Successful 2015 Fall Convocation Inspires

NOVA hosted the 2015 Fall Convocation: Start Strong, Stay Strong on August 20. This year, NOVA celebrates its 50th Anniversary and anticipates the arrival of new President Scott Ralls.

Convocation began with a welcome from College Senate Chair Matthew Todd and a group of students who shared their moving stories of NOVA. Each student had to overcome many obstacles to achieve their dreams. The group included one student who grew up despising school, but had a professor who encouraged her; one who came from a family of Ph.Ds, and just the stress of succeeding caused her to fail; a woman from Kenya who saw college as a means to help those suffering from HIV/AIDS; a veteran who suffered debilitating post-traumatic stress disorder; a young woman in and out of foster care who struggled with addiction and became a young mother, but turned it around when her own child was born; a student born only partially sighted and came to America hoping to regain his sight; and an au pair who came to the U.S. from Poland, who studied every second she was not taking care of children and funneled every cent into tuition. Each story recounted the importance of flexible and compassionate faculty.

After these moving stories, faculty and staff were recognized for their Outstanding Service to the College. Teaching Faculty Awards went to Keith Brown (AL), Maryanne Smith (MA) and Barry Sellinger (AL). The Administrative Faculty Award was given to Kimberly Wright (AN), and Peggy Hrolenok (AN) received the Adjunct Faculty Award. The Classified Staff Awards were given to Claudia Chirinos (AN), Loretta Gray (MA) and Janice Cottingham (CS).

Acting President Mel Schiavelli recognized Callan Bentley, recipient of the 2015-2016 Chancellor’s Commonwealth Professorship and the SCHEV 2015 Outstanding Faculty Award. Schiavelli also recognized Kristyn Moskey and Christina Hubbard, recipients of the Chancellor’s Faculty Fellowship 2013-2014 and 2015-2016, respectively.

Steve Piscitelli, author, facilitator and history professor at Florida State College, delivered an inspirational keynote, and 2014-2015 President’s Sabbatical Award recipients Robert Loser (CS), Dr. Tatiana Stantcheva (AL) and Lisa Williams (AN) shared the results of their individual studies.
Ralls delivered an online address apologizing for not being present but expressing his enthusiasm for joining NOVA in just a few weeks. He encouraged those present to observe new students as they register — nervous and hesitant — and watch them transform over the coming months and years.

“As community college faculty and staff, we get a front row seat to the American dream,” he said. “You get to see encounters in hallways and classrooms. Many of our students are overcoming unbelievable obstacles to realize that dream.”

To view the entire convocation video, go online to NOVA-TV.

**Hubbard Receives VCCS Chancellor’s Faculty Fellowship**

Adult Career Pathways Program Associate Director Christina Hubbard has been awarded the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Chancellor’s Faculty Fellowship for the 2015-2016.

The purpose of this fellowship is to allow recipients to prepare for future positions within the VCCS by earning their doctoral degrees. During the year, Hubbard will pursue her research agenda by focusing her attention on qualitative research related to disadvantaged adult student success in community colleges. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in education at George Mason University.

For more information about the fellowship, go online.

**In Memory: Loudoun Loses Two Beloved Staff Members**

With deep sadness, the Loudoun Campus experienced the loss of two very dear and beloved members of the campus community – Sybil Stokols and Terrance Miller.

On August 14, the Campus learned of the recent passing of Stokols, a longtime member of the library staff. She fought and survived cancer a few years ago, but regretfully it returned. In the days before her death, Stokols was diagnosed with pneumonia that weakened her immune system and to which she succumbed. She worked on the Campus for nearly 20 years. Colleagues and students will miss her ready smile and comforting, easy demeanor.

Library staff has been compiling stories, memories, pictures and anything else that colleagues are sharing, to a memory book to be given to the Stokols family. If you have anything you would like to share, please contact Dana Beltran at the Loudoun Library at dbeltran@nvcc.edu. Stokols’ husband, Paul, asks that in lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to the National Ovarian Cancer Center.
Shortly after Stokols’ passing, the Campus received the news that Terrance Miller passed while in the hospital. Miller worked cheerfully with Tiffney Laing in the Office of Student Life. It is believed he died of heart failure. Miller had a wonderful attitude and made many friends on campus – students, faculty and staff, alike. He was joyful, energetic, knowledgeable and kind. Much of his work involved collaboration. His ability to organize with a smile was a standout trait.

