

Goodbye Patrick Masson

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On Friday April 16 2010 Patrick Masson will be leaving SUNY Delhi to pursue a great opportunity at the University of Massachusetts. The only fitting way to say goodbye to Patrick is through a Confluence Open Discussion. Please add your comments, memories and goodbyes.

Goodbye Patrick

1. Patrick, you will never realize how much you have done for SUNY Delhi. Because of you our students have some of the best systems in the country, because of you we have saved enough money that we can reinvest back towards the needs of our students. You have changed how the campus thinks about technology. You have taken a group of hard working individuals and made them a team. Because of you SUNY Delhi is now pointed in the right direction and will be for some time. You have made things fun and interesting. Because of you SUNY Delhi is a leader within SUNY and is recognized nationally. You have brought the outside world of knowledge to SUNY Delhi, and brought SUNY Delhi to the rest of the world. Because of you there is a well earned trust for all of CIS. You will never realize how much you will be missed. I can not thank you enough for everything you have done. I sincerely wish you the best of luck. You are a great visionary and most of all a great friend. I am very glad I meet you and look forward to working with you again and again. Take Care Brian Hutzley
2. Patrick, thanks for everything you have done. It is great to work for a leader that allows for open discussions and debate even when the idea was your own. Your ability to not feel threatened by discussion lead to many wonderful technology advances for Delhi. That's a style that I hope is infectious around campus because we now see how damaging micro-management can be on morale and productivity. I'm sad to see you leave as we are just getting started. The future is bright with tangible projects like Thin Clients, Banner 8, OIAB which will quickly lead to the Virtual Labs /Apps. Bringing those services to every students on-campus, on-line or on-break is going to profoundly impact the way the campus looks at computer labs in ways we can hardly envision right now. Best wishes on the awesome opportunity at u-MASS-ONline, your friendship and ability to dream in the clouds will be missed. - Scott May
3. I think it's fitting to end it just as we started, quoting random scenes from Caddyshack. This Judge Smalls quote seems to sum it up, **"It's easy to grin When your ship comes in And you've got the stock market beat. But the man worthwhile, is the man who can smile, When his shorts are too tight in the seat."** Thanks for everything Pat, I know you'll do good things at U-Masson-line. Shawn Brislin
4. Patrick, thank you so much for all you've done for Delhi and for the RN-to-BSN program. You were always there for us and we are going to miss your knowledge, honesty, and steady hand on the helm. I smiled when I read you were going to UMass. (Love how Shawn wrote that!) We have several of our BSN grads going there, so it is poignant that they will be continuing on with you in their next program. I hope this isn't inappropriate, but . . . G-d bless, dear man. Deborah Adelman
5. Patrick--been my pleasure working with you during your time at Delhi. Your ideas and willingness to brainstorm endless possibilities are infectious. Much success to you at UMass and beyond. I will smile when our paths cross again. Lou Shields
6. Wow - major accolades! And so deserving to an individual who has made such an impact on this campus. I will remember your directness and your logical approach to solving problems and improving systems - I never heard the word "rubric" so often and have it make so much sense! We'll all miss you. Best of luck and happiness! ~ Pat Heath
7. Since this is going to be printed for you to remember forever, I don't want you to have any bad memories of what I may have written so I will wish you buona fortuna e auguri. Keep off the skates just to be safe when starting your new job 🍀 Deb Underwood (really want to thank you for Confluence, seriously)
8. Patrick, you will be missed, but you will have a little piece of Delhi in your heart. In fact, I'm going to print out the entirety of Confluence for you to pack along in your file cabinet! It's pretty cool that you were able to hand-pick a new job that has your name in it. I wish you all the happiness and success in your new position! ~ Clark UShah-Nelsonline
9. Patrick, please know that I appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of SUNY Delhi. We are a stronger institution as a result of your leadership and hard work. I'm appreciative of your "out-of-the-box" thinking--you've saved us money and put us on the technology map! Very best wishes and please stay in touch. Candace
10. Good bye **UCLASUNYDELHIUMASS**. I'm really going to miss you, your courage, your smile, your honesty and willingness to take on the tough projects. We are a better and more alive college thanks to your leadership. Keep in touch, and see you at NERCOMP or EDUCAUSE some day! ~ delhipam
11. Patrick, thanks for helping to usher in an increased level of openness and inclusiveness in the CIS decision making processes. I believe these will be lasting impacts. I hope you have a great career at UMass. ~ Mark Hilson Schneider
12. Patrick, Being one of the veterans of the CIS department I have worked with a lot of people and with a lot of different technologies. I have to say you have to be one of the easiest people to work with, and your knowledge of what is on the horizon is amazing! Where do you keep the crystal ball?? Good Luck ~ Mike Buel
13. Good Luck to you, and thanks for your help. -Cristina Ludden
14. Patrick, Many thanks for your vision and leadership, and helping to manage and balance the never ending projects. Your calm approach, sense of humor, and willingness to be a risk taker have helped all of our programs to grow. The best to you and please keep in touch! MP
15. Best of luck, Patrick. I hope that UMass has a Japanese place that specializes in thin beer and edamame. You've got to spread the tradition! Jack Tessier

What do others have to say about Patrick:

My buddy Patrick Masson, fellow escapee from the SUNY Learning Network and current CIO of SUNY Delhi, has a [great interview](#) in Campus Technology about his first year as a CIO in a small, relatively rural college. As usual, Pat is breathtakingly honest. He's a model leader. When I was congratulating him on the publication, I noted that it wasn't exactly the usual puff piece that you tend to see about campus administrators. His reply was, "Well, I'm not exactly a puffy guy." Michael Feldstein

What does Patrick have to say?

<http://campustechnology.com/articles/2008/01/first-year-shock-and-awe.aspx> See the interview from his 1st year

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