

June 23, 2016

Greetings All!

You may not know, but my husband and I were blessed with our first grandchild this year. I never knew that I could so deeply and completely fall in love all over again. The challenge for us has been that our grandchild lives in Arizona which is not an easy trek from Monroe, Louisiana. After much discussion, my husband and I have decided that life is too short and we really want to have more flexible access to visit our grandchild.

I cannot begin to tell you what a blessing it has been to serve the people of Northeast Louisiana. I am proud of all of our communities and am especially proud of all of the faculty and staff at Louisiana Delta Community College who serve throughout our 2100 square mile service area. Some of our top team accomplishments include:

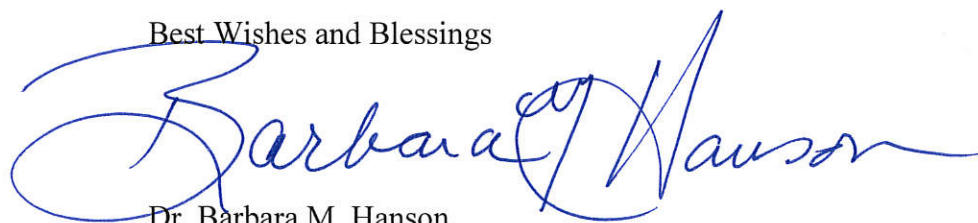
- Received full reaffirmation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, June of 2016.
- Exceeded all of our LA 2020 Goals to include serving over 10,000 students this year.
- Passed the Louisiana Board of Regents GRAD ACT.
- Secured over five million dollars in Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP) grants thereby providing training and service to regional and statewide affiliated business and industry partners.
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I have already started working with the leadership team here at Louisiana Delta Community College; the LCTCS leadership team; our system president; and the LCTCS Board of Supervisors to support a smooth and seamless transition of leadership.

I am so thankful to Dr. Sullivan, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), and the LCTCS Board of Supervisors for their support. I also want to acknowledge the tremendous commitment demonstrated by our business and industry partners through the donation of time, equipment, and scholarships. You truly make a difference in the lives of our students.

I will miss the people of Louisiana; the warmth and camaraderie of the many friends and colleagues that I have made here; and of course the delicious food.

Best Wishes and Blessings



Dr. Barbara M. Hanson,  
Chancellor of Louisiana Delta Community College

## **Selected Accomplishments**

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- Worked with the LDCC foundation to raise over 2 million dollars in required match funds earmarked for three of the college's five building projects totaling over \$28 million dollars (ACT 360) in one of the most economically challenged regions in Louisiana and in the United States.
- Provided leadership for the merger of seven technical colleges with the community college in terms of culture, infrastructure, and policies and procedures
- Led the successful migration of five different data bases (merger) into one instance of BANNER over a 2-year period.
- Established the first and only Law Enforcement Academy provided by a community college in the State of Louisiana.
- Developed the first ever Center of Excellence in Research for a two-year institution and first ever in partnership with four-year Universities-Louisiana State University and University of Louisiana at Monroe. Approved by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors; pending review by the Louisiana Board of Regents.
- Secured new facilities for workforce training and adult basic education services doubling the square footage at half the price. Worked with the City of Monroe to provide a bus stop at the new facility to accommodate student needs.