UVA's BIS Program to Launch at NOVA

As announced in November, the University of Virginia (UVA) is launching a part-time adult degree program at NOVA in fall 2008. The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program (BIS) 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.

The first classes will be offered at the Alexandria Campus, with other campuses to follow as more students enter the program. Interested students are strongly encouraged to attend an information session and to fax or e-mail unofficial transcripts for pre-application review in early March. Applications will be available on all campuses starting the week of March 17. Application deadline is May 15.

BIS makes it possible for working adults to complete a baccalaureate degree within the context of a rigorous liberal arts education typical of any UVA program, and to do so without leaving Northern Virginia. We encourage students from NOVA who want to take on the challenge of such an academic experience to consider BIS at UVA.

Anderson Receives Recognition for Photography

Librarian Anne Anderson (AL) won an “Honorable Mention” in Virginia Wildlife Magazine’s annual photography contest. Anderson's photo of a water lily was taken at Huntley Meadows. Virginia Wildlife Magazine is available in most campus Libraries.

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On February 28, NOVA administrators, faculty, staff and 30 students traveled to Richmond to meet with legislators in support of “Everyday is Community College Day.” During this visit, students expressed appreciation for their continued support for community colleges and some shared their personal stories. The visit to the general assembly exemplified a great learning experience for our students.

Participants included Provost Jonathan Gueverra, Dean Jim McClellan, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences; Assistant Professor Jack Lechelt, Assistant Dean Brenda Lewis-Holmes, Speech and Drama; Coordinator of Student Activities Pat Gordon, Community Relations Specialist Yolanda Barbier and several student club officers.
Enrolled at NOVA Alexandria Campus, performers took questions from the audience of 500 enthusiastic students on their tour in Waverly, Virginia. The Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre, in their outreach program “Stories to Remember About Women in Virginia” for Jamestown’s 400th Anniversary, has been presented 15 times across the state with help from a Virginia Commission for the Arts grant. Already seen by over 4,000 students and adults, the company will go to Wise Virginia in the western part of the state in April and serve the rural areas with nine programs. Students learn about the history of Colonial dance, the legend of Pocahontas, the life of Martha Washington and the value of spirituals. They listen to the stories about Annabella Gibson, who helped establish a nursing school in Richmond and about suffragettes and women’s right to vote in 1920. The program is compliant with the Virginia Standards of Learning and has a study guide sent to teachers ahead of time. It has been a most rewarding experience for all involved.

Annandale Campus Salutes Education Foundation Grantees

Congratulations to Kimberly A. Brooke, Veronica Campos, Damon Green, Steven L. Kohls, Walerian Majewski, Maria S. Rynn, Janet M. Sass, Carol A. Sinwell, Mary A. Vander Maten and Ellen R. Wertman (all of the Annandale Campus) on receiving an Educational Foundation Grant.

Nooks Recently Published

Loudoun Campus Dean of Student Services Kirk Nooks was recently published as a co-author in the NASPA Journal About Women in Higher Education. His article was titled “A Window Into the Culture of Leadership Within Higher Education Through the Leadership Definitions of Women Faculty: A Case Study of ELAM Women Faculty Alumnae.” Congratulations! To learn more go online to: http://www.naspa.org/ and click on “publications.”
Kaplan Invited to Serve on Virginia Committee

Congratulations to Ferris Kaplan, adjunct faculty for the Annandale Campus Marketing Program and Marketing Director for Fair Oaks Shopping Center, who was selected to represent Northern Virginia this February on a statewide Career and Technical Education Committee for the Virginia Department of Education to evaluate and revise high school marketing curriculum competencies. Kaplan teaches MKT 228: Promotion each spring semester and is a member of the Fairfax County High School Marketing Advisory Board.

Medical Education Campus’ Phi Theta Kappa Honors Their Own

The Medical Education Campus helped honor students who have shown great academic valor at the spring semester Phi Theta Kappa Beta Nu Psi Chapter induction ceremony. Along with honoring students, they also honored guest speaker and faculty member Elizabeth Disilvio as an honorary member of the Medical Education Campus Beta Nu Psi Chapter.

Pictured: Dental Hygiene Faculty Elizabeth Disilvio and fellow student inductees
The student organizations at the Alexandria Campus sponsored events to celebrate Black History Month. The Muslim American Society Group and Muslim Student Association (MSA) sponsored several programs on February 27 and 28, including a Mobile Museum on the “Forgotten Roots: African Muslims in Early America (1500-1800),” a lecture on Malcolm X and a documentary file on “Prince Among Slaves” which featured Abdul Rahman Ibramina, an African prince who came to America on a slave ship from Africa. Jean Braden is the faculty advisor for MSA.

