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Del Mar College podcast and radio show, "Viking Radio," announces new episodes for Nov. 16-20

Weekly lineup features student support, child advocacy, Freedom to Dream 3.0 and alumnus' climb to reach the stars

Corpus Christi, TX— Del Mar College's Viking Radio has five new episodes coming Nov. 16-20 , featuring conversations that connect the College and the community. This week's lineup examines food insecurity and the College's partnership with the Coastal Bend Food Bank, how the community can become involved with child advocacy, the launch of Freedom to Dream 3.0 to provide waived tuition, the importance of advising for students' successful college journey and one DMC alumnus' climb from the barrio to the stars as a N National Aeronautics and Space Administration engineer.

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. 16-20:

Monday, Nov. 16: Sharing the Bounty

· *Guests:* Bea Hanson, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Corpus Christi, DMC Dean of Student Engagement and Retention Rita Hernandez and Tiffany Davis, DMC Orientation Coordinator

· *Description:* The Coastal Bend Food Bank partners with Del Mar College to offer food and other necessities to DMC students through Valdar's Market. It's a labor of love for Bea Hanson at the Food Bank, who will drop in to chat with Student Engagement and Retention representatives Tiffany Davis and Rita Hernandez about food insecurity in the community and the importance of helping those in need during the holidays. They will provide details about the upcoming Friendsgiving event for students on all three DMC campuses and the Thomas J. Henry Feast of Texas Thanksgiving Distribution event scheduled Nov. 24 at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds.

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Tuesday, Nov. 17: Voices for Coastal Bend Children
· *Guests:* Clarissa Chief Executive Officer Clarissa Mora and Training, Program and Recruitment staff member Senaida Angel with the Coastal Bend Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

· *Description:* Coastal Bend Court Appointed Special Advocates is led by passionate leaders like Clarissa Mora and Senaida Angel, who will discuss the critical roles CASA volunteers play by advocating for children when their home is no longer safe. With a goal to keep families together, the organization has for years helped match caring volunteers with children who need a voice. Mora and Angel will also talk about CASA's Heart 2 Heart program that's designed for friends or family members who wish to volunteer together.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Freedom to Dream is Yours!
· *Guests:* DMC students Brittany Rodriguez and Dora Garza, Dean of Student Engagement and Retention Rita Hernandez and Gracie Martinez, Dean of Outreach and Enrollment Services

· *Description:* Del Mar College's groundbreaking initiative, the Freedom to Dream Tuition Waiver Program, is opening doors for students who once thought college wasn't possible. Students Brittany Rodriguez and Dora Garza will talk about how waived tuition costs has enabled them to pursue their career goals in nursing and radiology. DMC deans Rita Hernadez and Gracie Martinez will join the conversation and explain that Freedom to Dream 3.0 recently launched and is open to new students.

Thursday, Nov. 19: From Del Mar College to Mission Control
· *Guests:* NASA engineer George Salazar and Dr. Leonard Rivera, DMC Vice President of Dual Enrollment and Continuing Education

· *Description:* George Salazar overcame obstacles to attend Del Mar College in the early 1970s before he left to become an engineer and work at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston. He will join Viking Radio with DMC's Dr. Leonard Rivera to chat about Salazar's amazing, 40-plus year career with NASA, his work with the Space Shuttle, International Space Station and other projects as well as his inspirational book, "From the Barrio to NASA."

Friday, Nov. 20: Advisors Point the Way
· *Guests:* DMC Nurse Education Advisor Belinda Muñoz, Social Sciences Department Chair Dr. Paul Gottemoller and Paul Creacy, Department of Air Conditioning, Aviation and Automotive Chair

· *Description:* Advisors are important links for students who want to attend college and need assistance figuring out their educational and career paths. Del Mar College advisors Belinda Muñoz, Dr. Paul Gottemoller and Paul Creacy will sit down and discuss the advising process and explain why they're passionate about listening, guiding and being cheerleaders so that students are successful in college, even when they may be unsure of themselves.

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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