Seniors Become Freshmen in New Partnership

The Alexandria Campus business division has entered into a unique relationship with Goodwin House, the continuing care retirement community located just across the street, to provide credit classes for residents interested in learning more about computers. Two IT courses, which started February 12, are being held in the Campus' computer lab.

Many of the residents have been out of school for several years, so faculty and staff representatives went to Goodwin House to assist with on-site registration and tuition payment. Dr. John Min, interim dean, along with Alessi Bland, Dr. Yolanda Smith, Ed Delean and Kevin Reed (all of the business division) were on hand to provide information, guidance and encouragement to the group, who were eager and excited about beginning their studies.

Shanon Bobb from student services and Pamela Hill and Carrie Anderson from the business office, helped with the ins and outs of filling out application forms and figuring out tuition payments. Sue Davis from the public information office will be following the progress of the class over the course of the semester and working on a comprehensive article about this rewarding, collaborative project.

2007 Service Awards Luncheon Set for March 26

NOVA’s Service Awards Luncheon honoring employees completing 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service with the Commonwealth of Virginia will be held on March 26 at Waterford at Springfield (note this year’s new location), 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield, Virginia. Social time with cash bar will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

A list of honorees is attached to this edition of Intercom. The employment cut off date to receive an award for service time is June 30, 2007. Check the list for the appropriate spelling of your name as well as years of service, as certificates will be made based on this list. Changes or corrections to certificates must be submitted before April 13. Contact human resources at 703-323-3050 to verify years of service.

Invitations will be mailed later this month. If your home address has changed, please inform HR. Employees must RSVP by March 16. Please indicate if you will bring a guest and enclose a $26 check made payable to Northern Virginia Community College for each guest. Send your reply to College Government Affairs and Community Relations. For more information, call Geri Dolan at 703-323-3753.
Alexandria Campus Hosts College’s First Passport Fair

The Alexandria Campus, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service (USPS) held the College’s first Passport Fair on February 6. More than 55 individuals, mostly members of the community, signed up to apply for new passports or renew those which were expiring. Under a new federal law that went into effect last month, all U.S. citizens are required to have passports when flying into the country, even if coming from Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean, which had all previously been exempt.

Yolanda Barbier, student services specialist, coordinated the fair, which was the first that had ever been held on a college campus. Thanks to the publicity generated in the Washington Post and other local papers, the USPS was pleased with the turnout and plans to hold fairs at some of NOVA’s other campuses later this semester.

HR to Offer Free Spanish Course

HR is organizing an eight-week functional Spanish skills class. Classes will meet each Monday beginning March 19 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Annandale Campus. The objective of this class is to introduce basic language skills and Spanish culture. Employees from all campuses are welcome. The instructor will be Dr. Alicia María de la Torre Falzon, professor of Spanish. To register, send an e-mail to HRDtraining@nvcc.edu with the subject line “Functional Spanish Skills Class.” All registrations will be confirmed by return e-mail and the assigned classroom will be given at that time.

Perks Cards Available to All Employees

Perks Cards have arrived! College employees can get discounts at national chains and from local businesses throughout the state when they use their Commonwealth of Virginia Perks Card. And it costs nothing to get one!

If you have not yet received yours, contact Susan Barth in the human resources office at sbarth@nvcc.edu and she’ll send one to you. Visit http://www.dhrm.state.va.us and click on “programs and events” then “perks card” to find out more about all the perks that are available to state employees.

Virginia Community College System Unveils New Logo

The Virginia Community College System has a new logo that is replacing all previous looks with a target date of April 1 for full implementation. The Systems Office in Richmond is urging all 23 community colleges to begin replacing the old logo with the new design immediately, for all appropriate applications. Copies of the logo and guidelines are available at http://www.vccs.edu/newlogo.

The logo was developed by Reingold, a marketing firm based in Washington, D.C. with whom the VCCS has been working since June 2006. Together, they’ve developed a number of strategic marketing and communications materials, including a new Web site that will be launched later this spring.

Reminder: Intercom will not publish next week due to the President’s Day holiday. The next issue will be dated March 2.
MEC Celebrates Women’s Heart Health

On the first day of February, the Medical Education Campus celebrated women’s heart health with some help from Wren Grobusky of the American Heart Association. Grobusky stopped by to help educate and motivate students on the importance of maintaining a healthy heart in today’s fast-paced society.

