Annandale Campus Authors’ Reception Celebrates Campus Faculty

The Annandale Campus Library recently held a celebration of campus faculty and their published works with a reception recognizing Annandale Authors. Held as part of the Library’s participation in National Library Week, the reception featured a display showcasing books written, edited or contributed to by currently active Annandale Campus faculty. A wide range of disciplines were represented, including history, English, biology, psychology, philosophy, information technology and tourism, to name just a few.

An appreciative crowd of faculty and staff listened to brief remarks of welcome and congratulation from Provost Barbara Saperstone, Acting Learning Resource Services (LRS) Director Carol Sinwell and Acting LRS Associate Director Ellen Wertman. Faculty members Laura Noell and Dorothy Seyler also offered comments on the current state of the academic publishing market and the significant challenges inherent in getting work published.

The library felt it was appropriate to recognize the scholarly publishing achievements of these distinguished faculty members, particularly impressive
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at an institution such as NOVA that focuses so intently on student learning and classroom teaching. Many faculty contributed clean copies and new editions of their books to the display, a number of which will be absorbed into the library’s circulating collection upon conclusion of the exhibit. The “Annandale Authors” exhibit will be highlighted in the library’s display cases through the end of April and includes an attractive brochure listing all included authors and their works.

Annandale Campus Authors’ books and exhibit brochures.
NOVA Postal and Distribution Services Staff Member Recognized for Outstanding Service

NOVA Postal and Distribution Services (P&DS) Team Member Tien M. Vo received the College and University Mail Service Association (CUMSA) Outstanding Team Member Award for 2008 at the regional CUMSA Conference hosted by Berry College and Kennesaw State University in the Greater Atlanta Area.

Vo was chosen for his overall contributions to the NOVA P&DS operation and professional development achievements by the CUMSA Award Committee. The award stated in part that Vo, administrative program specialist II, joined NOVA in 2004 having come to P&DS fully qualified in all areas of postal operations. Since arriving at NOVA, Vo has shown his great skills in numerous areas of the division. Within the first two weeks of employment he quickly learned the codes for postal operating and sorting systems, P-B Business Manager, MOS iMCM Accounting System and Mailing Equipment, ARMS Tracking System and APS Stores Inventory System. In working with the mailing equipment using his background and “tricks of the trade” he had learned over the years, he was able to solve many of the little bugs that we all encounter in our daily operations, thus saving downtime and service calls. His background in bulk mailing allowed him to move over to that area as needed to assist or cover this area of the operation.

This past year, NOVA P&DS was offered the opportunity to assist a county agency in training an adult with disabilities in job skills. A hearing/speech impaired adult came to the operation as a volunteer in the County’s Job Training Program. Vo took this person under his wing, and over a six month time period, he patiently developed procedures to train the volunteer in all of the areas of the division. His training was so successful that P&DS was able to hire the one-time volunteer as a P-14 employee.

On the professional development side, Vo has been a long time member of the USPS - Northern Virginia Postal Customer Council (NVPCC). In addition, he earned the USPS - MQC Certification in April 2007. While attending the 2007 UMMA Conference and the 2007 Greater St. Louis PCC Conference, Vo earned two USPS Certificates in: Mail Services Teamwork and Strategies and College and University Mail Center Manager Professional Certificate.

In order to be considered for the “Outstanding Team Member,” Vo was required to be a Non-Manager employee of a college and university operation that is a paid member of CUMSA (a minimum of three years of employment). He also had to demonstrate that he has made significant contributions to the overall operation of the campus mail services, made significant contributions in the community or to the overall college/university mission and has had professional/personal development involvement.

We congratulate Vo on this exceptional accomplishment.
Alexandria Campus Celebrates National Library Week

The Alexandria Campus celebrated National Library Week (April 13 to 19) with balloons, cookies and lemonade, and a chance for students to record what they liked best about the Library. On the afternoon of April 16, cookies and lemonade were served. All week long, students were invited to record their favorite things about the Library in special books. Student favorites included the Library’s expansive windows, the wide collection of plants, the library staff, prompt assistance, free resources and “books, books, books!”

