Garcia Speaks at Classified Cross Campus Day

The theme of the day was “Being the Best,” and based on participant feedback, this year’s Classified Cross Campus Day was one of the best. Vice President Miguel Garcia delivered the morning keynote address during the March 12 event. His presentation focused on how much and how fast things are changing. Garcia encouraged the audience to “adapt to change quickly.”

The afternoon keynote speaker was President Robert G. Templin, Jr., whose speech focused on the essential role that NOVA plays in the commu-

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nity, especially in today’s economy. Templin echoed Garcia’s message about change and described how NOVA has responded to the financial challenges the College is facing. Despite steep budget cuts NOVA is well positioned to serve more people than ever.

After his remarks, Templin also led a Town Hall style question and answer session, responding to questions from the audience.

Thanks to all of the faculty and staff who presented sessions and volunteered their time to help make the event so successful.

Faculty and staff can access the link online. See page 5 for details about the video from the day’s events.
Author David Baldacci Featured at the Northern Virginia Review’s Annual Reception

On March 26, *The Northern Virginia Review* held its annual reception at the Ernst Cultural Center to celebrate the launch of this year’s Issue 23 publication and to honor its contributors as well as retiring Editor Dorothy Seyler for her many years of service.

The annual publication is a collection of essays, fine art, photography, poetry and short stories produced by faculty, staff and alumni of NOVA and by residents of the Northern Virginia and greater Washington metropolitan areas. As a part of the annual reception, attendees listened to featured guest speaker David Baldacci, who is a bestselling American novelist.

Baldacci discussed his life as a writer, in the more comical elements, and how he developed the concepts behind his bestselling novels. After his presentation, guests lined up for a book signing.

“The annual reception this year was remarkable,” said Adam Chiles, professor of English and new editor of the *Northern Virginia Review*, “I am honored to be taking over as editor and thank Dorothy for her many years of dedicated service.”

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the *Northern Virginia Review*, please visit their Web site at [http://www.nvcc.edu/depts/nvreview/nvr-obtain.htm](http://www.nvcc.edu/depts/nvreview/nvr-obtain.htm). You can also pick up a copy at your nearest campus bookstore or library.

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The Tau Nu Chapter of the Alexandria Campus Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society inducted a record 142 new members on March 26 in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center Forum. Don Owens, a freelance communications consultant for non-profits, was the featured guest speaker for the induction ceremony. He emphasized the importance of taking on leadership roles and performing community service as qualifications that organizations consider important, when selecting candidates for positions in today's competitive job market. It was a memorable ceremony, and new members inducted included campus club officers, students running for Student Government positions, as well as current Phi Theta Kappa officers who had missed their own induction ceremony in a previous semester.

The Alexandria Campus faculty and staff congratulate all of the new inductees.
NOVA SIGHTINGS

NOVA-TV Has “Must See” Programs

NOVA Idol Contest and Winner:
Check out NOVA Idol Susan Bilodeau’s performance on NOVA-TV. The whole show is two and a half hours and is truly great entertainment. It highlights the singing talents of NOVA students. Go online to http://www.nvcc.edu/tvcenter/vod/CourseView.aspx?Course=NOVA+IDOL and click “Play” under “NOVA Idol 09 Long” to view the video.

Classified Staff Cross Day Speakers:
President Robert G. Templin, Jr. and Vice President Miguel Garcia spoke at the Classified Staff Cross Campus Day. To watch these videos, faculty and staff may go online to https://nvcc.my.vccs.edu/jsp/home.jsp which is Blackboard. Sign in with your username and password, and then click on “Faculty and Staff Video.” Then click on “Cross Campus Events” to watch the video.

Check Out NOVA’s Social Media Outlets

Did you know that NOVA now has a presence on a variety of social networking outlets? Take the time to view these sites and make sure to tell others.

- **iTunes U**
  [http://www.nvcc.edu/itunesu/](http://www.nvcc.edu/itunesu/)
- **YouTube**
  [http://www.youtube.com/user/NOVAaccess](http://www.youtube.com/user/NOVAaccess)
- **Facebook**
  [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Annandale-VA/NOVAaccess/42878424928](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Annandale-VA/NOVAaccess/42878424928)
- **MySpace**
- **LinkedIn**
  [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1057837&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1235773108359_1](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1057837&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1235773108359_1)
- **Twitter**
  [http://twitter.com/novaaccess](http://twitter.com/novaaccess)
TIAA-CREF Retirement Sessions

Wondering how you will be able to achieve your financial goals for retirement? TIAA-CREF representatives will be visiting NOVA to help with some of your retirement decisions. If you are interested in having a private consultation, TIAA-CREF will be available between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 10 at the Annandale Campus in the Provost Conference Room. Please call TIAA-CREF directly at 703-460-7100 ext. 257116 to make an appointment or visit their Web site at http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc to plan your consultation meeting.

Catherine Clinton Presents on the Life of Mrs. Lincoln


Educated at Harvard, Sussex and Princeton, Clinton is a professor of history at Queen's University in Belfast.

The program will be held on April 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the CE Forum on the Annandale Campus. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing after the speech.

