Manassas Campus Welcomes Special Guests

On May 5, the Manassas Campus enjoyed visits from two very special guests at the annual Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards, or “All-Star Game,” as this year’s event was called. The Potomac Nationals’ mascot “Uncle Slam,” arrived for lunch and photo ops in the... Continued on page 2
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Colgan Theater lobby, adding his quirky smile to the already fun-filled atmosphere. As the ceremony commenced, employees were treated to an even bigger surprise as Manny Acta, manager of the Washington Nationals baseball team, joined Manassas Provost Hortense Hinton on-stage to hand out awards to faculty and staff members. He later helped Hinton lead the crowd in a rousing rendition of “Take Me Out to The Ballgame” and stayed after the event to sign autographs.

In thanks for his contribution to the program, the Awards Ceremony Planning Committee presented Acta with a baseball autographed by the committee and Hinton. Faculty and staff members commented that this year’s ceremony was “the best ever.” Rumor has it that next year’s ceremony includes plans for an Oscar’s theme and Hollywood celebrity guests, and you never know what might happen at the Manassas Campus!
Four staff members have joined the Annandale Campus provost’s staff, Christine Holt, dean of Operations; Judith Gustafson, director of Information and Instructional Support Services; Norie Flowers, senior executive assistant and Ellen Bang, administrative support specialist.

Holt hails from Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, North Carolina, where she was an executive director. She has an M.A.Ed. from East Carolina University and a J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Holt has assumed a number of responsibilities in this new position, including campus planning, strategic planning, enrollment management, facilities planning and acting provost when the provost is away.

Gustafson has worn many hats, including teaching English and humanities, directing the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) faculty locals, and developing educational outreach for a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution. Most recently, she managed instructional technology and distance learning at Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, New York. She received her Ph.D. in English from Wayne State University. Gustafson’s new position is designed to help provide comprehensive technology support for Annandale faculty as they move into the future with technology.

Flowers served in many embassy postings oversees with the U.S. Department of State. She was also a program manager for the American Council on Education for six years and a board liaison with the American Wind Energy Association. She was a history major at George Mason University. Flowers supports the provost and hopes, as the “new kid on the block,” to bring different perspectives to streamline processes and procedures.

Bang graduated from Annandale High School and attended NOVA. She began working in the Division of Liberal Arts as a temporary employee before being hired permanently in the Office of the Provost. Bang is the first person faculty, staff, students and visitors meet and she assists them with all requests.

We welcome them all to NOVA!
Woodbridge Campus Celebrates Women’s History Month: Enterprising Women in Business Forum

On March 28, the Woodbridge Campus hosted its first Enterprising Women in Business Forum as one of its Women’s History Month events.

The event included a discussion panel of six distinguished women:
- Prince William County Police First Sergeant, Kim Chinn
- Senior Instructional Designer/Trainer for Allied Technology Group, Jennifer Ferguson
- Senior Sales Director for Mary Kay, Karyz Figeroa
- Virginia and Maryland Regional Developer for Décor&You, Sandra Hambley
- Technology Solutions Consultant with Cengage Learning, Janna Miser
- Independent Associate with Pre-Paid Legal Services, Erica Moore

Each panelist spoke about their career and participated in an interactive question and answer forum. After this discussion, a networking session was provided for all participants to meet and learn more about each woman’s business.
Alexandria Campus partnered with the Fairfax County Coalition and Office of Partnerships as part of its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Through this partnership there were 517 volunteers, eight of which were students and faculty from the Alexandria Campus. Collectively, the volunteers prepared 2,416 tax returns and served an estimated of 14,872 hours of service during this tax season.

Student and faculty volunteers were trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service. Our volunteers prepared taxes at the Alexandria, Medical Education and Woodbridge Campuses this tax season. The student and faculty volunteers served over 200 hours of community service by participating in the VITA Program.

The following special guests attended the recognition ceremony: City of Alexandria Mayor, the Honorable William Euille; Internal Revenue Service Representative Leonard Oursler Executive Officer, Customer Assistance and Education; Sam Hill, Woodbridge Campus provost, and Lorenzo Esters, NOVA Board Member.

Students and faculty received certificates of recognition for outstanding service to the community. Pictured left to right: Tom Meagher, student volunteers; Provost Jonathan Guererra; Len Finkel, faculty member, and Tim Pickney, IRS Representative.
The Call Center staff were hard at work stuffing and labeling 12,000 envelopes with college information being sent to parents of high school seniors in Virginia and Washington, D.C..

