Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this publication is to provide basic information to faculty and staff about the grants process at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and to disseminate announcements of grant funding. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, the director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3440; Robert Henderson, college grants writer at rhenderson@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3493.

Welcome Back from the Summer: NOVA’s Office of Grants Development

The Office of Grants is available to help you realize your dreams for professional development, including personal growth, expanded travel opportunities, and increased attention for you in your field, across your campus, and the College. We provide technical assistance for program design and winning proposals, examples of success, and guidance through all steps of the grants process from proposal submission to final reports. In step with the start of a new academic year, the Grants Office plans to update its website, so be on the look out for changes! We are also exploring social media tools to improve our communications, including a grants Blog, Blackboard to aid in the development of proposals, or a Virtual Tour. Stay tuned!

Prepare Now to Submit Your VCCS Professional Development Application

There are two months to go to apply for a VCCS Professional Development or Mini Conference grant. Applications for grants in the Spring Semester are due October 1, but need College approval before submission. NOVA’s record for winning proposals is excellent — 6 out of 11 applicants were successful last spring — and, reflects the commitment of faculty and staff to build professional growth at NOVA, while contributing to a more vibrant VCCS. The Grants Staff would like to hear from you. Please feel free to contact us.

College Receives Another “Scholarships for Disadvantaged Nursing Students” Award

Once again, NOVA has received an award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide for financial assistance for disadvantaged nursing students who are enrolled full-time in our nursing program. Depending upon need, the funds could be used to cover the cost of tuition, books, supplies, and uniforms for eligible students. If you know of a nursing student who might meet this threshold, please refer the individual to the College Financial Aid office.

College Receives Perkins Funding

NOVA has been awarded $237,536 under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act for this fiscal year. The funds this year will be dedicated to our math redesign project to restructure developmental courses with the goal of removing the barriers that keep many students from advancing to college level.
math courses. For further information, please contact Director of Grants and Special Projects, Deborah Rosen, at drosen@nvcc.edu or 2-3154.

Career Coach Award
The College is the recipient of a small award from the VCCS to cover some of the costs of career coaches in local high schools. For further information, please contact Ruthe Brown at rdbrown@nvcc.edu for details on the career coaches or the dual enrollment credit course offerings by NOVA at over 30 local high schools.

President Obama Calls for Revitalization of U.S. Manufacturing and New National Manufacturing Training Certificate

President Obama called for new Workforce Investment Act efforts to revitalize the U.S. manufacturing sector as a way to address joblessness. His presentation before students, faculty members, and select White House guests at the Automotive Service Training facility at NOVA’s Alexandria Campus generated national news coverage and intense speculation over the focus for the Departments of Labor and Education for a new national Manufacturing Training Certificate. Dr. Robert Templin, NOVA President and Dr. Peter Maphumalo, Provost for Alexandria, welcomed the President and his guests for this special presentation. The picture above features President Obama and students from the Drive to Employment program that was developed by Milan Hayward, Special Assistant to President Templin, through a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Mr. Hayward’s skillful weaving together of corporate support with opportunities for service learning for NOVA students, while providing automotive repair for indigent and out of work Northern Virginians, inspired other programming in Automotive training at NOVA.

President Obama said, “The partnership between industry and education exemplified in this hybrid vehicle repair training program should be replicated nationally.” Frances Villagran-Glover currently directs the Drive to Employment and other service learning program activities at Alexandria.

MEC Seeks Support for Pregnancy Services
MEC’s Flo Richman, Harriet Zimmerman, and Gail Jackson submitted a full proposal to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) requesting $500,000 with strong support from Susi Mattheisen of the Office of Grants. If funded, the one-year project will establish an Office of Pregnant and Parenting Student Services on campus that will provide healthcare services, peer counseling, and referrals. It would involve a traveling medical van based at MEC to bring health services to each of NOVA’s six campuses on a regular schedule. According to VDH, gaps exist in information available regarding reproductive health or parenting among Virginia’s 23 community colleges, compared to most of the state’s larger 4-year institutions of higher learning. This project will fill that need. It will help ensure that pregnant students, expectant fathers, and partners overcome the lower overall educational achievement rates for this group.

ASL Annandale Focused on Growth
Paula Debes, Program Head of ASL and Interpreter Education at the Annandale Campus, submitted a $30,000 request to the Virginia Department of Education (DOE) to hire program assistants to help with a wide variety of projects. If funded, activities would include increasing the number of students who complete the ASL-English Interpretation program, providing additional workshops and ASL language mentoring and tutoring, and more testing opportunities for students. This program has been funded previously by DOE.

Commonwealth Plans for TANF Money Surplus: NOVA Jumps into the Line
Bill Browning, Special Assistant to the President for Workforce Development, has been busy this summer with the Office of Grants submitting partnership proposals which position NOVA to take advantage of Commonwealth planning for surplus

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funds with assorted community service agencies. **Action in Community through Services (ACTS)** of Prince William County submitted a proposal for this opportunity to partner with NOVA for training of nursing assistants. In addition, **Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS)**, if awarded funding, will establish a new office serving Manassas City, and those unemployed who would like to earn a Manufacturing Technician Certificate.

This work by Bill Browning with the NVFS falls closely in line with President Obama’s call for increased STEM education and improved College completion rates across the country by removing barriers to higher education and by familiarizing populations of potential students with higher education procedures, processes, and financial assistance opportunities which they might not otherwise know about. Good luck to Bill!

**The Green Corner**

In each issue, the Grants Department communicates upcoming opportunities for building a greener, more sustainable world through NOVA’s courses, class projects, and research activities – and you! Please let us know if you are interested in applying for one of these grants.

**Business and Nonprofit Collaborate**

The **Vernier/NSTA Technology Awards** is a partnership of Vernier Software & Technology and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). This program recognizes the innovative use, or potential use, of data-collection technology (e.g. probes or sensors) interfacing with a computer, graphing calculator, or handheld in the science classroom. Each award will consist of $1,000 in cash for the teacher, $1,000 in Vernier Products, and up to $1,000 toward expenses to attend the annual NSTA National Convention. A total of seven awards will be presented including one award at the College Level. Start planning your 2012 entry now. The deadline for receipt of applications by NSTA for the 2012 awards is November 30, 2011. Guidelines and application information is available at [http://www.nsta.org/pdfs/awards/Vernier.pdf](http://www.nsta.org/pdfs/awards/Vernier.pdf)

**Preserving Native Plants with Rain Gardens and Buddhism**

Karen Bushaw-Newton and Lisa D. Williams, Instructor of Biology, submitted a pre-proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington, D.C. requesting $25,000 for a native plant conservation project on the Annandale campus.

The project consists of two rain gardens and pollinator walkways, an inventory of native plants, and the development of curricula and outreach materials to be used in classrooms and for a walking tour of the gardens. This project includes a partnership with Earth Sangha, a local Buddhist environmental nonprofit. If funded, activities for this one-year grant will begin in March 2012.

The Office of Grants Development wants to recognize all of the hard work involved in preparing these proposals to meet the standards of the College. For more information on any of the programs mentioned above please contact Deborah Rosen, Rob Henderson, Susi Mattheisen, or Sara Stoller in the Office of Grants Development.

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