an approved site for the new initiative to provide CDL examinations onsite on behalf of DPS to move students through the certification process faster. Del Mar's training program is the first in South Texas to offer the examinations, which means students don't have to wait an additional four to eight weeks for testing after completing the College's training program.
- **Procurement Specialists Robert Mirabal and Alison Tompkins** with the **DMC Small Business Development Center's Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)** presented

a government contracting seminar at the Victoria SBDC Center on July 19. The two PTAC staff delivered “The TxHUB and CMBL Program with Application Preparation” to a packed house of 16 attendees representing various small business industries. TxHUB (Texas Historically Underutilized Business) certification and the CMBL (Central Masters Bidders List) are primary vehicles that allow underutilized small businesses to gain a marketing edge while entering the realm of government contracting at the state level. The program is just one of many government certification programs available to small businesses through Del Mar College’s PTAC staff. Thanks for representing the College and serving your clients well!

## events

- **Thursday, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m. News Conference and 7 p.m. Registered Nurse Pinning Ceremony, Department of Nurse Education and Del Mar College Foundation Scholarship and Grant Announcement and Registered Nurse Program 50th Anniversary Recognition:** Join the Department of Nurse Education and the DMC Foundation to announce a new scholarship and a Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant award from the Texas Workforce Commission to support nurse training at Del Mar College. The announcement is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in Room 230 of Health Sciences Building 3 on the West Campus and will be followed by student demonstrations and facility tours. Light hors d’oeuvres will be served during this event. Additionally, the College’s Registered Nurse Program marks its 50th anniversary of training students for the healthcare profession for the Coastal Bend and beyond. You’re invited to attend a RN Pinning Ceremony at 7 p.m. in Room 106 of the Center for Economic Development (3209 S. Staples) to witness the time-honored tradition of the lighted candle ceremony and graduates taking the Nightingale Pledge. For more information, call the Department of Nurse Education at 698-2860.
- **Friday, Aug. 18, Summer Commencement, 7 p.m., Richardson Performance Hall, DMC East Campus, Ayers Street:** The Summer Class of 2017 will make history as the final Del Mar College commencement class to walk the stage in Richardson Performance Hall. After Fire Chief Robert Rocha of the Corpus Christi Fire Department gives the keynote address, 404 prospective graduates will receive a combined 505 associate degrees and certificates. For more information, contact the Registrar’s Office at 698-1248.

## save the dates (moRe details to come)

- **Saturday, Sept. 9, Día de la Familia and 9th Annual Corpus Christi Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., West Campus, free:** Learn about high demand career and technology programs offered at Del Mar College while also attending the city’s annual health fair. For more information, call 698-1290 (Día de la Familia) or 698-1700 (Health Fair).
- **Friday, Sept. 15, Department of Art and Drama’s Opening Reception for *Mexican-American Perspectives 2017: My casa is your casa*, 6 to 8 p.m., Joseph A. Cain Memorial Art Gallery, Fine Arts Center, East Campus, Ayers Street, free:** Join Del Mar Art for the opening of an invitational group exhibition as part of observances of Hispanic Heritage Month. The exhibit will remain on display through Dec. 5. For more information, call the Art Office at 698-1216.
- **Friday, Sept. 15, Guest Keynote Speaker Morris Dees as Part of Coastal Bend Social Forum 2017, 7 to 9 p.m., Richardson Performance Hall, East Campus, Ayers Street, free:** Co-founder and Chief Trial Counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc., in Montgomery,

Alabama, Morris Dees is the featured speaker of this year's forum. The two-day event continues Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with varied speakers covering social justice and the law. Sessions are scheduled in Wolfe Recital Hall and the Music Building. For more information, call 698-1629.