Executive Vice President’s Office Welcomes Harper

NOVA welcomes Dr. Elizabeth Harper as the new associate vice president for student services and enrollment management. Harper previously served as associate dean of admissions at the University of Mary Washington, managing all aspects of recruitment and admission of adult students to undergraduate and graduate programs. She is no stranger to NOVA, having served as an adjunct instructor in the non-credit ESL program at the Alexandria Campus and as a community education program developer at the Woodbridge Campus.

Harper holds a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Virginia, a master’s in adult and occupational education from Kansas State University, a master’s in school psychology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and a bachelor’s in psychology from Hollins College.

Executive Vice President John Dever observed: “We are delighted that Beth Harper has joined the College. She brings considerable knowledge, skills and experience to provide leadership and coordination for ongoing efforts to enhance student services and enrollment management. She will contribute much to our realizing the strategic goals of NOVA 2015: Gateway to the American Dream.”

Harper began her duties at NOVA on July 10 and has already met with many members of the College community. She looks forward to visiting each campus in the near future and learning about their operations. Welcome, Beth!

State Offers Mileage Rate Increase

The state’s mileage rate has increased! Use of personal vehicles for occasional travel up to 100 miles per day will be reimbursed at a rate of 44.5 cents per mile. This includes use for campus-to-campus meetings and local travel.

Before leaving on a longer trip, contact Joy Millar at 703-323-3482 or bmillar@nvcc.edu to inquire about the availability of a state car. If a state-owned vehicle is not available, you will be reimbursed at the 44.5 cent rate. If a state vehicle is available and you would rather drive your own car, the reimbursement rate is 24.6 cents per mile. Be sure to check the appropriate boxes on the travel request form next to the questions, “Has state car been requested? Is state car available?”

Contact Susan Gregorio at 703-323-3056 or sgregorio@nvcc.edu for any travel questions.

Atlantic City or Bust!

The NVCC Alumni Federation plans a one-day bus trip to Atlantic City on September 30. The cost is $50 per person and includes round-trip bus fare (leaving from the Brault building), movies and snacks on the bus and a rebate of $10-$12 from the yet-to-be-named host casino.

Proceeds from the Atlantic City trip fund the Alumni Federation Scholarship program. Last year’s fundraising efforts made it possible to award three $800 scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Bonnie Idle, alumni coordinator, at 703-323-3749 or complete the registration form located at http://www.nvcc.edu/alumni under “Events,” and return to the Foundation office.
Woodbridge Welcomes Lewis as Communications and Humanities Dean

Dr. Daniel C. Lewis has been appointed dean for the communications and humanities division at the Woodbridge Campus. Lewis comes to NOVA from Tidewater Community College where he taught U.S. history. While at Tidewater, he served as director of the Teaching American History Grant Program, which provided professional development for social studies teachers in the Portsmouth City and Norfolk Public Schools. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the three-year program emphasized teaching history “through a local lens” and incorporating technology into lessons.

Lewis holds a doctoral degree in American studies from the University of Iowa, where he also earned master’s and bachelor’s degrees. His studies focused on 19th century United States with special emphases in visual arts, history and literature, in addition to the Civil War and Reconstruction periods. Lewis recently moved to Woodbridge with his wife and two children.

Provost Sam Hill welcomed Lewis, saying: “We’re confident he will be able to contribute to our management team immediately, ensuring continued excellent service to our students.”

Welcome to NOVA, Dan!

News and Notes From Human Resources

There is a new benefit for women who are covered under the COVA CARE and COVA HDHP plans. These plans will now cover the Gardasil™ vaccine under the routine wellness benefit for women ages 9 to 26, based on physician approval and availability. Kaiser Permanente has not yet finalized its policy.

COVA CARE handbooks have arrived in the human resources office and will be distributed soon to subscribers. If an employee needs one immediately, they can be picked up at the HR office or downloaded at http://www.dhram.virginia.gov/hbenefits/hbhandbooks/COVAMemberHandbk2006.pdf.

Another resource available online is the 2006 About your Benefits booklet. The Web address is http://www.dhram.virginia.gov/hbenefits/ohbcommunications/abouthyourbenefits.pdf. This booklet provides a general overview of the benefits offered through the Commonwealth of Virginia Health Benefits Program. Also, the 2006-2007 Flexible Benefits Plan Sourcebook for active employees can be viewed or downloaded at http://www.dhram.virginia.gov/genbenefits/flex/flexsourcebook0607.pdf.

As a reminder to prospective retirees who may be Medicare eligible at the time of retirement, the Department of Human Resources (DHRM) is advising employees who anticipate retirement with Medicare eligibility to contact Social Security and Medicare three months before their retirement date to ensure that their employment status is accurately reflected. DHRM has helpful retiree fact sheets on their Web site at http://www.dhram.virginia.gov. Click on “compensation and benefits” then “health benefits.”

We are midway into the calendar year and now is the time to think about saving for retirement. If employees wish to defer compensation up to the maximum allowed in this calendar year, they should consider making their changes soon. The College offers two deferred compensation plans for additional retirement savings. Check out the 403(b) plan on the HR Web page and the 457 plan at http://www.vadep.com.

