Faculty and Staff Honored at Fall Convocation

NOVA faculty and staff gathered at the Annandale Campus last week for the 2006 Fall Convocation. In his address at the Ernst Center Theater, NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. discussed “Where we’ve been, where we are and where we are going.”

The theme of event was “Student Success at NOVA - Living the Mission and Telling the Story.” In keeping with that theme, this year’s Convocation included a panel where three former students told their stories and expressed their appreciation to the College’s faculty and staff. Also new this year was a Knowledge Fair where faculty and staff shared their expertise on a variety of topics including using technology for student learning, accommodating students with disabilities and how the U.S. immigration system affects students.

As always, Convocation provided an opportunity for this year’s Sabbatical Award Recipients to share how they spent their time away from NOVA. Nannette Haid, art (WO), visited two different art colonies and put together a one-woman art show. Margarita Hodge, Spanish (AL), created an online learning module for LD learners of Spanish and Dorothy Seyler, English (AN), researched the life of William Bankes, early 19th century traveler to the Lost City of Petra.

Winners of the Outstanding Service to the College awards were also recognized, including teaching faculty Robert Brunner, Thomas Hardy and Alice Reagan; administrative faculty member Barbara Hatheway and classified staff members Janet Bush, Susan Liller and Paul Loving. Recognition was also given to Pat Daron, who previously received the 2006 SCHEV award.

Video of President Templin’s address is currently available on the television center’s Web site: http://www.nvcc.edu/tvcenter.

Photos by Kevin Mattingly
Dr. Dariel “Dee” Martin has been appointed dean of the Manassas Campus science and applied technologies division. Martin has been an educator since earning a doctorate in higher education administration at Oregon State University in 1972, and his background includes extensive administrative experience in developing educational programs and managing faculty and staff.

He came to NOVA from Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah, where for the last two years he served as assistant vice president of academic affairs and director for career and technical education. Prior to that, he was dean of the School of Technology, Trades and Industry. He has also held leadership positions with the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, Yanbu Human Resource Development Institute in Saudi Arabia, Utah Technical College in Provo and Linn Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon.

“I’m happy to be at NOVA because it appears to be a very progressive community college that is open to new and creative ideas,” Martin said. Welcome to NOVA, Dee!

The Manassas Campus held a “meet and greet” to welcome the new dean. (From left) Lynn Bowers, Dee Martin, Cindy Langguth, Cin Hill, Sara Boyd, Rick Aukerman, Victor Bibbins, and Pat Martin-Mattocks enjoyed the reception.

Tune in to “Beauregard Radio”

Angela Franklin, Alexandria Campus Webmaster, announces the second edition of “Beauregard Radio,” the Campus podcast. This latest program is about downloading music. Franklin answers the perennial question of where to find places to legally listen to popular music for free and discusses a bevy of sites that will keep your ears happy and your wallets untouched.

Based on the overwhelming response from the first podcast, Franklin has enlisted several volunteers to contribute to the effort. She plans to hold a workshop for those who’d like to learn more about podcasting and encourages anyone interested to contact her.

“Podcasting is an innovative way to capture lectures, assignments and feedback for students to download and listen to on the go,” said Franklin. Stay tuned for workshop dates and times and, in the meantime, give “Beauregard Radio” a listen: http://www nvcc edu alexandria Calendar/ podcast htm.

HR to Offer Supervisor Training

This fall, human resources will once again offer certification training for College supervisors. Anyone wishing to obtain certification should keep Tuesdays in October open to attend modules 1 – 5. These key workshops will be taught by Dr. Richard Drury from the Annandale Workforce Development/Continuing Education office. Participants must commit to attending all five sessions that will be held at the Pitney Bowes building in Annandale and will run from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Program details will be available in a future edition of Intercom.

For anyone interested in CPR/AED certification, see the announcement attached to this Intercom.

A reminder from the travel office - save those boarding passes! Whenever you travel by air or train, please attach your boarding passes to your travel reimbursement voucher.
Regional Library Staff Visits Annandale Campus

The information department of the George Mason Regional Library, a Fairfax County Public Library branch, visited the Annandale Campus library earlier this month. Nancy Ehlke, part-time librarian at the Annandale Campus who works at both libraries, organized the visit.

The group received a tour of the library by Ellen Wertman, acting associate LRS director, while Irene Osterman demonstrated some of NOVA’s unique databases. Jeff Prater, Ehlke and Nathaniel Brown touted the library’s services and resources during a reception following the tour.

The visitors enjoyed meeting their counterparts and sharing common experiences, especially since both libraries share some of the same patrons. The Annandale staff plans an exchange visit to the George Mason Regional Library this fall.

AL Police Force Welcomes New Sergeant, Officer

The Alexandria Campus salutes two new members of the police force, Sergeant Jerry Tolson (pictured at right, top) and Officer Tracy Gray.

Tolson, a native of Prince William County, is a familiar face to faculty and staff who frequent the MEC—he transferred from there in late June, just about a year after coming on board at NOVA. Tolson has 25 years of law enforcement experience, which includes serving as chief of police for the Town of Quantico, a detective with the Stafford County Sheriff’s office and a lieutenant in charge of criminal investigations for the Town of Dumfries Police Department. A licensed realtor, Tolson lives in Spotsylvania County and is married with three children.

Gray, a native of New York City, started working at the Campus on July 10. Prior to signing on with NOVA, Gray worked for the sheriff’s office in Alexandria. His law enforcement background also includes service with the Nassau County Sheriff’s department in New York state. Gray lives in Fort Washington but plans on relocating to the Alexandria area soon. His hobbies include photography, video editing and riding his motorcycle. Welcome, Jerry and Tracy!

Bailey Gittens Says Farewell to NOVA

Cheryl Bailey Gittens (left), stands with MEC Interim Provost Brian Foley and Beatrice Veney, acting dean of Student Services, at a farewell reception at the Medical Education Campus. Bailey Gittens spent more than 10 years at NOVA, the last three as director of the Health Careers Opportunities Program at the MEC. She also worked on the Annandale Campus in financial aid and as a counselor. She has accepted a job at Virginia Tech, where she’ll be closer to her home in southwestern Virginia.

Best of luck, Cheryl!
American Red Cross
Adult CPR & AED Course

For NVCC Faculty and Classified Staff from all college campuses
Sessions will be held centrally at the Annandale campus.

All cost for CPR/AED certification for employees is funded by the
NVCC Professional Development Budget

Registration at least two days prior to class date is required.
Space is limited for each session.

Register online by sending an e-mail to:

TO:     HRDtraining@nvcc.edu
CC:     ( your supervisor )
SUBJECT: American Red Cross Training
BODY: Pick the date you want to attend a training class and provide the
telephone number where you want to be notified of any last
minute changes.

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Adult CPR training objectives: Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

♦ Respond appropriately to finding an unconscious adult victim
♦ Initiate obtaining emergency medical assistance
♦ Determine whether the victim is breathing and/or has a pulse
♦ Initiate emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation measures until medical assistance arrives

AED training objective: upon completion of the course, the student will be able to
♦ Effectively use an automatic electronic defibrillator

Books and other training materials will be provided.