The goal of the event was to encourage students to wear red in support of heart health research. Students, faculty and staff who wore red were treated to healthy snacks and giveaways provided by the American Heart Association. Donations were also accepted for the cause.

From left to right: Acting Facilities Manager Brian Bristow, Jessica Hutsko (student activities), student Yadco Sharif, Interim Dean of Nursing Diane Wilson, Amanda Burdette (WDCE staff), Dean of Students M. Beatrice Veney and Latonya Wallace (academic advisor).

Science Seminar Explores the Field of Marine Biology

A science seminar will be held on February 23 in the Ernst Center forum from noon to 1:30 p.m. The event, organized by the Annandale math, science and engineering division along with the Lyceum Committee, will feature Professor Lydia Munger of the National Institutes of Health.

Munger will present “A Day in the Life of a Fisheries Biologist,” where she will discuss her work as a marine biologist and why she chose to specialize in fisheries. In addition to the data analysis and reporting, she will talk about her favorite part of her job — the field work — including an upcoming trip to a research vessel off the coast of North Carolina.

Munger has a B.A. in marine biology and a master’s in environmental management. She worked in the fisheries field for four years and has had the opportunity to participate in various field activities. All students, staff and faculty are invited to attend the seminar.

Theatre Group Performs for Charity

Last December, in honor of World AIDS Day, the NOVA Woodbridge Theatre Group presented three benefit performances of Paula Vogel’s play The Baltimore Waltz, with all proceeds going to the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS charity.

The production was directed by Jamie B. Erdman of the Medical Education Campus under the supervision of Dr. Eric Trumbull, theatre and speech professor at the (WO). The group raised a total of $191 dollars for the cause.

Michener Helps Brighten Brault’s Halls

Manassas Art Professor Randy Michener was caught beautifying the Brault building last week with a new collection of acrylic paintings by student artist Annette Lowe.

“Views of Cartmel, England,” which is in the Southern Lake District, will be hanging in the second-floor lobby for the remainder of the semester.

Right: Randy Michener hangs one of Annette Lowe’s paintings in the main lobby of the Brault building.
ATTACHMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT
JOB FAIR 2007

Attend the job fair to learn about career opportunities with:
Federal Agencies
State Police Departments
Municipal Police Departments
and County Agencies

Location:
Woodbridge Campus Theatre

March 6th, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Woodbridge Campus
15200 Neabsco Mills Road
Woodbridge, Virginia 22191

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V/TDD 703-878-5790
Email: joconnor@nvcc.edu

For more information, contact
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or Dennis Staszak 703-878-5864
e-mail: dstaszak@nvcc.edu
Join the Campus in celebrating Black History Month with a special presentation by an award-winning writer, scientist, and educator. Dr. Chalmers Archer, Jr. is the author of two memoirs: *Growing Up Black in Rural Mississippi: Memories of a Family, Heritage of a Place* and *Green Berets in the Vanguard: Inside Special Forces, 1953-1963.* Dr. Archer will be followed by Sgt. Matt Brown, project manager for Border Protection Services of the U.S. Customs Service. Light refreshments will follow the discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

NVCC – Woodbridge Campus
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Theatre

NVCC – Woodbridge
15200 Neabsco Mills Road
Woodbridge, VA 22191

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2007 SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON
RECIPIENTS

Ten Years

12 Month Faculty
Annemarie Anderson
Alison Baker
Susan Davis
George Gabriel

9 Month Faculty
Carolyn Davis
Roberta Heffernan
Karla Henthorn
Manthrigae Jayatilake
Rosalyn King
Heidi Moore
Kathryn Jones
Frank Russo
Christina Sparks-Early
Dariel Terry

Adjunct Faculty
Richard Rodriguez
Mary Wykle

Fifteen Years

12 Month Faculty
Mynora Bryant
Charlene Connolly
Joann Credle
Carol Mowbray
John Ruffino

9 Month Faculty
Donna Clark
Charles Evans
Elizabeth Locke
John Phillips
Jo Ann Short

Adjunct Faculty
Barbara Cluff
Leo Cuccias
Mary Gregory
Victor Kryston
Frederick Obenheim

