NOVA Proposes Governor’s Academy in Arlington

Teachers and administrators recently met at the Arlington Career Center to map dual enrollment opportunities between NOVA and Arlington Public Schools (APS). The February 21 meeting was part of a larger effort to develop a joint Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academy in Arlington. The group is seeking Governor’s Academy status, a new designation available for CTE centers in Virginia that provide a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) enriched curricula. The purpose is to improve college readiness, high school graduation and college graduation outcomes, while preparing students for employment in a high-tech, knowledge-based economy.

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The NOVA/APS venture was recently awarded a grant worth up to $120,000 by the Virginia Department of Education and is planning to offer classes this fall. The partnership intends to gradually implement a high school/middle college program at the Arlington Career Center. The idea is for students to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree in five years. Certificates, industry certifications and internships will also be available to Academy students. Virginia Tech will facilitate a cross-disciplinary pedagogy, providing staff development in Integrative-STEM Education. Participating NOVA and APS instructors will begin professional development activities this summer.

The Governor’s Career and Technical Academy in Arlington will serve as a new model in Virginia for the integration of secondary and post-secondary education. Featured career clusters will include Arts, A/V Technology and Communications; Health Science; Information Technology; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; as well as Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Milan Hayward, NOVA’s special assistant for Career and Technical Education, is co-leading the project with Mike Morton from APS. Robert Henderson, NOVA’s grants writer, is providing grant oversight. A similar plan is also under development between NOVA and Loudoun County Public Schools.

Gibbs Awarded Distinguished Service Award

Guy Gibbs, interim director of Financial Aid and Support Services, was recently recognized by the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASFAA) with the Distinguished Service Award. This award is the highest honor bestowed by SASFAA and is awarded based on outstanding, significant and meritorious contributions to the advancement of student financial aid or the profession.

Gibbs was also presented with Honorary Membership. This award is given to persons who have demonstrated outstanding service to SASFAA and to the student aid profession.

SASFAA is the regional association for financial aid in the nine-state southern region with a membership of over 1,500. Gibbs was president of the association from 2005-2006 and president of the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators from 1998-1999. He also serviced both associations in other elected positions and served on the board of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) from 2004-2007.

On April 9, Gibbs will retire after 21 years at NOVA. Congratulations!
Annandale Campus Students Meet Virginia Delegates and Senators

Students from the Annandale Campus were invited to participate in the annual Richmond Legislative Trip. This annual event was held on February 21. Students had appointments with their delegates and senators in order to voice their views about higher education and the state budget cuts now facing all Virginia community colleges.

Pictured from left to right: Student Esther Newman, Delegate David Bulova of the 37th District, Student Syarafina Aznan, Annandale Counselor Giovanna Colosi, Student Joseph La Liberte and Annandale Student Government President Emmanuel McQueen.

NOVA Student Receives Benjamin Cummings Allied Health Scholarship

Amanda Martinez, outstanding former anatomy and physiology student of Patricia R. Daron in the spring semester 2007, has received the annual 2007 Benjamin Cummings Allied Health Student Scholarship. Benjamin Cummings, the publisher of some of the course materials used in Daron's classes, sponsored this "Create a Brighter Future in Public Health" contest and judged applications based on the creativity, enthusiasm, focus, overall thoughtfulness and practical value of the responses. Following her nomination by Daron, Martinez's entry won her $1,000, which she plans to use toward her continuing education at UVA, where she is currently enrolled in a two-year Clinical Nurse Leader program for second degree students. A photo of Martinez will also appear on the Letter Announcement for the 2008 Scholarship Announcement.
On February 26, the Woodbridge Campus visited the Virginia General Assembly. This trip was part of the “Every day is Community College Day” campaign. Thirteen student leaders from various student organizations represented the Woodbridge Campus. Students had the opportunity of visiting their local delegates and senators.

Pictured top: Woodbridge Campus student leaders with Dean of Students Michael Turner standing in front of the South Portico of the General Assembly building in Richmond.

Pictured bottom left: Turner, Alice Reagan, history professor and Ed Banas, assistant dean of business and social science.
On February 19, the Loudoun Campus hosted presentations and a reception for the international Nokia Only Planet Project. Communication Design student groups, from both the Alexandria and Loudoun Campuses, presented their projects in front of a filled theater. Each group summarized their research and the products they developed. The project culminated in a trip to Santiago, Chile for three NOVA faculty and nine students to attend the NOKIA Only Planet Exhibition that was held at DuocUC. The accompanying exhibit in the Waddell Art Gallery included interactive multimedia presentations and prototypes from the project, as well as a photo retrospective of the trip to Chile.

