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.

Community College Initiative

The Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs at the State Department has caught the attention of Dr. Paul McVeigh and a proposal writing team with an $8.5m opportunity to bring underprivileged students from the developing world to the United States for a year of education and training that will lead to employment or onward education on return to their home country. This is the largest single grant for which NOVA has applied in recent memory, and allows our College to form a Consortium with the largest Community Colleges and CC Districts in the country: Miami Dade Community College, the Maricopa County Community College District, and the City College of San Francisco. Together these schools serve over half a million students each year and bring the resources of 35 campuses to the challenge of this program. Dr. McVeigh recently said, “Should NOVA win this award…, this Consortium will raise international exchange and education to a new level of professional practice.”

Congratulations to Milan Hayward and Heather Neikirk Bringing Service Learning Back to NOVA!

NOVA received word on July 27 that a $249,000 three year award was won to strengthen automotive instruction through service learning engagement with community and faith based service organizations. The MAAP (Model Adult Automotive Pathway) program will extend its reach to community and faith-based service organizations providing training for low income and unemployed persons repairing their automobiles to help them find work or go to their jobs. This community service will help NOVA students develop the professional management skills needed to survive and thrive in the modern workplace. The project will alleviate barriers to employment faced by Northern Virginians. The project will begin in October of 2009. For more information on the MAAP contact Heather Neikirk at (703) 323-2357. hneikirk@nvcc.edu

Tech Prep and Career Coaches

Ruthe Brown led the renovation of NOVA’s cadre of Career Coaches who provide critical support for the efforts of the College to clear intellectual and
institutional obstacles to participation by high school students from across our service area. Ruthe now has 15 Career Coaches in 20+ high schools that in the last year have generated over 3,000 students enrolled at NOVA.

And, in other grant news, Perkins

The College has received $289,000 in Perkins funds for the fiscal year. Cate Keaser, Perkins Grant Coordinator, continues to work with the campuses to strengthen and measure the results of each campus program. If successful, these programs can be used as models for improving retention and completion rates in various subject areas.

Perkins Carryover

Additional Perkins money was made available to supplement the Biotechnology program started by Dr. Johanna Weiss at the Manassas Campus. The purpose of the award is to recruit individuals into the NOVA Biotech Program, train and graduate highly-skilled lab technicians, and then to place graduates into the local biotech industry. Another federal grant is being supplemented by $28,000 in carryover Perkins funds.

STARTALK

Congratulations to Dr. Laura Franklin, AL, for both an initial award of $65,500 and then a supplemental award of $42,790 to continue the STARTALK program, which consists of a series of workshops for teachers of Arabic and Chinese to assist them in integrating technology into their pedagogy.

THE NOVA WAY: Transforming Education Through Co-Enrollment Partnerships

This unique program, the brainchild of Bill Browning and Dr. John Min, has been the subject of much grant activity over the last few months. This co-enrollment model represents a new joint service partnership with nonprofit job training providers. This model leverages financial aid in a new way to benefit low-income trainees and nonprofits, and relies upon new business processes through which the college and nonprofits deliver seamless, integrated services to co-enrolled trainees to help them achieve career advancement and college attainment goals. With the assistance of the Office of Grants Development’s Deborah Rosen and Rob Henderson, the College has applied for funding from the U.S. Department of Education’s Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, the Walmart Foundation, and the MetLife Foundation. We wish Bill and John the best of luck!!

Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students

The College has been the recipient of two grant awards on behalf of disadvantaged nursing students. The second of these awards is the result of stimulus funds bestowed upon the College. These projects, submitted by Deborah Rosen and administered by Joan Zanders, seek to increase the size of the nursing workforce by assisting disadvantaged students with the cost of nursing education.

Criminal Justice System Improvements

Congratulations to Alex Seminario, CS, for an award in the amount of $58,250 for the continuation of a project to install locking mechanisms on doors throughout the College.

Emergency Preparedness

Will Flagler, CS, has put together an application to the state to augment the College’s Emergency Preparedness at the Woodbridge Campus in case of a statewide emergency.

If any of the above projects sound interesting to you or you would like to initiate a request for grant funding for a project consistent with the College’s Strategic Vision 2015, please contact Deborah Rosen (drosen@nvcc.edu) or Rob Henderson (rhenderson@nvcc.edu).

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