Kilby Elementary Experiences College at the Woodbridge Campus

Three kindergarten classes from Kilby Elementary School took their school field trip to the Woodbridge Campus to allow students to experience life at a community college.

The students were given tours by Student Ambassadors and had the chance to meet faculty and staff in different departments. Many demonstrations included stops at the biology lab, the art studio, the HVAC lab and sessions at the Open Computer Lab as well as SMARTBoard demonstrations.

A special “thank you” to all those who assisted with the coordination: Kate Blackwell, Karen Castro, Tamatha Colvin, Sally Cool, Dave Dillon, Kristi Estep, John Feeney, Tanya Kern, Fred Markham, Kathy Matthews-Luker, Hector Revollo, Maxine Toliver, Ann Turpyn, Maria Watson and Matt Wright.

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Instructor Hector Revollo assists a Kilby Elementary student with the SMART-Board demonstration.

English as a Second Language for Employment Program Featured on Cox Cable

In mid-December, Cox Cable began running a four-minute interview on NOVA’s new American Dream Team/English as a Second Language (ESL) for Employment program, featuring two volunteer supporters, Camye Mackey of B. F. Saul Hotels and Ofelia Recio with Capital Hospice. The interview will be broadcast on a rotating basis on Cox’s CNN Headline News local edition to 150,000 cable subscribers in Fairfax County. Special thanks to NOVA’s partner, The Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, for arranging this and other media coverage of this new initiative.

You can view the video interview for NOVA’s American Dream Team/ESL for Employment program by clicking on this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eebBS0FDZNU.

For more information about this program, contact Evelyn Cromartie in the Workforce Development Group at 703-764-7762 or ecromartie@nvcc.edu.
NOVA Appoints Provost for the Medical Education Campus

This week, NOVA announced that Brian P. Foley has been named provost of the Medical Education Campus (MEC), effective immediately. Foley will serve as the executive and academic leader for MEC overseeing all campus planning, development and policy matters. In addition, his responsibilities as provost will include coordinating the budget, personnel management and recruitment of faculty, staff and adjuncts, as well as program development and specialized accreditation.

Foley brings 37 years of experience in the education and healthcare industry. Prior to his appointment, he served the College in various positions including special assistant to the president, dean of Allied Health, acting dean of Nursing and Surgical Technician, and most recently, interim provost.

Before joining NOVA, Foley spent 30 years as an U.S. Army medical services corps officer. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2001 with the rank of colonel. His numerous military assignments culminated in his appointment as the deputy commander for administration at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, District of Columbia.

Foley has received the National Capital Healthcare Executives American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE) Regent’s Award for Senior Healthcare Executive in 2002 and the ACHE Military Regent’s Award for Lifelong Contributions in 2004. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE). He has also served as a preceptor for the U.S. Army Baylor University Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration and a preceptor for the Department of Health Services Management and Policy, The George Washington University. Foley currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Submit to the Intercom!

Deadline: Submissions must be received (via e-mail) by 5:00 p.m. on Fridays for the following week’s edition.

Submission Guidelines: Submissions should be e-mailed to intercom@nvcc.edu. Unformatted text should be sent in an MSWord document or may be put into the body of the e-mail. All photos should be attached as jpeg, bmp, tiff or eps files; photo captions should also be included with your text. For guidelines go online to: http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/guidelines.htm.

Please remember all news submissions should highlight NOVA faculty and/or staff.
Medical Education Campus Welcomes International Students

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Technology program at the Medical Education Campus (MEC) witnessed a milestone last year when six officers from the country of Oman, also known as the Royal Oman Police (ROP), arrived as new NOVA international students.

The program, administered jointly through the MEC’s Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WDCE) Office and NOVA’s EMS department, will provide the students with training for the Emergency Medical Technician’s (EMT) Paramedic level.

“We are excited to have them aboard here at NOVA,” said Harriet Zimmerman, director of WDCE. “It’s a challenging program since it’s equivalent to our two-year EMS program condensed into one year.”

