Annandale Campus Hosts Student Services Day of Learning Event

On March 20, the Annandale Campus hosted the Student Services Day event, where student services faculty and staff gathered to listen to guest speakers and participate in various student-centered workshops. This year’s theme was to “Kick it Up a Notch,” which was aimed at discussing best practices in counseling and advising as well as how NOVA can improve resources available to students.

The first guest speaker was President Robert G. Templin, Jr. who gave a presentation about the importance of student services, especially now during this tough economic time. He emphasized that now, more than ever, NOVA has both a responsibility to students as well as a great opportunity to see more and more students.

Following Templin’s sentiment was keynote speaker Cordelia Washington, who is the chair of the Division of Counseling, Health and Wellness at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, Arizona. Washington’s keynote presentation, titled “Shifting Paradigms: Moving from Point A to Infinity,” focused on maximizing resources in challenging global times for a new generation of students.

After the presentations, the attendees met in groups and attended several...
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workshops that featured Washington’s “Nuts and Bolts for Kicking it Up a Notch,” which was an interactive session for attendees to brainstorm and outline ideas for curriculum development and enhancement.

The event continued with discussions about creating a meaningful first-year experience and followed with new student orientation breakout sessions. It was truly a meaningful experience for all who attended.

NOVA Announces Social Media Outlets

NOVA’s Marketing and Communications Department and the Technology Applications Center (TAC) are proud to announce the debut of social media outlets. NOVA now has a presence on a variety of social media sites including iTunes U, YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn and Twitter due to the collaborative efforts of Marketing and Communications and TAC. Make sure to look at the special boxed section of social media links called “Connect With NOVA” on at the bottom of the College’s Web site under the “Current Students,” “Future Students” and “Faculty & Staff” home pages.

We are also proud to be recognized by Apple as the second institution in the state of Virginia to be approved to be listed on iTunes U Universities and Colleges page. Also visit NOVA’s iTunes U page for informative podcasts about the College, instructional segments, guest lectures and entertaining pieces like the popular 60-Second Chef series. You can also view intriguing video clips covering a range of topics from academia to the arts on our YouTube channel NOVAaccess. If you have a video clip you would like posted or a college event you would like videotaped, contact Instructor for TAC Robert Brown (CS) at rbrown@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3518.

Connect with fellow NOVA fans on our Facebook and MySpace NOVAaccess pages and see postings for a variety of college events. If you have a college activity or event you would like to share on our sites, contact New Media Specialist Sofia Moody (AN) at smoody@nvcc.edu or 703-323-2147. We hope you will enjoy these new NOVA Web tools! See page 4 for full list of social media outlets.
President Templin Reads to Camelot Elementary Students

On February 27, President Robert G. Templin, Jr. read to children of Camelot Elementary in Annandale, Virginia. This is the third year that Lillian Hill, the wife of Provost Sam Hill (WO), has requested that Templin and other community leaders come to read to her class of three and four year-old students. Each February many agree to participate to enrich the lives of little minds early.
College Rolls Out eVA-AIS Integration Project

Twenty-three college staff members took part in a training session that taught them to enter purchase requisitions in eVA, the state electronic procurement system. The session, held in early February at the Woodbridge Campus, was the first in a series of training meetings for the College-wide initiative to convert the paper 105-25s to electronic requisitions. Mandated by Governor Tim Kaine and supported by Virginia Community College System (VCCS), electronic procurement will result in a faster procurement process, easier determination of status, reduction of manual errors and improved budget control. Effective July 1, college budgets will be encumbered at the purchase requisition.

Members of the project team responsible for the implementation include campus business managers who are charged with carrying out training on their respective sites. Sessions began in March and will continue throughout April. Training takes place in eVAUAT, a simulated eVA production environment. Campuses will be activated in the production environment on an individual basis after training is completed. Read more about the eVA-AIS integration project on NOVA’s Purchasing Web site, which will be updated in the near future.

Members of the eVA-AIS Integration Project Team receive training to create electronic purchase requisitions.

Photo by Dave Dillon

Check Out NOVA’s Social Media Outlets

Did you know that NOVA now has 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)
The theme of the National Women's History Project this year was “Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet.” The Women's Center at the Alexandria Campus, sponsored an event which featured the film "A Sense of Wonder" on the life of Rachel Carson, who has been called the "patron saint of the environmental movement." Carson was a marine biologist, zoologist and author who was best known for her critically acclaimed book, Silent Spring, which alerted the world to the dangers of chemical pesticides and launched the modern environmental movement.