Miller joined the staff in the early part of this year. Although he was with Loudoun a relatively short time, his friendly nature quickly made him a beloved colleague. The Provost’s Office will provide updates as it learns more about the plans to honor Miller. Miller’s family has expressed a desire to include all of his colleagues in memorial plans.

Stokols and Miller will be greatly missed.

**WES: MyWorkforce Is Here**

NOVA’s new Workforce Student Registration System launched on September 3. Anyone enrolling in Workforce/Continuing Education classes at NOVA will be using this new registration system, called MyWorkforce. It is also referred to as “WES,” which stands for Workforce Enterprise System.

WES is a user-friendly, web-based registration and payment system that integrates the capabilities of PeopleSoft and Lumens. Through WES/MyWorkforce, new and returning students/clients will be able to register and pay for Workforce/Continuing Education courses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is important to note, MyWorkforce is not connected to myNOVA, so a new user profile will need to be set up in MyWorkforce.

All classes beginning after September 21, except for American Culture and Language Institute (ACLI)/English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, will be offered through the MyWorkforce registration system. Registration for classes that begin before September 21 will be handled through the current system. ACLI/ESL classes will be loaded into the WES/MyWorkforce system in time for spring 2016 registration.

Students and clients will access the new registration system from NOVA’s Workforce Development home page. Workforce Development is sending information to students and clients via email and social media profiles with instructions on setting up a user profile and registering for classes through MyWorkforce.

If you have questions about MyWorkforce, please call 703.503.6300.
NOVA Hospitality Faculty Awarded Graduate Scholarship

DeQuan Smith (AN), hospitality management faculty, was recently awarded a graduate scholarship sponsored by the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation in the amount of $5,000. Smith will use the funds to complete his final year of doctoral studies and to purchase materials that will assist with industry research toward his final project capstone.

The American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation has been the primary source of financial support for industry-related scholarships and research. In recent years, its mandate has expanded to include funding to launch and maintain school-to-career and workforce development initiatives in order to attract and retain more employees to the hospitality industry.

Smith is delighted to be honored with the scholarship award and is enthusiastic about the future of the hospitality industry.

Loudoun Announces Reward and Recognition Faculty

Loudoun Announces Reward and Recognition Faculty As part of a college-wide effort last academic year, NOVA full-time faculty who go above-and-beyond in the classroom, for the College, Campus and in the community were nominated and selected for recognition. In contrast to the College’s Faculty of the Year selection process, only faculty members and staff (not students) can nominate their colleagues. Every campus submitted nominees to the college selection committee.

Loudoun Provost Julie Leidig announced the 14 Loudoun recipients and invited them on stage during Campus Convocation on August 19. The following faculty received awards in this inaugural year in various categories. For Scholarly and Creative Engagement, Alton Carroll (History), Chola Chhetri (Computer Science/IT), Zaimah Khan (English as a Second Language), Kristyn Moskey (Biology), Lisa Nanni-Messegee (Communication Studies/Theatre) and Dr. Leslie Sinn (Vet Tech, now retired) were selected. For Teaching, Allison Correll (English) was selected. For College and Community Service, Johanna Debrecht (Math) and David Scheid (Horticulture) were selected. For Institutional Responsibility, Robyn Russo (English) was selected. Additional faculty who received the Loudoun Campus Reward and Recognition Committee’s special recognition included Josh Pachter (Communication Studies), Saleha Bholat (Communication Studies), Kush Jenkins (Accounting/Business), Barbara Crain (Geography) and Tyler White (Math).

There are discussions to include staff and adjunct faculty for the future.
MEC Convocation Sparks Excitement

The Medical Education Campus (MEC) faculty and staff gathered on August 17 for their 2015 day-long Campus Convocation formerly called, “Welcome Back.” During the morning information session address, MEC Provost Anne Loochtan welcomed everyone and discussed the year in review, state of the budget and expectations for the new academic year. Her presentation was interlaced with inspiring YouTube clips. The theme of the event was “Weathering the Storm: Making MEC Strong.”

The event provided an opportunity to meet new faculty and staff and learn about college division updates from deans, programs heads and directors. In addition, the customary semester award presentations by Campus Council took place. This year’s fall 2015 semester award went to Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Assistant Dean Anita Freeman and Allied Health Administrative Assistant Elvira Nevarez.

Room full of eager participants.

Later in the day, the following seminars were presented: “Student Services Facts, ‘Did You Know?’ & E-forms” by Angelique Robinson, “New Disability Services Database” by Dr. Joan Ehrlich and Cheryl Gault, Disability Counselor Anmarie Kallas-Alleva provided updates and answered questions regarding memorandum of agreements, and Academic Computer Lab Instructor I Imran Kukdawala talked about “Maximizing the Use of IPADs” and “Apple TV Compatible Classrooms.”

