Annandale Campus Celebrates Groundbreaking

The Annandale Campus hosted a groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 17 for an 18-month project scheduled to begin early next year. The new construction will add an additional 10,000 square feet of classroom and laboratory space to the CS building, along with a science study room and a student lounge. The Campus also celebrated the grand opening of the renovated CN building (formerly home of the nursing program). The facility features remodeled classroom space and a new student lounge as well as administrative offices.

“Within the next 10 years we must find ways to serve an additional 25,000 students just to keep up with the population growth in our region,” NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. told the assembly. “To keep pace with these demands, NOVA must construct at least one new classroom building every year for the next decade. The renovations here at our Annandale Campus are another measure of NOVA’s determination to continue to be the leading provider of higher education in the Commonwealth,” he added.

Provost Barbara Saperstone provided an historical perspective, recalling that the day’s events were set in motion long ago. “We’ve worked long and hard to reach this point and we greatly appreciate the support we’ve received from the General Assembly,” Saperstone said. “This represents the end result of our ‘float the bond’ efforts several years ago, when—to encourage the public to support funding—we literally built a boat and floated it on the lake in front of the Campus!”

(From left to right) Annandale Provost Barbara Saperstone, Virginia House of Delegates members Vivian Watts (D-39th) and Albert Eisenberg (D-47th), NVCC Board Chair John W. Ryan, Delegate David L. Bulova (D-37th), NVCC Board Vice-chair Gregory Schuckman, NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. and Delegate Robert D. Hull (D-38th) wield shovels to kick off the renovation of the CS building.

Photo by Kevin Mattingly
The December 15 issue of Intercom will be the last issue in 2006.
We will return in 2007 with the January 12 edition.

Templin Addresses National Conference

NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. presented “Changing Student Access” to the 2006 National Higher Education Leadership Conference in New York City earlier this month.

The annual event, sponsored by the TIAA-CREF Institute, is designed primarily for college and university presidents from across the country. Sharing the platform with Templin were Vassar College President Catharine Bond Hill and Miami University of Ohio President Emeritus James Garland.

NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. gets his message across at the New York conference earlier this month.

Faculty Invited to Resource Fair

All faculty are invited to attend a resource fair on January 12 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Ernst Center forum. This event, in conjunction with NOVA New Faculty Orientation II, is an opportunity to learn more about services offered at the College. Some of the areas represented include:

- Academic Assessment and Services
- Affirmative Action, Minority and Legal Affairs
- Barnes and Noble bookstores
- Research, Planning and Assessment
- NVCC Educational Foundation
- Extended Learning Institute,
- Financial aid services
- Grants and Special Projects
- Human Resources
- Institutional Research and Marketing
- Instructional and Information Technology
- Learning Resource Centers
- MERLOT
- The Northern Virginia Review
- Printing services
- Public Information
- Student Services and Enrollment Management
- Technical Applications Center
- Technical Support Services
- Television Center
- VCCS Center for Teaching Excellence
- Workforce Development

For more information, contact Nan Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.

Combined Virginia Campaign Extended

The Combined Virginia Campaign (CVC) has been extended to December 15 and, with the support of NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr., Vice President Alison Baker and Myrtho Blanchard (HR), the College will offer an extra bonus incentive for the final two weeks of this campaign.

Thanks to all who have contributed, the CVC has currently raised $16,047 ($8,000 less than last year). Anyone who contributes by payroll deduction will be eligible for an additional bonus hour to use at the beginning, middle or end of the workday between now and December 21. This will need to be done in coordination with supervisors.

Those who contributed prior to December 5 are retroactively entitled to the bonus hour. HR has a list of those contributors. If you or your supervisor have any questions, please contact Susan Barth at sbarth@nvcc.edu.

Let’s work together to exceed last year’s total contribution and help those who are less fortunate!

HR Announces Premium Changes

Employees who have voluntary premium deductions for UNUM/Provident or Aetna benefit programs will see premium increases in their December 16 paychecks. The change is due to the increase in employees’ salaries that were effective November 25. For more information, call the HR office to speak to any member of the benefits staff.
Sullivan Takes on New Role at Woodbridge Campus

Dennis Sullivan has recently been hired as a career counselor in the Student Services Center at the Woodbridge Campus. His duties will include providing career counseling and employment-related services to students, as well as general counseling and academic advising.

Sullivan transferred from the Manassas Campus Office of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, and his knowledge of the “NOVA way” should prove helpful during his transition. He is looking forward to working with students and helping them to identify and reach their career and academic goals. Best wishes, Dennis!

Faculty and Staff Online Parking Permit Registration Now Available

Online parking permit registration is now available for all full-time faculty, adjunct faculty and P-3 classified staff. This new service allows you to obtain permits online and eliminates the need to visit the parking office in person or submit paper applications through your unit.

After you place your order, permits will be mailed directly to your home address. One new feature of the program is the availability of a printable seven-day pass for immediate use while waiting for your permit to arrive. Click on the appropriate button, print out your pass and follow the instructions.

You must be in the NovaConnect system and have an EMPLID to use the online service. Units will need to process hiring packages promptly for new hires in order for them to take advantage of this new service. This is especially important at the beginning of each semester.

You will still need to visit a parking office if you already have two vehicles registered and need to add a third or if you want to turn in a permit to remove a vehicle from your account. Employees who are eligible to obtain permits online and who choose not to do so will have to submit individual applications, approved by their supervisors, to their campus parking office. Permits will no longer be issued to departments.

Community service and P-14 employees are not able to use the system at this time. The parking services Web site (https://nvccparking.t2system.com/cmn) will continue to accept parking citation appeals and payments.

NOVA Offers Professional Development Opportunities to all Faculty

All faculty are invited to participate in two new professional development events this January. “Power Up Your Pedagogy” is a free, three-day conference for teaching and learning with more than 50 concurrent sessions scheduled, presented by NOVA faculty members. The sessions will be held in the Ernst Center on January 3, 4 and 8, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There will be light food and door prizes. This is a great way to refresh your teaching acumen. For a schedule, go to http://www.nvcc.edu/annandale/tlc/.

On January 12, the Faculty Resource Fair will offer an opportunity to learn more about the support services that are available for all teaching faculty at the College. More than 25 exhibits are planned. For more information, see the article about the resource fair on page 2 of this edition of Intercom.

Also, don’t forget that New Faculty Orientation II is scheduled for January 12, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Ernst Center. This is for all full-time faculty hired since August 2006. New Faculty Orientation III (the final orientation session for all full-time faculty hired in August 2005) is scheduled for January 5, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Nan Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.

This Week’s Television Center Link - Annandale Groundbreaking

Producer/Director Richard Attix sends along the latest link from the Television Center - video of the Annandale Campus groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony on November 17. View the video here: mms://NOVAMEDIA.nvcc.edu/PUBLIC_VIDEOS/Annandale_Groundbreaking.wmv