NOVA IN THE NEWS

NOVA’s affordability and comparable quality was highlighted in the “PotomacNews.com,” which is part of InsideNOVA.com. The article, written by Gary Jacobsen, was titled, “A Two Year Price Cut.” To read the entire article go online to: http://www.insidenova.com/isn/news/opinion/columns/article/a_two_year_price_cut/4911/
Alexandra Campus Black History Committee Attend Prestigious Luncheon

On February 16, members of the Alexandria Campus Black History Month Committee attended the Association for the Study of African American Life and History’s (ASALH) 82nd Annual Black History Luncheon held at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C. This year's theme was "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism," which emphasized and celebrated this country's cultural diversity as a result of the traditions and contributions of African Americans. Maureen Bunyan, News Anchor for WJLA-7, served as the mistress of ceremonies and the keynote speaker was Earl G. Graves, Sr., founder and publisher of “Black Enterprise Magazine.” Graves reminded the attendees that they have a responsibility to the community to educate themselves and others and that the rich African American heritage merits self-respect, self-confidence and pride. **Brenda Robinson-Baptist**, felt as though it was a “great pleasure and honor to be among positive role models such as the members of ASALH, founders of Black History

**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. *This spot could be filled with your news! Send your e-mail today.*
Woodbridge Campus Hosts Fannie Fitzgerald for Black History Month Program

On February 27, the Woodbridge Campus hosted Fannie Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald was a pioneer in the desegregation of Prince William County Public Schools and is a lifelong community leader in the county.

She spoke about her remarkable life and contributions to all students throughout Prince William County. In 1965, she was one of four African American women assigned to teach at four all-white schools in the area. As a result of her contributions, an elementary school has been named in her honor in Woodbridge. Refreshments were served in the Campus Atrium following the program.

Pictured top: College Board Member Major General (Ret) Robert C. Gaskill, Sr. and his wife pose with Fannie Fitzgerald and Dean of Students Michael Turner.

Pictured below: Fitzgerald, holding a 96 year old picture of her parents and older sibling with Student Services Assistant Karen Todd, Student Activities Coordinator Tank McColl, Student Alana Thomas and Counselor Tanya Ingram.

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On February 8, the Chronicle Newspapers reported that “In a brief ceremony at the provost’s offices of the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) Medical Education Campus on Jan. 7, John Pellegrin, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, presented on behalf of the chamber a large, handmade quilt containing all five Armed Services crests to Col. Kenneth Canestrini, commander of the DeWitt Health Care Network. Plans are being made to display the quilt at the new DeWitt Hospital and Health Care Facility at Ft. Belvoir upon the hospital’s completion.” To read this entire article, go online to: http://www.chroniclenewspapers.com/articles/2008/02/08/chronicle/news/news13.txt
Professional Development Project Grantees Announced

The Professional Development Committee congratulates the adjunct faculty members who were selected to receive professional development project grants this year. The 2007-2008 grant recipients and projects are: Shirley Nuhn (AN), who is participating in an advanced workshop in writing for radio; Milton Muldrow, Jr. (MA), who is developing a field course to the Florida Keys to serve as Lab for BIO 275; John D. Wells (AL), who is developing an online “Hyperlinked Guide for New Adjuncts;” Barbara Southworth (AL), who is working on a new PHT Art Marketing Course; Andrea Hogarth (AL), who is working on a learning game for Introductory Psychology and Wendy K. Matthews (AL), who is working on a presentation of a paper at the 2008 Music Educators National Conference.

Washington Irving Middle School Students Visit NOVA Television Studio

On February 6, Media Specialists Lance Graham and Richard Attix hosted a tour of the television studio on the Annandale Campus for 10 children from Washington Irving Middle School in Fairfax County. The students, all from Denise Errico’s classes, were fascinated by the cameras, lights and editing equipment. After participating in a live television broadcast, the students and the television crew relaxed over pizza and soft drinks.

Pictured top: Lance Graham (left) plays the “voiceovers” that the students earlier recorded in the television studio.

Pictured below: Graham (left) and Richard Attix (seated, right) discuss the mechanics of producing a television broadcast.
UP&COMING

Alexandra Campus Concert Band - Winter Concert

The 80 Piece Alexandria Campus Concert Band under the direction of Wendy Matthews will present a Winter Concert on March 7 at the Schlesinger Concert Hall at 8:15 p.m. The concert is a children’s outreach concert with music for the young and the young at heart. Featured will be the celebrated John Adams Orff Ensemble and young elementary school instrumentalists from around the area. Also there will be a presentation with music by the band of a "claymation" video made by one of the Arlington Elementary schools. The concert, which will last one hour, is FREE but donations are encouraged.