The success of the convocation was primarily due to the support of faculty and staff. Heartfelt thanks to all who attended and participated.

Medical Laboratory Technology First Jumpstart Orientation

The Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Program welcomed incoming students with a MLT Jumpstart Orientation at the Medical Education Campus. The event was primarily focused on creating a strong foundation for student success.

Presentations included a program handbook review by the new Assistant Dean Karen Gordon, library resource training by Ruth Stanton, retention counseling with Tonda Shine, degree progress and tutoring services with Angie Robinson and Kathleen Odige, and a tour of the campus bookstore with MLT faculty Frankie Harris-Lyne and Glenn Flodstrom. Students also received a tour of the lecture room and laboratory where students will be spending much of their time over the next two years.

All incoming students got a similar photo to commemorate this special day.
The MeLT Club, led by club advisor Stefanie Thompson, and Student Life, led by Patricia Martin-Mattocks, also hosted and participated by providing a pizza lunch and fun activities for first- and-second-year students to mingle. Despite the renovation, the event was a huge success.

Special thanks to faculty and staff who contributed. This was the first MLT Jumpstart Orientation, and the students felt like they were welcomed and were eager to start.

**MEC Student Life Facilitates Welcome Week Events**

Welcome Week events were planned and coordinated at the Medical Education Campus (MEC) by Student Life Senior Advisor Patricia Martin-Mattocks. Held the week of August 24, events and programs are designed to educate, acclimate and integrate new and returning students into campus life for the current academic year.

Students learned what the College and the MEC has to offer. Everything from financial planning, auxiliary services, library technology, NOVACares, career and experiential learning services to community resources like Access Hope, Young Invincibles (medical sign-up assistance) and Wells Fargo (offered ways to establish or improve credit, manage debt, scholarships, etc.) were covered.

In addition, plenty of information was given about volunteering and becoming members of the clubs and organizations at the MEC. Students were also reminded of the MEC Passport – their gateway to the special events and free food, games, caricatures, magnet photos, dancing, prizes and giveaways.

“We are excited to welcome so many students and to help them start the year off strong,” said Maria Nieto-Shahsavarian, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Beta Nu Psi Chapter advisor.

The MEC Welcome Week provided students, faculty, staff and community resource members an opportunity to mingle, have fun and get inspired for the academic year ahead.

**Two-Person Exhibit “Artifact” at the Fisher Art Gallery**

The Schlesinger Center Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Gallery is featuring “Artifact,” selected works by J.T. Kirkland and John James Anderson. This two-person exhibit is available for viewing from Friday, September 11 to Sunday, October 25 with an opening reception on Saturday, September 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Kirkland has had solo exhibitions in New York City, Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, and Richmond, Virginia, in addition to many curated group exhibitions across the country. In his work in “Artifact,” Kirkland integrates the painted gesture with the naturally occurring textures or “gestures” in the wood.
“Through the process of destruction (sanding through the layers of the painting), I hope that something beautiful might emerge. The idea behind the shaped panels is that perhaps a past exists for each piece. Why are the corners missing? Were the panels once whole? Is this what’s left... much like an artifact?,” Kirkland said.

John James Anderson has exhibited widely in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He recently relocated outside of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Prior to his move, he was an associate professor of art and the visual communication program coordinator for the Art Department at Prince George’s Community College in Largo, Maryland.

“The nature of painting as object has been around for decades,” Anderson said. “Artist and critic William Powhida folded it into a recent work called “A Subjective Classification of Things,” that asks ‘are they paintings or sculptures?’ This work seeks to push the relationship of nonobjective elements to create a tangible space. Do we care if the object on the wall is a sculpture or a painting? Is it more interesting to acknowledge that that flat thing adhered to the wall is causing your mind to bend the space – if only for a little bit.”

Located on the upper level of Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, the Fisher Art Gallery is named for the late Margaret “Peggy” Fisher and her husband, Joseph Fisher. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and during performances.

Science Seminar: “Research That Rocks!”

All students, staff and faculty are cordially invited to a Science Seminar on Friday, September 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the CE Forum on the Annandale Campus. Current student Robin Rohrback-Schiavone and former student Victoria Martin will present “Research That Rocks! Undergraduate Research at NOVA from Cliffs to Coasts to Climate Change!” Light refreshments and an opportunity to meet the speakers will be from 11:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. in the CE Forum.

