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Del Mar College podcast and radio show, "Viking Radio," announces new host and episodes for Nov. 23-27

Associate Vice President of External and Government Affairs Jason Houlihan begins hosting next week; Nov. 23-27 lineup features impact of dual enrollment, the Ronald McDonald House and available financial assistance for college, among other topics

Corpus Christi, TX— Del Mar College's Viking Radio has five new episodes coming Nov. 23-27, featuring conversations that connect the College and the community. This week's lineup examines dual enrollment and preparing high school students for the workforce, how Ronald McDonald House South Texas serves Coastal Bend families, various financial assistance opportunities that help pay for college, a local pastor's journey from her own hardships to now helping others and a conversation with some winners of this year's Día de los Muertos Welding Competition.

And on Nov. 25, Viking Radio welcomes its new host, Jason B. Houlihan, the College's new Associate Vice President of External and Government Affairs.

Viking Radio airs weekdays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Retro Country 105.9 FM and 103.3 FM and Retro Tejano 104.1 FM. Episodes are also available on Spotify and YouTube after each airing. Episodes are recorded and produced in-house in partnership with Retro Radio.

Check out next week's schedule running Nov. 23-27:

Monday, Nov. 23: Degrees With Diplomas? It's Growing

· *Guests:* Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director Teresa Toliver and CTE Program Dean for Early College Catrina Burks with the Corpus Christi Independent School District and Dr. Vanessa Perez-Peterson, DMC Dean of Dual Enrollment

· *Description:* More than ever, dual enrollment opportunities are enabling Coastal Bend students to earn associate degrees and workforce certifications while attending high school, giving them a valuable head start in their lives. Teresa Toliver and Catrina Burks from the Corpus Christi Independent School District will join DMC's Dr. Vanessa Peterson to talk about the expansion of dual enrollment offerings in CCISD high schools, the school district's strong partnership with Del Mar College and the critical role dual enrollment plays in preparing students for employment or continuing their education.

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Tuesday, Nov. 24: The Ronald McDonald House Impact
· *Guest:* Michelle Horine, Chief Executive Officer of Ronald McDonald House South Texas

· *Description:* Ronald McDonald House South Texas has long made a difference for families in the Coastal Bend, providing a comfortable, home-like environment for parents and siblings while children are hospitalized. CEO Michelle Horine will drop in to chat about the organization's mission, the tremendous support they receive from the community, the new location that will more than double their capacity and the opportunities available for volunteer groups. It's a conversation about community building and serving others with heart.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: College Tuition is Within Reach
· *Guest:* Joseph Ruiz, DMC Director of Financial Aid Services

· *Description:* Affording college shouldn't be intimidating for anyone who's considering changing their lives. DMC's Director of Financial Aid Services Joseph Ruiz will join Viking Radio to discuss the many options available to prospective students, including federal financial aid and grants, scholarships and the College's Freedom to Dream Tuition Waiver Program. The episode is an eye-opening conversation about possibilities and accessibility, no matter a student's age or life circumstances.

Thursday, Nov. 26: She Turned Struggle into Service
· *Guest:* Pastor Kat Rosales, Mission and Prayers Team Pastor with Church Unlimited

· *Description:* When Kat Rosales began attending Church Unlimited, she became inspired to devote her life to helping others. Now, as Pastor Kat, she leads Church Unlimited Westside Missions in Corpus Christi, ensuring anyone in need can receive food, clothes and other necessities during their weekly distribution event. Rosales will reflect on her own journey of hardship, the guidance she received from others and her determination to help people in her community rise up and overcome challenges.

Friday, Nov. 27: Meet the Welding Champions
· *Guests:* DMC Assistant Professor of Welding Applied Technology Sam Garcia and Día de los Muertos Welding Competition winners Zach Contreras, Aiden Rodriguez and Zach Rodriguez

· *Description:* The contest was white-hot during Del Mar College's Día de los Muertos Welding Competition Nov. 14 at the Windward Campus. Held during the third annual Viking Fest, the welding competition included students from Del Mar College and area high schools showing their skills alongside professionals for big prizes like scholarships, welding equipment and a coveted big belt buckle. DMC Assistant Professor Sam Garcia will join Viking Radio with three winning welding students – Zach Contreras, Aiden Rodriguez and Zach Rodriguez – to chat about the competition, their training and their plans for the future.

For anyone missing these episodes or those aired previously, listen to the conversations on Spotify or YouTube.

Viking Radio features conversations with local educators, leaders, innovators and changemakers shaping the Coastal Bend. With a casual, informative and fun format, Viking Radio features guests ranging from Del Mar College students and professors with great stories to share to business owners and representatives of nonprofits who are making a difference in the community.

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