Newt Speaks at NOVA!

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich took center stage before a standing room only crowd at the Ernst Center forum last week, courtesy of the College’s Student Activities Leadership Team and Generation Engage. Through Apple’s iChat video conferencing technology, students at two other community colleges - LaGuardia in New York City and Wake Tech in Raleigh, North Carolina - participated in the forum. Gingrich encouraged greater involvement in the political process, asking, “Why do you think other people are going to carry you? If you're not active, you're the first person to blame.”

Gingrich observed that there are a lot of avenues available for young people interested in public service, but when it comes to elected officials, his advice was simple: “If you have politicians you don't like, go beat them. Why aren’t you running?”

Following his opening remarks, Gingrich answered questions. Chris Lewis, Virginia director for Generation Engage, moderated the discussion. Generation Engage was started in 2005 with the primary goal of raising civic awareness among young adults from 18 to 25 years of age. The event drew a great deal of media attention, including C-Span, the BBC and The Washington Post.

PIP Wins National Advertising Awards

The office of Public Information and Publications has three winning entries in the 21st annual Admissions Advertising Awards, the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. NOVA's new 60-second radio spot (“Testimonials”) received a bronze award in the radio commercial category. The accompanying 30-second TV spot received a merit award in the television commercial category, and winning another merit award in the newspaper advertising category was one of the series of “Smart” ads that were produced to enhance the College's image and increase enrollment.

This year, over 2,500 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges and universities from all fifty states and several foreign countries. Judges for the Admissions Advertising Awards consisted of a national panel of admissions marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals and the editorial board of Admissions Marketing Report, sponsors of the competition. Admissions Marketing Report is the nation’s leading marketing publication for higher education, read by nearly 4,000 admissions marketers.
MEC Group Travels to Richmond

A delegation of 22 students, faculty and staff from the Medical Education Campus made its way to Richmond on February 1 for a visit to the Capitol building, where they met with a number of state delegates and spoke with VCCS Chancellor Glenn DuBois.

During their visit, student Vilma Romero gave testimony to the Senate finance committee on the transfer scholarship incentive program bill. This program would allow scholarship opportunities for graduates of community colleges to attend Virginia four-year institutions at the community college tuition rate.

MEC Provost Charlene Connolly, NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. and VCCS Chancellor Glenn DuBois pose with the MEC delegation during its visit to the Capitol.

Payroll Deduction Opportunities

Each year, the NVCC Educational Foundation asks faculty and staff to consider donating to campus-designated projects. Please note project changes below:

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Phonathon Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the NVCC Educational Foundation phonathon scheduled for March 13-16 and 20-23 in the Brault building boardroom. Each evening will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a brief training session. The phonathon will last from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. and will be followed by drawings for prizes.

The money raised during the event is designated for the Annual Fund which supports awards for outstanding faculty and staff, faculty grants and operating funds for the Alumni Federation and other academic programs. Every campus benefits from the funds raised, so bring a friend, have fun and enjoy helping others. Official NOVA clubs and programs will receive $100 for every eight volunteers who participate. For more information or to sign-up, call Bonnie Idle at 703-323-3749.

Reminder - 2006 Service Awards Luncheon

The NOVA Service Awards Luncheon, honoring employees completing 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of state service, will be held on March 27 at Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax. Social time and cash bar will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

A list of honorees is attached to this edition of Intercom. Please check the list for the appropriate spelling of your name and the correct number of years of service, as certificates will be based on this list. Changes or corrections must be submitted before April 14. To verify years of service, contact human resources at 703-323-3050.

Invitations will be mailed this month. If your home address has changed recently, inform human resources immediately. Employees must RSVP by March 17. Please indicate on the card if you will bring a guest and enclose a $26 check made payable to Northern Virginia Community College for each guest. The College pays for employees receiving awards. Send your reply to College Government Affairs and Community Relations. For more information call Geri Dolan at 703-323-3753.
Templin, School Officials Discuss “Pathways”

Representatives from George Mason University and Fairfax and Loudoun County Public Schools met with NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. and other College officials last week to discuss the Pathways to the Baccalaureate program. Designed to enhance access to baccalaureate higher education, the goal of the program is to provide a framework to ensure that qualified Northern Virginia high school students have readily accessible and efficient opportunities to pursue a four-year degree.

The program provides an environment for a smooth transition for students from high school through the community college to the four-year college or university. During the first year of the program, it is anticipated that NOVA’s Pathways counselors will work with approximately 65 high school seniors from 11 schools in Loudoun County, and approximately 235 students from four schools in Fairfax County.

Fairfax County Public School Superintendent Jack Dale (left) reviews notes with NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr.

