Three NOVA Students Earn National Recognition

Three students from NOVA were named to national academic teams sponsored by USA Today, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the national honor society for two-year college students. All three are among 10 students honored as Virginia’s First Team, and one was named to the National First Team, representing the best and the brightest community college students in the country.

Carlos X. Munoz Burgos was one of three Virginia students named to the 17th annual All-USA Community College First Team and will receive a $2,500 cash award. Burgos, 22, from Quito, Ecuador, is an international political economy major with a 4.0 grade point average at the Loudoun Campus.

Atanaska Zapryanova Dobreva, 22, from Parvomay, Bulgaria, was named to Virginia’s First Team and to the National Second Team. She is a business administration major with a 4.0 grade point average at the Annandale Campus. She currently serves as vice president of scholarship for her PTK chapter and is a senator in the Student Government Association.

Also named to Virginia’s First Team was Sara Nourian, 20, from Herndon, a business administration major with a 3.9 grade point average at the Annandale Campus. Nourian is president of her PTK chapter, team captain of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and a member of the Student Governmental Association.

All nationally recognized students were honored at a luncheon on April 18 in Richmond, where Secretary of Education Thomas R. Morris was the guest speaker. Virginia Community College Chancellor Glenn DuBois and individual community college presidents named the top 10 students and recognized the achievements and successes of all 55 students on the All-Virginia Academic Team.

Each member of the All-Virginia Academic Team received PTK medallions and certificates. Phi Theta Kappa will provide information on the state finalists to four-year colleges and universities, for potential scholarship opportunities. The students on Virginia’s First Team will also receive a $500 scholarship.
NOVA Remembers, Reflects on Virginia Tech Tragedy

On April 19 at 9:00 p.m., the Medical Education Campus united with Commonwealth of Virginia colleges and universities across the state to hold a candlelight vigil in memory of the students and faculty who were killed and injured at Virginia Tech. MEC students, faculty and staff were given the opportunity to share their thoughts and prayers. Led by Dean of Students Beatrice Veney, the event showed support for our fallen friends and their families. The vigil was sponsored and coordinated by student activities.

Meanwhile, the Alexandria Campus held their own vigil at the Bisdorf building, organized by the student government. Students read statements from NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr., the VCCS and Governor Timothy M. Kaine and recited the names of students who had died earlier in the week.

Students expressed thoughts and prayers, while candles burned for the victims of the recent tragedy and in support for the families and the Virginia Tech community.

Top left: Beatrice Veney leads students at the MEC in a moment of remembrance. Bottom left: Students at the Alexandria campus reflect on the tragedy.

Counselors Available to Help Employees Deal With Tragedy

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) counselors are available at 1-866-725-0602 to provide support to state employees or family members in the aftermath of the tragedy at Virginia Tech. ValueOptions, administrator of the COVA Care program, has on-site professionals to help any faculty or staff member needing counseling services. For more information on the EAP services offered by the state health plans, visit http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/genlbenefits/employeeassistance.html.

Employees - Make Note of Changes to Educational Assistance Policies

College policies for educational assistance changed significantly since becoming effective March 26. One of the changes is that all employees will now use a single request form: NVCC 105-043. The Professional Development Committee worked hard to ensure that the new policies offer greater opportunities to all employees. They wish to thank the president and administrative council for approving these new policies. The deadline to submit completed requests to Human Resources for fall 2007 is August 20. Employees can review the new policies in their entirety on the HR Web page at http://www.nvcc.edu/hr/training.htm and in the “announcements section” of HR e-Service.

NOVA Idol 2007 Performances Posted on YouTube

Many thanks to Richard Attix at NOVA’s Television Center for posting the performances of all of the finalists in the NOVA Idol 2007 contest online. To view the videos, go to http://www.youtube.com, look for the search box in the upper right and type in “NOVA Idol” or “Piha61.” You can also catch the event on the TV Center Web site at: mms://vod01.nvcc.edu/vod/Public/NOVA%20Idol/Nova_Idol_07.wmv.
Gordon Talks About Fairfax County’s Strengths at Annandale

Gerald L. Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, paid a visit to the 15-member marketing program advisory committee meeting this April to discuss why the county is one of the strongest regional economies in the nation, along with detailing some future goals and planned initiatives.

*Gerald L. Gordon (center) with committee members (left to right) Kathy Smith, NOVA marketing graduate Dixie Eng, marketing program assistant dean Katherine Olson and Lisa Martin.*

Photo by Susan Hollins

Alexandria Campus Library Goes Green

On April 17, library specialists Marion Mirehouse (left) and Brandee Worsham (right) took the show on the road, bringing a collection of books concerning the environment and global warming to a screening of *An Inconvenient Truth*. Mirehouse and Worsham attended the screening and subsequent discussion to promote the Campus library’s resources on the environment, environmental policy and the range of scientific views on global warming. The Environmental Campus Community Council organized the event.