NOVA students are rocking the geosciences, taking advantage of unique opportunities for research and career exploration. Rohrback-Schiavone and Martin will discuss some of the projects NOVA geoscience students are involved in. These projects include petrographic analysis of basement rock beneath the 35-million-year-old impact crater in the Chesapeake Bay, using NOVA’s SEM (scanning electron microscope) to identify new morphotypes of calcareous nanofossils which shed light on climate shifts 52 million years ago, and the creation of a database of gigapixel-resolution geologic imagery (GIGAPan) for use by educators, professionals and students.

As a student at NOVA, Martin decided to take a geology class as her science requirement. She soon realized she found her passion and the support of a dedicated team of geology professors. She was also given the opportunity to work as a learning assistant for oceanography, physical geology and historical geology. She is a recent transfer to Cleveland State University, where she
is a lab instructor for physical geology, and she is majoring in environmental science with a geology concentration and geographic information system (GIS).

Martin has worked on research with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) that was presented earlier this year at the annual International Nannofossil Association Conference in the Philippines and will present at the National Geological Society of America meeting this year. She is interested in marine geology, limnology, micropaleontology, and paleoclimatology, a.k.a. “soft rock and old dead things.”

Rohrback-Schiavone spent 20 years working as a stagehand and roadie before coming to NOVA. In her first semester, she took Geology 105 with Callan Bentley. Three weeks in, she realized she found what she wanted to do. Since then, she has taken every geology class that the Annandale Campus has to offer.

Having run out of geology classes to take, Rohrback-Schiavone now works for Bentley on the Mid-Atlantic Geo-Image Collection (M.A.G.I.C.), using sophisticated imaging equipment to create extremely high-resolution images of geologic samples for professional and classroom use. She also works as a learning assistant for Shelley Jaye, aiding mineralogy labs and overseeing Honors mineralogy students performing petrographic analyses of a core sample from the basement rock beneath the Chesapeake Bay Impact Structure (CBIS). She has presented her work on M.A.G.I.C. and the CBIS core at the USGS and at regional and national meetings of the Geological Society of America.

This event is presented by the Science Seminar Committee; Math, Science and Engineering Division; and the Lyceum, Annandale Campus.

Flu Shots Clinics Scheduled

As flu season quickly approaches, NOVA’s Human Resources has coordinated flu shot clinics for NOVA employees. Clinics will be hosted by Walgreens Pharmacy. Onsite clinics have been scheduled at the following locations this year:

Woodbridge Campus
Room 118 in the Woodbridge Arts and Science Building (WAS)
Tuesday, September 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fairfax Complex
3926 Pender Drive, Suite 150 (Fairfax 2 – Large Conference)
Wednesday, September 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Alexandria Campus
Room 158
Monday, September 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Annandale Campus  
CG Building in the Small Provost Conference Room  
Thursday, September 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Medical Education Campus  
HE 218 Conference Room  
Monday, September 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Loudoun Campus  
LW 113  
Tuesday, September 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Manassas Campus  
Parrish Hall Conference Room, MP 325  
Tuesday, October 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinics will be open to all COVA CARE, COVA HealthAware and COVA HDHP participants and will operate on a walk-in basis. In advance of your attendance, please complete Sections A, B (1-8) and C of the Walgreens Vaccine Administration Record (VAR) Informed Consent form in the Flyers section of this edition of the Intercom.

You should ensure that you indicate the name of your health plan and plan ID number (located on your state health plan ID card) by writing it across the top of the form. Bring your completed, signed and dated form, along with your health plan ID card and a valid picture ID with you to the clinic for verification purposes.

Note: Kaiser Permanente HMO participants may receive free flu shots at their doctor’s office and participating Kaiser medical centers.

No other immunizations will be administered at the clinic.

Chrome River Training Opportunities

Chrome River Training Opportunities If you travel on behalf of NOVA, you need to understand Chrome River and how it can make your life easier. There will be two opportunities to receive Chrome River training on September 16 and 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building 4 of the Fairfax offices, Room 149. More training will be offered in October and November. Computers are available to work with during the class and training materials will be provided.

Please visit the NOVA SharePoint site and click on the Chrome River logo to view training materials as well as to register for a Chrome River class. Please note, NOVA SharePoint site is a
network site and may be accessed only through NOVA’s network. If you are off campus, you will need to log in to the VPN in order to access the site.

Faculty Art Show at the Manassas Campus

Recent works by the Manassas Campus art faculty are on display through September 25 and the College community is invited to a reception to meet the artists September 16 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Colgan Gallery.