The Omani students arrived and started the program last fall and are involved in a full-time, highly intensive EMT Intermediate training program with students from the Fairfax County Police Department and the Arlington County Fire Department.

The collaborating group is progressing rapidly toward completion of the EMT Intermediate program. The Omani students in this program are Ali Al-Zadjali, Sultan Al Tamtami, Nasser Al-Mufarji, Khalid Al Salti, Ahmed Al Ghaithi and Hamed Al-Mufarji.

“The program has been challenging at times, dealing with some of the logistical issues that we’ve had, such as obtaining a vehicle for transportation and figuring out how to drive legally in the U.S.,” said Al Zadjali, senior officer of the ROP group and a current student in the program.

Despite the challenges, the program has proven to be successful with the ROP students who have formed a remarkable bond with fellow students from the Fairfax County Police Department and the Arlington County Fire Department.

“We are expecting another group of ROP students in the fall of 2009 for another year-long cohort,” said Holly Frost, assistant dean of Emergency Medical Services Technology.

The program is due to continue in yearly increments of four to six students for at least the next five years. The ROP students will be eligible to sit for the U.S. National Registry EMT-Paramedic examination in May 2009 upon completion of the program.

For further information, please contact Zimmerman at 703-822-6521 or hzimmerman@nvcc.edu.
Army Community Covenant Honors Service Members and Families

Hundreds of people braved the inclement weather on November 15 to attend the Army Community Covenant that was hosted by the Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance, Inc. and sponsored by NOVA’s Woodbridge Campus. The event was held as a celebration for military service members and their families, while recognizing the partnership between Fort Belvoir and the community.

Local dignitaries showed their support by signing the Covenant. Prince William County, Fairfax County and Stafford County were represented by members of their Board of County Supervisors and Chairmen. Both Prince William and Fairfax County schools had a presence of student organizations and representatives.

Many had the opportunity to partake in the free wine tasting, American Red Cross holiday card drive, pony rides, magic show and military demonstrations.

Did You Know NOVA’s Logos (Wordmark) Changed?

“Throughout the region we serve, Northern Virginia Community College is widely known as “NOVA” among all sectors and demographic groups. Recognizing the powerful equity and goodwill that has been invested in this name, the College is committed to consistently integrating “NOVA” into all of its future branding and marketing efforts.”

- NOVA Identity Guidelines

Please remember to use “NOVA” when referring to Northern Virginia Community College (not “NVCC,” except when referring to the NVCC Educational Foundation). If you have questions, feel free to contact the Office of Graphic Services, Marketing and Communications, at 703-323-3340 or go online to:

Medical Education Campus Holiday Giving

Santa’s helpers smile as they work hard: Patricia Martin-Mattocks, student activities coordinator, with students from the Dental Hygiene Program working to support the Angel Tree Program.

Martin-Mattocks with Roger Eisinger from the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce/ECHO.

The Medical Education Campus (MEC) got into the "giving spirit" by participating in two charity drives for this past holiday season. Through the generosity of MEC faculty, staff and students, the Campus was able to provide bags of gifts for 15 children from ages 18 months to 15 years through the Angel Tree Program sponsored by the Salvation Army. They were also able to provide coats, jackets, hats, gloves, boots, sweaters, a car seat cover and boxes of food for fellow neighbors through the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce/ECHO coat and food drive. The MEC would like to wish the entire NOVA community a safe and happy new year.
College Night in Virginia a Huge Success at the Woodbridge Campus

On November 17, over 230 prospective college students and their family members attended the College Night in Virginia information session at the Woodbridge Campus.

College Night in Virginia was an event held at various locations across the Commonwealth, including NOVA’s Alexandria, Loudoun and Woodbridge Campuses. The program featured sessions on college admission, financial aid, scholarships and scams. Each location raffled four $500 scholarships to attendees.
To celebrate International Education Week, students, faculty and administrators of the Woodbridge Campus participated in an international teleconference with high school students from El Salvador on November 20.

