Semmler Receives Statewide Honor for Philanthropy

Richard D. Semmler, math (AN), received one of the Chancellor’s Awards for Leadership in Philanthropy at a ceremony in Charlottesville on March 31. This newly-created award, designed to recognize the vital role of community college benefactors, honored individuals representing each of the 23 community colleges across the Commonwealth.

VCCS Chancellor Glenn DuBois, in presenting the awards, said, “It is a privilege to be able to recognize these individuals. Through their acts of generosity, they inspire others to follow the example they set.”

Semmler, who has pledged $500,000 to the NVCC Educational Foundation, has dedicated his life to helping others. He is already more than halfway toward his goal, and also supports other worthwhile projects, including Habitat for Humanity, the Central Union Mission in Washington, D.C. and his alma mater, Plattsburgh State University in New York. The subject of numerous newspaper articles and television programs, Semmler has been instrumental in funding seminar rooms in the Ernst Center, Extended Learning Institute scholarships and technology grants for the Annandale Campus.

Congratulations, Dick, on your latest honor!

Dr. Thomas R. Morris Tapped for Commencement Speaker

The 40th Commencement ceremony for Northern Virginia Community College will be held Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center. Dr. Thomas R. Morris, secretary of education for the Commonwealth of Virginia, will deliver the keynote address to this year’s graduating class.

Morris, who served as president of Emory & Henry College for almost 14 years, was appointed to his current post in January by Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine. A seasoned educator, Morris also spent 21 years on the faculty of the University of Richmond, where he distinguished himself as a Constitutional scholar and political scientist. He is well known on a state and national level as an astute political commentator and writer.

An honorary degree will be presented to Dr. Bonnie Pfoutz, a retired and long-time member of the Northern Virginia Community College Board. Currently an assistant professor in the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, Pfoutz served for 14 years as Arlington County’s representative to the NVCC Board, including four terms as chair and three terms as vice-chair.

This year, more than 3,000 students are eligible to walk across the stage in their academic regalia. Commencement exercises are free and open to the public.
Rowdon Donates Generous Gift

Antonia (Toni) Rowdon, part-time nursing tutor and 2005 graduate of the MEC’s nursing program, recently told Kathleen Odigé, academic success center manager (MEC), that she wouldn’t be available to tutor for an extended period of time because she was having surgery. When Odigé asked about her well-being and if she needed assistance from the department, Rowdon thanked her and confessed that she was donating one of her kidneys.

Odigé recently had a chance to talk with Rowdon about her decision. She confided that the recipient of her gift is a close friend and neighbor and although there are risks to the donor, she felt the benefits far outweighed any potential complications. The entire cost of the donation process, including all tests, surgery and recovery, is covered by the recipient’s medical insurance. The time she misses from work is covered by her full-time position as a nurse with Inova Fairfax Hospital. Her family, although apprehensive at first, now fully supports her decision. Says Odigé, “Toni has a positive outlook on this experience and is an inspiration to others. We wish her a successful and speedy recovery and look forward to her return in the fall.” To find out more about organ donation, visit http://www.livingdonorsonline.org/kidney/kidney3.htm.

International Task Force Receives Grant

On March 17, the American Council on Education announced that NOVA’s internationalization task force has been awarded a $10,000 Innovation Grant funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. The grant will support a cross-curricular retreat in October for more than 35 faculty focused on globalizing courses and programs and determining global learning outcomes. Other colleges receiving the award include California State University, Connecticut College, Grinnell College, Knox College, Lewis and Clark College, Manhattanville College and Oakland Community College. Details and a call for participants will be released soon. If you wish to be considered, contact Dr. Paul McVeigh, chair of the task force, at pmcveigh@nvcc.edu.

Human Resources Updates

Human resources will host a meeting to discuss health benefits changes on April 18 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Ernst Center forum on the Annandale Campus. A speaker from the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Office of Health Benefits will present important information about health care changes for the upcoming fiscal year.

Keep an eye out for the next issue of Spotlight, the Commonwealth’s newsletter about benefits plans and programs. Every salaried employee, whether they are enrolled in a benefits program or not, will receive a copy of Spotlight through intercampus mail. The spring edition contains important benefits information, so please read it carefully.

