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 samples of the types of grant funding that are available. Future topics include the status of various pieces of legislation involving grants for community colleges and various grants applied for and received at NOVA. 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 at 703-323-3440 or Robert Henderson, college grants writer at rhenderson@nvcc.edu at 703-323-3493.

New Fiscal Year Off to a Good Start!!!

The end of the 2009 and the beginning of the 2010 Fiscal Year generated a flurry of activity in the Office of Grants Development including the new cycle of NOVA STARTALK. Dr. Laura Franklin leads this initiative for NOVA. The Sessions began on June 22nd and will conclude July 10. These intensive workshops combine NOVA’s strengths in professional development with a strong desire in the community to improve teaching skills in Arabic and Chinese.

NOVA STARTALK is a summer institute in its third year designed to help teachers integrate technology tools and 21st century language pedagogy in the Arabic and Chinese curricula. Arabic and Chinese teachers in each language will create a collection of activities to expand the curriculum presently in place. The networking that has resulted from this course in the two past years has enriched instruction and created a bond between teachers who have worked in teams in and out of our STARTALK setting.

Dr. Laura Franklin, Professor, Northern Virginia Community College and Editor, MERLOT World Languages, directs this initiative, and Ruihua Dong, Lead Trainer, World Bank, serves as a Chinese consultant; Dr. Mohamed Esa, Associate Professor, McDaniel College, serves as an Arabic consultant; and, Dr. Marjorie Hall Haley, Professor, Foreign Language Licensure, George Mason University, serves as the Foreign Language Methods consultant In addition, Takako Shigehisa, Assistant Dean, World Languages, Northern Virginia Community College, serves as the project’s Instructional Technology Coordinator and Instructor.

In order to keep young learners engaged, teachers must include the most effective, standards-based activities, emphasizing all modes of communication and culture. The infusion of technology-enhanced methodologies in Arabic and Chinese programs helps to promote time on task among students and

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motivates them to persist in their study of difficult languages. Technology also facilitates communication with native speakers and opens up real world contact with the target cultures. The STARTALK program targets teachers of Chinese and Arabic K-20 who work in the metropolitan Washington DC area, but is available to other teachers who can get to the venue during the weeks it is offered. All participants must attend all five days of each session they attend and must participate in product showcase. The first week of the program is appropriate for beginners and former students who wish to repeat basic training. The second week is designed for more advanced users of instructional technology. This program has been funded for another year of work. Those interested in learning more about this nationally recognized initiative at NOVA should contact Dr. Laura Franklin at: lfranklin@nvcc.edu

NOVA Receives Award for Disadvantaged Nursing Students
The College has received $57,279 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to cover all costs for qualified disadvantaged students enrolled in the Nursing program full-time. This award is administered through the Financial Aid office. For further information on how students might apply, please contact Ms. Joan Zanders, Director of Financial Aid.

NOVA to Receive an Award for Brazil Partnership
Dr. Paul McVeigh will be administering a $10,016 award through the Higher Education for Development for the activity “Brazil-U.S. Partnership Development: Northern Virginia Community College and Goias Federal Institute In West Central Brazil.”

College Receives Tech Prep Award for Another Year
The College has received $191,658 for this fiscal year under the Tech Prep Program. Ms. Ruthe Brown is the Director of this program.

College Receives Perkins Funding for Another Year
NOVA will receive an award for this fiscal year in the amount of $289,298.13 from the Virginia Community College System for our ongoing tutoring program. Ms. Cate Keaser, CS, is the coordinator for this program, with support from Dr. Anthony Tardd, LO, Dr. George Gabriel, CS, and Ms. Deborah Rosen, CS.

NOVA Receives an Award for Summer Camp
Thanks to Ms. Nancy Chamberlain, AN, Program Head, Parks and Recreation, for her persistence in obtaining a $24,500 award from the National Park Service for a summer camp program under the Urban Youth Camping Program. The team of Ms. Nancy Chamberlain, Mr. Rob Henderson, and Ms. Deborah Rosen stuck with this for months through many levels of approval.

The National Park Service and NOVA will create a partnership that will “develop an ecological educational camp for children from urban areas to experience an overnight adventure while observing and learning.” This initiative will partner with Fairfax County Family Services and will target Route 1 Corridor youth beginning this summer. For further information on any of the above awards, please contact Deborah Rosen or Rob Henderson.

NOVA Workforce Development Applies for MetLife Caregiver Certificate Grant
Thelma Jefferson-George of the Office of Workforce Development on the Annandale Campus has led in the development of a partnership to deliver a new hybrid on-line and in person training program for a Personal Care-Giver Certificate that would equip students for a career or service to families and loved ones with a unique NOVA “Personal Caregiver Certificate.” Good luck to Thelma!

Green Jobs SGAs Released by Department of Labor
Robert Vaughn, Abe Eftekhari, and Adjunct Faculty Member Peter Pollack of the Annandale Campus have led in the formation of a group that has met several times over the last two months to gather the analytical and human resources to mobilize NOVA for pursuit of one of these grants. Deborah Rosen and Rob Henderson have led the proposal development effort and a draft is now on the table that embraces many of NOVA’s existing and nascent program. For details see: www.doleta.gov/Recovery/legislation.cfm

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