In the exchange, current NOVA English as a Second Language (ESL) students had the opportunity to speak to El Salvadoran students about the importance of higher education and how NOVA helped them attain their academic and career goals.

A special thank you to all of those who made this event possible: Silvia Arias de Chavez, Sally Cool, Steve Cool, Dave Dillon, Carmen Figueroa, Provost Sam Hill, Zina Jemison, Anthony Matthews, Paul McVeigh, Doug Rhoney, Deborah Rosen, Karalyn Schneider-Diaz, Michael Turner, Darling Villena-Mata and Maria Watson.

The plasma screen TV on the left shows the image of the NOVA students as they prepare to communicate with the El Salvadoran students, who are arriving in their multi-purpose room, as shown on the SMARTBoard on the right.
Medical Education Campus Stress Buster

In its first year, the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) Program offered 15 minute massages to faculty, staff and students in the Medical Education Campus (MEC) community. All those who received massages found it timely, given the stress of finals week. After massages, participants were given bottled water to re-hydrate and flush out toxins. Students in the PTA program used their event to practice techniques and concepts learned in the program. Also, PTA had a very successful bake sale, featuring yummy treats celebrating the spirit of the holiday season. Anyone buying treats enjoyed a great price for homemade baked goods and animated conversations with the PTA students.

Faculty Member Patty Ottavio, PT, MS, PTA Program Chair and first-year Physical Therapy Assistant students.
As the last official First-Year Experience (FYE) event for the fall semester, many Woodbridge Campus first-year students gathered for the FYE Chat-n-Chew. Students played networking games, ate pizza, learned about the opportunities with the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and met faculty members.
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See the flyer in the attachment section.

Call for Eastern Community College Social Sciences Association Conference Proposals

The NOVA Planning Committee for the 35th Annual Eastern Community College Social Sciences Association Conference (ECCSSA) announces the call for research, papers and proposals. Student presentations, panels, projects and exhibits are also welcome. The committee is accepting proposals from any of the disciplines and relevant areas that pertain to the theme “Visions for Creating a Sustainable Future: Toward Transformational Change for a Collective World at Peace.” The conference will be held from March 26 to 28, 2009 at the Loudoun Campus of NOVA. The last call date for proposals is January 15, 2009.

Proposals may be submitted to Dean Haledjian (AN), Bipin Khana (WO), Laura Bhadra (MA), Rosalyn King (LO), Ramezan Dowlati (LO), Joy Stratton (LO) or Bruce Carroll (AL).

The ECCSSA is an association for professional social scientists and related professionals devoted to advancing research, practice, knowledge and understanding, in the social sciences for the progression of humankind. Please visit http://www.eccssa.org for more information about the association, the conference or to download the proposal and registration forms.
2009 Technology in Education Awards (T.I.E.) and Recognition of Excellence Change

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS) New Horizons 2009 planning committee is pleased to announce changes to the Technology in Education (T.I.E.) awards and the Recognition of Excellence.

T.I.E. changes:

- There will be a first, second and third place winning project. The first place winning team will receive $1,500, second place will receive $1,000 and third place will receive $500.
- Finalists will feature their projects at the T.I.E. reception on April 1 and winners will be announced the next day at the awards luncheon.
- The deadline for T.I.E. submissions has been extended to January 20, 2009.

Join with others as you show the entire VCCS your project!

Recognition of Excellence changes:

- Colleges are now included in the Recognition of Excellence. Those colleges receiving national or international acknowledgment for excellence can be recognized by a college member by completing the Recognition of Excellence submission form.
- VCCS personnel are encouraged to nominate themselves or others with major achievements during the last three years.
- Deadline for submission is January 30, 2009.

The VCCS is an excellent system. So make sure to share your accomplishments with colleagues.

For more information about VCCS New Horizons 2009: Access, Excellence, and Enlightenment, go to online to http://www.vccs.edu and use the “Quick Links” button on the top left of the page and click “New Horizons 2009.”
Mileage Rate Regulations

Effective January 1, 2009 the mileage rate for personally owned vehicles will be 55 cents per mile. This is a change from the current rate of 58.5 cents.

