Dr. Patricia Daron Wins Outstanding Faculty Award

On February 23, Governor Timothy M. Kaine recognized biology professor Patricia R. Daron as one of 15 recipients of an Outstanding Faculty Award, the Commonwealth’s highest honor for teachers at Virginia’s public and private colleges and universities. Daron was the only community college faculty member honored. The awards are administered by the State Council for Higher Education of Virginia.

“I am honored and humbled by this recognition, which would not have been possible without the assistance of many talented and dedicated faculty, staff and administrators who have helped me every step of the way in my long career at NOVA,” Daron said.

Daron joined the College in the mid-1960s. She taught in a traditional classroom setting until 1996, when she transitioned to Web-based instruction through the College’s Extended Learning Institute.

“Dr. Daron is most deserving of this award and we are extremely proud of her accomplishments,” stated NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. “Her enthusiasm for teaching and dedication to her students are unsurpassed. I admire her willingness to embrace new technologies - she is an excellent example of the high quality of instruction provided by our faculty.”

Daron received an engraved, silver Paul Revere bowl and a $5,000 cash prize at the awards ceremony at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. Created in 1986 by the General Assembly and then-Governor Gerald L. Baliles, this awards program recognizes superior accomplishments in teaching, research and public service.

Congratulations, Pat! We’re proud of you!

Dever Dolled Up in Designer Duds

Executive Vice President John T. Dever, who represented Northern Virginia Community College at the Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony in Richmond on February 23, needed some help with his formal outfit. He called on NOVA’s own fashion guru, Corinne Hurst, executive assistant to the president, for help.

Hurst came to the rescue (with some off-camera coaching from Provost Tony Tardd) and quickly helped Dever straighten and adjust his bow-tie, while our Intercom camera captured the moment for posterity.

Once he was suitably attired in his tuxedo, Dever was ready for the rush-hour afternoon drive down I-95 to the Library of Virginia and the festivities that followed.
VCCS Vice Chancellor Monty Sullivan (second from right) took a whirlwind tour of NOVA recently. At the Manassas Campus he met with (from left) Dr. Victor Bibbins, Dr. Craig Cowden, Dr. Ron Buchanan and LRS Director Lynn Bowers.

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SMITH Publishes SOL Research

Ann Marie Smith, English (WO), contributed to a book that will be published soon. Measuring History: Cases of State-Level Testing Across the United States analyzes testing efforts in seven states and how those efforts are interpreted in the classroom. “My chapter, ‘Negotiating Control and Protecting the Private,’ is an ethnographic investigation on high school history teachers in Virginia and what they think about the Virginia social studies Standards of Learning curriculum and tests,” Smith explains. “I also researched how they developed curriculum and taught according to—and against—the SOLs.”

Measuring History, part of the Research in Curriculum and Instruction series, will be released in April by Information Age Publishing.

NV Review Hosts Reception

The board of The Northern Virginia Review is hosting a reception for contributors to Issue 20 on March 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Schlesinger Center Forum on the Alexandria Campus. Matt Bondurant, author of The Third Translation: A Novel, will lecture on “Lost in Translation: Historical Research and the Contemporary Novel.” There will also be an exhibit celebrating the first 20 years of The Northern Virginia Review. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

What's Happening in HR?

Ever wonder about HR training opportunities, benefits or what changes might be coming that could affect you? Visit the HR announcements page at: http://www.nvcc.edu/hr/announce.htm. This page is frequently updated with the latest news, changes and opportunities. Check it out!

College Honored for CVC Success

NOVA has received a Pinnacle Award for its participation in the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign. This award is for agencies that had at least a 30 percent increase in dollars or participation and/or the agency raised more money than any previous year. The College raised $24,004 this year.

Special recognition was given to the College at a March 2 awards reception in Richmond. Susan Barth, campaign coordinator, was invited to attend. Hats off to Barth for outstanding leadership and thanks to all employees who made donations and contributed to this year’s CVC success!

