NOVA Hosts Climate Change Programs

On January 30 through February 1, NOVA joined 1800 colleges, universities and other public organizations in hosting a variety of programs and events focused on the issue of climate change and what it means for our society. Experts from NOVA’s faculty and from area universities, government, media and private organizations made presentations and took part in panel discussions that attracted large and enthusiastic audiences on each campus.

Sponsored by NOVA’s Green Committee and supported by the College Senate, campus councils and a host of faculty, staff and students, the presentations informed the audience and won extremely favorable coverage for NOVA in local media. For more details, visit the Green Committee’s Web site at http://www.nvcc.edu/committees/green.

Pictured top: Climate Change Panelists and Panelist Scott Sklar answering audience questions at the Annandale Campus Climate Change program. Pictured below: Julian Keniry, Senior Director for Campus and Community Leadership at the National Wildlife Federation, addresses a packed theater of listeners at the Manassas Campus.

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Pictured top: Professor Jill Caporale delivers a “call to action” on climate change at the Annandale Campus program. Pictured bottom: Professor Callan Bentley describes the evidence for climate change to Professor Ray Bailey and the audience at the Manassas Campus.
Phares Captures Championship

After 24 years of racing at Old Dominion Speedway (ODS), Gary Phares (MA), automotive technology, was crowned Super Pro Co-champion.

“It came down to the last night of racing with four of us in the running for the championship,” Phares reported. “I outlasted the other three competitors and lost by .002 seconds in the fourth round which put me at a tie for the championship with Ben Calhoun. This was the first time there was a tie at the end of the Super Pro season, so Ben and I talked it over and decided to split the prize money.” Both champions received beautiful trophies and gold cards for free entry in the 2008 racing season which begins in March.

Phares gives thanks for this year’s success to a very special friend. “I feel that a large part of my championship was due to my guardian angel, Bob Worden, helping me install a new rear suspension on my dragster in early 2007.”

Last winter, Worden, former head of the Manassas Welding Program, helped Phares with a major upgrade on his dragster, cutting the rear frame off 12 inches behind the engine and welding on an entire rear clip with a four-link suspension and adjustable shocks. Shortly after completing the work, Worden died unexpectedly.

“I have been Super Pro Champion at Sumerduck Dragway four times over the years and finished second in points numerous years at Old Dominion, but the ODS championship never happened,” Phares said.

The enhanced dragster and Phares’ persistence paid off. Congratulations, Phares, and best wishes for the 2008 season.

Barnes & Noble Offers 10% Discount

Your college bookstore, in conjunction with Barnes & Noble, Inc. has made arrangements for faculty and staff to receive a 10 percent discount that can be used at the Barnes & Noble retail stores located at Seven Corners, Reston, Fairfax, Manassas and Springfield.

To receive the discount, show both your college ID and the discount card. The cards are available at any Campus Bookstore. The discount does not apply to magazines, newspapers, textbooks, gift cards, café purchases, Barnes & Noble bestsellers, music, DVDs, special orders, ship-to-home orders, membership fees or other special offers.
Eighty-four college teams gathered in Atlanta for the fourth Achieving the Dream (AtD) Strategy Institute during the first week in February. The team from NOVA joined over 900 participants at the three-day institute.

The event provided opportunities to discuss a variety of strategies and institutional practices. Interactive clinics and workshops were presented by experienced Achieving the Dream college teams and consultants. Evaluation workshops, cross-team talk and informal networking stimulated discussion and collaboration among the teams. Teams also met with their AtD Coaches and Data Facilitators.

Themes of the institute included data-driven inquiry and decision making, student success strategies and institutional transformation. Topics included developmental education, gatekeeper courses, first-year experience, learning communities, student support services, tutoring, supplemental instruction, K-14 strategies, community engagement and improved use of data.

The experience will assist the NOVA Achieving the Dream team with identifying strategies to improve student success on the identified college goals of student persistence and developmental education.
Nan Peck asks, “We can get 10 classes taught by an adjunct faculty member each fall and spring. But when we pay a full professor for the same teaching load, what else is he or she doing so well that we can justify the money invested?” Send your responses to Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu. She will compile your responses and use them for a follow-up article in the Teaching and Learning Matters newsletter, http://www.nvcc.edu/cetl/newsletter.htm.

NOVA’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is happy to promote your faculty development events and needs. Go to the CETL Web site, http://www.nvcc.edu/cetl for a calendar of events, copies of handouts from previous Power Up Their Pedagogy (PUP) Conferences, seminar presentations and tips for teaching and learning.

If you have a faculty meeting that you would like to promote, please send your information. CETL is happy to serve as a clearinghouse for faculty development opportunities.