Matt Pinney’s art will be featured in Colgan Gallery with paintings by Rosemary Gallick, Eric Garner and other faculty members on display around the Campus.

Pinney joined the art faculty at the start of the fall 2015 semester. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Indiana University and Master of Fine Arts from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. While employing many traditional techniques, Pinney creates images that ask viewers to break with their expectations of what a work of art should be. Using different surfaces and contemporary imagery to address the differences between a mass produced image and the singularity of a work of fine art, Pinney challenges viewers to see through a unique aesthetic lens. His choices of materials examine the value and political context of an image, engaging the viewer in both the tactile and visual realms.

Faculty Art Show at the Manassas Campus

Rosemary Gallick’s paintings, including “Rock ‘n’ Roll Icons” (pictured), are on display in Colgan Hall at the Manassas Campus.

Gallick is an art and art history professor at NOVA where she has taught since 1996. She holds a bachelor’s degree in art from the State University of New York and a Master of Fine Arts from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. In addition, she has a master’s degree in communication from Cornell University. She has published numerous articles, has given various art presentations and has exhibited her artwork extensively throughout the United States.

Garner’s work reflects an interest in patterning and visual systems, with influences ranging from American quilts, Islamic arts, African textiles and infrastructure design conventions. His work is frequently reminiscent of Russian constructivism. He has exhibited his work throughout the mid-Atlantic region, as well as in Los Angeles, Boston and New York City.

Faculty Art Show at the Manassas Campus

Eric Garner’s paintings are included in the Faculty Art Show at the Manassas Campus.

He holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Pennsylvania.

The reception and exhibition are free and open to the public. To learn more, contact Gallick at rgallick@nvcc.edu.
Exhibit at the Gallery at the Woodbridge Campus

The Woodbridge Campus is currently showcasing its first art exhibit of the year, “Material/Method: Contemporary Practices in Painting,” through September 25, in the Atrium Gallery in the Arts and Sciences Building.

Billy Hertz (Kentucky), Ryan McCoy (Washington, D.C.), Nikki Painter (Virginia), Phyllis Plattner (Maryland), Jessica van Brakle (Washington, D.C.), Brent Dedas (Tennessee), Evan Fugazzi (Pennsylvania), James Doiron (Kentucky), Jackie Hoysted (Maryland) and Chee-Keong Kung (Virginia) will show unique levels of experimentations and creativity. Gallery Director Erin Devine said the art show will highlight the responses of painters who invest in the formal capabilities of the materials they use and the singularity of their own inventive methods.

“The artists selected recognize the adaptability of painting to both challenge and provide experimentation in their work, whether in their working methods or in the kinds of materials they are using,” Devine said.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. For further information on this exhibition, contact Devine at edevine@nvcc.edu. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Arts and Sciences Building and is accessible to people with disabilities. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOVA Sexual Assault Services Are Available to Help

One in five college women and one in 20 college men will experience sexual assault during their college career according to a Washington Post Study. In spite of this, sexual assault is a crime that is rarely talked about, and even more rarely reported. It is important to realize that anyone in our NOVA community can be a victim, not just students.

Sexual assault survivors are not alone. As part of our commitment to the safety and well-being of this college community, Sexual Assault Services (SAS) aims to address issues of sexual assault, stalking and dating/partner violence by providing free confidential support and services to any member of the NOVA family. SAS assists students, faculty, staff and immediate family members, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Victims need support immediately following and often for many weeks and months after the crisis. SAS advocates are available to offer assistance, no matter when a person reaches out to them.

NOVA SAS provides the first line of contact for members of the community experiencing these difficulties, whether the incident occurred on college property or not. Besides offering telephone or in-person crisis intervention and support, SAS can accompany victims to police and/or court interviews as well as to medical or academic meetings.
It is important for students to be aware of these services especially designed for them. If you would like outreach materials for class distribution, please contact Angela Acosta at aacosta@nvcc.edu or 703.323.2406.

NOVA SAS is a program of the NOVACares Office. Contact NOVA SAS at 703.338.0834 or NOVA.SAS@nvcc.edu. SAS is available to help or support a victim in the best and safest way possible 24 hours a day.

Announcements

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

2. Material/Method – Contemporary Practices in Painting
   Reception Aug. 27, 4 – 5:30 p.m.
   Exhibition through Sept. 26.
   The Gallery, WO Campus
   Open Tues-Fri, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

3. STEM Career Fair
   Sept. 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
   AN Campus, Ernst Cultural Center