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# Accessibility a battle for some on campus

From automatic doors not working to steep ramps, some students struggle

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An average of 20 students with physical disabilities are enrolled each semester, according to the Del Mar College Statistical Profile of 2017-18, and many face additional challenges on campus.

Catalina Clubb, a social work major, was born with cerebral palsy and has been in a wheelchair since she was born. Her biggest issue on campus is trying to get through doors.

"They are not wide enough," Clubb said.

"Also getting under desks is hard. I've talked to the Disability (Services) Office."

The Foghorn News staff went across both campuses at Del Mar to see how many accessible doors were working in late January and early February. We were able to find 24 doors out of 39 not working on the East Campus, and seven out of 25 not working on the West Campus, with some buildings not even having accessible doors.

Renee Hundley, a disability specialist at

Del Mar, said whenever students have an issue with faulty equipment, they come to the office, which sends a request to maintenance to have it fixed. According to Hundley, it doesn't happen very often.

"I know we didn't have any incidents last semester, but about once every two semesters are when we have incidents happen," Hundley said. "What I think might contribute to [the accessible doors] not working is when students press the door-opener. If you think

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about how many people with a physical disability are on campus, it's not that many. I think they overuse it by hitting the button just because they can't resist."

Hundley said she thinks students are aware they can contact maintenance or the housekeepers on campus with any issues as well.

"A lot of our students are really good about self-advocating, which is a good thing," Hundley said. "You want them to go out there and find that resolution and independence."

According to federal law, all states must follow the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, and Texas must follow the Texas

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Elsa Parr, a Del Mar student, studies the details on the art piece "Condittieri" by Thomas Hydrick in the Joseph A. Cain Memorial Art Gallery at East Campus.

# Inhale creativity, exhale appreciation

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Dozens of local art enthusiasts helped kick off the 54th annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show on Feb. 21.

Local philanthropist Pat Susser, who attended the opening reception in the Joseph A. Cain Memorial Art Gallery, studied contemporary art while in college and said she does not have to own art to enjoy it, but merely be in its presence.

According to Susser, when she walks into a museum her breath is taken away.

"Half a day is always spent for me going to a museum or galleries," Susser said of when she travels with her husband or friends.

Susser said she thinks the exhibition is one of the best art-related elements in Corpus Christi.

"I am very excited that Del Mar is bringing in artist from all over the country to compete for this show," Susser said.

Kenneth Rosier, chair of Department of Art and Drama, said organizing the show presents several challenges, including finding a juror who is well-respected and setting the right atmosphere, as well as marketing and advertising the show while on a budget.

For the past two years, Rosier has used an online service to attract entries from varies states. The service also doubles as a promoter for the exhibition.



DMC student Sesily Glover was one of the dozens of people viewing the submitted art for the 54th annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show.

"This has increased the numbers of entries we receive each year," Rosier said.

This year's show features entries from 41 states, Rosier said.

Allison Calloway, a writer, director and editor, said she is happy that her grandfather's work on the exhibition continues to this day. Her grandfather, Joseph A. Cain, organized the first National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show at Del Mar.

ture Show at Del Mar.

"I believe he wanted to help bring greater prestige to the educational institution he loved, Del Mar College, through an art show that exhibited work from across the nation," Calloway said.

To view the drawings and small sculptures visit the Joseph A. Cain Memorial Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Building through May 8.

# Guest juror for art show focuses on originality

Strong craftsmanship also important for professor at Cameron University

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Katherine Linotas-Warren, professor of art at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, spoke to students about her artwork, her process of creating art and what she was looking for when she judged submissions from students for the National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show on Feb. 20.

During the lecture, held in Richardson Performance Hall, Warren explained how she teaches drawing, watercolor and printmaking as a professor.

"It is such an honor to be here," Warren said. "When I was at Texas Tech as a graduate student, I entered one of my first competitive shows and it was here at Del Mar. This whole area is so beautiful."

Warren said much of her artwork was in black and white for a while because of her love of photography.

"I really love that high contrast, noir type of feeling and mood," Warren said. "I think sometimes color gets in the way, and we have to be careful how we use color. Sometimes instead of it being used in an emotional way, I feel it's being used to cover up something."

With nearly 800 submissions to the art competition, it took Warren about three weeks to go through each entry.

"When I started, I looked at everything and I got excited," she said. "I found myself picking three or four pieces from one artist and I realized that was too many pieces. I was going back and forth."

