Greg Schuckman is New Board Chair

Greg Schuckman, of Lorton, Virginia, has been elected chair of the Northern Virginia Community College Board for the 2007-2008 term. Schuckman, who is Fairfax County’s lead representative to the 11-member board, will help assure that NOVA is responsive to the needs existing within its service region, while adhering to the statewide policies, procedures and regulations of the State Board for Community Colleges. Appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Schuckman has been a member of the NVCC Board since 2003. His current term expires June 30, 2011.

“Serving as Chair of the NVCC Board is a tremendous honor, not only because of the trust that my colleagues on the Board have placed in me, but because of the opportunity to be a part of this magnificent NOVA community,” said Schuckman. “NOVA is the ‘Gateway to the American Dream’ for the more than 60,000 students we serve each year, many of whom are new residents to the Commonwealth and our nation. The texture of our College is defined by the rich diversity that our students bring.”

During this past year, Schuckman was also elected to serve as a director-at-large on the Board of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), a not-for-profit membership association composed of more than 6,500 publicly elected and appointed trustees who serve on the 600 governing boards of community, junior and technical colleges in the United States, Canada and England. Schuckman’s active participation on the ACCT Board will enhance his effectiveness as chair of the NVCC Board.

“Greg has been an outstanding member of the Northern Virginia Community College Board,” says Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr., NOVA president. “His background and experience in the higher education arena, coupled with his energy, enthusiasm and commitment to academic excellence, will serve the College well over the next year. He is truly a team player and I’m looking forward to working with him.”

For the past seven years, Schuckman has been the assistant vice president for university relations and research advancement for the University of Central Florida (UCF). Prior to joining UCF, he was the director of communications and corporate relations for the Southeastern Universities Research Association, Inc. in Washington, D.C. and also spent more than three years at the American Association of Engineering Societies in various government relations and public outreach capacities.

With an extensive background in public service, Schuckman was a fellow at the Thomas C. Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia in 1998 and served as chair of the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission and the Alexandria Human Services Council from 1994 to 1996. In 2002, the U.S. Army decorated him with the Commander’s Award for Public Service for his service to Fort Belvoir following the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

“A college education is more than a piece of paper,” says Schuckman. “For many, it is an affirmation that they can be whatever they want to be and serving as NVCC’s Board chair will allow me to share in — and hopefully enrich — the transformative experience that tens of thousands of NOVA students will experience this year and in the years to come.”
Ericka Jenifer Joins Loudoun Faculty

Ericka Jenifer recently joined the NOVA faculty as an adjunct professor at the Loudoun Campus, teaching PSY 201, Introduction to Psychology, an ELI distance learning course. Jenifer is concurrently completing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Howard University in Washington, D.C. with specializations in treating and researching minority populations, trauma, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and women’s issues. During the winter of 2006, her research interests led her to complete grant-funded research in Kolkata, India on the relationships between oppression and PTSD and on the social and psychological conditions affecting street children in that country.

This September, Jenifer will be featured in an article on research in GradPsych, a quarterly magazine published by the American Psychological Association. Welcome, Ericka!

Share Your Summertime Adventures!

What are you doing on your summer vacation? Would you like to share your experiences with the rest of your NOVA colleagues? At the end of the summer, Intercom will start publishing some of your stories as filler material. If you’d like to tell us about any special trips or experiences, please send a short paragraph or two (100 words or less) to Intercom@nvcc.edu. Include your name, title and campus in the e-mail. Photos accepted (one per submission) in .jpg format. The summertime adventure series starts September 14.

Mark Your Calendars for Convocation

The annual “Welcome Back” convocation is scheduled for Thursday, August 16 at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, with a continental breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. Details about the day’s activities are being finalized. Watch Intercom and your e-mail box for updates!

Are you a Boomer?

The Manassas Campus continuing education office is sponsoring a seminar to help baby boomers prepare for retirement. Instructor Connie Bourne says the session will help people create a plan to “age successfully.” Bourne is an attorney with experience in the areas of elder law, estates, trusts, medical decisions and Social Security appeals. “Financial Considerations and Employment,” will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 11 and cover long-term care, tax planning, insurance, required work, leisure work and entrepreneurship. If you’re a boomer looking forward to retirement, this class will help pave the way for happy days ahead. The fee is $48. Call 703-257-6630 for more information.

Constitution Day Speaker Identified

David Stewart, author of the acclaimed book The Summer of 1787, will deliver the Constitution Day address in the CE Forum at 12:30 p.m. on September 19. Watch Intercom for details!

The next Intercom deadline is Friday, August 3 at 5:00 p.m.