Woodbridge Campus Hosts 2008 Honors Ceremony

On April 24, the Woodbridge Campus hosted its 30th Honors Ceremony. This was a combined program with the Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony and presentations of honors awards, scholarships and other special awards. Each recipient received individual recognition for their achievement and a commemorative award.

Charles Kellermann, associate professor for Business and Social Science, stands with this year’s honors awards recipients
Holly Frost’s lecture was on the history of U.S. Fire/EMS and how it impacts the fire and medic fields of today. Lewis’ lecture was on the fire and tactical response to the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, and Neal’s presentation was about expanded EMS triage in a mass-casualty disaster situation. All lectures were attended to maximal capacity and given both written and live Korean translation. The trip was initially proposed by Byung Ryu, Medical Education Campus facilities manager.
Rick “Moose” Auckerman Rides for Multiple Sclerosis

Rick “Moose” Auckerman, IT Specialist at the Manassas Campus is gearing up to represent the Manassas Campus for the second year in a row. The Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Bike Ride raises money for the 400,000 Americans living with MS. The ride will cover over 150 miles through the back roads of Virginia’s Eastern Shore, May 31 and June 1. Auckerman is passionate about the cause and states, “there is no cure for multiple sclerosis, and with diagnosis occurring most frequently between the ages of 20 and 50, many individuals face a lifetime filled with unpredictability.” He is currently half-way to his goal of $1,200.

To learn about Moose’s campaign against MS, please visit: http://www.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/VAXBikeEvents?px=3374472&pg=personal&fr_id=7110.

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).

For complete submission guidelines, go to: http://www.nvcc.edu/ pip/guidelines.htm. Send your news!

REMINDER: In the summer, the Intercom is published EVERY OTHER WEEK.
Next edition: June 13 (Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on June 6).
Alexandria Campus Provides Partnership Service at Woodbridge Campus

On March 29, the Alexandria Campus partnered with the Woodbridge Campus and brought free tax preparation to students and the community of Prince William County. More than 15 people received assistance from this event.

NOVA faculty and students were trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Services (IRS). This program was a partnership between NOVA and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to provide tax preparation assistance to working families and individuals with a qualifying income.
Alexandria Campus Hosts End of the Year Recognition Ceremony

On May 8, Alexandria Campus held their annual end of the year reception where faculty and staff gathered to celebrate their hard work, achievements and years of dedication to the College. During the ceremonial gathering the following faculty and staff received the Jean C. Netherton Award of Excellence for Outstanding Service, Arthur Davis, adjunct; Jimmie Rex McClellan, administrative faculty; Virginia Primus, faculty, and Samuel Rosado-Rodriguez, classified staff.

Following the award presentations, faculty and staff enjoyed an afternoon of music, food and fun. They even had a surprise treat of old-fashioned homemade ice cream churned by Provost Jonathan Gueverra. The entire day was a fun experience for all.
NOVA SIGHTINGS

NOVA Day Held at the Manassas Campus

On May 2, the Manassas Campus hosted 92 prospective NOVA students from Fairfax County high schools including Centreville, Chantilly, Mountain View and Westfield. The students attended an information session, lead by Alicia Grande, high school outreach coordinator, with Asante Clarke, counselor/disability services; Taka Perry, financial aid advisor; Jeffrey Thomas, student activities coordinator and Hortense Hinton, provost. The students and their counselors were invited to attend information sessions specific to their area of interest. Sessions included Automotive, Disability Services, Biotechnology and Medical Programs. A session was also offered to the teachers and counselors attending on how to guide their students who are interested in NOVA.

High School Outreach Coordinator Alicia Grande speaking to students about the importance of setting goals and achieving dreams.

William Gary Invited to Speak to the Business Roundtable

The Business Roundtable convened on May 20. CEO’s, members of Congress and leaders of community colleges met to focus on the critical role community colleges must play in enhancing American competitiveness. According to Business Roundtable, community colleges role, from improving worker training to tapping and shaping the next generation of talent, is even more an imperative in today’s fragile and competitive economy.

The Forum, held at the Senate Russell Building on Capitol Hill, focused on the policies needed to help U.S. workers better compete and succeed in the world economy. Moderated by David Wessel, economics editor at The Wall Street Journal, NOVA’s William Gary, vice president of Workforce Development, along with other community college presidents and representatives, briefed members of Congress on the role community colleges play in preparing a 21st century workforce and the need for continued dialog and expanded involvement with business leaders and Congress in responding to workforce challenges, issues, policy and legislation.