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Wyles Honored as PTK Inducts New Members

The Alexandria Campus inducted 82 new members into the Tau Nu Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society on February 17. **Dr. Barbara Wyles**, retiring provost, was presented with a plaque during the ceremony to honor her support for the chapter throughout the years.

**Stephanie Sareeram**, humanities and social sciences, was inducted as the incoming faculty advisor. Guest speaker was Gene Sperling, senior fellow for economic policy and director of the Center on Universal Education, who also served as national economic advisor to President Clinton and head of the National Economic Council.

From left to right: **Stephanie Sareeram**, faculty advisor; **Heidi Chapman**, PTK vice president; **Gene Sperling**, guest speaker; **Michael DiPaula**, PTK president, **Dr. Barbara Wyles**, provost and **Dr. Pat Lunt**, dean of student development.

**Alphonse Addresses Task Force**

Father Xavier Alphonse, S.J., director of the Madras Centre for Research and Development of Community Education, spoke to the College’s internationalization task force on February 23, headed by **Dr. Paul McVeigh**, dean of humanities (AL).

Known as the “father of India’s community colleges,” Father Alphonse provided an overview of the Indian system, which began in 1995 and now has almost 150 institutions.

**Alumni Federation Hosts Silver Diner Event**

The NVCC Alumni Federation will sponsor a “Night at the Silver Diner,” on April 2 to benefit their scholarship fund. Volunteers will work with Silver Diner associates serving dinner and operating the milkshake machine. Bring your co-workers, family, friends, students and anyone who wants to get together for an evening of fun and food. The Alumni Federation will receive 20 percent of the total sales between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. All proceeds will help fund NVCC Alumni Federation scholarships. The Silver Diner is located at 8101 Fletcher Street in Tysons Corner. Their phone number is 703-821-5666. For more information contact **Bonnie Idle**, alumni coordinator, at bidle@nvcc.edu or by phone at 703-323-3749.

**Cross Campus Day Keynote Speakers Set**

This year’s Cross Campus Day on March 9 will feature two keynote speakers. For the morning session, “Enhancing Our Role,” David Urso will explain how to work with the resources we have to better inject leadership – and fun – into our work lives. Learn effective ways to expand these successes into student success as a whole.

In the afternoon, Edwin S. Clay presents “Managing Your Manager.” This session will offer techniques and strategies to help you develop a relationship of mutual respect and understanding with your manager. Learn how to transform your boss – and stay employed!

Both sessions will be held in the Ernst Center on the Annandale Campus.
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Human Resources is sponsoring a program regarding Long Term Care. This program is designed for people who may be looking for ways of dealing with their parents' needs and/or their own potential needs for the future. The program will consist of a 25-minute slide presentation and a period of Q and A. Supplemental materials will also be provided at each presentation. One presentation will be given at each campus.

Dates and times are as follows:

- Monday, March 20, 2006: Loudoun Campus, LW116, 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 21, 2006: Manassas Campus, Colgan Theatre, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Thursday, March 23, 2006: Annandale Campus, Forum, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Friday, March 24, 2006: Medical Education Campus, Room 154, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Monday, March 27, 2006: Woodbridge Campus, Room 120 (Theatre), 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Thursday, March 30, 2006: Alexandria Campus, Room 158 (Bisdorf building, also known as AA), 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

The initial slide presentation will begin at 12:00 pm (except @ LO) with the question and answer session following. If you are unable to arrive at 12:00 pm then please feel free to drop by anytime during the allotted time periods. Additional time has been allotted for each presentation so that as many people as possible may have the opportunity to attend.

The program will be presented by Michael J. Ludgate of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging, and is funded through a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, and The Virginia Department for the Aging.

Please indicate above which presentation you will attend by Friday, March 10, 2006 by emailing jellis@nvcc.edu. An accurate headcount will allow us to have the correct number of supplemental materials available.