Thanks to all who support and use the NOVA libraries. To read more about the Alexandria Campus Library’s events, see http://alexandrialibrary.blogspot.com/.

NOVA Learning Resource Services Staff Attend Conference

NOVA Learning Resource Services staff attended the 2008 New Horizon’s Conference at the Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center April 9 to 11.

From left to right: Hector Revollo (WO); Abid Mahmood (AL); Dave Williams (AL), director LRS; Sally Cool (WO); Dave Lavis (AL) and Steve Cool (WO).
Getting Out of the Classroom – General Botany Class in Action!

On the chilly late morning of April 2, the students from Lisa Williams’ General Botany class at the Annandale Campus met at nearby Wilburdale Park. As part of the ecology portion of their class, students were meeting with members of Earth Sangha, a local environmental group, to learn about plants common to riparian (streamside) areas and the important role they play in maintaining water quality. Chris Bright, president of Earth Sangha, introduced the students to the area and briefly discussed what impacts local water quality. For example, he pointed out a nearby run-off ditch pouring water into a stream, further eroding its banks. Lisa Bright and Tommy Ventre, staff members of Earth Sangha, brought out a variety of tools – pick axes, loppers and hand clippers – for students to use in their work. Everyone then set out to clear a portion of the park along Backlick Run of locally invasive plant species such as Japanese honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica), privet (Ligustrum) and multiflora rose (Rosa multiflora). The students wrestled with vines and clipped thorny rose canes to free native trees, such as boxelder (Acer negundo) and flowering dogwood (Cornus florida), from these pest plants. The vines were also bundled into large plastic trash bags or thrown into two large piles to dry for later removal from the park.

When students returned to the park two weeks later to replant native saplings along Backlick Run, conditions were much warmer. Ventre demonstrated how deeply to dig holes and also how to protect the seedlings by installing light green, translucent plastic “pipes” and then covering them with netting. The pipes, held in place with wooden stakes, allow sunlight and rain in but keep the saplings from being browsed by local white-tailed deer and other animals. The netting keeps birds from being trapped in the pipes. The soil along the stream is good, but much of it contains roots of vines and leftover stones from recently installed “rip-rap,” a stone wall encased in metal mesh that is meant to decrease further erosion of the stream banks. Students had to use pick axes to break up and move much of the stone so the saplings could be planted. About 70 saplings of plants common to riparian areas (streamside wetlands) were planted. These were mostly silky dogwood (Cornus amomum), elderberry (Sambucus canadensis) and spicebush (Lindera benzoin), as well as a few chokecherries (Prunus virginiana) and flowering dogwood. A number of herbaceous woodland sunflowers (Helianthus divaricatus) were planted along the edges.

Williams notes that she has always enjoyed taking students on fieldtrips but this was a different experience. She commented of the experience, “I saw my students in a new and very positive light – they were seriously engaged and interested in what they were doing. In light of the hard physical struggles two weeks earlier to remove vines, I was impressed with the students’ willingness to return to the park to plant the native saplings.” The president of the Wilburdale Homeowners Association stopped by to chat with several of the students and thanked them for working in the park. The members of Earth Sangha staff also commented that they were very impressed with the students’ enthusiasm and hard work. Additionally, most of the members of the General Botany class also volunteered to work at the Arbor Day Festival held at the Annandale Campus.
Manassas Campus Speech and Communication Professor Speaks to Local High School Students

On February 19, Libby Vick (MA), a Speech and Communications professor spoke to students at Osbourn High School (OHS) in Manassas. She presented on the tools to become confident public speakers and marketable interviewees for jobs. Vick also visited Manassas Park High School (MPHS) on April 8 and shared her talents with a group of students there as well. Vick has agreed to be the faculty liaison between the Manassas Campus and MPHS and OHS.

The Career Learning and Exploration Achieves Rewards (CLEAR) Program is a one-week summer enrichment day camp held at the Manassas Campus. CLEAR will bring 60 rising 10th grade students from MPHS, OHS and Battlefield High School to NOVA to guide them through career exploration, using practical and academic experiences. CLEAR is designed to broaden opportunities for students in various career and educational paths. This year’s CLEAR program will take place on June 23 through 27.

