Woodbridge Student Success Takes Orientation on the Road

The Woodbridge Student Success team kicked off a pilot program on June 2 to bring New Student Orientation to the students. The orientation staff, student ambassadors, education support specialists, first year adviser and interim coordinator went on the road to Gar-Field High School where they taught the students about NOVA resources, provided advising and enrolled each student in their Fall 2015 semester courses.

The Gar-Field students, parents and faculty were very appreciative of the convenience of orientation being held in the high school, which removed transportation barriers for students. Since orientation was held right after school, many students were able to catch the activity bus home. All 16 attendees plan to attend Open House in August to become even more acquainted with the Campus before classes begin.

Next spring, the Woodbridge GPS for Success team plans to broaden its on-site high school orientation initiative to other Prince William County high schools. When the team travels to the high schools for placement testing, students will be able to sign up at that time for the upcoming on-site orientation. Bringing orientation to the students is an excellent way to make sure students “start strong” at NOVA.

NOVA Police Chief Honored by Campus Safety Magazine

NOVA Police Chief Dan Dusseau is presented with the Robert C. Dillard Outstanding Contribution to Campus Law Enforcement Award by Germanna Community College Police Chief and VACLEA President Craig Branch.

NOVA Police Chief Dan Dusseau was awarded the highest honor by his peers at the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (VACLEA) summer conference. Dusseau received the Robert C. Dillard Outstanding Contribution to Campus Law Enforcement Award, which recognizes (1) significant sustained contribution and advancement of campus law enforcement or security practices and (2) innovation in the development or enhancement of campus law enforcement and security.
Dusseau’s award was based on dramatic reduction of crime on NOVA’s campuses since his 2010 arrival; NOVA Police’s community outreach program, which made almost 250 presentations in 2014; his establishment of a state-of-the-art dispatch center; his innovative methods of implementing Clery compliance; his instrumental role, as only one of three police officers, on Governor Terry McAuliffe’s Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence; his personal commitment to community service; and the high esteem with which his officers are held throughout the College and municipal policing communities.

In 2014, Dusseau was also selected by Campus Safety magazine as the Campus Police Chief of the Year. The Campus Safety magazine is the leading national publication of school policing.

Well done, Chief Dusseau!

Make a Difference, Be a Great Expectations Mentor

Great Expectations (GE) is a program that helps Virginia’s current and former foster youth gain access to higher education and transition successfully from community college to a credential that will lead to a self-sustaining career. One of the benefits of the GE program is to foster healthy relationships through our mentor program. Each GE student is paired with a NOVA employee who serves as a mentor.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact the Great Expectations Mentor Program Coordinator Cynthia Delacruz at cdelacruz@nvcc.edu or 703.425.5394. A mentor application must be submitted prior to attending a three-hour orientation/training.

Congressman Rob Wittman Visits Woodbridge

U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman visited the Woodbridge Campus on June 1 to learn more about the Campus’s vocational, professional continuing and workforce education programs. He toured a massage therapy classroom, the HVAC Lab, the CISCO Lab and the Regional Center for Workforce Education and Training Building.

William McLaughlin (Information Systems Technology (IST)), Adam Johnson and Rusty Jensen (HVAC), and Jennifer Sovine (Massage Therapy) were instrumental in welcoming Wittman to their areas and engaging their students in conversation with him. While in the CISCO Lab, members of the NOVA Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition team discussed the team’s recent successes and their high expectations for future competitions. McLaughlin informed Wittman that many NOVA IST students are being hired by companies such as General Dynamics and the Defense Logistics Agency.

Ten massage therapy students also had an enthusiastic conversation with Wittman about their course of study and their future career opportunities. In Congress, Wittman represents
Virginia’s 1st District and serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Natural Resources.

Career Representatives Needed for Pathway Connection

The Pathway Connection (PC) Program is searching for career representatives to participate in a College and Career Fair hosted for high school students in Fairfax County Public Schools and Arlington Public Schools. Pathway Connection is a college and career readiness program for 10th and 11th grade students who would like additional support in preparing for post-secondary education.

This summer, PC is hosting a three-day summer institute at NOVA. On the last day, June 25, students will participate in a College and Career Expo. Local colleges and universities have been invited to attend as well. PC needs representatives from education, medicine, law, politics/public policy, IT, culinary arts, science, theater and many others.

The only requirement is that representatives have at least a bachelor’s degree (exception for military, firefighters and police officers). They must also enjoy speaking with youth about career and education.

To register, go online.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, June 25
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Setup at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: NOVA’s Annandale Campus in the CE Forum

Professionals will have their own table, and students will come up to speak to them. Each person is asked to bring items for the table related to their career field. Lunch will be provided.

See the flyer in the Flyers section of this edition. For more information, contact Viridiana Acosta at vacosta@nvcc.edu.

Announcements

1. Technology Training (T2)
   Summer Workshops – Faculty & Staff
   For more info [AskTechTraining@nvcc.edu](mailto:AskTechTraining@nvcc.edu)

2. Career Representatives Wanted for Pathway Connection Summer Institute
   AN Campus
June 25 – 9 a.m. 11 a.m.  
Email vacosta@nvcc.edu if interested