Library Celebrates Suggestion Book

On April 19, the Alexandria Campus library served birthday cake to students, faculty and staff in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Suggestion Book. The library inaugurated the book in April 1977 (the first question: “Why is it so crowded in here?”) and since then staff members have received almost 4,000 suggestions from users. Suggestions range from amusing, critical, social, laudatory, trivial, disapproving and even sexy (“Please purchase the *Kama Sutra*.”) The most persistent complaints are about noise and intrusive cell phone use.

Perhaps the biggest change prompted by the book has been the provision of more computers in the library and the expansion of services to include functional drives, the Microsoft Office suite, e-mail capability and the addition of online research tools. Other changes in response to the book are the sale of Scantron sheets in the library, the removal of the ban on food and drink and acquisition of numerous periodical and monograph titles (yes, they did purchase a classic translation of the *Kama Sutra*). A lot has changed in 30 years and the library looks forward to many more years of ongoing conversation with their users. Read more excerpts from the Suggestion Book archives at the Alexandria library blog: [http://alexandrialibrary.blogspot.com](http://alexandrialibrary.blogspot.com).
Alexandria Celebrates National Library Week With “Altered Book” Project

In celebration of National Library Week, communication design and fine arts program students at the Alexandria Campus presented “Text, Image and Form: The Altered Book Project.” Conceived to foster a multi-cultural exchange of creative concepts through teaching, dialogue and hands-on work, the project is founded on NOVA’s international relationships and commitment to global learning. This creative exchange involved students creating works of art from books. The designs were then displayed in the reference area of the library, where they could be surrounded by books.

The opening reception on April 16 brought student artists, friends, faculty and staff together to celebrate the collaboration between the art program and the library, as well as the transformation of old books into inspired works of art.

Right: “Da Vinci” by artist Jorge Vasquez was created from the book The Romance of Leonardo da Vinci by Dmitri Merejekowski.

Band, Chorus Say “Farewell, Dr. Bob”

On April 27, The 80-piece Alexandria Campus Concert Band under the direction of Dr. Robert Petrella and the 85-voice NOVA Community Chorus, directed by Dr. Mark Whitmire, will present the concert “Farwell Dr. Bob” in honor of Petrella’s last concert as director of the Alexandria Band.

Guest performers will be The United States Army Band Herald Trumpets, tenor soloist and voice faculty member John Lackey and retired announcer for the U.S. Army Band, Sergeant Major Bill Fox. The program will include Shostakovich’s Festive Overture, Nessun Dorma by Puccini, the first movement of Carmina Burana and many more. The free concert begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Schlesinger Concert Hall.

Upcoming Events at the Tyler Gallery

The annual Student Fine Art Show opened in Alexandria’s Tyler Teaching Gallery on April 25 and will run through May 9. This year’s judge was Trudi Van Dyke, curator and former executive director of the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria and the Ellipse Art Center in Arlington. Van Dyke brings years of experience judging the work of regional artists. She is currently curating the show, “Women of Steel, Men of Cloth” at the Suffolk Art Museum in southern Virginia.

Van Dyke will be back at the gallery on April 30 at 1:30 p.m., when she will present a lecture and question and answer session on opportunities for emerging artists, making selections for entering art shows and how she chooses work for the student show. All faculty and staff are invited.

College Community Invited to Karen Walsh Scholarship Luncheon

Faculty and staff are invited to the annual Karen Walsh Scholarship Luncheon to be held from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on May 4 in room AA 158 of Alexandria’s Bisdorf building. The theme will be “Cooking with Karen,” and the menu will include recipes from family cookbooks Walsh helped publish, as well as food prepared by Kitchen Gourmet. There will also be a cooking demonstration by Chef Jimmie McClellan. A portion of the $35 donation will be dedicated to future scholarships. Reserve by April 27 by contacting Shon Grant, Stephanie Sareeram or Jean Braden in the Alexandria humanities and social science division.
Dear College for Kids Campers:

Beyond safety and fun… for six years, Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), through its College for Kids program, has been preparing our youth for leadership in the millennium! Leaving no child behind, our camps acknowledge and plan for the different learning styles and multiple intelligences of children.

With low student/teacher ratios, we provide enriching hands-on learning experiences designed to tap imaginations, stretch abilities, and entertain the kids. All this in the unique setting of a college campus! I invite you to join us for our 2007 camping season.

Sincerely,

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COLLEGE FOR KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

For detailed information on all of our camps (including their location) or to register (24/7) for any of the camps, please visit us on the web at www.nvcc.edu/annandale/continuing/kids or call us at (703) 323-3102.

