Annandale Campus Visits State Legislature

A group from the Annandale Campus visited the state legislature in Richmond, Virginia on February 24. Provost Barbara Saperstone, Director of Government Affairs Dana Kauffman, Interim Dean of Students Christine Holt, Outreach and Development Specialist for Pathways to the Baccalaureate Maria Nieto and Spanish Instructor Frank Anderson. The group was given a short talk by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Chancellor Glen DuBois while in the Library of Congress, and then split up into two groups and met with various delegates and senators including Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate Margaret Vanderhye. At noon, the group entered the capitol building and watched part of the legislative session in action. Among the students who attended were Kim Schreiber, staff writer for the student newspaper the NOVA Fortnightly and Frank Anderson, a member of the Campus Democrats, a student organization that conducted voter registration drives on campus and in classrooms in the fall.
Manassas Campus Black History Month Event

On February 25, Memuna M. Sillah (AN) visited the Manassas Campus. Sillah presented on “The Door of No Return: The Roots and Richness of African-American History as Viewed through Senegal.” Last year, Sillah was selected to attend the world-wide Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) seminars in Senegal.

The presentation was based on one of the group’s site visits to Goree Island. Goree Island was considered the location of the door of no return as the final stop many West Africans were forced to make before being shipped to the new world as slaves. Sillah’s presentation included a short video and photos from her visit to Goree Island and to neighboring Senegal.

This event was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, the Multicultural International Society (MIS) and the Student Ambassadors at the Manassas Campus.
Alexandria Campus Phi Theta Kappa Discuss U.Va. Program Opportunities

On February 21, Special Assistant for Transfer Services Julia Brown spoke to the Alexandria Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) officers and potential new members. Brown spoke about NOVA’s partnership with the University of Virginia (U.Va.) Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) degree program.

U.Va. BIS, the part-time adult degree program at NOVA, began in the fall of 2008. This program serves working adults who have earned 60 hours of transferable college credit, at least 15 at NOVA, and want to complete a baccalaureate degree on a part-time basis with evening and weekend classes.

Over 40 students attended the event, heard about additional opportunities in PTK and met the current PTK officers. It was a huge success.

Important Notice

Tornado Preparedness Drill
March 17 at 9:45 a.m.
See the attachment section for flyer.
The Lyceum Committee Presents Dick Lillard

The Lyceum Committee is pleased to welcome Dick Lillard, veteran Washington-area radio broadcaster, to NOVA. Lillard will present on March 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the CE Forum on the Annandale Campus.

A resident of Maryland, Lillard’s distinguished career in radio began in the mid 1960s in the heyday of AM radio. He then joined WOL in Washington, later the top soul and R&B station in that market, and eventually served as its news and music director, including the FM affiliate.

After the FM affiliate changed its call letters to WMOD and adopted an oldies format, Lillard hosted a popular show with music and listener participation entitled “Nostalgia.” The show ran from 1973 to 1977 and featured the music, often drawn from his personal collection, characterized as the “roots of rock and roll.” As listeners shared their anecdotes, he made the connection between the postwar doo-wop and rhythm and blues and the rock and soul sounds that followed in the 1960s.

The show also included notable appearances by names in the music field, including piano man Amos Milburn.

After WMOD switched its call letters and format to country (as WMZQ) in 1977, Lillard continued showcasing this music into the mid 1980s at FM stations WHFS and WXTR. He then served as a dispatcher for the police department of Prince George’s County, Maryland.

In the meantime, he emceed various live music events and appeared as a guest on WDCU-FM’s “Blues Experience” in the early and mid-1990s.

Still an exponent of this historic music, Lillard hosts a bi-weekly oldies program on WKHS in Worton, Maryland, serving the Annapolis-Baltimore area. Recordings of his vintage programs from the 1970s and 1980s are treasured by collectors and enthusiasts.

For more information about this event, see the attachment section at http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Mar13-09_attachment.pdf.

Science Seminar

A Science Seminar titled “Open Educational Resources: Using Technology as a Lever for Change and Educational Access” will be presented on March 20 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m in the CE Theater on the Annandale Campus. French Professor Laura Franklin (AL) will be the speaker.

In summer 2008, Franklin represented NOVA and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) team at the 1st Pan-African Forum on Open Educational Resources in Accra, Ghana. It was an important moment for the Open Educational Resource movement in that colleagues were able to share free and open learning materials for immediate use in the expansion of e-learning throughout the world. This international community effort shows the level of interaction NOVA can have with using technology as a lever for change and educational access. Other colleagues in this work are none less than UNESCO, the African Virtual University network and the MERLOT and its institutional partners. This presentation will show some of the science resources and shed light on this promising model for equity and access.

