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**Bleed Green at DSU Blood Drive** **on St. Patrick's Day**

*All donors receive a $15 Visa gift card, and one student will win $250*

**CLEVELAND, Miss. —** Delta State University and Mississippi Blood Services are proud to announce the *Bleed Green at Delta State Blood Drive* on March 17, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in front of the O. W. Reily Health Center on Delta State's campus. This event, held on St. Patrick's Day, provides an opportunity for students, staff, and community members to donate blood and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need. The event is in partnership with the Department of Health and Counseling Services.

In addition to helping save lives, all student donors will have a chance to win a $250 scholarship, which will be awarded to one randomly selected student donor. As a token of appreciation for their generosity, all donors will receive a $15 Visa gift card.

“Every donation helps us meet the critical needs of patients in hospitals across Mississippi,” said Kasey Dickson, Director of Public Relations and Marketing at Mississippi Blood Services. “We are grateful for the support from Delta State University and their commitment to ensuring that life-saving blood is available when it’s needed most. The scholarships and incentives are a great way to encourage students to get involved and give back to the community.”

The *Bleed Green at Delta State Blood Drive* will be set up in front of the O. W. Reily Health Center, located on the campus of Delta State University. The event is open to all students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community.

For more details, visit msblood.com.

To ensure a smooth and safe donation experience, please remember to:

1. Bring a valid ID for verification purposes.

2. Eat a balanced meal within the last 4 hours before donating to help prevent reactions and support a successful donation.

3. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids before and after donating.

For more information about the Department of Health and Counseling Services and the O. W. Reily Health Center, visit [www.deltastate.edu/students/health-counseling-services/](https://www.deltastate.edu/students/health-counseling-services/).

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