Cindy Reszke (Associate Professor, Radiography) was awarded the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists Educator of the Year for 2016. She will present “Getting Out of the Box—Working Together for Better Outcomes” at the TRENDS Conference in Detroit, Oct 20-21.

Peter Larkowski (Science Chair), Brian Aldrich (Associate Professor, Chemistry), Jon Gittins (Assistant Professor, Chemistry), Cynthia Peck (Professor, Chemistry) and Bernadette Harkness (Associate Professor, Chemistry) shared innovative classroom activities and games that facilitate breakthrough learning of difficult concepts in Introductory and General Chemistry with two workshops “SuperActive Learning with Superstore Items” at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education July 31-Aug.1.

Jeff Vande Zande (Professor, English) and Jim Gleason’s (Assistant Professor, Electronic Media) short film “BFA" was accepted for screening and was nominated for the ARTlightenment Film of the Year (the highest honor for the festival) at the ARTlightenment Film Festival in Nashville, TN. This is the fifth film festival acceptance that the filmmaker/professor duo have had this year.

The festival shines a light on Art, Artists and The Art of Living.

Andrea Bair (Instructor, Geology) gave a teaching demonstration titled “Connecting magma formation, origin of crust, and the meaning behind igneous rocks using research-based diagrams, analogies, and games in physical geology” at the Earth Educators Rendezvous in Madison, WI in July. At the conference, she was selected for the Geoscience Education Research Community Planning Workshop charged with identifying and prioritizing needs within the research community, assessing the state of geoscience education research, and developing community-based action plans to further progress in the field.

Peggy Sue Barber (Professor, Lifelong Wellness) promoted the 13th Annual Peggy Sue Barber Northern Michigan Bodybuilding Championships held at SVSU’s performing Arts Theater on September 10th. She presented at the Women’s Health Initiative Conference in Saginaw at the Horizon's Center on May 13th.

Mark Brown (Instructor, English) presented the paper “Boyle and Bloom: Spiritual Differences Between Falling and Nightcrawler”, examining similarities and differences between two films at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Conference in Salt Lake City, UT.
Fantastic Faculty

Dave Baker (Associate Professor, Chemistry) presented a talk on “Delta College’s Chemical Technology Program: A Decade of Challenges and Changes” at the 72nd Midland American Chemical Society Fall Scientific Meeting at SVSU in October as part of the 25 year anniversary for the Mid-Michigan Technicians Group (MMTG). He also collaborated on three posters including “MMTG & Delta College’s Outstanding Chemical Technology Students a Prolific Partnership”.

Ryan Petersen (Associate Professor Political Science) presented “Who Were the Founders?” at the Founding Fathers lecture series at Grace A Dow Memorial Library in Midland in late September. Petersen’s talk asked who we include in our list of Founding Fathers and asked attendees to think of these men as human. Although they were all white political elite men, Petersen reminded listeners that the Founding Fathers ranged in age from 26 to 81 and came from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

Michael Evans (Instructor, History) presented his paper “Queering Isabella: ‘The She-Wolf of France’ in Film and Television” at the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, in May 2016 and at the International Medieval Congress at the University of Leeds, UK, in July 2016. He also presented his paper, “Who Cares about Historical Accuracy? Social Media Responses to Authenticity and Invention in Mediaevalist Fiction, Film and Television”, at the 31st Annual Conference on Medievalism at the University of Bamberg, Germany, in July 2016.

Bernadette Harkness (Associate Professor, Chemistry), Kris Nitz (Assistant Professor, Biology), Jon Gittins (Assistant Professor, Chemistry) and Jay VanHouten (Professor, Biology) continue their work on the NSF Grant awarded to Delta, CMU and SVSU for Collaborative Research: Enhancing STEM Education with Research-Based Environmental Experiments: A Multi-Institution, Cross-Curricular, and Cross-Disciplinary Initiative. They held a workshop at BCCE in Colorado over the summer as well as work conducted in our area: KawKawlin River Watershed macroinvertebrate sampling and BIO 111 labs that conducted sampling protocols on our campus stream (Squaconning Creek) as part of their intro biology lab experience, creating a truly unique learning experience for our students in a strong STEM commitment.

Kimberly Wells, (Assistant Professor, Electronic Media) produced her first feature-length documentary titled, Irene: Child of the Holocaust. The film tells the true story about the family of 10-year-old Irene Miller and her harrowing escape from Nazi-occupied Poland into Russia. The documentary will premiere at The Michigan Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hill, MI on December 4th at 7:00 PM. It will air on Q-TV on December 5th at 9:00 PM.

Nancy Hartshorne (Associate Professor, Psychology) is completing a post-doctoral exploration of neuroscience during sabbatical from Delta College this fall. She is working with Gary Dunbar, Ph.D., at CMU in the brain lab, working with rats and looking at stem cell research to help with recovery from stroke and traumatic brain injury. She also helped create internship experiences for Delta students by bringing together Delta’s ACE program with the Field Neurosciences Institute in Saginaw.