Medical Education Campus Celebrates International Week

The Medical Education Campus (MEC) had a fun and flavorful time this past week as students, faculty and staff participated in the annual, International Week, April 14 to 17! The Campus came out in droves as students, faculty and staff from Cameroon, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and many other countries celebrated the diversity of the Medical Education Campus, by showing off displays from their native lands and clothing in the MEC’s very first fashion show! Taking advantage of the beautiful weather they had food and celebrations outside. They look forward to next year!

Neelam Sharma and Beatrice Veney, dean of Student Services, enjoying the beautiful day.
Manassas Campus Phi Theta Kappa Adopts Two Highways

The Manassas Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Alpha Iota Zeta, adopted two highways adjacent to the Manassas Campus. Both Vandor Lane and Battleview Parkway will have trash removed four times a year by the PTK students and their advisors. This project is part of the PTK International Service Project, “Operation Green: Improving Our Communities.” On April 12, officers, members and advisers spent three hours collecting 16 large bags of trash in addition to other road-side debris. Ed Anderson and Susan Givens led the project as the PTK faculty advisors.

Pictured right: The PTK students (left to right): Endy Yan, Gretel Panting, Idris Hooper and Sara Boyle.

Photo courtesy of Endy Yan, PTK officer

CE-ESL Faculty Members Attend Convention in the Big Apple

During the first week of April, over 7,000 English as a second language professionals and volunteers from around the world convened in New York City to attend the 42nd Annual Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Convention & Exhibit. Terry Sereboff, Celia Leckey and Marjorie Wallach represented the Annandale Campus Continuing Education ESL Department. All returned tired but filled with so much enthusiasm that they have already given a series of mini-presentations showcasing convention highlights. In addition, plans are being made to implement within the program some of the educational techniques and strategies they brought back. It was a successful convention indeed!
Annandale Campus Celebrates World Heritage Week

Each spring faculty and students from the ESL Continuing Education (CE) Department and the Annandale Campus Office of Student Activities take part in World Heritage Week. This semester, Darlene Branges, assistant program coordinator, helped plan the celebration and coordinated activities including a display of international food, storytelling, fortune telling, games and mini-language lessons.

International students modeled traditional clothing representative of their culturally rich heritages. Among the many countries represented were Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Brazil, Namibia, Morocco, Thailand and Peru. CE ESL students Xuan Hua, Enes Yigit and Jung Gue Choi were responsible for the fantastic mix of music. ESL instructors Kathy Ferguson and Marjorie Wallach organized the show. Ferguson and ESL student, Vanessa Silva, served as emcees of the show.

Pictured top: Kathy Ferguson (AN), CE ESL faculty, one of the organizers of the student National Dress show, with the fashion show models.

Pictured bottom left: Mike Baker (AN), CE ESL faculty, with his students Kadra Youssouf (left) and Kang Ho Lee (center) at the popular board game table.

Pictured bottom right: Sharon Iyambo from Namibia
Manassas Campus Theatre Production of “I Hate Hamlet”

Students and members of the community at the Manassas Campus will perform “I Hate Hamlet” on April 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 at 1:30 p.m. Performances will be in Colgan Theatre at the Manassas Campus. Admission is $5.00 for all performances and tickets are available at the door. For more information, contact Kathryn O’Sullivan (MA), professor of Speech and Drama and producer of the production at 703-257-6595 or kosullivan@nvcc.edu.

“I Hate Hamlet” centers around a young television star, Andrew Rally, who has decided to expand his acting horizons by playing the role of Hamlet in a Central Park production, but is apprehensive about whether he is up to the challenge. As fate would have it, he rents an apartment once inhabited by John Barrymore, whose performances as Hamlet were legendary. Following a séance, the ghost of Barrymore appears to offer guidance to Rally and prepare him for the role. Despite Barrymore’s assistance, Rally’s premiere as Hamlet does not go well, and in the end he must decide between the easy money he could make by playing shallow TV characters and the satisfaction to be gained from taking on challenging roles on the stage. The play finds great humor in its characters and circumstances, poking fun at actors, Hollywood producers, agents, realtors and Shakespeare. See flyer in the attachment section.