New Electronic Resource Available - Ethnic NewsWatch

NOVA libraries announce the addition of Ethnic NewsWatch to their collection of electronic resources. This is an interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) full-text database of newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses, containing information dating back to 1990. Ethnic NewsWatch is now automatically included in any ProQuest search. For more information, visit the library database page at http://www.nvcc.edu/Library/databases.htm.
Over 80 librarians from Northern Virginia recently gathered at Alexandria’s Schlesinger Center for a half-day program titled “Making Contact: Connecting with our Community of Users.” Sponsored by Northern Virginia Region V of the Virginia Library Association (VLA), the conference focused on outreach and marketing to connect library users to services and collections. Presentations were given by Priscille Danco, head librarian at Robert E. Lee High School; Jamie Coniglio, head of reference at Fenwick Library at George Mason University and Rebecca Purdy, youth services manager at Central Rappahannock Regional Library.

LRS Director David Williams opened the program and Acting Provost Virginia Graves welcomed participants to the Campus. Following an engaging morning program, attendees had the chance to explore the Schlesinger Center and take a tour of the Campus Library. For more photos of the event, visit http://alexandrialibrary.blogspot.com.

**Blanchard Named NVEAC Vice Chair**

Myrtho Blanchard, director, human resources, has been elected vice chair of the Northern Virginia Employer Advisory Committee (NVEAC) of the Virginia Employment Commission. NVEAC works with the commission to enhance the delivery of service to employers and individuals in the Commonwealth, to assist in marketing those services to the community and to provide professional growth and development opportunities for employers. Congratulations, Myrtho!

**Woodbridge Receives Industry Grant**

The Woodbridge Campus received a $7,500 grant for education and training from the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association. “The grant will be used to teach students in our air conditioning and refrigeration program the proper application, fabrication and installation of fiber glass duct systems,” said Dr. Ted Maguder, dean of the natural sciences and mathematics division. “This gift will be put to good use in our new, state-of-the-art training facility when it opens next year.”

**Management Training Course Off to a Great Start**

The management training course, sponsored by human resources, is off to a great start with 18 employees participating who have varying levels of supervisory experience. Dr. Richard Drury, from NOVA’s Center for Employee Development, is teaching this ambitious five-session professional development class, which meets every Tuesday. Employees who are interested in participating in future classes should contact Kathy Weiner at kweiner@nvcc.edu.

**Arra’s Manuscript to be Published in Education Journal**

“Teachers’ and Students’ Preferences for Mathematics Interventions: Implications for Teacher Acceptability in Consultation,” a manuscript by Dr. Christopher Arra, psychology (WO), has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation. Congratulations, Chris!
Annandale Campus Faculty Present Exxon Mobil Honors Awards

Annandale honors students Jane Di-dalevski, Daniel Gordon and Lois Hansen were each presented with a $500 achievement award at a March 17 ceremony. Funded by the Exxon Mobil Corporation, the awards are based on achievement, faculty recommendation and an essay. Presenters were Dr. Joyce Brotton and Dr. Richard Wilan, co-chairs of the Annandale honors committee. The reception also featured a presentation by Professor Linda Gulyn of Marymount University, who discussed the influence of televised images on popular culture.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Joyce Brotton, Jane Didalevsky, Daniel Gordon, Lois Hansen and Dr. Richard Wilan.

Register for the Seventh Annual Fran O’Brien Memorial Golf Tournament

The seventh annual Fran O’Brien Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on April 28 at the Heritage Hunt Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia. Proceeds from this tournament, organized by the NVCC Educational Foundation as a tribute to Washington Redskin Fran O’Brien, will be used to finance the Fran O’Brien Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund. Washington Redskins alumni and other celebrities are scheduled to participate.

Faculty and staff can register for $200 per person, a $25 discount off the advertised fee. Volunteers are also needed to assist the Foundation staff with monitoring of prize holes and other activities throughout the day. Volunteers may attend the post-play luncheon and reception free of charge. Contact Michelle Beaini at mbeaini@nvcc.edu or John Ruffino at jruffino@nvcc.edu for registration information or if you would like to volunteer. Questions may also be directed to Beaini at 703-323-3023.