Fidelity representative Jim Cahill will be on the Annandale Campus on August 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Ernst Center seminar room A. Appointments can be made by calling the reservations center at 1-800-642-7131. Fidelity is a retirement vendor for NOVA faculty.

All College supervisors are responsible for informing HR when P-14s terminate employment. P-14 employees must follow the standard checkout procedure, which includes completing NVCC form 105-022. Contact Sonia Aboulhosn at 703-323-3119 with P-14 termination information or with any questions about the College’s checkout procedure.

News From Purchasing

Our name has changed! We are no longer referencing our department as the Office of Materiel Management (OMM) by the College’s online directory and other OMM references. We are now referred to as the Purchasing Office.

We also have a new look! Check out our new Web site at http://www.nvcc.edu/purchasing. This is the first phase of the improved site with future plans for upgrades and additional features.

Please take a visit and browse around. Any comments about additional information you might like to see on the site are welcome.
Everyone Loves a Parade—Woodbridge Campus Represented at Dale City Celebration

Wearing green and gold shirts proclaiming “Your Community College,” faculty, staff and students from the Woodbridge Campus walked the route of the Dale City 4th of July Parade and shared NOVA giveaways with the appreciative crowd. Special thanks to Brenda Meisel for volunteering her snazzy red convertible and allowing it to be decorated with festive signs.

Photos by Dave Dillon

Alexandria Says Farewell to Duvall

Police Officer Robert Duvall enjoyed a well-attended farewell party recently at the Alexandria Campus. Duvall, a 20-year veteran of NOVA’s police force, started in 1986 at the Annandale Campus. In 1999, he switched to the Alexandria Campus. Duvall, who’ll be living in Virginia Beach, plans to do “a lot of fishing and handyman work around the house.”

Best wishes to Bob—he’ll be missed!

Bob Duvall (right) and College Police Chief James Kalletta share a laugh at Duvall’s retirement party.

Photo by Tricia Holser

Toliver Receives Classified Staff Honor

Maxine Toliver, executive secretary, was presented with the Outstanding Classified Staff Award at a Campus luncheon last month by Provost Sam Hill. Dr. Hill noted her dedication, openness, friendliness to staff and students and her numerous contributions to the Campus during the past academic year.

Congratulations, Maxine!

Reminder:
The next edition of Intercom will be published on August 11.
The submission deadline is August 4 at 5:00 p.m.
Alexandria Catches World Cup Fever

The Alexandria Campus library celebrated the World Cup from June 9 through the middle of July. The festivities kicked off with an interactive poll which allowed fans to vote for which teams they thought would win the final match. (The library’s predicted winner, with 30 votes, was Brazil - Italy garnered only 17 votes.) The library also featured books, posters and schedules of the matches.

Flat screen television monitors showed the games in the lobby just outside the library. Italy’s World Cup victory was celebrated with biscotti and chocolates in the shape of soccer balls. Read more about the celebration on the library blog at http://alexandrialibrary.blogspot.com.

The Alexandria library featured a display on Italy—the country that won the world cup.

Alexandria Campus Divisions Welcome New Instructors

Cristina Nechita and Syd Hasan have joined the ranks of instructors at the Alexandria Campus. Nechita is a chemistry trainer and instructor in the science and applied technologies division, while Hasan, assistant professor of accounting, calls the business technologies division home. Nechita, a native of Transylvania, started her job July 12. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Romania and attended George Washington University for her master’s degree. She lives in Arlington with her husband, Dan, and counts painting and ballroom dancing among her hobbies.

Hasan, a native of India, earned his MBA at George Mason University. He started his association with NOVA at the Woodbridge Campus last fall. Hasan holds three accounting certifications: CPA, CMA and EA. Prior to accepting his position at NOVA, he taught at GMU—in fact, he remains an adjunct there. He lives in Lorton with his wife, Rita. In his spare time, Hasan enjoys music, playing chess and bridge and following his favorite soccer, football and cricket teams.

Kohls Helps National Concert Band Celebrate 4th

Steve Kohls, LRS (AN), (far left), plays bass drum as a member of the National Concert Band of America during the July 4 festivities at the Mount Vernon estate of George Washington.

Mark Your Calendars for a Very Special Event!

Constitution Day September 11

Come meet “Dr. Benjamin Franklin” (a.k.a. actor Dean Bennett)

CE Forum — Annandale
12:00 noon

Watch for details in a future issue of Intercom!
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The Schedule for the day includes:
6:45 a.m. Depart from Brault Building Parking Lot, Annandale Campus
(Intersection of Rt. 236 and Wakefield Chapel Road)
11:00 a.m. Arrive at casino
4:45 p.m. Depart casino
9:15 p.m. Return to Brault Building Parking Lot

To reserve a seat:
Complete the registration form located at http://www.nvcc.edu/alumni under “Events,” and return to the Foundation office. For questions you may contact Bonnie at 703-323-3749 or via e-mail at bidle@nvcc.edu. This trip is very popular, so be sure to make your reservations early. Checks should be made payable to the NVCC Educational Foundation. Please indicate “Atlantic City Trip” on your check.

Visa and Master Card are also accepted. (You must be 21 years old to enter casinos.) A $15.00 service charge will be assessed for each cancelled reservation after checks are received and processed.

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