Professional Development Opportunity

Accomplished author Dr. Gary Howard is scheduled to present at NOVA. His workshop, titled “Cultural Competence and Courageous Leadership: Creating Inclusive Institutional Environments” is an opportunity to supplement your skills while earning credit for professional development, through interactive sessions on multicultural issues. This event will take place on April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Bisdorf Building (AL) in Room 158. For more information, see the flyer in the attachment section.

Wallace Hutcheon Retirement Reception Rescheduled

The retirement reception for Wallace Hutcheon has been rescheduled for April 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the President’s Dining Room of the Ernst Center (AN). See announcement on page 11.

The College for Kids Program

The College for Kids program at the Annandale Campus will be hosting its 2008 camps starting on June 23 and running until August 15. This year, our camp offerings will be Cyber Experience, Digital Photography, Web Publishing, Theater, Soccer and more. For more information please visit http://www.nvcc.edu/annandale/continuing/kids/index.htm or call 703.323.3281 to register.
Business and Public Services Division to Honor Graduates

The Seventeenth Annual Student Recognition and Awards Reception for 2008 Annandale Campus Business and Public Services Division graduates will be held on May 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the forum of the Ernst Community Cultural Center (AN).

All Business and Public Services graduates are invited to attend. Graduates with GPAs of 3.7 and above, scholarship recipients and students who have been identified by the faculty for program awards will be honored. Also, the faculty will present the Fourteenth Annual William C. Hill Award to the most outstanding Division graduate. Hill, the first chair of the Annandale Business Division, served with distinction from 1965 until his retirement in 1989.

In addition, this year’s Business and Public Services Division Distinguished Alumni Award will be given to Kimberly Dunn Clements, a former Administration of Justice (ADJ) Program and Hill Award winner.

Duncan Tebow, acting division dean, will preside. President Robert G. Templin, Jr. will extend greetings from the College community and Barbara Saperstone, Annandale Campus provost, will welcome graduates and their guests to the Campus.

10th Congressional District Debate Scheduled for the Loudoun Campus

On May 22, the voters of the 10th Congressional District will have the opportunity to meet, talk with and listen to the candidates for the Democratic nomination. Dr. Judy Feder and Mr. Mike Turner, district candidates, will be at the Loudoun Campus in the Waddell Theater from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to “meet and greet” voters. Then, they will debate from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and “meet and greet” again from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This debate is being sponsored by NOVA and co-sponsored by the Sterling Foundation. Delegate David Poisson, 32nd House District, Virginia House of Delegates, will be the moderator, and State Senator Mark Herring will welcome everyone.

Students of Political Science Classes 135 and 136, American National Politics and State and Local Politics, taught by Rosemarie A. Pelletier, are organizing the event and developing and researching questions for the debate. There are about 50 students in these two classes. This event is the students’ culminating project for the semester.

Last semester, Pelletier's students, with co-sponsor the Loudoun Easterner, held a debate that showcased many of the candidates for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. In years past, Pelletier's class has sponsored other debates on Campus, a debate luncheon, sponsored two students to the General Assembly where they drafted several pieces of legislation that have either become law, study commissions or were amendments on other bills in the Virginia General Assembly.

For further information about this event, e-mail Pelletier at r pelletier@nvcc.edu.

The Intercom Wants to Hear from You!

The Intercom is for and by the faculty and staff of NOVA. So you are welcome to e-mail your articles and news to intercom@nvcc.edu! The deadline is EACH Friday at 5:00 p.m., for the following week’s edition (note: as usual during the summer, the Intercom is published every other week). For complete submission guidelines, go to: http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/guidelines.htm. Send your news!
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Everyone is invited to wish Hutcheon well as he concludes a long and distinguished career. Hutcheon has taught at NOVA since 1971 and served as the assistant dean of history on the Annandale Campus since 1974.