In addition to Gary, other community college representatives included George Boggs, president/CEO, America Association of Community Colleges; Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie, president, Coastline Community College; Gerado E. de los Santos, president/CEO, League for Innovation in the Community College; Jim Henderson, vice president, Career and Technical Education, Louisiana Community & Technical College System; Dr. Jim Jacobs, president-elect, Macomb Community College; Dr. Gail Mellow, president, LaGuardia Community College; and Dr. Diane K. Troyer, president, Lone Star College-CyFair.
Woodbridge Campus Criminal Justice Club Holds Annual Law Enforcement Job Fair

On March 4, the Woodbridge Campus hosted its annual Law Enforcement Job Fair. More than 30 different agencies from federal, state and local levels participated in recruiting for jobs and internships.

Woodbridge Campus student inquires about the responsibilities of a Chesterfield County police officer.

Student Awards Ceremony Held at the Manassas Campus

On April 24, the Student Awards Ceremony was held to honor both students, faculty and staff members for their accomplishments achieved this past year. The guest speaker of the ceremony, NOVA alumna and current GMU student, Valetta Bertrand encouraged students to succeed through determination, organization and patience. Bertrand will receive her degree in communications and journalism with an African-American studies minor. Tiffany Ulloa, a NOVA Idol semi-finalist sang “Imagine Me Without You” and Who’s Who recipient, Jacob Lash composed a piece and played it on the piano.

The awards were presented to each student by Coordinator of Student Activities Jeffrey Thomas; Kitty Deal, Counseling Services; and Dean of Student Services Victor Bibbins. Awards presented, included: Academic Achievement, Outstanding Work Study, Social Achievement, Positive Community Impact, Meritorious, Intramural Sports, Student Activities, Deans Awards, Provost Award Club of the Year and Provost Award Advisor of the Year.
On May 17, the Alexandria Campus held a 5K walk sponsored by the Foundation for Fighting Blindness. The Northern Virginia/DC Metro VISIONWALK brought together leaders, walkers and sponsors from Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County, Maryland.

The purpose of the VISIONWALK was to raise funds towards a cure for blinding retinal diseases. The Northern Virginia and DC chapter’s fundraising goal was $125,000 and with the support of 450 participants the total amount raised was $200,000.

The VISIONWALK was enjoyable for people of all ages. Activities during the walk included face painting, a moon bounce, music, food and special appearances by Elmo and Sponge Bob!
Oscar Larson to Retire

Oscar Larson, director of Application Technical Support, Office of Instructional and Information Technology, bids farewell to NOVA on June 30. Larson began working with NOVA as a consultant in October of 2003 during the Student Information System (SIS) conversion to PeopleSoft. He was instrumental in helping make the original SIS conversion and the upgrade to the current version we now use. He also helped manage the conversion from the old mainframe accounting system to the new PeopleSoft AIS. He left his consultant job to become a NOVA employee on May 1, 2006. Faculty and staff are invited to a farewell for him on June 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Brault Building Boardroom. For questions, contact Steve Sachs at 703-323-3387 or Dale Seward at 703-323-3387. To RSVP, contact Seward at dseward@nvcc.edu.
As we start up a new semester, do not forget to review your emergency response, evacuation and stay-in-place plans! Please have your students and coworkers participate in an evacuation drill (in case of fires, etc.) and a stay-in-place, shelter drill (in case of a severe storm, disruptive student or employee, etc.). A few minutes spent reviewing and practicing proper procedures now can prevent panic and confusion in the event of an actual emergency.

The beginning of a new semester is also an excellent time to review and update your agency-specific Emergency Response Plan. If your office, building or agency does not have such a plan, write one up now! Communicate with your coworkers, coordinate with local Emergency Management agencies (Fire, Police, EMT, etc.) and maintain contact with them as you periodically update your plan. Prepare an office emergency kit containing water, non-perishable food items, first aid supplies and a change of clothes. Do not forget to update your home and vehicle emergency plans as well. For more information, see your campus or Agency Emergency Response Plan.

Enjoy the summer as we side step hurricanes and tornadoes, however, please do not take a break from safety and preparedness!
The Annandale Office of Student Activities & Food for Others Food Drive

Please place non-perishable items in the collection box located in front of Student Activities (CF 226) and items will be donated to Food for Others. For more information, please contact Jessie Zahorian (703-323-3484 or jzahorian@nvcc.edu).

Most needed items include:
- Canned tuna
- Canned meats – ham, turkey, chicken, and beef
- Peanut butter and jelly/jam
- Canned soup
- Cereal
- Vegetables – fresh (in season) or canned
- Fruit - fresh (in season) or canned
- Beans – dried or canned
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Boxed Meals
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Fruit Juice
- Coffee and tea
- Sugar and Flour

Did you know that Northern Virginia has an estimated 5% poverty rate? This means that more than 90,000 individuals are living in poverty, 30% of which are children.