Alexandria Campus Hosts Latino Empowerment Conference

On February 9, the Alexandria Campus provided an opportunity for high school students to learn about academic and technical programs, labor unions and scholarship opportunities. The Latino Empowerment Conference, planned by high school students, received support from the Arlington County Board’s Chairman, J. Walter Tejada, Telemundo, Barrios Unidos and Best Buy. The students heard from NOVA faculty and staff who shared their personal stories of persistence and academic success in addition to providing information about the Automotive and Collision Repair Programs and the Travel and Tourism degree options. Overall, the Latino Empowerment Conference fostered a sense of unity and cultural pride and emphasized that students avail themselves of all of the resources available to them. They walked away knowing that there is a support network in their community to help them achieve their goals and that hard work and determination are the keys to success.

Pictured left to right: Frances Villagran-Glover(AL), evening administrator; Encarnita Arguelles (AL), automotive instructor; Mary Angela Solorzano, student; Patricia Pocasangre, Arlington County Board, Shonta Woodbury (AL), high school outreach counselor; Geoffrey Brown (AL), automotive instructor, and Keith Brown (AL), automotive instructor.
NOVA Police Chief Jim Kalletta and Vice President Steven G. Sachs, Instructional and Information Technology, talked with Mike Martz of the Times Dispatch in the wake of the Northern Illinois University shootings. Kalletta was quoted in the article that discusses campus safety and how NOVA funded its text messaging and radio systems. To see the full article titled, “Steps to Improve Campus Security” go online to http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2008-02-17-0225.html

GOT NEWS? Let Your Colleagues Hear From You!

What is happening at your campus? Who is setting trends? Have you presented at a conference? What events are coming up? Check out the submission guidelines at: http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/guidelines.htm.

E-mail your article to intercom@nvcc.edu! Deadlines are Fridays at 5:00 p.m. for the following week’s edition.

Please remember to use the College’s wordmark for all publications.

For guidelines or to download, please go to http://www.nvcc.edu/wordmark.
The Political Crisis in Pakistan

The Honors Program at the Alexandria Campus is pleased to announce that its next Honors Hour presenter will be Dr. Walid Phares. This event will take place on February 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bisdorf Building (AL), Room 158. Phares is a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, where he focuses on Middle East history and politics. The author of nine books on terrorism and the Middle East, Phares is a consultant for the following television stations: CNN, BBC, al-Jazeera, MSNBC and the Canadian Broadcasting Company. He holds degrees in law and political science from Saint Joseph and the Lebanese Universities in Beirut, a Master’s degree in international law from the Universite de Lyon in France and a Ph. D. in international relations from the University of Miami. He has appeared as a consultant on the Middle East to both the U. S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, visit the Honors Program Web site at http://www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/hss/honors/hours.htm.

“Prince Among Slaves” Documentary

“Prince Among Slaves,” the documentary based on a book by Terry Alford (AN), will be shown February 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the Ernst Cultural Center. The event is admission free, and everyone is invited to attend. Alford will sign new editions of his book starting at 1:15 p.m. after the screening in the Verizon Gallery. A special panel discussion on the documentary and issues it raises will be held from 1:40 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Ernst Center Forum.

“Prince Among Slaves” was broadcast on PBS stations around the country earlier this month, and some three million viewers tuned in. Alford’s biography tells the story of a young African prince named Abdul Rahman who is sold into slavery in 1788 and brought to America. Mos Def is the film’s narrator.

To register for the discussion, contact Khadiga Gamgoum at kgamgoum@nvcc.edu.

The Muslim Student Association at Annandale is sponsoring Thursday’s events, and the Annandale Liberal Arts Division is a co-sponsor. See the attachment section for more information.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and President Hugo Chavez

This four-day series, sponsored by the International Studies Committee of the Alexandria Campus, will take place March 3 to 6 at 2:00 p.m. in Bisdorf Room 158. See the flyer in the attachment section to get the complete details.
The College Awards Committee

Each year the NVCC Educational Foundation sponsors an award program to recognize Outstanding Employee service. The College Awards Committee administers the process – this year there are four separate categories of recognition:
1. Full-time teaching Faculty – maximum of three awards
2. Classified Staff – maximum of three awards
3. Non-Teaching Faculty (Counselor, Librarian, Administrator, Instructional Technologist) – maximum of one award
4. Adjunct Faculty – maximum of one award

Awardees receive a $1,500 stipend and a commemorative plaque. The program is not self nominating – each nominee must be nominated by another member of the College community. Any member of the faculty, staff or student body may nominate another member.

The Committee needs your help in “spreading the word,” encouraging applications and hopefully, your promotion of this program will ensure that deserving employees receive the recognition that they have earned.

In the attachment section are copies of (1) the award application form and (2) the procedural instructions. The application form is also available at the NOVA Web site http://www.nvcc.edu/forms.

This year the application process will be done electronically (CD submission), and the deadline for submission is April 1, 2008.

For questions, e-mail Jim Lock, chair, College Awards Committee at jlock@nvcc.edu.
DOCUMENTARY: PRINCE AMONG SLAVES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

12:00 – 1:15 Screening, CE Theater
1:40 – 3:00 Panel Discussion, Forum

FREE LUNCH for those who register and participate in panel discussion.

In 1788 a young African Prince named Abdul Rahman is torn from a life of power and privilege, thrust into enslavement in a strange land. There he endures unimaginable hardship, yet carves out a life, and through improbable circumstances, gains his freedom and begins an extraordinary journey ... 