CETL Workshops and Events Available for Faculty

• Classroom Management Workshop. Pat Lunt and Nan Peck will explore strategies for handling difficult students and situations in the classroom - April 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the CE Seminar Rooms C & D (AN). Register at CETL@nvcc.edu.

• The Hidden Cost of War: Working with Students with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Dean of Student Development Michael Turner will facilitate this discussion on April 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CE Seminar Rooms A & B (AN). Register at CETL@nvcc.edu.

• Facebook: Understanding Online Social Interaction in Today’s World. Professor of Communication Studies Libby Vick will help you set up a Facebook page in this workshop - April 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., CT 335 (AN). This is co-sponsored by the Technology Applications Center (TAC). Register at http://tac.nvcc.edu/tactraining/sp09. Spaces are limited so register today.

Lyceum Program on Earth Day

Sam Love, a co-founder of the first Earth Day (1970), will speak on “Ecology: The Key to a Sustainable Future” at 12:30 p.m. on April 22 in the CE Forum at the Annandale Campus. You do not want to miss this great, eye-opening event.
**Frederick Markham’s Landscapes on Exhibit at the Manassas Campus**

Large graphite and charcoal drawings by Frederick Markham (WO), Fine Arts, are on display at the Manassas Campus until April 27 in the Colgan Hall.

Markham’s images of forests and rivers have won numerous awards. He says the inspiration behind his artwork started at a young age.

“I grew up in a small farming community in western Kentucky,” he said. “When I didn’t have to go to school, I spent a lot of time wandering around the woods and creeks near my house. I found the woods a great place to go. They always seemed to change and the most familiar things could all of a sudden seem very unusual. As a painter, I am still fascinated by that sort of wooded landscape I trekked around in as a kid.”

Markham’s recent drawings reflect a sustained study of the environment. “The land, trees and water embody a sense of flux, discovery and beauty. Each time I go out to paint these things, it is to enter a passage filled with the sort of mystery that excited me so much as a young boy.”

On April 8, Randy Michener (MA), Fine Arts, hosted a reception for Markham. Many students, faculty and staff members enjoyed meeting Markham and learning about his artwork.

**Memorial Celebration of Harriet (Cammy) White**

There will be a celebration of Harriet (Cammy) White’s life and contributions to the College on April 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Schlesinger Center on the Alexandria Campus. White worked as a counselor at the Alexandria Campus for more than 40 years. She passed away on March 9.

White was a dispersed counselor to several academic divisions on the Alexandria Campus, most recently, the Science and Applied Technologies Division. She served on the steering committees of every self-study conducted by the College and as chair of the most recent 1999-2002 self-study. She was a long-term member of the Curriculum and Advanced Standing Committees. She provided special assistance to students in the College’s cooperative programs with General Motors and Ford. She originated and was the primary instructor in the PLACE program, in which hundreds of students earned college credits for their life experiences.

White truly enhanced the educational experience, along with the lives and careers of thousands of students at the College. She will be missed by all. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.
Foley and Hofler Featured in National Capital Healthcare Executives

The article, “NoVaHealthFORCE: Building Grass Roots Community Coalitions in Tough Economic Times,” written by Provost Brian Foley and NoVaHealthFORCE Program Manager Gerry Hofler was recently featured in the National Capital Healthcare Executives spring 2009 issue.

The article discusses why there is a need for NoVaHealthFORCE’s establishment, which is to address the region’s shortage of nursing and allied health workers. Foley and Hofler cite research done by Skill-Source, Inc., that provides staggering statistics about the shortage stating, “Today’s 3,000 worker shortage will explode to more than 17,000 by 2020 without immediate intervention.” Even more daunting, the article argues that if left unattended, the shortage could eventually result in higher costs for healthcare and negatively affect quality and access to healthcare.

With the emergence of NoVaHealthFORCE, leaders from the region including healthcare, businesses, colleges, universities, government and community organizations, etc. are collaborating to find solutions and alleviate the crisis by establishing a long-term, business driven strategy.

In 2006, the Virginia General Assembly awarded $1.5 million to NOVA to be the lead agent for NoVaHealthFORCE to provide expansion in nursing education and bigger facilities. The funds were also distributed to other local colleges and universities with nursing programs.

The results of NoVaHealthFORCE have been palpable thus far. There has been a 38 percent increase in nursing student’s admissions since 2006, more study options (online education, pathway programs, etc.) and educational ladders among institutions have made it easier and more affordable for students to get their nursing degree. An example of this is NOVA’s Momentum 2+1 program, which allows students to enter NOVA and work toward two associate degrees (one in general studies and one in nursing). Upon completion, a student is automatically accepted into George Mason Universities Nursing Program to complete their bachelor’s degree in nursing with one additional year or master’s degree in two additional years.

This information and more are presented in the article, “NoVaHealthFORCE: Building Grass Roots Community Coalitions in Tough Economic Times,” in this spring issue of the National Capital Healthcare Executives. To read the full article, please go to: http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/achenche/issues/2009-02-27/4.html.

For more information on NoVaHealthFORCE, please visit their Web site at http://www.novahealthforce.com/index.html.

Please note that the attachment section of the Intercom, which includes important NOVA announcements, can now be accessed via a new link: http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Apr10-09_attachment.pdf.