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Delgado Students Succeed at NOETC

Members of the New Orleans Educational Telecommunications Consortium have the opportunity to place their students into internships at the Consortium's cable head-end location.

Two Delgado Community College students are currently employed at NOETC, Devin Fitzgerald and Khaalid Akbar-Mohammed (Khaalid will be featured in next month's issue of the *NEXUS*). Devin P. Fitzgerald was born and raised in New Orleans, and has been attending Delgado since spring of 2000. He is pursuing an associate degree in Media and Performance Arts, concentrating in TV production. Devin thinks the people at Delgado are great. "Everyone is very helpful and friendly, and you can really get some great video projects done," explained Devin. Additionally, He has two part-time jobs connected to video. "I've been working with NOETC since January of 2004 and as I approach my anniversary, I'm reminded of the lessons I've learned at my first job in the industry. Just do your best, and if you have problems, confront them and you'll always pull through." Devin also worked at a video production company in Harahan for a few months, doing everything from clerical work to being an extra or a grip on a video shoot. "These jobs have allowed me to see the industry from a completely different perspective. My time at NOETC has helped me work towards my future goals, and given me the kind of educational experience you can't receive in school."



Another Step Forward...

In a move designed to bring *HEAT* (Higher Education Access Television) up to technical equivalency with other independent access programmers in the metro area, NOETC recently installed an automated playback system. The Leightronix TCD/IP is a complete analog and digital video system controller, which, when fully operational, will allow for a more diverse selection of programming sources. This translates to fewer programming hours being dedicated to the community bulletin board or satellite feeds with a greater emphasis on locally originated programs.

In addition to offering greater program options, the TCD/IP will also allow student interns to work with equipment currently being used throughout the broadcast industry. This will offer student workers the opportunity to focus on other video production projects, while leaving the playback to the automated controller. "Students can now concentrate on refining more marketable skills, such as non-linear editing and digital technologies", says NOETC Executive Director Dr. Susan M. Simkowski.

Other recent additions to the NOETC technology stable includes an AVID Express editing suite, an analog-to-digital dubbing station, and several items aimed at improving the quality of the *HEAT* signal seen on Cox Communications, Channel 76.

Internships

NOETC Non-Paying Internships are available to university students with previous experience or an interest in the various aspects of the film / video industry. Interns have the opportunity to be part of the technical process of a small budget cable station. Email us at noetc@noetc.org.

Want to get the word out about your College?

Or perhaps you need a telecourse on the air, but don't have the time to produce one? Call Dave at NOETC for solutions that will work for your higher education institution. [504-524-0350](tel:504-524-0350)

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"Complete absorption in the present is both a cause and a consequence of living a precarious and disorganized life." ~ George Will.

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For Educators and Preservice teachers!

NOETC will air the JASON Project, a science based middle school program, the week of January 31-February 5. The program will be run LIVE 10:30 AM daily and replayed at 6:00 PM. The program features LOUISIANA WETLANDS. For more information, see www.jasonproject.org.

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Southern University New Orleans
University of New Orleans
Telecourses

Classes begin January 23, 2005
See www.noetc.org for times/dates
On Cox Cable, New Orleans channel 76

**Special Programs of Interest this month on
Higher Education Access Television (H.E.A.T.)**

Every Sunday, from 9:00—10:00 PM, beginning

January 23, H.E.A.T. will feature emergency preparedness programs, beginning with "Public Health Preparedness: The Heart of the Matter"

College Telecourses Begin January 23!

Only on H.E.A.T.

Channel 76, Cox New Orleans

Committee Corner



Susan Brower is chair of the NOETC programming committee. The programming committee consists of Media Center, Continuing Education and Distance Learning support professionals within member institutions, who help schedule video programs.

In her other lives, Susan is Media Services Coordinator and Associate Professor at Loyola University New Orleans. She and her staff oversee instructional technology throughout the university, as well as provide video, web & multimedia production, audio/visual duplication, satellite downlinks, and compressed videoconferencing services.

Susan received a B.S. in Psychology at the University of Pittsburgh, and an M.A. in Telecommunication Arts at the University of Michigan.

She spent twenty years as a video producer in corporate and educational arenas, working at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, the University of Michigan, and Moore Corporation in Chicago, and did freelance work in those cities as well as in New Orleans. Prior to her tenure at Loyola Susan worked at Tulane University, where she was responsible for producing multimedia projects and managing Tulane's cable system. She has a number of awards and publications, and has done numerous presentations on topics ranging from community participation in cable TV to campus videoconferencing technologies.

Susan is a board member of the Consortium of College and University Media Centers. Locally, she serves as chair of the Ben Franklin High School Association Technology Committee, and also serves on the Technology Committee of St. Andrews Episcopal School. She is also the mother of two teenage girls, and regards this role as her biggest challenge!

For more information about the programming committee contact the NOETC office or Susan Brower at brower@loyno.edu.

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