THIS IS HIS STORY.

Narrated by
MOS DEF

Executive Producers:
MICHAEL WOLFE, ALEX KRONEMER

A book signing by
DR TERRY ALFORD

The Muslim Student Association & The liberal Art Division at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale campus

For registration please contact
Khadiga Gamgoun at kgamgoun@nvcc.edu
AWARDS:

Each year the Northern Virginia Community College Educational foundation, Inc presents Outstanding Service Awards to college employees. The award includes both a commemorative plaque and a $1,500 stipend. Awards are presented to individuals in the following employee groups:

- Full time teaching Faculty – maximum of three awards
- Classified Staff – maximum of three awards
- Non-Teaching Faculty (Counselor, Librarian, Administrator, Instructional Technologist) – maximum of one award
- Adjunct Faculty – maximum of one award

AWARD PARAMETERS:

- Awards are **not** self nominating – each nominee must be nominated by another member of the college community. Any member of the faculty, staff or student body may nominate another member.
- Nominee must have been an NVCC employee for at least three consecutive years prior to the nomination deadline.
- Nominees must concur in their nomination.
- Individuals are not eligible if they have received the award within the past five years.
- Only individuals will be considered; group nominations will not be considered.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Nominee submissions will be in **electronic format** on a “CD.” Each nominee’s CD will contain the following files/folders:

- Completed Nomination Form including necessary signatures – submit as a photo/scanned image file.
- Nominator Statement – brief discussion of the nominee’s qualifications – limit to one page – submit as either a “word” or photo/scanned image file
- Nominee’s Statement – brief discussion of significant accomplishments - limit to one page – submit as either a “word” or photo/scanned image file
- Performance Evaluations – for two evaluation periods from the following calendar years – 2005, 2006, 2007
  a. Full Time Teaching and Non-teaching Faculty - submit a photo/scanned image file of NVCC Form 105-084
  b. Adjunct Faculty - submit a photo/scanned image file of NVCC Form 105-95
  c. Classified Staff - submit a photo/scanned image file of Employee Work Profile (EWP) – include only Parts V – IX (Paragraphs 30-45)
- Optional Additional Documentation
  a. Teaching Faculty – summaries of Student Evaluations (2005 – 2007) and /or Letters of Appreciation/Commendation – limit to three pages – submit as either a “word” or photo/canned image file
  b. Non-teaching faculty and Classified Staff – Letters of Appreciation / Commendation - limit to three pages – submit as either a “word” or photo/canned image file

**NOTE:** Nominators must ensure that the nominee’s submission file is complete. Nominators must retain the document hard copy of the electronic submission.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** April 1, 2008

**SUBMISSION ADDRESS:** Mr George Gonchar, Business Technologies Division, Room 362, Bisdorf Building, Alexandria Campus
Name of nominee:

Nominee's position:
(FT teaching faculty, non-teaching faculty, adjunct faculty, classified staff)

Campus or college staff department:

Nominee's starting date of current employment:

Submitter's name and e-mail address:

Does the nominee agree to be nominated?

Nominee's signature: ______________________________________________

(signature constitutes both approval and certification regarding eligibility and the accuracy of the information provided)

Submitter's signature: ____________________________________________

(signature constitutes certification regarding eligibility and the accuracy of the information provided)

Supervisor's signature: __________________________________________

Administrative Council member's signature: _______________________

Attachment: CD containing files designated in accompanying instructions.
THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND PRESIDENT HUGO CHÁVEZ

A 4-day series sponsored by the International Studies Committee of the Alexandria Campus

Monday through Thursday, March 3-6 2008
All events at 2 p.m. in Bisdorf Room 158

Monday, March 3 - “An Introduction to Venezuela.”
Dr. Lawrence Rich, Associate Professor of Spanish. “A Brief Introduction to Venezuela.”
Dr. James Baer, Professor of Latin American History. “A Brief Overview of Venezuela’s History.”
Ms. Olivia Burlingame Goumbri, Executive Director, Venezuela Information Office. “Venezuela: The Building of a People’s Democracy.”

(Light refreshments will be served)

Tuesday, March 4 - “Hugo Chávez: Brutal Dictator or Crusading Democrat?”
Bart Jones, author of ¡Hugo! The Hugo Chávez Story from Mud Hut to Perpetual Revolution will discuss his book.

(Light refreshments will be served)

Wednesday, March 5 - “Venezuela and its Culture.”
Patricia Abdelnour, Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, will give a presentation on the culture of Venezuela.

(Light refreshments will be served)

Thursday, March 6 — FREE MOVIE.
Screening of the award-winning documentary: “Chávez: Inside the Coup.”
This award-winning documentary (2002) was made by two independent filmmakers who were inside the presidential palace on April 11, 2002 when Hugo Chávez was forcibly removed from office. This film records what was probably history’s shortest lived coup d’état.

For further information, contact Dr. Lawrence Rich at lrich@nvcc.edu or (703) 933-3986.
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