The All African Student Union (AASU) sponsored a two-day program, which included performances, food, a slide presentation and a fashion show. Joseph Windham, faculty advisor for the AASU, was also in attendance. The Annandale Campus students, representing the Annandale African Student Union traveled to the Alexandria Campus to present a fashion show and festivities on the second day of events on February 28.

Pictured top: AASU students (from AL and AN) who participated in a fashion show on February 28.

Pictured middle: Jean Braden (center right wearing the black suit), with attendees.

Pictured bottom: Joseph Windham, faculty advisor, All African Student Union.
NOVA Welcomes New Purchasing Director

Ed Mellon recently joined the Financial and Administrative Services staff as Purchasing Director, responsible for all purchasing, contracting and fixed asset inventory control. Mellon’s previous experience has been in private industry with more than 25 years professional experience beginning in field operations and then management of purchasing in the construction industry. He has managed construction operations as well as purchasing. Most recently Mellon was the vice president of purchasing for a national construction company directing and managing the staff, budgets, procurement and contracting of multiple offices in Virginia.

Mellon lives in Gainesville with his wife and daughter (a Manassas Campus student), and he can be found on the Annandale Campus in CW 314. You are welcome to call Mellon at 703-323-3083.

Alexandria Campus Welcomes New Business Manager

The Alexandria Campus Provost’s Office is pleased to introduce the new business manager, Derrick Williams, Jr. He comes to us from Howard University, where he served for the past four years as the Administrative Director in the College of Medicine. Prior to his tenure at Howard University, he worked at the Children’s National Medical Center, Buffalo General Hospital (Buffalo, New York), Cornell University (Ithaca, New York) and Blue Cross Blue Shield (Rochester, New York).

Williams holds a master’s degree from SUNY – Empire State College (New York) and a bachelor’s degree from Thomas Edison State College in New Jersey. Williams is a native of Guyana, South America, but currently resides with his family in Fredericksburg, Virginia. You are welcome to e-mail him at dewilliams@nvcc.edu.

New Associate Director for Employee Relations

The Office of Human Resources welcomes Marleen McCabe as its new associate director for Employee Relations. McCabe began her affiliation with NOVA in the mid-1980's teaching English at the Woodbridge Campus and has continued her relationship with the College in various teaching and consulting positions. She brings more than 10 years of human resources experience to NOVA’s Human Resources Department, having most recently served as the director of human resource services for Fairfax County General District Court. McCabe is a certified workplace mediator, and she also has attained the Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification from the Society of Human Resource Management. She is multi-lingual, enjoys the academic environment and very much looks forward to working with all NOVA employees. She can be reached at 703-323-3050.
The Last Day to Place Orders for Faculty Regalia Approaching Fast!

All Campus Bookstores will be accepting faculty regalia orders for Commencement until March 22. Orders placed after this date require expedited handling and may be assessed a late fee. Complete the order form (see the attachment section) and forward it to your campus bookstore.

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Workshops

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning invites you to attend the upcoming Faculty Focus workshops. “So, You Want Your Students to Read? Strategies for Connecting Content and Reading,” presented by Linda Simmons, will be March 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, CG 202, Annandale Campus. “Show Me the Money: Grant Writing Workshop,” presented by Deborah Mottsman Rosen and Robert Henderson, will be April 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, CG 202, Annandale Campus.

Science Seminar presented by the Science Seminar Committee MSE Division (AN) and also supported by the Lyceum

This Science Seminar will take place on March 21 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the CE Forum, Ernst Cultural Center (AN). The speaker will be Raj Bawa, Ph.D., Bawa Biotechnology Consulting, Virginia. Please note that this event was originally scheduled for February 22 but due to NOVA’s snow closing this new date was selected. Bawa’s presentation is titled, “Exploring Nanomedicines and Medical Devices - A Journey through Pictures.”

New paradigms are shrinking our world and a classic technological revolution in medicine is unfolding. Nanomedicine is part of the high risk, high payoff global nanotechnology phenomenon. While nanotechnology promises to transform many industries, it will have a particularly profound impact on healthcare and medicine. Nanomedicine may be defined as the monitoring, repair, construction and control of human biological systems at the molecular level, using engineered nanodevices and nanostructures. Advances in delivering nanotherapies, miniaturization of analytic tools, improved computational and memory capabilities and developments in remote communications will eventually be integrated. This would result in reducing the cost of drug discovery, design and development, allowing faster introduction of new cost-effective products to the market. The nano-pharma market is expected to significantly grow in the coming years. Some areas of nanomedicine that will be highlighted via pictures include synthetic products (biomimetic nanostructures) developed from an understanding of nature; devices and nanosensors for early point-of-care detection of diseases and pathogens; construction of smart multifunctional biologic nanostructures, devices, implants and systems that couple and integrate diagnosis with targeted site-specific drug delivery and imaging and miniaturizing of devices for less invasiveness coupled with surface modification or functionalization to render the device more “biologic.”

