Pompeii Exhibit Experienced

Professors Rosemary Gallick (WO) and Barbara Lash (MA) invited their art history students to tour the National Gallery of Art’s Pompeii Exhibit. Greek and Roman artifacts from 79 A.D. brought many of the classroom-projected images to life. Lash’s Museum Studies students examined the installation of objects and had an opportunity to discuss museum practices with the chief of design and senior curator of the exhibit. This tour was the second of five museum visits planned for the Museum Studies class.
Alexandria Campus Hosts Trick or Treat for Children

On October 30, more than 40 children dressed in costumes, toured the Bisdorf Building at the Alexandria Campus to collect candy from all the Student Services Offices, the Library, Student Government, the Campus Police and the Academic Divisions. Sponsored by the Student Business Association, the community service event provided employees and parents in the community an opportunity to bring their children to the Campus, in a safe environment, to participate in the Halloween tradition. Student volunteers assisted in escorting students around the building and through a "haunted house" that student leaders had designed in a classroom.

Entertainment Books are Here!

The Entertainment 2009 coupon books have arrived and are available in Room 312 of the Brault Building (next to the Annandale Campus). They make a unique holiday gift and are only $25.00 each. The NVCC Educational Foundation receives $5.00 from each book sold. The books contain over 500 discounts for dining, vacation packages, music, theaters and even on-line shopping. You may pay by cash, credit card (VISA or MC only) or check.

For more information, call Michelle Beaini at 703-323-3023 or e-mail mbeaini@nvcc.edu. Entertainment 2009 may be used immediately, so do not delay, buy yours today.
Woodbridge Faculty Visits South Africa

Carmen Figueroa (WO), assistant dean of English as a Second Language and foreign languages professor, was selected to participate in the Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program this summer 2008. She spent five weeks in South Africa learning about student achievement and workforce development in disadvantaged populations. The program focused on how educators prepare students from diverse backgrounds. The main topics of the seminar - achieving university level language, reading and writing skills, academic literacy and workforce development - were achieved through direct observation, interaction with South African educators, students and area experts, as well as curriculum development guidance. South Africa has 11 official languages but university instruction is offered in either English or Afrikaans; often a second, third or even fourth language for the majority of South African students. Figueroa stated about her experience, “The language situation is fascinating, a fertile landscape for any linguist.”

Instructors Wanted!
Annandale Campus College for Kids

In the interest of expanding and infusing our summer camps with renewed energy and innovation for 2009, College for Kids (CFK) is seeking the talents of new instructors who possess a passion for sharing their knowledge and engaging young minds, ages eight to 16. For 2009, our one-week or two-week day camps would start as early as June 29 and end as late as August 14. They are in session Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to submit your course ideas to be considered for inclusion in our course offerings for 2009. If interested, please submit a brief course description by December 15 to Thelma Jefferson-George, program developer for special projects in Continuing Education’s Center for Business Excellence, at 703-323-3281 or e-mail tjeffersonge@nvcc.edu. Please include your preference for grade level, week(s) desired, desired compensation and space requirements, along with your preferred contact information.

Submit to the Intercom Today!

The Intercom is for and by the faculty and staff of NOVA. 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. For complete submission guidelines, go to: http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/guidelines.htm. Send your news!

Please remember articles and announcements should be about NOVA faculty and/or staff! We look forward to receiving your submission.
Loudoun Mock Election Day

The Loudoun Campus held a mock presidential election on November 3. The event was hosted in the Student Lounge which included a mock election table complete with ballots and candidate posters. On the other side of the lounge, students were given the opportunity to get free t-shirts made for their preferred candidate or a funny t-shirt with their own pictures. There was a successful voter turnout and those who voted also received free popcorn. Students were in high spirit and looked forward to voting the next day for the actual presidential election. Over 250 shirts were made and the winner of the mock election was President-elect Barack Obama.

Loudoun Visits Homeless Shelter

As a part of NOVA's efforts to become more involved with the community, Loudoun Campus Student Activities spent a day at the Loudoun Emergency Homeless Shelter on October 21. Students and staff were given the opportunity to get a tour of the shelter and spend the day as volunteers. At the shelter, the student volunteers spent the day cleaning an entire garage full of donations from bikes to toys to dishes. The volunteers were able to build shelves and organize all the things that were cluttering the shelter space. Because the event was so successful, the Campus was invited to come back very soon! Special thanks to Student Activities and all of the students who took the time to make a difference.
In recognition of Alcohol Awareness Week, Student Activities hosted a "Mocktail Party." Loudoun Campus student ambassadors and Tiffney Laing, student activities coordinator, served as hosts and added their own personal recipes to make delicious non-alcoholic alternatives. The menu consisted of root beer floats, pink ivy, pina coladas and mojitos. The event was hosted in the Student Lounge and was a huge success. More than 50 students participated, and all were able to pick up brochures on alcohol awareness and education. Many students signed up to be a part of future events.
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Program Growing at NOVA

