U.Va. and NOVA Welcome the Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies Program Inaugural Cohort

On July 24, students enrolled in the Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) Program attended their first orientation at the Alexandria Campus. The students received a warm welcome from NOVA faculty members and administration to include President Robert G. Templin, Jr., Provost Jonathan Guverra (AL), Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences Jimmie McClellan, Associate Vice-President for Academic Services Sheri Robertson, Special Assistant for Transfer Services Julia Brown and University of Virginia’s (U.Va.) Donna Plasket, BIS program director. During the orientation, students were able to network with their peers and become familiar with the Campus. Students will begin taking courses this fall.
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Faculty Co-Authors Cover Story for Regional Magazine

Shirley Nuhn, adjunct faculty member at the Annandale Campus, Languages and Literature, co-wrote the cover story for the August 2008 edition of Northern Virginia Magazine. The story, “School House Rock,” celebrates the strengths of Virginia colleges and universities. As one of the writers, Nuhn interviewed notable professors and alumni from four institutions. She also captured intriguing bits about campus legends and features that make Virginia shine. The issue includes a biographical sketch as well. To learn more or to get a copy of the magazine, go online to: http://www.northernvirginiamag.com/.

Woodbridge Campus Assistant Professor Elected to Editorial Board

Christopher T. Arra (WO), assistant professor of psychology, was recently elected to the Editorial Board for the Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation (JEPC).

The JEPC provides a forum for improving the scientific understanding of consultation and for describing practical strategies to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of consultation services.

Congratulations!

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Seven representatives from NOVA traveled to Richmond for the 2008 Classified Staff Leadership Academy.

### Alexandria and Woodbridge Campuses Participate in Welcome Home Celebration

On June 14, Flag Day, the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center hosted its Second Annual Welcome Home Celebration. This year’s event supported Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Veterans and Service Members.

The program provided a complete day of direct access to VA care, programs and community service assistance to those Veterans who recently returned from combat and are in the transition process. More than 400 Marines participated in this process.

Frances Villagran-Glover, evening administrator for the Alexandria Campus, and Tanya Kern, campus and community relations specialist for the Woodbridge Campus, represented NOVA at this event.

Pictured right: Tanya Kern (WO) and Frances Villagran-Glover (AL) proudly pose with NOVA alumnus and U.S. Marine Veteran Wade Span. Span recently graduated from NOVA and has transferred to The George Washington University.
Hire Heroes USA, in conjunction with 25 corporate leaders, partnered with NOVA to develop a program that will assist veterans transition to the civilian sector. The program allows veterans, wounded soldiers and Marines to prepare for the civilian sector by participating in mock interviews with industry hiring managers and recruiters, attending workshops on resume preparation and networking. Participants included soldiers and Marines from Walter Reed and Bethesda Medical Center.

NOVA veteran advisors as well as academic divisions participated and assisted veterans interested in higher education opportunities. The Wounded Warrior Corporate Immersion Program was a collaboration between several corporations to include CACI, the Internal Revenue Services, the Social Security Administration, Hire Heroes USA, the Armed Forces Foundation, Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval transition, EARNworks, Inverness Technologies, Trusant Technologies, Chenega Federal and Phoenix Therapeutic.

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A wounded warrior speaks with Veterans Advisor Michelle Holzhauer (AL) to learn about services available to veterans at NOVA.

Veterans Advisor Diane Malone (WO) offers information on NOVA opportunities.

The Intercom Wants to Hear from You!

The Intercom is for and by the faculty and staff of NOVA. 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: 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!

Next Edition: August 22 (Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on August 15).
Woodbridge Campus Student Service Center Retreat

On May 16, the Woodbridge Campus Student Services Center (SSC) participated in a faculty/staff retreat at Leesylvania State Park. Members of the Campus SSC spent the entire day engaged in hands-on learning activities and team building exercises.

Pictured above: Members of the Woodbridge Campus Student Services Center at the 2008 Retreat at Leesylvania State Park.

Pictured right: left to right: Barbara Eubanks-Thurston, Mark Bumgarner, Karen Todd and Cynthia Alvarado
Annandale Campus and TADA Theatre Camp’s Afternoon of Talk and Talent

Faculty and students from the Annandale Campus Continuing Education (CE) ESL program invited staff members and young actors from the TADA! Theatre Camp to join them for an afternoon of conversation, ice-cream and entertainment. CE ESL students led by instructors Christopher Kern, Stephen Lewis and Michael Baker performed a couple of songs, among them was “This Land is Your Land,” during which all of the participants joined in the chorus. The afternoon concluded with the actors, ages 8 to 13, performing several complete numbers from their shows — “Honk!,” a contemporary retelling of Hans Christian Andersen’s classic story "The Ugly Duckling" and "Once Upon a Mattress," an adaptation of Andersen’s “The Princess and the Pea.” Robert Vaughn, director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development (CEWD), was impressed by the event and expressed his hope that events like this would continue in future semesters.

Pictured top right: Christopher Kern, Stephen Lewis and students.

Pictured bottom right: Michael Baker and students.
Alexandria Campus Participates in the City of Alexandria’s 259th Birthday Celebration

The Alexandria Campus participated as a community exhibitor during the City of Alexandria’s Annual Birthday Celebration. The community activity allowed the Campus to provide information to participants pertaining to NOVA’s course offerings, programs and services.

_Pictured top right: Provost Jonathan Gueverra talks to a prospective student about the excellent opportunities at NOVA._

_Pictured bottom right: Gueverra takes a moment to speak with Congressman Jim Moran._
Alexandria Campus Welcomes New Appointees

The Alexandria Campus is proud to welcome several new appointees to include: Trudy Streilein, acting dean of Science and Applied Technologies, Keith Wynn, interim evening administrator and Frances Villagran-Glover, acting dean of Student Development.

