

"My priority after receiving my RN is to dig myself out of my school debt. This generous gift is going to be my first head start on that goal. I'm also excited about this new endeavor of nursing. This career of helping people sure does bring a sense of purpose to life."
SUNY Delhi Nursing Student, Class of 2010

Support for deserving students is *the top priority* for SUNY Delhi. If every alumnus would give \$25 annually, we could **more than triple** our support to deserving students. Consider the following facts:

- The **primary indicator for student success** at SUNY Delhi depends on how well the college can meet each student's financial need. Delhi's ability to meet at least 51% of each student's need greatly increases each student's success.¹
- Scholarships administered from the College Foundation at Delhi total approximately **\$200,000** each year. Students with unmet need must obtain loans and grants (if they meet the stringent lending requirements) for their college-related expenses.
- In fall 2009, student borrowing totaled **\$7M** with parent borrowing an additional **\$1.8m**². It is our goal to graduate students with manageable debt. For many students, especially first-generation college students, a high level of debt becomes a burden that is difficult to overcome, particularly in a challenging economy.
- SUNY Delhi ranks among the **Top 15 Colleges** in the North for students who qualify for PELL³, a federal financial grant for the most financially needy families. (According to the US Department of Education, more than 78% of applicants with incomes of less than \$10,000 received Pell grants in 2003-2004.)
- 30% of Delhi undergraduates who apply for financial aid are from families with annual incomes of less than \$30,000. Nearly 10% have an estimated family contribution of \$0.
- New York State provides only **22%** of the 2009 - 2010 College operating budget. College scholarship support must be provided through private donations to the College Foundation at Delhi through endowments (investment where the principal is invested to provide consistent annual awards), annual scholarships and the Annual Fund.

Our goals to increase student support include the following:

- ✓ Support for **highly motivated** students with documented financial need
- ✓ Funds to support Delhi's growing **internship** programs that provide a student with the work experience so needed in today's competitive job market
- ✓ **Honors** Scholarships to recruit talented and motivated students for marquis programs
- ✓ Scholarships for students who **transfer** to Delhi's growing bachelor's degree programs
- ✓ Support to students with **community service** and demonstrated **leadership**.

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¹ "Predictive Modeling Summary" by Noel-Levitz, Inc. September 2009 page 5 of Executive Summary.

² Nancy Hughes, SUNY Delhi Director of Financial Aid, Nov. 2009

³ U.S. News and World Report