However, please be aware of the following regulations.

- After January 1, 2009, the personal mileage rate will be 55 cents per mile if your travel is local or your trip averages 100 miles per day or less. If you travel locally on a “normal” workday, you are only entitled to be reimbursed for the excess mileage that you drive that day. The excess mileage is the actual mileage driven minus your normal commuting distance. This does not apply to overnight trips.

- If your trip averages more than 100 miles per day, you are entitled to 55 cents per mile if a state car is not available and it would cost more to rent a car for the trip. If a state car is available and you decide to drive your own car, you will receive 24.6 cents per mile. If the rental car (with added expenses as described below) is cheaper and you decide to drive, you will be reimbursed at the 24.6 cent rate.

- You can request a state vehicle by contacting Cathy Magalis at 703-323-3798.

- For car rental, the state has a contract with Enterprise Leasing to provide cars for short-term travel. When preparing for a trip that averages more than 100 miles per day, visit http://www.dgs.virginia.gov/fleet.aspx and click on “Travel Planning” to use the trip calculator to determine costs. The calculator will provide a cost benefit analysis between driving your personal vehicle at the 55 cent rate and renting one from Enterprise. Please note that the trip calculator does not include the cost of gas that you would spend if you rented the car. For estimate purposes, assume a gas usage rate of 20 miles per gallon and a cost of approximately $2.00 per gallon (adjust, based on current price). Add that cost into the total rental cost. Also you might need to rent the car an extra day depending on the time you need to travel. If you find it is cheaper to use your own vehicle, you will be reimbursed the full 55 cents per mile, provided you attach a printout of the trip calculator (with the added expenses) to your travel reimbursement form. If it is cheaper for you to rent a car, but you decide to drive your own, you will be reimbursed 24.6 cents per mile. All rental reservations must be made via the Enterprise Web site or by phone at least 24 hours in advance of the anticipated vehicle pickup.

No More Pay Stubs

The DOA (Department of Accounts) has mandated that all State Agencies go paperless for earnings notices effective January 1, 2009. Due to this mandate, it is very important that all employees sign up for Payline at: https://secure.doa.virginia.gov/payline/.

One of the benefits of Payline is the ability to view each pay stub days before pay day. Please keep in mind that although you can view your pay stub early, your money will not be deposited into your account until pay day. You are also able to view and/or print your W2. The printed copy of the W2 is accepted by the IRS for tax purposes at the end of the year. Payline also provides historical records.

Please sign up for Payline and accustom yourself with it before the beginning of the year. This first pay check of the year will be paperless.

If you have any questions regarding Payline, please feel free to contact Meagan Rudowski at mrudwski@nvcc.edu or anyone on the Payroll Team to help you.
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The organizers of the Third Annual Faculty Research Symposium invite you to submit abstracts for paper presentations. An interdisciplinary conference, the Symposium features the original research of faculty from community colleges across the area, offering a forum for faculty members to share their independent scholarly pursuits.

The Review Committee solicits faculty authored papers from a variety of disciplines for 15-minute presentations and follow-up discussion. Sample topics from last year’s Symposium include “Shepherds, Cyborgs & Sacred Spaces: Fostering Learning Communities in a Two-Year College,” “Martin Luther King Jr. and the Debate Over Plagiarism,” and “A Savage Spy: The Role of Richard Savage in Composing Pope’s Dunciad.”

All faculty are invited to submit abstracts for review, and all are invited to attend.

Conference luncheon will be provided.

Email 300-500 words abstracts to aboume@reynolds.edu by Feb. 20, 2008.

Abstracts should be sent as attachments and formatted in Word or as a rich text file (.rtf). Do not include your name on your abstract. In the body of the email, please include your name, college affiliation, email address, phone number and the title of your paper. Please indicate any AV equipment you would need for your presentation.