NOVA Disability Services
-A Word to the Wise-

In the busy and interactive educational environment, exposure to blood-borne pathogens such as Hepatitis B and HIV is a distinct possibility. Employees such as campus police officers, craftsmen and the cleaning crew face a greater chance of exposure, but anybody who comes in contact with blood is at risk.

Established precautions can be taken which will minimize such risks to faculty, staff and students. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the National Institute for Occupation Safety and Health offer prevention information at the following Web pages:

- http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/

Do you have a question regarding working with students with disabilities? If so, e-mail Carol Sweetser, special assistant for College-Wide Disability Services, at csweetser@nvcc.edu. Anonymity will be respected, but please provide your Campus. Check out the following edition of Intercom for answers.
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Order delicious, fresh, melt in your mouth Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts from the Office of Student Activities (CF 226 or 703-323-3147 or 703-323-3484). Doughnuts are $6 per dozen and must be paid in advance. Cash or check only. Checks must be made out to Northern Virginia Community College.

Pick up doughnuts from the Office of Student Activities (CF 226) at the following days and times:

Wednesday, April 30, 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1st 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.
Dr. Gary Howard comes to NOVA—an opportunity to supplement our skills while earning credit for professional development, through interactive sessions on multicultural issues.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Friday, April 25
ALEXANDRIA CAMPUS,
Bisdorf building, room 158
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Earn credits for Professional Development and supplement your understanding and competencies for communicating across cultures. The Diversity Committee and the Provost at the Alexandria Campus invite interested administrators, faculty, and staff members to attend a unique workshop on April 25 led by Gary Howard. Dr. Howard is the author of numerous articles on race, justice, and multicultural issues and he has developed collections of curriculum materials that are being used internationally. His workshop titled “Cultural Competence and Courageous Leadership: Creating Inclusive Institutional Environments” will be held in the Bisdorf Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For the past 35 years, Gary Howard has been working with leaders and educators throughout the United States and Australia on issues of diversity, social justice, and equity. Since the 1999 publication of his best-selling book, We Can't Teach What We Don't Know (Second Edition, 2006), this work has centered on building the kind of culturally competent leadership skills that are necessary if we are to be successful in our efforts to create inclusive and equitable institutions and communities. In this interactive session, Gary Howard will provide a conceptual framework and demonstrate several processes, workplace strategies, activities, and conversations that have been fruitful for many in guiding their journey from rhetoric to reality and toward building dynamic, just, and pluralistic institutional cultures.

Reserve your place (by April 23) for this interactive experience with Dr. Gary Howard by contacting Dr. Brenda Lewis-Holmes at 703-845-6162 or blewisholme@nvcc.edu.

9-11:30  “Teaching and Leading for Equity and Excellence”— Interactive Forum (College-wide all faculty and administrators)
11:30-1:00 Lunch in the cafeteria or bring your own
1:00-2:00 Keynote Speech by Dr. Gary Howard
2:15-4:00 “Race, Gender, and Social Justice”—Interactive Forum
Alexandria Campus hosts
A HBO documentary
ALIVE DAY MEMORIES
HOME FROM IRAQ

About the film: Executive Producer James Gandolfini interviews ten Soldiers and Marines who reveal their feelings on their future, their severe disabilities and their devotion to America. This is not a political film. The film illustrates and depicts how ten people deal with their disabilities and overcome life’s obstacles.
Alexandria student, Michael Jernigan is one of the featured Marines in the film. Mike will tell his story and will be available to answer any questions.

Tuesday, April 29th 5:30pm  Bisdorf Room AA 158

Light refreshments will be provided.
For more information, call 703.845.6222
FREE Movie Showing! Watch it before it comes out on DVD!

Date: Thursday, May 1
7:00 p.m. CC 111
Rated: PG, 123 minutes

When a missing page from the diary of John Wilkes Booth surfaces, Ben’s great-great grandfather is suddenly implicated as a key conspirator in Abraham Lincolns death.
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ARE YOU AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MAY 2ND?

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- Hosts to judges

Please contact Shonta Woodbury at 703-933-5041, via email at swoodbury@nvcc.edu or stop by Room 148.