Following the movie, Elenor Hodges, the executive director of the Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), spoke about the contributions of Carson, described the mission of ACE, which focuses on local environmental issues, and led a discussion on how college students could get involved in improving their environment. Faculty, staff and students focused their discussion on the need for recycling at the Campus and the College. Refreshments were organically grown and give-away prizes were related to the environment and recycling. The program was co-sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Environmental Campus Student Organization and organized by Maria Lauron, a student volunteer for the Women's Center.
On March 19, students, faculty and staff at the Manassas Campus participated in the second of three events focused on the Common Reading book, “A Hope in the Unseen.” Theater students chose excerpts from the book to read to the audience. The students brought the book to life through their readings and character portrayals.

The Manassas Campus would like to thank the following students for participating in this event: Laura Clark, Steven Rice, Becket Warren, Mike Clark, Marion Dobbins and Sergio Mendoza.

The next Common Reading event will take place on April 16 with Cedric Jennings, the subject of the book speaking to the Manassas Campus. The presentation will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a book signing and reception following at 12:30. This event is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact Carrie Dorsey, Book Club advisor at cdorsey@nvcc.edu.
The Women's Center at the Alexandria Campus held a Silent Auction on March 19 to establish an emergency fund for students in need. Faculty, staff and students donated small furniture, dishes, games and services, and many of those same donors participated in the bidding process. Before the auction ended at 6:00 p.m., the bidding became more intense on items such as a bistro patio set, milk glass dishes and a mountain bike. The event was not only successful in raising funds, but it also provided an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to interact and created a sense of community for all involved.

Photo (from left to right): Laura Hatfield, career counselor; Dianne Daily, faculty member of Women's Center Advisory Committee; Ramani Kodali and Elisa Sachs, student volunteers at the Women's Center and Heidi Chapman, student member of the Women's Center Advisory Committee, who managed the Silent Auction set-up and entire event.
Annandale Campus Honors Students
Awarded Exxon Mobil Scholarships

Professor and Honors Director Richard Wilan (AN) presented Exxon Mobil scholarships to three Annandale Honors students at a March 24 ceremony in the Ernst Cultural Center Forum. Recipients were Stephen Howe, William Law and Tamara Ackley. Guest speaker Professor Roger Lathbury of George Mason University related the current Phi Theta Kappa theme, the “paradox of affluence,” to F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Great Gatsby,” in a presentation entitled: “Her Voice Was Full of Money.” The students are shown behind Professors Wilan and Lathbury, along with a display of the original edition of “The Great Gatsby” and related works.

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.

Senator Mark Warner Unveils Education:
NOVA-TV presents the video of Senator Mark Warner unveiling the new education Wizard. The press conference was held on the Medical Education Campus on March 13.
To view the video go online to http://www.nvcc.edu/tvcenter/vod/main.aspx and click “VA Education Wizard” under “V.”
Relationship Guru Greg Behrendt Speaks at the Annandale Campus

On March 23, Greg Behrendt, comedian and co-author of the New York Times #1 best selling book turned into a screen play, “He’s Just Not That Into You,” visited the Annandale Campus. He spoke to and entertained approximately 225 students, faculty and staff. Behrendt explained that he became a relationship icon by accident and how his book shot to #1 after an appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show. The essence of his message is simple – if you are happy and living a meaningful, life someone else will want to share that life with you. If you are in a relationship, your significant other needs to be available and treat you the way you deserve to be treated.

Behrendt provided great insight into the relationship dynamic and explained that whenever a woman would ask him for relationship advice, even before the book was published, he would give the same advice to her that he would give to his sister, whom he wants a man to treat with the utmost respect. If he is married or if he is in jail, he is not available, and if he is too busy to spend time with you, is not affectionate or does not call, “He’s Just Not That Into You.”

After being fired from a band he formed, he became a consultant for the popular HBO show “Sex In The City” where he met Liz Tuccillo and gave her relationship advice. Tuccillo was convinced they could write a book together giving the same kind of relationship advice, and that is how “He’s Just Not That Into You” was born. To his surprise, after his publisher read the book, she promptly broke up with her boyfriend. In an effort to gain popularity, the book was sent to Winfrey’s producer who tossed the book aside. However, a staff member ended up reading the book, broke up with her boyfriend and passed the book around to her co-workers when it eventually made its way up to Winfrey herself and landed Behrendt an appearance on the show. The next day the book shot to #1.