VCCS Fellowship Program for Community College Classified Staff

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS) is announcing a fellowship program for community college classified staff. For the 2008 - 2009 academic year, selected classified staff employees will be named as Chancellor's Fellows to pursue degree studies that will enhance their ability to contribute to the community college mission. The Chancellor's Fellowship includes the following: financial support for tuition and mandatory fees, up to one academic year leave of absence with one-half pay and continuation of insurance, retirement, the State's portion of health insurance and seniority. NOVA has had several employees to win the Chancellor's Fellowship in past years. Currently, Maria Nieto-Shahsavarian from NOVA’s Medical Education Campus is pursuing a master's degree at George Mason University under this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

Applications will be available at the March 14 Classified Cross Campus Day event and an informational flyer and application is in the attachment section. Please contact Kathy Weiner in HR if you have additional questions.

Cross Campus Day

The Classified Employee Cross Campus Day is set for March 14. The Professional Development Committee has worked hard to include some new ideas into this year's program. Please see the flyer in the attachment section to learn more about the event. Hope to see you there!

NOVA Welcomes New IT Project Manager

The Office of Instructional and Information Technology welcomes Aaron Raffle as the new director of IT Project Management. This new position will focus on managing the implementation of new technologies, coordinating complex college-wide projects and working with our larger IT vendors. One of the first priorities will be the expansion of digital imaging to improve workflow and streamline business processes. Raffle comes to the College after a number of years running an IT Consulting Business serving clients with multiple sites around the country, and seven years as the chief technology officer for several companies in the hospitality industry. He brings a wealth of experience in business process automation and re-engineering. His office is located with IT Support Services in the CT Building on the Annandale Campus.
**2007-2008 Faculty of the Year Nominations**

The NVCC Alumni Federation is once again calling for nominations for the 2007-2008 Faculty of the Year awards. Only alumni and students of Northern Virginia Community College may nominate full-time teaching faculty and adjunct faculty for these awards. One full-time faculty award will be selected for each of NOVA’s six campuses and one adjunct faculty award will be selected for the College. You may nominate more than one faculty member. A nominating form may be printed from the Alumni Web site at [http://www.nvcc.edu/alumni](http://www.nvcc.edu/alumni) under “Faculty Recognition.” Nominating forms may also be found at your Campus Information Desk and Learning Resource Centers. **The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2008.**

The reception honoring nominated faculty and announcing the Campus winners will be held **April 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center Forum (AN). For further information please contact **Bonnie Idle**, alumni coordinator, at 703-323-3749.

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**COVA Care Offers Work/Life Balance Resources**

Balancing work and family, child care and parenting and adult dependent care are just a few of the issues that may impact employees or their families. ValueOptions, the COVA Care third party administrator for behavioral health, can help. The ValueOptions Achieve Solutions Web site has a wealth of information, interactive tools and resources on balancing work and family, taking care of dependents, relationships and life skills.

The online work/life tools include self-search for dependent care resources, a comprehensive library of educational materials on hundreds of topics, including child care and elder care, and a “Cool Minds” Web site where children can engage in educational and interactive activities. For more information, go online to [http://www.achievesolutions.net/covacare](http://www.achievesolutions.net/covacare) or contact ValueOptions toll free at 1-866-725-0602.
NOVA Classified Employee Cross Campus Day
“Honing the Tools of the Trade”
Friday, March 14, 2008
Annandale Campus Ernst Community Culture Center

8 – 8:45  Continental Breakfast

Dr. Hortense Hinton, Chair, Professional Development Committee
Welcome and intro of Dr. Robert Templin,

9:00 – 9:15  Dr. Robert Templin, Jr., President NOVA

Ms. Myrtho Blanchard, HR Director NOVA
Introduction of keynote speaker

9:15 – 10  Keynote speaker, Dr. Christopher Lee, Associate Vice Chancellor, VCCS

9:30 – 12:30  CPR & AED Certification (space limited to 30, pre-registration required, lunch delivery to participants)

10:15 – 11:30  Morning breakout sessions
  o Basic Auto Repair
  o E-mail Management: Tips and Tools for Everyday Users
  o The New AIS and Tools for Inquiring Minds
  o New Credit Card Regulations: When Fingers Do the Walking with your College Credit Card
  o It’s Free--Web 2.0 Tools of the Trade
    Get Your Bachelor’s Degree from UVA without Leaving Northern Virginia

11:45 – 12:30  Pick-up boxed lunches

12:45 – 2:00  Afternoon breakout sessions
  o Basic Auto Repair
  o E-mail Management: Tips and Tools for Everyday Users
  o Basic Self-defense
  o HR e-Service System
  o Performance Management: Is there a Magic Wand in Your Desk Drawer?
  o E-meeting and Pod Casting: Cool Tools You’d Use if You Just Knew More about Them
  o Invest to Win: Getting Started in the Stock Market

2:15 – 2:30  Cookies, Punch and Event Evaluation Turn-in

2:30 – 3:30  Pick-up Kickball Game …Come to play or come to cheer on your team!
  MA, AN, LO vs. AL, WO, MEC, CS
NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

FOR THE 2008-2009

CHANCELLOR’S FELLOWSHIP FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF

The Chancellor is pleased to announce a fellowship program for community college and System Office classified staff. For the 2008-2009 academic year, selected classified staff employees will be named as Chancellor’s Fellows to pursue degree studies that will enhance their ability to contribute to the community college mission.

