Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this newsletter is to provide information to faculty and staff about the grants process at the College and to disseminate announcements of grant awards. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu.

NOVA Awarded Another STARTALK Grant

Congratulations are in order for project director, Dr. Laura Franklin, AL, for another successful grant award for the College from the STARTALK program. Funds for this program originate at the National Security Agency and are passed through the University of Maryland to NOVA. This grant enables us to improve the technology skills of teachers throughout the region in less-commonly-taught world languages. This is an exciting program which has won rave reviews from the University of Maryland. Congratulations to Dr. Franklin and all of the hard-working presenters and participants in her summer workshops!!

Bentley Works on NSF Proposal with GMU

Callan Bentley, AN, has worked with George Mason University (GMU) math and science faculty to develop a proposal through the Noyce Fellowships, a NSF program. If this project is funded, students interested in pursuing a career in teaching math or science will work with NOVA and GMU faculty as Learning Assistants. NOVA students will be identified for the Learning Assistance (LA) pathway based on (1) their interest in teaching as a career, (2) their demonstrated aptitude in a science or math subject according to their academic record, (3) their intention to transfer to a four-year university, and (4) their interpersonal skills which demonstrate their potential to tutor other students in the subject using oral assessment techniques. NOVA LAs will need to have completed the course for which they will be a LA, and will be encouraged, though not required, to apply to GMU. We hope to hear more about this program in the future if the funding is received.

NOVA Faculty Are Awarded Nine VCCS Grants

This spring, NOVA faculty continued to be recognized for their innovative ideas through the latest round of VCCS grants. Nine awards – funded at both full and partial levels – were awarded to staff for their professional development. The College also benefits from the outcomes of these grants, whether it leads to the teaching of new subjects or developing new teaching tools. Congratulations!

Breana Bayraktar, ESL (WO). Comparison of Instructor Feedback Methods in ESL Student Writing will compare two different methods of written feedback on student papers to one method of oral (recorded) feedback.

Callan Bentley, Geology (AN). Taking field geology to the next level: Canada! intends to research, develop, organize, and lead a new two-week field course in the Canadian Rockies of Alberta and British Columbia.

Callan Bentley, Geology (AN) and Peter Berquist, Thomas Nelson Community College. The Worst That Could Happen: Preparing Our Fieldtrip Leaders for Emergencies offers training in Wilderness First Aid to VCCS instructors who lead outdoor field trips.

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Lucy Gebre-Egziabher, Communication Studies and Theatre (AL) and Meredith Aquila, Liberal Arts (AL). *Gabriel’s Rebellion* is a documentary on an attempted slave uprising in Virginia in 1800 that had enormous repercussions to antebellum society.

Rebecca Hayes, History (MA). *Understanding Factionalism in Restoration Anglo-Irish Politics – An in-depth look at changing political movements at the court of Charles II* supports archival research in England to strengthen and deepen students’ understanding of political factions and the nature of British (specifically Anglo-Irish) politics during the Restoration period.

Kelly Hebron, Legal (AL). *Formation of a Small Business Legal Internship (SBLI)* will provide skills training to students in NOVA’s Paralegal Program.

Jonathan Kolm, Music (AL). *Phase II of the Science, Art, and Music of Water: An Instructional Collaboration Recording, Promoting and Disseminating* continues support of a multimedia presentation about the relationship of art and science, and more specifically how water has been portrayed in art.

Reva Savkar, Chemistry (AN) and Robert Loser, Extended Learning Institute. *Education of Students with Challenging Life Experiences – A Case Study of Teresa Academy in Nepal* supports travel to Nepal to learn processes and best practices for teaching a vulnerable community of students.

Walerian Majewski, Physics (AN). *Community College of Virginia at CERN: Introducing Post-Modern Physics to C.C.* involves a visit the European Center for Particle Research in Geneva, Switzerland to study the current status of Post-Modern Physics, which will be used later to develop a new online course.

NOVA’s Office of Pregnant and Parenting Student Support (OPPSS) Launches!

Through a program sponsored by the Virginia Department of Health with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a new cross-campus program has been started to provide student services to pregnant women, expectant fathers, and newly parenting students. These new activities include workshops and referral services, and a Mobile Van that visits each campus monthly (see [www.nvcc.edu/oppss](http://www.nvcc.edu/oppss) for calendar). Services for students experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are also provided. This effort is expected to increase student success and retention. The program was gotten off the ground and is being directed by Harriet Zimmerman at MEC, with support from Andrea Bilson, program manager, and Barbara Cotton, program social worker.

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