

CCI PROGRAM ALUMNI FALL NEWSLETTER

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HOW ARE CCI ALUMNI MAKING AN IMPACT?

Since returning home, Karla has initiated 2 projects in the field of education. The first project called Edu-K is a non-profit that seeks to generate initiatives to mitigate the impact of different social problems in Colombia and worldwide. Karla's second project, "Miss Karla to Learn", seeks to make use of social networks among other virtual platforms to promote quality education, focused mainly on teaching English and Spanish as foreign languages.

"I feel very happy and grateful for all the wonderful opportunities that CCI put in my way, gave me unique abilities, taught me to believe in myself, and fueled my desire to achieve a change in society through education. It gives me great joy to see how many children and young people see an inspiration in me and I have managed to motivate them to improve themselves, get out of their comfort zone, and be active leaders to change the world."

Read Karla's Story Here: <https://blogs.nvcc.edu/cci/2023/08/30/cci-alumna-karla-barrera-an-advocate-for-education-and-community-development/>



Karla Nicole Barrera (Colombia, Northampton Community College, Early Childhood Education, 2022-2023)



Saffat Ahmed Bhuiyan (Bangladesh, Project Management, Kirkwood Community College, 2021-2022)

Saffat is currently working as an Administrative Operations Manager at GEIST International Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing about change in communities by addressing various social constraints. Since joining GEIST, Saffat has founded and worked on several projects that focus on teacher and youth education, such as the International Leadership Program on Education (ILPE). He is also studying for a Bachelor of Social Science in Information Studies at East West University and is expected to graduate in 2024.

"My journey has been filled with meaningful work and interactions with diverse people and cultures. I constantly strive to motivate the youth in my community to develop and contribute to society. I firmly believe that nothing is impossible if we work hard."

Read Saffat's Story Here: <https://blogs.nvcc.edu/cci/2023/06/05/cci-alumnus-saffat-ahmed-bhuiyan-works-to-build-a-brighter-future-for-his-community-and-youth/>

ALUMNI VOICES WEBINARS

CCI LIVE - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEARNING TIMES

Tuesday, September 12th

CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Interested in hearing from alumni talk about their cultural exchange experience and how they've become global citizens? This session is for you! Register with the link provided and keep an eye out on social media for more details.

Registration link: <https://ccilive.learningtimesevents.org/sept122023/>

Tuesday, October 3rd

CCI ALUMNI - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Join your fellow alumni to talk about the impactful work they're doing in their communities. We'll leave room for discussion so you can contribute to the conversation!

Tuesday, October 24th

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Tune into this session to learn how Indian alumni are tackling the issues in their communities. Come ready to ask questions and discuss how you're addressing problems in your country!

Thursday, November 16th

CCI ALUMNI SHOWCASE

Are you working on a project and hoping to make an impact? Submit your work today at cccip@nvcc.edu and be showcased on CCI Live! We'll feature artwork, writing, cultural products, innovations, inventions, community work, and more!

Tuesday, December 5th

CCI ALUMNI CONFERENCE

Do you miss seeing your fellow alumni? Attend the CCI Program's end-of-year conference to catch up with your cohort and meet new faces. We look forward to seeing you!

ALUMNI RESOURCES

AMA (AMERICAN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION)

The CCI Program partners with AMA to provide **FREE** classes and certificate tracks to CCI alumni. Take advantage of the 79 courses and 25 certificate tracks offered to you. Sign up TODAY! Visit the link below or reach out to cccip@nvcc.edu with questions:

<https://www.amanet.org/nvcc/>

EXCHANGE ALUMNI WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the Exchange Alumni website offered to you through the U.S. Department of State. Connect with fellow alumni and find grant opportunities on their new website at exchangealumni.state.gov.

JOIN THE OFFICIAL CCI ALUMNI SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS

Are you a member of the official CCI Alumni Facebook and LinkedIn groups? Join today to become a part of your alumni network and find us on Instagram and YouTube!



Community College Initiative Forum



CCI Program Instagram



CCI Program Alumni



CCI Program YouTube



CCI PROGRAM BLOG

Don't forget to check out the official CCI Program blog!

Interested in being featured? Submit your story on our website or email cccip@nvcc.edu. We want to hear from you!

In the meantime, check out the latest stories at <https://blogs.nvcc.edu/ci/>

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

WHAT DO ALUMNI SAY ABOUT THEIR CCI PROGRAM JOURNEY?



Luisa Tapasco, Colombia
Northampton Community College, 2022-23

"After the program I have been accomplishing many things. So far, I got a scholarship from Harvard University for a program that is called Aspire Leaders Program at Harvard University. Thank you so much for making this dream possible and this new version of myself, a woman empowered of herself who is empowering more people to go ahead in life and achieve their dreams."



Elfis Adu, Indonesia
Northern Virginia Community College, 2018-19

"Throughout my time at NOVA, I had the privilege of encountering remarkable professors and students who patiently guided me whenever I needed direction and support. I am immensely grateful for the program coordinators, Sarah and Kelly, who played a pivotal role in my journey, offering invaluable assistance through our regular meetings and discussions. Looking back, I can genuinely say that I cherished every moment at NOVA, and if given the chance, I would eagerly return."

ALUMNI FACTS

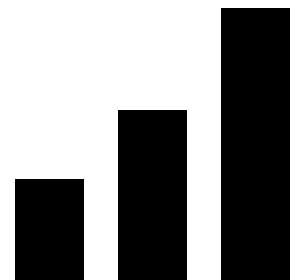
TOTAL FOR ALL YEARS

PARTICIPANTS:
3,650+

**COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED:**
28

**COLLEGE
CAMPUSES:**
84

**FIELDS OF
STUDY:**
12



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ANNUAL STATISTICS & PARTICIPANT IMPACT

Looking for your cohort's participant impact?

Check out the CCI Program website:

<https://www.nvcc.edu/ccip/impact.html>