NOVA Receives Grant and Visibility at AACC Conference

(Left to right) AACC Director of Service Learning Gail Robinson, AACC Program Consultant Carol Jeandron, AACC Vice President for Academic, Student and Community Development Lynn Barnett, Central Piedmont Community College’s Dean of Student Life and Service-Learning Mark Helms and Acting Dean of Students Frances Villagran-Glover (AL).

NOVA was represented well at the American Association of Community College’s (AACC) 89th Annual Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Acting Dean of Students Frances Villagran-Glover (AL) was a presenter at a session titled “Project Reach: Service Inclusion for Students with Disabilities.”

NOVA was also one of eight community colleges awarded a grant sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and its Engag-
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ing Persons with Disabilities, New Special Initiatives Program. The college grant focuses on service learning opportunities for veteran students with disabilities.

Create Podcasts and More in the Annandale Library

The Annandale Campus Library is delighted to announce the Media Center now has an iMac computer. Both vodcasts and podcasts can be easily created with Apple’s Garage Band program. Video editing with iMovie is also available. The Center is open to faculty, staff and students. To reserve time in the room, please contact Irene Osterman at iosterman@nvcc.edu or Patty Hude at rhude@nvcc.edu.

Commencement Volunteers Are Needed!

Commencement is Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at the George Mason University Patriot Center, and volunteers are needed to assist with various tasks that evening. Time commitment required will be approximately three to four hours from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please e-mail Claudia Chirinos at cchirinos@nvcc.edu no later than Friday, April 24 if you would like to be part of the team. See the attachment section http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Apr17-09_attachment.pdf for additional details. Thanks in advance for your assistance.
On April 8, nationally recognized and distinguished speaker Dr. Johnnetta Cole spoke at the Annandale Campus about women and leadership. Holding 48 honorary degrees, Cole is the first African-American woman to serve as president of Spelman College and the first African-American woman to serve as chair of the Board of the United Way of America.

Cole spoke about her experiences in school during the days of legalized segregation. As a young girl in grade school, her teachers played a key role in her leadership development by encouraging her. She shared who some of her “sheroes” were and explained the “double shift” role that women are expected to fill. After a hard day at work, women are often expected to cook dinner, wash the clothes and check on sick family members while it is socially acceptable for men to relax after work. A staunch advocate for equal pay for equal work, Cole explained the problem with a woman standing behind “her man” is that she cannot see where she is going. She encouraged students not to wait and take up leadership positions at this very moment while they are still in school.

Cole currently serves on the Board of Directors of Merck & Co., Inc. and the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons, and she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the National Council of Negro Women.
Manassas Campus students enjoyed a special discussion with Academy Award-winning filmmaker Pamela Tanner Boll on April 6. Kathryn O’Sullivan, professor of Communication Studies and Theatre, invited Boll to the Campus to screen her documentary, “Who Does She Think She Is?”

The film focuses on five female artists, different in background, race, religion and artistic field. They all share the challenge of making careers in the art world while also being pulled in different directions as they try to answer the competing demands of artistic fulfillment, marriage, motherhood and economic survival. In the end, the women demonstrate that creativity and care giving are not mutually exclusive but deeply connected.

“The film was my search to find some contemporary heroines to provoke and inspire all of us to demand more from our work, our creativity and our lives,” said Boll, who co-executive produced the Academy Award-winning documentary “Born into Brothels” and is currently producing several other films.

“We were thrilled Ms. Boll could join us at the Manassas Campus,” O’Sullivan said. “I saw her documentary at the Colony Film Festival last fall and immediately thought of how, like the women depicted in the film, our students juggle their educational pursuits, family and jobs. It was obvious from the discussion that many of our students can relate to the issues addressed in the film.”