MEC Receives Scholarship Funds

MedCertify, Inc. recently presented the Medical Education Campus with funding for four scholarships with a combined value of $20,000: two in medical clinical coding and two in medical transcription.

The MEC recently joined forces with MedCertify to provide video-based medical coding courses with online access to lectures, exercises and quizzes, as well as live instruction through online presentations.

Deb Mueller (left), Dr. Charlene Connolly (center) and Ronda Hall (right) receive certificates from MedCertify’s Michael Zimmerman and Geoffrey Power.

President’s Sabbatical Award Recipients Named

Teresa Blier (AL), Linda Simmons (MA) and Jenny Sullivan (AN) have been selected as recipients of the President’s Sabbatical Award for 2006-2007. Their proposals were chosen because they reflected the outstanding accomplishments and goals of the talented faculty at NOVA. They will be introduced at the fall 2006 Cross Campus Day and the results of their projects will be presented the following year. Congratulations and best wishes for successful projects.

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2006 SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON RECIPIENTS

Ten Years

12 Month Faculty
James B. Fabian, Cheryl B. Gittens

9 Month Faculty

Classified Staff

Adjunct Faculty
Benjamin D. Cromer, Thaddeus Furlong, Lawrence D. Liedtke, Tommye T. Lockman, David B. Payne, Peter S. Whitehead, Carol Wright

Fifteen Years

12 Month Faculty
Ronald T. Buchanan

9 Month Faculty

Classified Staff
Celestine Cool, Frank S. Dreistadt, Cheryl A. Holser, Robert C. McGrory, Daniel Russell, Khanh D. Vu, Daniel R. Wells, Claire H. Wynn

Adjunct Faculty
Robert J. Cash, Elizabeth J. Disilvio, Elizabeth O. Doyle, Albert L. Smith

Twenty Years

12 Month Faculty
Reginald A. Clarke, Everett V. Eberhardt, Gail E. Hunter

9 Month Faculty
Shahokh L. Ahmadi, Clara Ford, Constantin Frasinel, Victor Ginoba, Mary D. Hanrahan, Rassa Rassai, Nazanin Saidi, Linda J. Simmons, Yolanda I. Smith

Classified Staff
Sonia Aboulhosn, Judith L. Benavides, Robert G. Duvall, John P. Golding, Laurie C. Mergler, Tsegaye Shimeles, Lucas S. Wang, Michael S. Wood

Adjunct Faculty
Kenneth E. Brown, Jesse L. Mathusa, Ralph Ostrich
Twenty Five Years

12 Month Faculty
Virginia Graves, Mary I. Harrison, Jennifer M. Reynolds

9 Month Faculty
John E. Hurley, Charlene T. Phillips, Reva A. Savkar, Darius L. Spence

Classified Staff
Joyce V. Cain, Jo Ann Duron, Mark H. Grigg, Kimberly A. Gross, Giovanni H. Ladaga, Richard E. Rouse, James A. Thompson, Robert C. Williamson

Adjunct Faculty
Rachel E. Ersoz, John J. Kronebusch, Eileen M. McCreight, George S. Pever

Thirty Years

12 Month Faculty
Betty J. Beyer, Barbara S. Hatheway

9 Month Faculty

Classified Staff
Phoebe M. Brackett, Patricia D. Carrow, Susan W. Liller, Merrilee A. Scida, Michael G. Tedros

Adjunct Faculty
Rosalind C. Hoagland, Larry D. Stout

Thirty Five Years

12 Month Faculty
Donatus C. Hayes, M. Charlotte Wilhelmi

9 Month Faculty
Susan M. Baldwin, Ralph P. Eckerlin, Joyce H. Fairchild, Martha B. Gwatney, Wallace S. Hutcheon, Jr., Leonard J. Mather, Walter E. Ratcliff, Jr., Clarence C. Wolfe

Adjunct Faculty
Mary F. Wise

If you have questions regarding your years of service, please call human resources at 703-323-3050. Contact College Government Affairs regarding luncheon reservations at 703-323-3753.
NVCC Educational Foundation*

2006 Payroll Deduction Campaign for Northern Virginia Community College

Together—We make the College Great!

Payroll Deduction Form

In response to the needs of the College and its faculty and staff, I hereby authorize the following contribution to the NVCC Educational Foundation via payroll deduction as indicated below:

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[Sample Payroll Deduction: $5 per pay period  X  24 pay periods = $120 total contribution]

Payroll Deduction Forms received by December 16th will be processed in the January 16th paycheck.

9-month employee: _________   x   18 pay periods = ___________________ Total

(specify amount)

12-month employee: _________   x   24 pay periods = ___________________ Total

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On-time donation by check or credit card = ___________________ Total

Signature to authorize payroll deduction ________________________________

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Please print and complete this form and return it at your earliest convenience to:

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