NOVA Provides Onsite Course for the State Department

Professor Ron Wheeler (AL), Business Technologies Division, completed NOVA’s pilot onsite credit course in Contract Management this week at the State Department. Upon successful completion of this course, the State Department asked NOVA to offer follow-up courses in Contract Management to their employees as part of the Department’s strategy to address a shortage of contract management professionals.

To learn more, contact Wheeler or Dean John Min (AN), Business Technologies Division.
NOVA's New Web Site Is Up and Running!
Take a look at it today: http://www.nvcc.edu.

Going Healthy at the Manassas Campus with Weight Watchers

Twenty-one faculty and staff members at the Manassas Campus are living and taking to heart the motto, “Stop Dieting. Start Living.” The Weight Watchers at Work program consists of 17 weekly meetings where the members weigh in and attend a meeting conducted by Gwen Ford, a representative from Weight Watchers. After three weeks of participating in the program, the team has lost a total of 110 pounds. We will keep you posted on the progress after the program is complete!

Photo by Marge Shaffer (MA)
Golfing for Scholarships

John Ruffino (CS), Anthony Tardd (LO), Lynn Bowers (MA) and Ron Buchanan (MA) participated with the Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce “Polar Bear Scramble” on March 12. The event took place at the Evergreen County Club in Haymarket, Virginia. The tournament benefited the Chamber’s Scholarship Program. NOVA-Manassas was also a tee sponsor of the event.

The Intercom Wants to Hear from You!

The Intercom is for and by the faculty and staff of NOVA. So you are welcome to e-mail your articles and news to intercom@nvcc.edu! The deadline is EACH Friday at 5:00 p.m. for the following week’s edition (note: as usual during the summer, the Intercom is published every other week).

Send your news! For complete submission guidelines, go to http://www.nvcc.edu/plp/guidelines.htm.
The College Community Theater Prepares for The Foreigner

The College Community Theater, in residence at NOVA Loudoun Campus, announces their spring production of “The Foreigner by Larry Shue,” directed by Dave Wright. Performances will be April 4 thru 6, 11 thru 13 and 18 and 19. On Fridays and Saturdays the performance is at 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays it is at 2:00 p.m.

The winner of two Obie awards, “The Foreigner” tells the story of a fishing lodge that is turned upside down with the arrival of a foreigner. Froggy arrives with his friend Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation with strangers. So Froggy, tells everyone that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Hilarity ensues.

We have come together to produce quality theater not only for the College, but for the community as a whole. As the College Community Theater we are able to have students, faculty and staff, as well as community members involved in the production. The student actors are able to learn more by working with experienced performers from the community at large.

Your support is appreciated. General admission tickets are $12; seniors and students are $10. All tickets are sold at the door. For more information call 703-948-7701 or check out our Web site at http://www.nvcc.edu/cct.
GIS Program Expands and NOVA Professor Selected for NSF Cohort

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) course offerings at NOVA have been expanded this spring. For the first time, NOVA will offer two sections of GIS 200, Introduction to GIS. Introduction to Remote Sensing was also offered this spring—another first. With the new courses, enrollment in GIS courses has grown by nearly 25 percent over fall 2006. The approval of the GIS Career Studies Certificate, as well as further major expansion of GIS course offerings for fall 2008, means that NOVA now offers students even greater educational opportunities in this rapidly growing field. Fortuitously in synch with the growth of the GIS program at NOVA, Adjunct Assistant Professor Michael Krimmer (LO) has been selected from candidates nationwide to join the 2008 cohort of 20 community college and high school educators participating in the Integrated Geospatial Education Technology and Training (iGETT) project.

iGETT is the result of a multi-year collaboration by the National Council for Geographic Education; Del Mar College; ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute); Science Systems and Applications, Inc. at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and the U.S. Geological Survey Land Remote Sensing Program. The National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored the iGETT project and offers two-year college faculty professional development opportunities that will enhance existing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) programs by integrating remote sensing and Global Positioning System (GPS) data in ways that support workforce needs. Topical GIS applications include forestry, agriculture, disaster management, natural resources management and urban planning.