Bawa, a biochemist and microbiologist, is president of Bawa Biotechnology Consulting LLC. He is a registered patent agent licensed to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and specializes in all aspects of biotechnology, nanotechnology and pharmaceutical patent law. Since 1998, Bawa has been an adjunct associate professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. Additionally, since 2003, he has been an adjunct professor of Natural and Applied Sciences at the Extended Learning Institute of Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale. Bawa has served as a National Institutes of Health grant reviewer, participated in the National Science Foundation’s merit review process and reviewed classified grant proposals from the Science Centers Program of the U.S. Department of State. He is the author of over 50 scientific, legal and business publications. He is a Life Member of Sigma Xi, a Fellow and Board Member of the American Academy of Nanomedicine and serves on the Global Advisory Council of the World Future Society. Presently, he serves on the editorial boards of the peer-reviewed journals, International Journal of Nanomedicine and Nanotechnology Law and Business. He is an associate editor of the peer-reviewed journal, Nanomedicine: Nanotechnology, Biology and Medicine and is co-editor of the textbook titled Nanotechnology Law to be published in 2008 by American Law Media. Bawa’s biographical record appears in Marquis Who’s Who in America (2007) and Marquis Who’s Who in the World (2008). All students, staff and faculty are cordially invited.
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 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.

New Full-time Faculty Orientation Scheduled

New Full-Time Faculty Orientation is scheduled for August. All sessions will be held in the Ernst Cultural Center, Forum, Annandale Campus.

- New Faculty Orientation I – August 14 and 15 (This is before contract so stipends will be offered.)
- New Faculty Orientation III – August 22 (This is for NOVA faculty hired in August 2007 and January 2008.)

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](http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/guidelines.htm).

E-mail your article to [intercom@nvcc.edu](mailto:intercom@nvcc.edu)! Deadlines are Fridays at 5:00 p.m. for the following week’s edition.
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
- Basic Auto Repair
- E-mail Management: Tips and Tools for Everyday Users
- The New AIS and Tools for Inquiring Minds
- New Credit Card Regulations: When Fingers Do the Walking with your College Credit Card
- 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
- Basic Auto Repair
- E-mail Management: Tips and Tools for Everyday Users
- Basic Self-defense
- HR e-Service System
- Performance Management: Is there a Magic Wand in Your Desk Drawer?
- E-meeting and Pod Casting: Cool Tools You’d Use if You Just Knew More about Them
- 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!
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We will be accepting orders until March 22nd
Ferris Kaplan has been the marketing director for Fair Oaks Shopping Center in Fairfax, Virginia, for seven years. Fair Oaks is the largest mall owned by The Taubman Company and is among the top 40 largest malls in the nation, featuring five department stores and 190 specialty stores. He oversees a full-time staff of four & a part-time staff of 15, and is in charge of all advertising, public relations, customer services, promotions and events.

After earning a bachelor’s degree in Journalism and a master’s degree in Broadcasting, both from the University of Southern California, Mr. Kaplan taught there at night for two years while working at the National Broadcasting Company in Burbank.

Mr. Kaplan worked in Los Angeles as a network and studio executive, buying, selling and programming television series and movies. At The Walt Disney Company he was in charge of sales administration for the world’s largest home video company. Mr. Kaplan oversaw an office staff of 19 to process more than $600 million of video sales generated by a national network of 35 salespeople.

In 1992, The Humane Society of the United States hired and moved Mr. Kaplan to Washington, DC to establish their marketing department. After three years of licensing nationally-distributed merchandise, he was hired by the American Red Cross to establish their business development & marketing department. His team created and promoted new courses and products for the 1,600 Red Cross chapters nationwide. His favorite creation was “Pet First Aid,” a book that has sold more than 250,000 copies.

Mr. Kaplan then worked as Group Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning for the American Advertising Federation, an association of the nation’s largest advertisers, advertising agencies and media.
FREE Movie Showing! Watch it before it comes out on DVD!

Date: Thursday, April 3
7:00 p.m. CC 111
Rated: PG-13, 90 minutes

The film follows five young New Yorkers who throw their friend a going-away party on the same night that a gigantic monster attacks the city. The film is presented as a series of scenes taken by a digital hand-held camera obtained by the United States Department of Defense pertaining to case "Cloverfield" found in US-447, an area "formerly known as Central Park".
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.
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.

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