Later in the evening, Boll was introduced to the community during a reception before her documentary was shown to a large appreciative audience.
Annandale Library Celebrates National Library Week

The Annandale Campus Library is celebrating National Library Week (NLW). It began April 13 and goes through April 20 with a variety of events and displays to faculty, staff and students on the Annandale Campus who join in the fun. Sponsored each year by the American Library Association, NLW celebrates the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide. The theme for this year’s events is “Worlds Connect @ Your Library.” Since its first commemoration over 50 years ago in 1958, NLW has provided an opportunity for libraries to recognize the mutually beneficial relationships that they share with their users and communities. Worlds Connect @ Your Library is for students, faculty and staff of all ages and backgrounds who find materials to help with research, provide entertainment or to help explore their place in the community.

Highlights of the week include a library-sponsored free lunch for students and a faculty panel discussion focusing on the varied influences of libraries on the lives of some of NOVA’s professors and their students. Contests will be held throughout the week, with prizes such as USB drives and gift cards for the winners.

Displays showcasing the various ways that the library helps people connect with different times, places, cultures, generations and genres will run in the library’s display cases through the month of April. Please stop by the Annandale Campus Library during National Library Week, or any time, to find works that help you track down your family tree, plan your next international vacation or even forecast what forces will shape the future of our world!
Pouring rain on the morning of April 3 did not dampen the spirits of students in Darlene Branges’ (AN) intermediate level Continuing Education English as a Second Language (CE-ESL) class as they arrived at the Little River Glen Senior Center in Fairfax for a morning of lively discussion. Students came prepared with short presentations highlighting aspects of their culture along with displays, personal belongings and food for tasting. One student even came dressed in a Japanese summer kimono and another brought materials to demonstrate the Korean written language. Students and the seniors found that they had much in common as a few of the seniors served in or had spouses who served in the Korean War, had family members currently serving the United States in foreign countries or themselves had traveled abroad. One of the seniors even learned English as a second language! A great time was had by all and plans are being made for future visits to the center. Special thanks to Pam Harms and Kelly Fowler of the Little River Glen Senior Center for helping to coordinate this experience.
NOVA Faculty Judge in a State Championship

On April 4, three NOVA Speech Communication faculty served as final judges in the Virginia High School League's State Championships at Harrisonburg High School. This annual event brings together 16 regional winners in 10 speech categories with over 500 students in competition for top honors. Dean of Instruction Charles Korn (MA), Speech Faculty Emeriti Blanton Croft, who is now at Hagerstown Community College, and Adjunct Speech Faculty Al Smith (WO) served as judges. Winners and high school team standings can be found online at http://www.vhsl.org, click “Forensics 09.” Congratulations to all of those who made it to state.

Submit to the Intercom!

Deadline: Submissions must be received (via e-mail) by 5:00 p.m. on Fridays for the following week’s edition.

Submission Guidelines: Submissions should be e-mailed to intercom@nvcc.edu. Unformatted text should be sent in an MSWord document or may be put into the body of the e-mail. All photos should be attached as jpeg, bmp, tiff or eps files; photo captions should also be included with your text. For submission guidelines, go online to: http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/guidelines.htm.

Please remember all news submissions should highlight NOVA faculty and/or staff.

Make Your Life Easy
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Pepsi and NOVACard are presenting an exciting promotion for all faculty, staff and students at the Alexandria, Annandale and Medical Education Campuses, which started April 4 and goes through August 8, 2009. Purchase five Pepsi drinks with your NOVACard, and you will receive your sixth Pepsi product absolutely free. Credit will automatically be applied to your NOVACard after five purchases. Please visit http://www.nvcc.edu/novacard for locations and more information.
NOVA Woodbridge Theatre Group Presents “Come Blow Your Horn”

The NOVA Woodbridge Theatre Group is excited to present Neil Simon's comedy of sexual and cultural politics (his first Broadway play) titled “Come Blow Your Horn.” Remaining shows are **April 17 at 8:00 p.m. and a matinee on April 18 (Saturday) at 2:00 p.m.** Ticket Information are $10 for general admission and $5 for students, faculty/staff, children and seniors.

Tickets available at the door, or for reservations call 703-878-5750 or go to [http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg/reservations.htm](http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg/reservations.htm).