In addition to funding three weeks of study at Del Mar College (Corpus Christi, Texas), Krimmer's selection brings NOVA 25 laboratory licenses for ArcGIS, ArcInfo, Spatial and 3D Analysis extensions, Leica Image Analyst extension and ENVI software—at no cost. The grant also includes a Garmin 76S GPS receiver.

A further benefit of iGETT will be assistance with developing and implementing NOVA’s regional outreach initiatives to: recruit students; disseminate information about the program to other two-year colleges; explore articulation possibilities with high schools and four-year colleges and establish relationships with industries and government agencies that may need training for employees and/or be able to provide internships for students and jobs for graduates. Participating in the iGETT program promises to further NOVA’s mission of facilitating learning and workforce development.

For more information about GIS at NOVA see www.nova.edu/gis.
The Alexandria Campus Automotive Department hosted a meeting of the Washington Metropolitan Auto Body Association on March 13. The theme for the evening was an educator’s forum providing an open discussion between instructors and the local collision repair community on improving pathways to provide student placement and retention within the industry and the hurdles encountered on both sides. The meeting was hosted by Geoffrey Brown and Warren Barbee, the collision repair instructors, with members of the automotive department and instructors from local high schools represented the educator’s side of the discussion.

Commencement Volunteers are NEEDED!
Please see announcement in the attachment section.

Please respond by April 11 to Claudia Chirinos at cchirinos@nvcc.edu.
UP & COMING

Steinway Celebration Concert

The Alexandria Piano faculty will be giving a Steinway Celebration Concert on Saturday, March 29 on 4:00 p.m. in the Tyler Recital Hall (AL). Provost Jonathan Gueverra will be honored as he made it possible to purchase two new Steinway grands. The concert is free and a reception will follow. Please see details in the attachment section.

Farewell Reception for Wallace Hutcheon

Don’t Miss It! Come out and say farewell to Wallace Hutcheon on Wednesday, April 2 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the President’s Dining Room in the Ernst Cultural Center (AN). See flyer in the attachment section.

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Workshops

NOVA’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is hosting several upcoming events:

- Faculty Focus: “Show Me the Money!” - A grant writing workshop by Deborah Mottsman Rosen and Rob Henderson will be held on April 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, CG 202 (AN). Register by contacting Nan Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.

- Faculty Focus: “When Your Office is Your Auto” - Adjunct Professor Philip Tirpak will lead a discussion on ways to manage time and expectations for sane adjunct teaching. This event will be held on April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, CG 202 (AN). Register by contacting Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.

- Faculty Focus: “An Introduction to Lexis-Nexis” - Kevin Simons will introduce faculty to a powerful database available through our library on April 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Annandale Campus Library. Registration is required. Register by contacting Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.

- The CETL Advisory Council will be meeting on the Manassas Campus in April. All faculty are welcome to attend on April 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, MH 317. For more information, contact Bob Loser at rloser@nvcc.edu. See flyer in the attachment section.

- Faculty Focus: “Generation Gen NeXt” - Carol Sinwell will share tips and challenges millennials bring to college and to the workplace on April 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Provost’s Conference Room, CG 202, AN.

To register for any of the Faculty Focus sessions, contact Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu. To stay on top of all NOVA faculty development opportunities, go to the CETL Web site, http://www.nvcc.edu/cetl/workshops.htm. If you have an event that you would like to publicize or that you would like CETL to help you coordinate, please contact Peck.
U.Va. and NOVA launch the Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies program in fall 2008, at the Alexandria Campus (with other campuses to follow as more students enter the program).

Applicants should e-mail (bis-degree@virginia.edu) or fax (434-982-5335) your unofficial transcripts to our office as soon as you can for a pre-application review. We want to remind you that this step is very important before you complete an application. We are anticipating an entering class of 30-35 and look forward to identifying those members of the inaugural class as soon as possible, so that we can prepare adequately for orientation of the new class.

Applications are now available in Counseling Offices at all NOVA campuses and are due at the BIS office by May 15. Early submission is strongly encouraged. Before you apply, in addition to submitting your unofficial transcripts, it is important to attend an information session and talk with a BIS staff member.