The Chancellor’s Fellowship includes the following:

❖ Financial support for tuition and mandatory fees
❖ Up to one-academic year leave of absence with one-half pay
❖ Continuation of insurance, retirement, the State’s portion of health insurance and seniority.

Eligibility Requirements

⇒ Be employed 3 consecutive years in a full-time state-funded classified position at a community college or the System Office
⇒ Be enrolled in a degree program from a Virginia state-supported institution of higher education
⇒ Be recommended by the president, or Chancellor in the case of a System Office candidate

Application Process

⇒ Submit a completed application form
⇒ Include 3 letters of endorsement
⇒ Submit verification of acceptance in a degree program
⇒ Submit transcripts if currently enrolled in a program

Submit completed application packets to NOVA, HR, Attn: Kathy Weiner

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2008
Application for
CHANCELLOR’S FELLOWSHIP FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

I. APPLICANT DATA:

APPLICANT’S NAME: _____________________________________________________________________________
(Please Print) (Last) (First) (Middle/Maiden)

Current Address: ________________________________________________________________________________
(Street and Number)
______________________________________________________________________________________________
(City/Town) (State) (Zip)

II. EMPLOYMENT DATA:

   (Position Title)

   Community College ________________________________________________________________________________

   How many years of service to the VCCS? ______________________________________________________________

4. In the space provided, provide a summary of your primary position responsibilities. ______________________________
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5. Other professional experience (include work experience in the community college and in other settings and the date for each position listed. Provide a brief statement (2 or 3 sentences) of your primary responsibilities for each position. A separate sheet may be attached if additional space is required.). _________________________________________________________________________________
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III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:
Check the highest level of education attained to date:

High School _______ Community College _______ Baccalaureate _______ Masters _______

If course work at an institution of higher education has been completed list:

- the name of the institution
- the number of hours successfully completed
- date of completion of last course work
- primary area of course work
- grade point average

IV. PROFESSIONAL PLANS:

Write an essay describing your short term professional goals. Include in your discussion your reasons for applying for the Chancellor's Fellowship program.
Hot 99.5 D.J. Sarah Fraser
“Women in the Workplace”

Sarah Fraser, morning DJ with the Kane Show on Hot 99.5, knew from an early age that she wanted to be in entertainment. Fraser worked as an intern and assistant producer for Z104 in Washington, DC before she landed a traffic reporting job with WTOP. From there she scored a morning show co-hosting position with the Steven's and Medley show on Classic Rock 94.7. After the station changed formats, she landed the biggest gig of her career to date working with Kane and Samy on the Kane Show for Hot 99.5! Fraser graduated from Mount Holyoke College, a women’s college, and now lives in Washington, DC. She loves to ski and is working on doing stand up comedy.

Monday, March 24
12:30—1:30 p.m.
Cultural Center Forum

Free lunch provided.

NOVA
Northern Virginia Community College
Annandale Campus
World Champion Rod Batiste’s 
ESCAPE Strategies

*Thursday, March 27*

Ernst Cultural Center Seminar Room C & D 3-5 p.m.

What is ESCAPE Strategies?

It’s the “Easy System of Control And Practical Emergency” Strategies.

This fast paced, explosive and fun seminar was created and designed by Middleweight National and World Karate Champion, Rod “Batman” Batiste, who at the height of his professional fighting career realized that he could be at a disadvantage if involved in a street confrontation with an over-sized assailant. Working with his wife he invented a system of defense that is effective to use, and easy to learn.

His system was so well received that he was contacted by the Federal Judiciary Centers to travel around the country and teach U.S. Marshalls how to defend themselves without a weapon.

His system was incorporated as the #1 means of hand to hand combat at the NBS Law Enforcement Academy in Washington DC. It’s also been written about for its ease and efficiency by SELF Magazine. “Anybody can use it”, eight or eighty, male or female.

“Batman” Batiste, or “Bat” as he’s known, was hired as a bodyguard for Mr. T, of the famous TV show The A-Team, and Garrett Morris of the original Saturday Night Live cast!

He is the author of A Woman’s Guide to Self-Defense, and released a DVD called SET: Surprise and Escape Tactics.

DON’T WAIT!

…and learn “the ten most dangerous places in any town U.S.A”, and the power of the “three D” tactic.

For more information please contact the Annandale Office of Student Activities (703-323-3147).

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