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Del Mar College podcast and radio show, "Viking Radio," announces new host and episodes for Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

Weekly lineup features virtual patient care training for nursing students, cyber security trends, dual enrollment partnership with Banquete ISD, the history behind NASA's hidden gender story and one kindergarten teacher's commitment to bilingualism and biliteracy

Corpus Christi, Texas— Del Mar College's Viking Radio has five new episodes coming Nov. 30 through Dec. 4, featuring conversations that connect the College and the community. This week's lineup explores the technology behind virtual patient training that DMC Nurse Education students receive, the evolution of AI and cybersecurity and hacking's impact on both, leadership at Banquete Independent School District and the dual enrollment partnership with the College, one DMC history professor's research and book uncovering the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's astronaut selection during the Cold War space race and the DMC alumna and local kindergarten teacher's commitment to bilingualism in the classroom and receiving state recognition.

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. 30 through Dec. 4:

Monday, Nov. 30: Virtual Patients, Real-Life Lessons

· *Guest:* Dr. Mary Borchardt, DMC Professor of Nurse Education

· *Description:* Del Mar College's Nurse Education Department has provided generations of healthcare professionals across the Coastal Bend their education and training through its programs. One reason behind this legacy of excellence is the department's adoption of new technology, such as virtual patients. DMC's Dr. Mary Borchardt will chat about virtual patients and how this technology, in combination with real patient visits, is helping students learn valuable lessons about patient care that will benefit them throughout their careers.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: What's Coming in AI and Cybersecurity?

· *Guests:* Dr. Yan Xu, Computer Science Professor and Chair of the Computer Science, Engineering, Architecture and Advanced Technology Department, DMC Computer Science Professor Dr. Phillip Davis and Darcy Shaw, Cyber Center Program Manager with the DMC Small Business Development Center

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· *Description:* Cyber security, artificial intelligence and hacking are constantly evolving in today's world, and Del Mar College stays at the forefront of emerging trends with experts like Computer Science Professors Yan Xu and Phillip Davis and Darcy Shaw with the College's Cyber Center. These three DMC representatives will join Viking Radio for an enlightening conversation about the pros and cons of AI, the increase in hacking incidents and the importance of protecting your information. They will also look into their crystal ball and share what's on the horizon.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: The Superintendent Transforming Banquete

· *Guests:* Banquete Independent School District Superintendent Adriana Tagle and Conrado Garcia, DMC Superintendent in Residence

· *Description:* Banquete Independent School District serves students and families in a small, close-knit community, but leading the district is a big job. Superintendent Adriana Tagle will share her passion for serving students, her drive to forge strong partnerships with families and the community and the district's successful bond project. DMC's Superintendent in Residence and retired West Oso ISD Superintendent Conrado Garcia will join Tagle to discuss the dual enrollment partnership that's providing Banquete High School students with college and workforce training opportunities that are preparing them for success beyond high school.

Thursday, Dec. 3: The Space Race's Hidden Gender Story

· *Guest:* Dr. Erinn McComb, DMC History Professor and Assistant Chair of the DMC Social Sciences Department

· *Description:* When the American space program was being developed during the Cold War, gender equality among astronauts wasn't a top priority at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Del Mar College History Professor Dr. Erinn McComb spent five years researching the reasons and complexities behind NASA's early astronaut selection process for her book, "Gender and the Race for Space: Masculinity and the American Astronaut" (1957-1983). Dr. McComb will visit Viking Radio to discuss the American astronaut image that was shaped by early Cold War ideals of masculinity and the progress that has evolved since then.

Friday, Dec. 4: From Del Mar Student to Texas Teacher of the Year

· *Guest:* Kindergarten teacher Denise Caldera with the Corpus Christi Independent School District's Rafael Galvan Elementary School

· *Description:* Viking Radio welcomes Denise Caldera, who the Texas Association of School Administrators named as the 2027 Texas Teacher of the Year in October. As a bilingual kindergarten teacher at CCISD's Galvan Elementary School, Caldera's teaching journey started in her hometown of Corpus Christi, where she graduated from Del Mar College with two associate's degrees—teaching and Spanish—and bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. She will discuss her commitment to bilingualism and biliteracy and her belief that meaningful learning begins when students feel safe, valued and connected.

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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