Franklin has been honored with numerous national and international awards, including the 2003 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award, the highest award bestowed on faculty by the Commonwealth of Virginia. She also teaches online courses at the Extended Learning Institute (ELI). She is a founding editor of the World Languages collection of MERLOT. She is also on the leadership council of the MERLOT Africa Network and the chair of the MANeLa awards committee, granting awards for innovative use of instructional technology to improve free and open access to all. She is the current chair of the NOVA Global Studies committee.

All students, staff and faculty are cordially invited to attend.
Alexandria Campus Anthem Wellness Screening Event

There will be free screenings at the Alexandria Campus Anthem Wellness Screening event. This will be available to all faculty and staff (classified and P-14s) on March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Bisdorf Building room 158. Spouses and dependents of faculty and classified staff only, that live in the employee’s household, are also invited. You do not have to be enrolled with Anthem insurance to participate; however, you must register to attend. Your appointment time will be confirmed via e-mail. Register today! Spaces will fill up fast! See the flyer in the attachment section at http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Mar13-09_attachment.pdf for more details.

To sign up for your health screening, contact Kathy Clement via e-mail at kclement@nvcc.edu.

Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre Performs

The Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre (KHGDT) will present a program of dance stories on March 22 at 3:00 p.m. and March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyler Building Auditorium at the Alexandria Campus. Works to be presented include “Battleground” about the struggles of women during wartime and “Lincoln Portrait” incorporating the speeches of Abraham Lincoln. Two thousand nine is also the bicentennial of Lincoln’s birth. Also presented is “Ellis Island” inspired by sculptor Philip Ratner, whose bronze statues stand on this island in New York harbor portraying the thousands of immigrants coming to the United States.

The KHGDT is Alexandria's oldest modern dance company, founded in 1978, and is in residence at NOVA's Alexandria Campus. Focusing on telling stories through dance, the company presents programs about history and current events. This concert previews their performance at the Foro Performatica Festival in Puebla, Mexico this April.

Tickets are available at the door for $10. NOVA students, faculty and staff are free. More information is available at http://www.khgdt.org or in the attachment section online at http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Mar13-09_attachment.pdf.

NOVA Community Chorus and Others Perform Duruflé Requiem

Mark Whitmire (AL) will conduct two performances of the “Duruflé Requiem,” one of the most magical, transcendent pieces in the choral repertoire. The performances feature the Washington Philharmonic Orchestra and the NOVA Community Chorus, with the soloists mezzo-soprano Grace Gori and baritone Aurelius Gori. No tickets are required.

Performances will be March 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany located at 1317 G Street N.W., Washington, District of Columbia and April 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School at 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

For information contact Whitmire at mwhitmire@nvcc.edu or 703-845-6097.
Annual Open Enrollment Set for April 15 to May 15

Spring Open Enrollment for health benefits and flexible reimbursement accounts will begin on April 15 and end on May 15. During the annual Open Enrollment period, eligible state employees may make changes to health care membership and plan options. Employees may also enroll in a flexible reimbursement account (current flexible spending account participants must re-enroll to participate in the new plan year). In order to receive Open Enrollment communications materials and vital health plan information, it is extremely important that employees review mailing addresses in Denosys and update them, if needed, no later than April 1.

EmployeeDirect, the state’s online Web-based enrollment system will again be available for all employees to make open enrollment changes. Instructions on how to use EmployeeDirect may be found at http://www.dhram.virginia.gov/hbenefits/openenroll08/EmployeeDirectFlyer2008.pdf.

Please contact Janice Cottingham in Human Resources at jcottingham@nvcc.edu with any questions.

NOVA Summer Band Camp

The NOVA Summer Band Camp, scheduled for July 13 to 17, is a great opportunity for band students, ages 10 to 14 years old, to perform with other talented students. Instrumentalists will need at least one year of experience on their instruments. All instrumentalists except percussion are responsible to bring their own instruments. Percussionist must bring snare drum sticks and/or mallets. Students will need to bring a lunch. The students will participate in large and small group rehearsals and attend daily classes on such topics as audio recording, jazz improvisation, performance skills, etc. Students will perform a final concert for family and friends on Friday afternoon. In addition, they will have the unique opportunity to perform side-by-side with professional musicians in a gala concert on Thursday evening with the 257th Army Band, recognized as “The Band of the Nation’s Capital.”

Information and the brochure are available at http://www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/visual/music/band.htm. Summer Band Camp details are as follows:

- **Date:** July 13 to 17 (Monday-Friday)
- **Ages:** 10 to 14 years old
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Schlesinger Center Gala Concert on July 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuition:** $355
- **Location:** Alexandria Campus, Tyler Building, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22311

For a map & directions to the Campus, go online to: http://www.nvcc.edu/about-nova/maps-directions/alexandria/campus-map/index.html. This is a special camp. See flyer in the attachment section. Please contact Wendy Matthews at wmatthews@nvcc.edu or call 703-845-6252 for more information or to register.

Important Notice

Please note that the attachment section of the Intercom, which includes important NOVA announcements, can now be accessed via a new link: http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Mar13-09_attachment.pdf.