Warren said that when judging, she looked for strong craftsmanship and originality.

"I didn't want something that didn't really speak to me; I wanted something original," Warren said. "I look at titles as well, the type of medium they use and if they're experimental. In some cases, I try to really get into their mode of thinking and what would I do if I had this concept."

Nicole McCune, a studio art major, said she enjoyed hearing Warren's openness to mixed media and what she had done

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# Flour Bluff Hornets knighted as Vikings

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A new partnership between Flour Bluff High School and Del Mar College called the Viking Academy Program aims to get more students earning college credit.

David Freeman, Flour Bluff ISD superintendent, said at a news conference Feb. 20 the program will be the first of its kind for Del Mar and the Flour Bluff district. The Viking Academy Program will allow students to earn as many as 42 core college credits while in high school.

Mark Escamilla, president of Del Mar College, joined Freeman at the news conference at Flour Bluff High School.

"We know the positive impact these opportunities can have on a student's future," Escamilla said.

"To our Flour Bluff parents I want to add that the cost of Del Mar College's dual credit cours-

es remain at \$99.99 per three-hour course. Those prices have remained steady for the past five years," Escamilla said. "We are giving back to those who have given to us; those investments will be responded with and for that reason right there all of your investment has made this is our way of giving back and investing back in our future right here."

Freshman participants will be bused to Del Mar's East Campus, according to Escamilla, who added he hopes to help as many who qualify for the program and that it will be mimicked by other schools.

James Crenshaw, principal of Flour Bluff High School, called the program a great opportunity.

"This student body over and over has proven to me that given the opportunity to excel these students can, and these students will prove every day that they can do it," Crenshaw said.

According to Crenshaw, going to Del Mar enabled him to work his way through as a meat cutter to become a principal.

"My heart has a warm place for Del Mar. I'm proud to be a Del Mar Viking," Crenshaw said.

Judah Lewis, a 17-year-old at Flour Bluff, prefers college-level work because it is more challenging.

"It's another really good opportunity for other students to have and get ready for the next step," Lewis said.

According to Lewis, for those interested in the Viking Academy Program, it will help with boosting GPA and preparing students for college.

Sixteen-year-old Uliana Mikhaylova said the program will provide more class opportunities and help students to potentially go to college. "(It provides) great opportunities for students to get experience while still in high school," Mikhaylova said.

## VIKING ACADEMY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Taking advanced coursework as freshmen and sophomores
- Taking and passing the Texas Success Initiative exam beginning their freshman year
- Maintaining an 85 average in their core high school classes
- Taking and passing all end-of-course exams
- Maintaining a 95% attendance rate
- Adhering to the requirements set forth in the FBHS Viking Academy handbook



Bachelor degree  
 plan approved for  
 nursing program

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The Board of Regents approved a proposal to initiate a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at its February meeting. "In the early fall semester of 2017 the (Department of Nursing Education) chairperson was approached by the DMC president to inquire about the possibility of offering the RN to BSN program track at DMC," said Evangeline Deleon, chair of the nursing program. The demand for nurses in Nueces County will be up 21% by 2029 and will require over 4,425 nursing positions, according to Deleon. This information boosted the effort to gain approval for the new degree. The Department of Nursing Education surveyed students in the program to see whether a BSN pathway would be effective and efficient. The survey received positive feedback, with 85.9% of graduates and 96% of currently enrolled RN students saying they would consider the BSN. Deleon and the department followed the necessary steps to further the proposal and meet with other DMC administrators. "Throughout 2018-2019 DNE administrators met with the president, chief financial officer, chief academic officer along



Nehemiah Flores demonstrates to a student the effects of glaucoma with special goggles at a recent health fair.

with the divisional dean to keep DMC administration abreast of the planning process," Deleon said. "Additionally, meetings were held when seeking guidance, as needed, for information required in order to complete various proposals." The BSN will ultimately impact health care by increasing the number of prepared nurses in the community. The cost of tuition

will also be lower than most BSN programs at universities across the state, Deleon said. "We are confident that every aspect of the cost and benefits in offering the RN to BSN at DMC are positive" Deleon said. "The trend in nursing is to encourage higher education and our department strives to provide this opportunity to DMC nursing students."

The BSN proposed start date is 2021. Approval from Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges are still pending. For more information on the program, contact the Department of Nursing Education at 698-2860.