Alexandria Campus Library on the International Move

The online tour of the Alexandria Campus Library (http://www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/library/librarytour/) has attracted international attention. Librarian Anne Anderson and Library Specialist Brandee Worsham collaborated to create the online tour in January 2008. After the tour was highlighted on the Library blog in February (http://alexandrialibrary.blogspot.com/2008/02/library-tour-hits-web.html) the story was picked up by the Hungarian Webzine FIKSZ K2, a non-profit, independent professional webzine. The webzine’s goal is to establish young adult librarianship in Hungary, which currently is not a separate field of librarianship there, and also to adopt and spread the theory and practice of Library 2.0.

The article, which can be read in Hungarian here: http://fiksz.klog.hu/351/library-tour/, was written by László Csobán, a student of library and information science. Csobán points to the Alexandria Campus Web tour as a good example of how to promote the library and how to use pictures and verbal instructions to introduce people to the library. He encourages his readers to listen to the tour for themselves.

To read more about the tour, the article and how it was found, visit the Alexandria Campus Library blog: http://alexandrialibrary.blogspot.com/.
Alexandria Campus Welcomes Entrepreneurs

On July 24, 131 entrepreneurs participated in a conference titled “Selling to the Commonwealth: Advanced Techniques in State Procurement” sponsored by the Virginia Department of Business Assistance (VDBA) and Branch Bank and Trust (BB&T). During this event, entrepreneurs were able to network with several exhibitors and attend workshops that were beneficial to the growth of their businesses.

The exhibitors included NOVA’s Office of Procurement, the Alexandria Campus Small Business Development Center, the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise, the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Virginia Department of Taxation, the Virginia Department of General Services, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), George Mason University, the Fairfax County Government Office of Vendor Relations and BB&T.

The workshops offered to the business owners included “Understanding State, Federal and Private Sector Certification,” “Marketing to State Procurement Officers” and “My Business is Certified and I’m Using eVA, Now What.”
Integrating Civic Responsibility into the Curriculum Workshop
Sponsored by the AACC and CETL

The Alexandria Campus will host a faculty workshop on August 19, titled “Integrating Civic Responsibility into the Curriculum,” an interactive workshop sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) for Achieving the Dream Institutions and NOVA’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). If you are interested in attending this FREE workshop, contact Nan Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.

Retirement Education Seminars and Group Counseling Sessions

On September 16, the Virginia Retirement System will be hosting a Retirement Education Seminar (RES) from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and a Group Counseling Session (GCS) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Both events will occur on the Annandale Campus in the Ernst Cultural Center Forum.

For more information on RES and GCS go to http://www.varetire.org/Members/RetPlanning/Index.asp. To register and to view the Annandale Campus map, go to http://www.varetire.org/Members/RetPlanning/Schedule.asp.

First Annual Alexandria Campus Fall Festival

You do not want to miss the first Annual Alexandria Campus Fall Festival scheduled for September 20. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering contact: Yolanda Barbier, campus and community relations specialist at 703-933-5076 or e-mail ybarbier@nvcc.edu. See the flyer in the attachment section for details.
2008 Outstanding Service to the College Award Winners

The Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation will award the 2008 Outstanding Service to the College award winners with a check in the amount of $1,500 at the 2008 Fall Convocation scheduled for August 21. The 2008 winners are:

- Kimberly B. Nicely (MEC) – Program Manager
- Mynora J. Bryant (AN) – Coordinator, Counseling and Student Activities
- Ralph Eckerlin (AN) – Biology Faculty
- Natalie V. Safley (LO) – Speech/Drama Faculty
- Leonard L. Palumbo (AN) – Business Management and Marketing Faculty
- Jeffrey Petrarca (CS), IT Specialist
- Vi T. Le (CS), Financial Services Specialist, Office of the Controller
- Connie A. Childress (AN), Administrative Assistant Sr., Math, Science and Engineering

On behalf of the College Awards Committee and the NVCC Educational Foundation, we congratulate our 2008 Outstanding Service to the College awardees.

Alexandria Campus Moves into Phase III of the Donald L. Bisdorf Building

After several months of construction, faculty, staff and students are settling into their new space. Please note that the following offices and departments have relocated:

- Provost Office - AA 287
- Financial Aid - AA 185
- Business Office - AA 187
- Parking Services - AA 189
- Office of International Outreach - AA 193
- Student Services Center - AA 194
  - Pathway Counselors
  - Veteran’s Advisors
  - Military Advisor
- Dean of Students - AA 195
- Lecture Hall - AA 196
- Academic Center for Excellence - AA 228 & 229
  - Math Lab
  - Writing Center
  - Tutorial Services
  - Peer Support Services
- Continuing Education & Workforce Development - AA 230
- Physics Labs - AA 385 & AA 389
- Geology Lab - AA 391
- Biology Labs - AA 393, 395, 491, 493
- Chemistry Labs - AA 485 & 489
- Adjunct Offices - AA 483

If you are interested in viewing more photographs of the progress of Phase III, please visit our blog by clicking on the following link: http://alexandriaphasethree.blogspot.com/.
Alexandria Campus First Annual Community Fall Festival
Saturday, September 20th, 2008

Volunteers can assist with the festival from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or in shifts within these times!

We are recruiting volunteers for the following areas:
- Festival Set Up and Tear Down
- Exhibitor & Vendor Registration Table
- Parking Lot and Grounds Crew
- Greeters
- Information Booth
- Stage Manager
- EMT (must be certified)

Many of these volunteer positions allow you to participate in the festival, as well. All Volunteers will receive a Free T-Shirt!

If you are interested in volunteering contact: Yolanda Barbier, Campus & Community Relations Specialist at 703-933-5076 or email ybarbier@nvcc.edu.