The following are upcoming opportunities for you to do so. We look forward to working with you as you explore U.Va.’s BIS program at NOVA.

March 26: Alexandria - Bisdorf Building AA 147
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Information session
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. - Individual appointments
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Information session
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Individual appointments
Contact Michael Donnelly, 703-845-6594, mdonnelly@nvcc.edu

March 27: Loudoun - Waddell Building LW113
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - Information session
Contact Carlita McCombs, 703-450-2571, cmccombs@nvcc.edu

March 31: Annandale - Richard Ernst Cultural Center
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Transfer Fair
Contact Kimberly Wright, 703-323-3362, kuwright@nvcc.edu

April 1: Manassas - Campus Cafeteria and Counseling Office, Howsmon Hall MH 110G
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - Walk up visits and appointments
Contact Carol Oandasan, 703-257-6612, coandasan@nvcc.edu

April 7: Woodbridge - Student Services Center WS 202
4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Individual appointments
Contact Doug Rhoney, 703-878-5762, drhoney@nvcc.edu

April 10: Medical Education - Counseling Office
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Information session and appointments
Contact Kelly Patton, 703-822-6546, kpatton@nvcc.edu

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
University of Virginia
http://www.uvabis.info
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
VIRGINIA OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

Background:
The State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) sponsors an Outstanding Faculty Award (OFA) program which annually recognizes faculty excellence at the post secondary level. For 2008, 12 faculty members from various college and universities were selected including Walderian Majewski (AN), professor of physics. In addition to the professional recognition associated with the award, each selected faculty member received a $5,000 honorarium. Additional information concerning the award is available at the SCHEV Web site: http://www.schev.edu.

Requirements for 2009 Awards:
The program is self nominating. SCHEV requirements dictate that nominees must possess a record of superior accomplishment in four areas of scholarly endeavor – Teaching, Discovery, Integration of Knowledge and Service. These criteria are fully explained in the SCHEV Nomination Guidelines which are accessible from the SCHEV Web site noted above.

NOVA faculty members desiring consideration for the 2009 Award must submit (1) a two-page document outlining their scholarly accomplishments in the four areas noted above and (2) a copy of their current curriculum vitae to the NOVA Awards Committee.

Submission information must be forwarded by e-mail attachment to jlock@nvcc.edu by April 15.
NOVA Alexandria Campus, Music Program

Piano Faculty Recital
Steinway Celebration

Saturday, March 29, 2008
4:00 p.m.
FREE
Tyler Recital Hall
Reception following Recital
Alexandria Campus
Piano Faculty
Steinway Celebration Concert

Ljiljana Skoric Eluhow
Barbara Ryland
James Jelasic
Harvey Jacobson
Christine Hagan
Commencement Volunteers ARE NEEDED!

Commencement is **Tuesday, May 13, 2008** at the George Mason University Patriot Center and **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to assist with various tasks that evening. Time commitment required will be approximately 3-4 hours from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.

The tasks that need volunteers are (but not limited to):

- Greeting the students, families, and friends at specific entrances
- Handing out programs (at designated entrances)
- Assisting Faculty Marshals in the parking lot with the organization and line-up of students, and other needs that may arise
- Directing families and friends to their seats
- Assisting in the hospitality room
- AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

*We ask that you get approval from your supervisor prior to volunteering, as your work schedule will be adjusted this day to incorporate volunteered time.*

Please contact Claudia Chirinos at **cchirinos@nvcc.edu** no later than **Friday, April 11**, if you would like to be part of the TEAM! During the last week of April or first week of May, we plan to meet with all the volunteers to discuss duties, explain the procedures and answer any questions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to “**lend a helping hand**, “**pay it forward**, “**give big**” at the most important milestone of our students’ lives.
Don’t Miss It!

YOU ARE INVITED TO
A FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR

Wallace Hutchon, Ph.D.

COME JOIN US!

Wednesday, April 2, 2008
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Advisory Council Meeting
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Friday, April 18th, 9:30-11:30
Provost’s Conference Room, MH 317