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 Accessibility Standards, or TAS. The TAS has two sets: one from 1994 and the other from 2012. J. Chris Tweddle, director of Environmental Health and Safety at Del Mar, said because of the two sets, it all depends on when each building was built to decide which guideline it must follow. "We have ADA door openers on buildings, that are not required, but since they are there then they need to work," Tweddle said. "All buildings need accessible doors near accessible routes. An accessible route is where your parking is, where curb ramps are, where the ramps to get into the building, and then the interior facilities. It consists of outside and your way to get inside." Both TAS guidelines are similar, according to Tweddle. However, if a building was built before 2012, it does not need to follow the 2012 requirements. "But if you have renovations ... there



Tweddle is the director of Environmental Health and Safety at Del Mar.

is a set figure that if your renovation goes above this amount, you have to bring up that renovation part up to the new codes," Tweddle said. "For example, when Memorial Hall was constructed in the '30s, these codes did not apply because they did not exist. When renovations occurred, then we had to meet those codes." Designs for new buildings at Del Mar College are reviewed by an ADA-registered accessibility specialist before construction. Tweddle said the specialist reviews them for ADA compliance before approving the blueprints. The specialist also inspects the building after it is built. Any ADA deficiencies are corrected after construction, according to Tweddle. "Our buildings have passed the ADA review and the ADA inspection," Tweddle said. "For the operators on the exterior on the building, they are not required as long as the building meets the other ADA codes for accessibility. That all depends on the ramps and accessible routes. There are no requirements for an exterior door." Tweddle said there are requirements for interior doors, but not for exterior doors. Interior doors are required to be opened with a maximum of five pounds of force. If a restroom door takes greater than five pounds to pull, then the ADA codes are put into effect and that's when openers or other devices are needed. Tweddle said he is currently working on that with the facilities department. "Our office goes around and does inventory," Tweddle said. "We get the locations and from there I send that information to facilities for them to put on their inspections." Ivy Babbitt, a social work major, has

been in a wheelchair for the past five years and will be in one for the rest of her life. Her doctors don't have a diagnosis for her yet, but she said her immune system is stuck in overdrive and attacks her brain and spine. "That causes swelling throughout my central nervous system," Babbitt said. "That swelling messes with my nerves and doesn't send the right signals to my legs. Think of MS." Getting around campus has proved difficult for Babbitt. She said she has trouble getting up the ramps around campus because they are too steep for her. "People always tell me to go to the Disability Services Office and that they will help me," Babbitt said. "I can't take the classes I would like to take because if they are in different buildings. I can't get there by myself. I asked them if there was some kind of program where I can get someone to help me to my classes. When it comes to getting around campus or building to building, they said they couldn't help me." The ADA law does not require personal attendants. If Del Mar were to offer such a program, it would be a courtesy act. According to Babbitt, the Disability Services Office suggested she talk to the Student Government Association. "We do suggest to students to check with SGA," Hundley said. "They sometimes have student volunteers to help students with disabilities across campus. We also inform students with a pamphlet about community resources they can look for. If students are provided with Medicaid or Medicare, they can possibly qualify for a home health companion. "These resources can help them get around campus," Hundley said. "We throw out these suggestions to them and provide reasonable accommodations. As for personal attendants, if such a program existed at Del Mar, we would have to provide one for each student. Some students do have help from someone, but it's not someone the Disability Services assigned to them." Hundley said many students ask for personal attendants, but not only to get around campus. "For eating, going to the restroom and basic transportation from their home to Del Mar," Hundley said of why some students seek assistance. "When we tell them ADA law does not require personal attendants for college students they get upset, which is understanding, and that's when we offer a pamphlet covering community resources. For example, if a student had a limited range of motion, they couldn't reach their backpack in class or needed assistance writing, we would provide them with a scribe, or notetaker, in class only." Not everyone in a wheelchair on campus goes to the Disability Service Office, Hundley said, but they are still trying to make their educational experience accommodating within reason. "There is a wide range of disabilities that we cover, not just physical and mental; there are emotional disabilities and learning disabilities as well," Hundley said. "We do our best to accommodate each student, but we are limited by law."

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 throughout her career. "Her hardships, her inspirations, what she likes and doesn't like and pretty much just her creative process was so interesting," McCune said. Jesse Lopez, a studio art major, said he felt inspired by Warren when he found out she too suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder. "I personally struggle with the same thing and it's hard for me to finish work that I have,"



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