Showings will be at the Lakeside Theatre on the NOVA’s Woodbridge Campus, located at 15200 Neabsco Mills Road, Woodbridge, Virginia 22191-4099. To learn more go online to [http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg](http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg) or [http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg/CBYH-.htm](http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg/CBYH-.htm).

NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra's “Images of Spain and Russia” Concert

The NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert, “Images of Spain and Russia,” on **April 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ernst Community Cultural Center.**

Under the direction of its music director, Christopher Johnston, the orchestra will perform the Overture to Gilbert and Sullivan’s “The Pirates of Penzance, Edouard Lalo’s Symphonie Espagnole and Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition.” Guest violinist will be Marlisa del Cid Woody of the U.S. Army Strings. This concert will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the partnership between Annandale’s Division of Liberal Arts with The Reunion Music Society, Inc. NOVA Professor Emeriti Gladys Watkins will give the welcome at the concert.

Admission will be $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and students (with IDs) and children 12 years of age and under are free. For information and advance tickets, call 703-569-0973, e-mail joseph@pincus.org or call the Liberal Arts Division at 703-323-3114.

Annandale Brass Spring Concert

The Annandale Brass will present their annual Spring Concert on **April 19 (Sunday) at 4:00 p.m. in the Ernst Community Cultural Center.** “Spring Fling” features favorite short works by Johann Strauss, Mozart, Offenbach, Scott Joplin and Lennon and McCartney, all chosen by the ensemble’s music director, John Wright.

Admission will be $10 for adults, $7 for seniors and teens and children 12 years of age and under are free. For information and advance tickets, call 703-569-0973, e-mail joseph@pincus.org or call the Annandale Division of Liberal Arts at 703-323-3114.
CETL Workshops and Events Available for Faculty

- **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 on **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.

- **Tegrity: Exploring Another Option for Teaching and Learning.** Bryan Baudean, eLearning consultant for McGraw-Hill, will demonstrate uses of Tegrity for helping students review lectures. Demonstrations will be on **April 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a drop-in open house from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This session will take place in the Provost Conference Room, CE 202 (AN). Register at CETL@nvcc.edu.

- **Developing Effective Presentations and Grading Students' Oral Presentations.** Explore ways to help students with their oral presentations. Learning how to grade student presentations. Facilitated by Communication Studies and Theatre (CST) faculty. **May 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in LR 144 (LO).** Register at CETL@nvcc.edu.

- **So, You Want Your Students to Work in Groups?!** Explore five major communication strategies for developing more effective groups. This workshop is facilitated by CST faculty on **May 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in LR 144 (LO).** Register at CETL@nvcc.edu.

Event flyers may be found in the **attachment section** at http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Apr17-09_attachment.pdf.

**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. The event flyer can be found in the **attachment section** at http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Apr17-09_attachment.pdf.
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 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.

Fred Markham and Randy Michener recently hung several of Markham’s large drawings in Colgan Hall at the Manassas Campus.

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.
Monica F. Sasscer Retiring After 40 Years of Dedicated Service

Monica Flynn Sasscer, longtime faculty member, administrator and good friend to many within the NOVA community, will retire on April 30. Sasscer leaves the College after 40 years of distinguished service to the College.

She served the College in many capacities, most notably as professor of Spanish and as assistant division chairman for foreign languages, as well as coordinator of the Learning Laboratory in the LRC for 10 years, all at the Alexandria Campus where she also held a number of other administrative positions throughout the years. In January, 2000, she assumed the position of acting director of the Extended Learning Institute (ELI), and in 2001, she took on new challenges as the College’s associate vice president of instructional technology. Active in many college committees throughout the years, she served on the College Senate, several self-study committees, the Professional Development Committee and the College Emergency Planning Committee.

While we applaud Sasscer for her many contributions to the quality of education at NOVA over the years, we also appreciate her ability to lead with wisdom, grace and kindness. She has been a wonderful role model and a steadfast colleague.

Please join her for a retirement celebration on April 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the large boardroom in the Brault Building, followed by an Open House reception at the ELI offices from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Honor her by attending either or both.

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/Apr17-09_attachment.pdf.