Annandale Business and Public Services Division to Honor Graduates

The 15th annual Student Recognition and Awards Reception for Annandale business and public services graduates will be held on May 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Ernst Center forum.

All business and public services graduates are invited to attend. Graduates with GPAs of 3.5 and above, scholarship recipients and students who have been identified by the faculty for program awards will be honored. The faculty will also present the 12th annual William C. Hill Award to the most outstanding division graduate. Hill, the first chair of the Annandale business division, served from 1965 to 1989. In addition, this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award will be given to Dixie Eng, a marketing program graduate.

Dr. Barbara Howard, division dean, will preside. NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. will extend greetings from the College community and Dr. Barbara Saperstone, provost, will welcome graduates and guests to the Campus.

Left to right: JoAnn Short, ADJ program head, Sara Swenson, 2005 William Hill Award Winner, Dr. Barbara Howard, dean of the business and public services division and William C. Hill, retired chair, business division.
Terrorism Seminar Offered at Alexandria Campus

On April 12, the economics department of the Alexandria Campus will present a lecture by Professor Brad Schiller from American University. Schiller is the author of the textbook used at the Campus and is known for his interesting and thoughtful nationwide presentations. The lecture, “The Cost of Terror,” will be held in the Bisdorf building, room 158, from 11:00 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to attend.

Arlington Center Ready for Summer!

Gene Brown, director of the Arlington Center, takes a break with Executive Secretary Danay Bell and the Center’s assistant administrator, Irvin Vann (right). The Arlington Center is offering 34 classes in the summer sessions; 85 are planned for the fall.

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The Seventh Annual Northern Virginia Community College
Fran O’Brien Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, April 28, 2006
Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club
Gainesville, VA

SITE
Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club
6901 Arthur Hills Drive
Gainesville, VA 20155
703-743-1000

TIMES
7:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Practice Range
9:00 a.m. - Tee Off Time
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Luncheon, including live music

RULES
Shotgun Start
Proper Golf Attire
No Metal Spikes Allowed

CONTESTS
$10,000 Putting Contest
Hole-In-One
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin

FORMAT
Captain’s Choice

COST FOR GOLFERS
$850 per foursome to include
3 players and a celebrity to be included as part of your team

$225 per person for individual registration (NVCC Faculty & Staff receive a $25 discount off this fee)

COST FOR NON-GOLFERS
$25 for luncheon only

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Carlton Kammerer
Charles Mann
Tony McGee
Bobby Mitchell
Art Monk
Mark Moseley
Brig Owens
Lonnie Sanders
Charlie Taylor
Ted Vactor
Doc Walker

FREE GIFTS
Golf apparel and assorted items

DEADLINE
All registrations must be received by Wednesday, April 19, 2006.

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Visit our website at www.nvcc.edu/foundation

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2006 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FRAN O’BRIEN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, April 28, 2006

TOURNAMENT: $5,000
• 2 Foursomes (6 golfers) to participate in tournament (2 celebrity guests assigned)
• Name recognition in promotional materials
• Corporate logo on all hole signs
• Special recognition at awards ceremony
• Opportunity to have corporate greeters at hole of choice

GOLF APPAREL: Laborers’ International Union of North America & Altria Group
• Foursome (3 golfers) to participate in tournament (1 celebrity guest assigned)
• Corporate logo placed on golf apparel
• Name recognition in promotional materials
• Special recognition at awards ceremony
• Opportunity to have corporate greeters at wind shirt table

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES: One-year Lease on a 2006 Saab Convertible (18th Hole) courtesy of International Motors. Hole-in-One prizes on all par three holes.

HOLE SPONSOR: $300
• Sign at designated tee
• Name recognition in promotional materials
• Special recognition at awards ceremony
• Opportunity to have corporate greeters at tee box of sponsored hole

SPECIAL CONTESTS
$10,000 Putting Contest Robert Moon, Smith Barney
Closest to the Pin $300
Longest Drive $300

PROGRAM PATRON
Inside Front Cover $350 ¼-page $75
Back Cover $400 ½-page $125
Full-Page $250

OTHER OPTIONS
Post-Play Reception & Luncheon Fran O’Brien’s Stadium Steak House
Beverage Cart $500
Driving Range Balls $300
Raffle Prizes $300

For more information, please contact 703-323-3023.