Twenty Years

12 Month Faculty
Guy Gibbs

9 Month Faculty
M. Hashem Anwari
Joe Beene
Elizabeth Bull
Michael Ghorbanian
Talula Guntner

Adjunct Faculty
Patrick Healy
T. Cassan Meacham
Ralph Nicasiri
Margaret Roberts
Linda Taylor
Susan Thompson
Carole Thurston

Classified Staff
Alelu Befekadu
Kathryn Blackwell
Maria Nieto-Shahsavarian
Tony Vu
Nancy Wyatt
Maryam Zamani

Adjunct Faculty
Elaine Foggan-Rupp
Linda Monson
Myra Niemeier
William Stewart

Twenty Five Years

12 Month Faculty
F. Eugene Brown

9 Month Faculty
Steven Drasner
Larry Linville
Walerin Majewski
Daniel Riley
Jerry Oney
Diane Thompson
Kathleen Wax

Classified Staff
Adella Brunner
Cheryl Creed
Sharon Shue
Donald Teran

If you have questions regarding your years of service, call Human Resources 323-3050
Contact College Government Affairs regarding Luncheon Reservations 323-3753.
Adjunct Faculty
Lalit Batra
Karen Brown
Kay Emililenburg

Thirty Years

9 Month Faculty
David Allison
Chihmei Chen
Nannette Haid
Jayne McIntosh
David Scango
William Schran
Cathy Wilkin
John Wulff

Classified Staff
Lin Bailey
Diane Fochtman
Gary Robinette
Nancy Stafford
Barbara Tyler

Adjunct Faculty
Catherine Bobzien
Aaron McInturff
Edwin Miller
Tri Nguyen

Thirty Five Years

12 Month Faculty
Wistar Withers

9 Month Faculty
Brian Delaney
Donald Devers
Dean Haledjian
Henry Harmon
Robert Lesman
Eula Miller
Richard Pellerin
Susan Pernick

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YOU CAN HELP NOVA MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

The American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days® program is coming to NOVA. As one of the Society’s oldest and most beloved fundraising programs, Daffodil Days provides everyone from CEOs to school children with the opportunity to join the fight against cancer by raising funds and sharing hope for a future where the disease no longer threatens those we love. To celebrate spring and help save lives, NOVA will participate in the 2007 Daffodil Days campaign by selling daffodils to support the American Cancer Society’s lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. As an employee, you can help make a difference by purchasing and/or selling beautiful, fresh-cut daffodils.

Julie Dyer is coordinating all daffodil donations for NOVA. Daffodils offer a great way to recognize and thank fellow employees and vendors for exceptional work, show appreciation to clients for their business, and decorate and brighten offices, waiting rooms, common areas, etc. Potted bulbs, fresh cut blooms, and Boyd’s teddy bears with either potted bulbs or fresh cut blooms are available. For more information and to place your order, see the below list for campus contacts or contact Julie at (703) 323-3459 or jadyer@nvcc.edu by February 21.

For more than 30 years, Daffodil Days has been an important American Cancer Society program to further the fight against cancer, and just in the past 12 years, has generated nearly $200 million in an effort to defeat this disease. Daffodil donations help the Society continue its lifesaving work to fund groundbreaking research, educate people about cancer prevention and early detection, advocate for meaningful cancer-related legislation, and provide free services to improve the quality of life for patients and their families facing the disease. The American Cancer Society is available to answer cancer-related questions and provide resources and support, 24/7/365, at 1-800-ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org.

Contact your Daffodil Days Campus Coordinator
Alexandria- Cynthia Knight (703) 845-6321; or email cknight@nvcc.edu
Annandale- Phoebe Brackett (703) 323-3875; or email pbrackett@nvcc.edu
Loudoun- Gert Heslin (703) 450-2501; or email gheslin@nvcc.edu
Manassas- J.T. Thomas (703) 257-6614; or email jthomas@nvcc.edu
Woodbridge- Ash De Furia (703) 878-5782; or email adefuria@nvcc.edu
MEC- Cynthia Williams (703) 822-6699; or email cywilliams@nvcc.edu
ELI- Jana Dattilo (703) 323-3371; or email jdattilo@nvcc.edu
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