Behrendt, who is now happily married with two daughters, ages seven and four, shared some of his own relationship experiences with the audience. One of the key ingredients of his successful marriage is that his wife never asked him to be someone else.

It was a fun and insightful event for all who attended.
High School Senior Open House at the Manassas Campus

On March 10 and 11, over 250 interested students visited the Manassas Campus from southwestern Fairfax County, western Prince William County, Manassas City and Manassas Park.

Students were welcomed by Provost Hortense Hinton and Dean of Students Victor Bibbins. They attended workshops about the admissions process, program majors, transfer options, testing and financial aid. The Student Ambassadors lead the students on a tour of the Manassas Campus. After the tours concluded, the students were met in the café by faculty, staff and students for networking and lunch.

Special thanks to campus faculty and staff who made both days possible. Many thanks are also due to the Student Ambassadors who came in on their Spring Break to make a memorable day for future NOVA students. We hope to see all of them on campus in the fall!
Page-to-Stage New Play Readings Event at the Manassas Campus

This April, the Manassas Campus will be holding a Page-to-Stage New Play Readings event. These plays are written by students from the playwriting class and are original works. Manassas Campus student Mary Beane's full-length play read on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. and the ten-minute plays by Margaret Poethig, Dick Creps, Nathan McFarland and Micah McFarland will be read on April 3 at 8:00 p.m. Both events will take place at the Colgan Theatre. These readings are designed to help the playwrights by getting actor and audience feedback. Both Beane and Poethig have won Manassas Campus writing awards for their plays. Poethig’s play "Countdown" is currently one of 16 finalists at a national theatre festival. Creps has written several plays which have been produced at the Manassas Campus. Nathan and Micah Farland are brothers and aspiring filmmakers, and these are their first 10-minute plays.

The Page-to-Stage event will be dedicated to Milan Stitt, a wonderful playwright, educator and mentor, who died on March 12, 2009 of liver cancer. Kathryn O’Sullivan (MA), the faculty member coordinating the Page-to-Stage program comments, “Milan taught me much about theatre and playwriting. He made me the playwright I am today. Every play read during this event is a part of his legacy and I think he would be proud.”

Both evenings are free and open to the public. There will be refreshments in the lobby and a Q&A with the audience and actors after the readings on both nights. For further information, contact O'Sullivan at kosullivan@nvcc.edu.

Alexandria Campus Honors Hour

The Honors Program at the Alexandria Campus is pleased to announce that for its next Honors Hour it will host John Harrell, one of the principal actors from the American Shakespeare Center’s troupe at the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, Virginia. Harrell has been a resident actor at Blackfriars since 2002. His most recent roles include Bottom in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Malvolio in “Twelfth Night,” Richard in “Richard II” and the Fool in “King Lear.” Harrell holds a B. A. in English from James Madison University, and he is the co-founder of the experimental acting troupe Foolery, in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Harrell’s topic will be comedy in William Shakespeare’s play “Hamlet.” The presentation will be at 1:00 p.m., on April 7, in room 158 of the Bisdorf Building, at the Alexandria Campus. Everyone is invited.

NOVA Community Chorus and Others Perform Duruflé Requiem

Mark Whitmire (AL) will conduct two performances of the “Duruflé Requiem,” one of the most magical, transcendent pieces in the choral repertoire. The performances feature the Washington Philharmonic Orchestra and the NOVA Community Chorus, with the soloists mezzo-soprano Grace Gori and baritone Aurelius Gori. No tickets are required.

The next performance will be April 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School at 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

For information contact Whitmire at mwhitmire@nvcc.edu or 703-845-6097.
NOVA / Alexandria Renowned Music Faculty Perform in Concert

Professors James Jelasic, International Steinway Artist-In-Residence at NOVA, and Jon Lackey, professor of voice will perform Johannes Brahms' song cycle “Die Schöne Magelone,” one of the most exciting and beautiful pieces in the romantic music repertoire. This recital duo, with numerous recordings, has performed internationally to great critical acclaim.

The performance, also a benefit for the Alexandria Music Department, will be on April 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center located on the Alexandria Campus. Tickets will be sold at the door for $25 General Admission and $10 for NOVA students with ID. Paid adjacent tiered-parking will be available.

For more information, contact Barbara Ryland Wells at bwells@nvcc.edu or 703-845-6026. Please see the flyer in the new attachment section at http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Apr3-09_attachment.pdf.

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 9 and 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.
UP&COMING

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.

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/Apr3-09_attachment.pdf.