

FANTASTIC FACULTY NEWSLETTER



KARA JIMENEZ PHD, Professor of Lifelong Wellness

This Fall 2023 semester Kara, along with some of the Health Fitness Specialist Program students, were able to offer some FREE fitness opportunities to Delta employees and students. Each week individuals interested signed up with Shannon Mehl in HR to participate in some different group fitness classes and personal training sessions. Here is the data on how many participated:

Lifelong Wellness Discipline
Employee/Student FREE Wellness Offerings
Fall 2023 Usage Data

Wednesday noon Pilates Classes (LWA 158) taught by Kara Jimenez:
74 participants took advantage of this class during the semester.

Thursday Lunch Crunch Classes led by students in the Health Fitness Specialist Program:
56 participants took advantage of these classes during the semester.

Personal Training/Fitness Assessment Testing/Equipment Orientation One Hour Sessions led by Delta College student in the Health Fitness Specialist Program: 31 participants took advantage of this during the semester.



CINDY DRAKE, Professor of Biology

Cindy Drake completed the Advanced Online Teaching Certificate Program through the Online Learning Consortium in Fall 2023. This is an intensive 12 week workshop designed to enhance and strengthen current skills to become more effective in the principles and practices of online teaching.

Detailed analysis of current courses taught became the foundation for exploring ways to improve online teaching through a variety of

techniques including formative and summative assessment, online group work, increasing student interaction and engagement on-line, active learning, multimedia tools, and increasing DEI in online courses. She has already implemented many new tools she learned and plans to continue working on creating an equitable, rigorous, and fun online learning experience for Anatomy and Physiology students.



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ANDREA BAIR, Associate Professor of Geology

Andrea Bair (Geology, Science & Math) is honored to be chosen as a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) LANDInG Academy's 2023-2025 Cohort. LANDInG (Leadership Academy and Network for Diversity and Inclusion in the Geosciences) is professional development for DEI leaders in the geosciences to build capacity for evidence-based leadership of DEI efforts that specifically address the needs of the geoscience community. Dr. Bair is one of 16 geoscientists nation-wide and the only community college faculty selected for the second cohort. LANDInG Academy events for 2023

included an orientation summit at AGU headquarters in Washington, D.C. in September, virtual meetings in October and November, and a summit at the annual AGU Meeting in San Francisco in December. As part of her participation as a program fellow, Andrea will implement a project at Delta College to support student success and broaden participation in the geosciences. She plans to increase access to environmental science and geoscience relevant to our region to both community members and students through community and citizen science projects, including course-based undergraduate research experiences.

More information about the AGU LANDInG Academy is available at:
<https://www.agu.org/AGU-LANDInG/Pages/Academy>



BETH HEYART AND ADNA HOWELL, Professors of Communication

Communication Professors Beth Heyart and Adna Howell brought "A Christmas Carol" to the Delta stage November 29 through December 2, 2023. There were 29 actors (including 11 fourth and fifth graders from McAlear- Sawden Elementary school in Bay City) and 11 crew members who worked hard to bring the story of Scrooge to life. The adaptation by Lynn Stevens featured the classic tale with traditional carols added during scene changes. In total, the

show was seen by more than 1,100 audience members. Those that saw the performance included ten K-12 schools, one home school group, one senior home, Delta students/staff, friends/family and community members. On display in front of the theater was a mural created by Bay City Western High School advanced art students. This mural provided the ability for audience members to take candid photos before and after the performance. There was also a special performance by the Delta College Chamber Choir during one of the intermissions. Beth and Adna appreciated all the support they received from departments across the college to make this play a success!



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