BEGINNING FRENCH CAMP
(KIDS 1921-01N)
Come along with Mademoiselle Monique and experience the language, culture, and etiquette of France and other French-speaking countries.
Dates: 8/6 – 8/17 (10 sessions)
Ages: 10 – 12 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $900

BASKETBALL CAMP (CO-ED)
(KIDS 1966-01N)
Not only will you dribble, shoot, rebound, and defend; you will also have daily gender-based competitions through league play.
Dates: Section 1: 7/9 – 7/13 (5 sessions)
Section 2: 7/16 – 7/20 (5 sessions)
Section 3: 7/23 – 7/27 (5 sessions)
Section 4: 8/6 – 8/10 (5 sessions)
Ages: 10 – 15 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $200 per section

CYBER EXPERIENCE
(KIDS 1909-01N)
Learn to build a PC from the component level, develop & publish personalized web pages, build robots, and create your own computer game. Advertise your PC/gaming adventure on a web page that you construct!
Dates: Section 1: 8/6 – 8/17 (10 sessions)
Section 2: 8/20 – 8/31 (10 sessions)
Ages: 10 – 17 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $800 per section

CARTOONING FOR KIDS
(KIDS 1901-01N)
Aspiring cartoonists will learn the basics of cartoon drawing, as taught by a professional cartoonist. They will learn how to draw their own cartoon characters, take funny jokes or situations and create cartoon pictures from them, draw a comic strip, and complete a finished cartoon drawing. Please bring the following required materials to class: 11"x14" tracing tablet, 11"x14" 2-ply Bristol drawing tablet, 1 box of HB soft lead pencils, an eraser, and several Sharpie fine point black markers.
Instructor: George Pieper
Professional Cartoonist
Dates: 7/14 – 8/4 (4 Saturday sessions)
Ages: TBD - TBD years old
Time: 9:00 am – 11:30 am
2½ hours each Saturday
(Total of 10 hours instruction)
Tuition: $93

JAZZ CAMP
(KIDS 1951-01N)
Come and learn about ALL THAT JAZZ! Advance your skills and expand your appreciation of jazz performance.
Dates: 7/9 – 7/20 (10 sessions)
Ages: 12 – 18 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $800

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP
(KIDS 1967-01N)
Take a photo and use Adobe Photoshop to edit it and add it to your portfolio. Experience a photo shoot in Washington DC and a trip to the National Portrait Gallery. Each student will receive their own digital camera. Discover if there is an artist hidden inside you!
Dates: Section 1: 7/9 – 7/13 (5 sessions)
Section 2: 7/16 – 7/20 (5 sessions)
Ages: 8 – 11 years old
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $450 per section

SPORTS BROADCASTING CAMP
(KIDS 1970-01N)
Learn to research, write, and tell in your own style the story of the sports season. Classes include field trips to broadcasting studios.
Dates: 7/9 – 7/20 (10 sessions)
Ages: 12 – 18 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $610

SCIENCE & NEWS REPORTING CAMP
(KIDS 1969-01N)
Young journalists will be trained in reporting, news photography, and explanatory research before going on four field trips where they will interview science and medical professionals.
Dates: 7/9 – 7/20 (10 sessions)
Ages: 15 – 17 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $840

STORYTELLING ADVENTURE
(KIDS 1971-01N)
Using multimedia materials, young authors will design their own journals, write stories, and illustrate their main character. Stories will be read before an audience at the end of camp.
Dates: 7/9 – 7/13 (5 sessions)
Ages: 10 – 12 years old
Time: 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $300

SOCCER CAMP
This soccer program gives players an opportunity to refine existing skills and learn new ones. The camp focuses on a tactical understanding of the game, soccer intelligence, and decision making.
Dates: Section 1: 7/16 – 7/20 (5 sessions)
Section 2: 8/6 – 8/10 (5 sessions)
Ages: 7 – 14 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $245 per section
For more information, please call (703) 287-0088, or visit www.linhartsoccer.com.

KOOKIN’ WITH KIDS
(KIDS 1968-01N)
Diversity is taught through preparation and tasting of international foods. Students learn about healthy nutrition, food handling, food safety, and recipe planning and preparation.
Dates: 7/16 – 7/20 (5 sessions)
Ages: 10 – 12 years old
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $450
For more information, please call (703) 323-3457 or email jsass@nvcc.edu. To register, call (703) 323-3281.

THEATER CAMP
Young actors will learn the arts of musical theater, acting voice and singing, audition techniques, and much more. The final performances are open to the public.
Dates: Section 1: 6/25 – 7/20 (4 weeks)
Section 2: 6/25 – 8/3 (6 weeks)
Ages: 9 – 13 years old (4 weeks)
14 – 16 years old (6 weeks)
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday
Tuition: $750 (4 weeks)
$950 (6 weeks)
For more information, call (703) 425-9134.

VIDEO GAMING CAMP
(KIDS 1972-01N)
Attendees use “game play and online tournaments” as part of their research into how games are made and what makes for a successful game. They gain valuable team and business skills as they work through a group gaming project from storyboarding to post-production marketing.
Dates: 7/23 – 8/3 (10 sessions)
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Monday – Friday
Tuition: $800

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