Adjunct assistant professor Mike Krimmer (LO) represented NOVA as one of the 40 community colleges involved in Integrated Geospatial Education & Technology Training (iGETT). iGETT is part of a National Science Foundation initiative focused on advanced technical education, fusing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS). Selection for the National Science Foundation (NSF) funded, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) and ITT Visual Information Solutions (ITT) supported effort was from a nationwide competition. NOVA’s selection, as part of the 40 school cohort, is a testament to the rapid development of a first-rate GIS/RS program over the past two years. iGETT provides community college educators the technical skills and education to teach RS. The program was developed in response to the unique role of community colleges in preparing the 21st century workforce with the technical skills and education needed in today’s workplace.

The dramatic increase in geographic information (e.g., Google Earth, Mapquest) has led to an explosion of high technology jobs in GIS and supporting disciplines. Remote sensing is on the threshold of similar expansion, as remote sensing imagery (from aircraft and satellites) is now readily available, with adequate bandwidth for easy distribution. This month’s release by NASA of all Landsat imagery (satellite imagery dating from 1972) will further expand this rapidly growing market. Remote sensing is used from everything to determining health of field crops, measuring timber yields to ecological management, disaster response and urban planning. Presidential workforce initiatives have identified GIS and RS as essential skills and knowledge to use these information technology intensive tools. iGETT and the GIS/RS program at NOVA, pair the power of GIS with RS, to develop the decision support systems vital to industry and government today.
Faculty Focus: Lexis-Nexis

Faculty Focus Workshop: An Introduction to Lexis-Nexis: This workshop will take place on November 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Library Instruction Room, CG Building on the 3rd floor of the Annandale Campus. Instruction and Reference Librarian Kevin Simons will introduce faculty to a powerful database now available through our library. This is a hands-on workshop. Reservations are required - the first 20 faculty are welcome. Reserve your space by e-mail at CETL@nvcc.edu.

This workshop is sponsored by NOVA’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL).

Audio Conference on Disability Services and Testing Accommodations

One of the most frequent accommodations provided to students with a variety of disabilities is some form of testing accommodation. Arrangement of services and support may be needed, and a range of models may be used, from testing done within the disability services office to testing overseen by a free-standing testing center, to testing accommodations provided directly by faculty. Members of the Disability Services Leadership Team and Learning Resource Services will be hosting an audio conference on November 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Annandale Campus, with funding support from the Office for Training and Development to learn more about appropriate testing accommodations. This interactive audio conference will discuss the assignment of accommodation for testing, the relative merits of various testing models and organizational features of a functional and credible testing accommodations program.

Seating is limited with preference for attendees from Disability Support Services and Learning Resource Services. If you would like to participate in this audio conference, please e-mail Carol Sweetser at csweetser@nvcc.edu to reserve your seat.

Do you have a question regarding working with students with disabilities? If so, e-mail Sweetser, special assistant for College-wide Disability Services. Anonymity will be respected, but please provide your Campus. Check out future editions of Intercom for answers.

Lyceum Hosts Actor David Sabin

The Lyceum presents David Sabin, veteran actor of stage and screen, who will reminiscence about his career in “An Actor’s Resume,” at 12:30 p.m. on November 17 in the CE Seminar Rooms, Annandale Campus.

Veteran of the Shakespeare Theatre Company, Sabin performed most recently in the Folger Theatre’s production of “School for Scandal.” He has worked in both on and off Broadway productions as well as in television and film. He has shared the stage with Dustin Hoffman, Derek Jacobi, James Earl Jones, Christopher Plummer, Bette Davis, Dudley Moore and Raul Julia among others, and has been featured on popular shows ranging from “Murphy Brown” and “The Rockford Files” to the soap opera “Love of Life.”

Join us for this entertaining and informative program. For questions, contact Terry Alford (AN), history, at 703-323-3274.
Loudoun Campus Geographic Information System (GIS) Day Celebration

The Loudoun Campus will mark International Geographic Information System (GIS) Day, on November 19, with a full slate of events. Join us in the Waddell Auditorium for any or all of a series of presentations on GIS and Remote Sensing. See for yourself the confluence of spatial data and the Internet. A more detailed agenda of the afternoon’s activities follows:

1:05 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.  GIS in Conflict: Nation Re-Building  
Aaron Showker, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.  GIS in History: Archeology at Claude Moore Park  
Kathryn Catlin, Boeing

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  Viewing Our Earth: Remote Sensing  
Melody Peppard, ITT/VIS

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  GIS in Action: Planning for & Responding to Disasters  
Phil Thiel, Dewberry

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  GIS for Agriculture  
Lee Ebinger, U.S. Department of Agriculture

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  The Watershed in Your Backyard  
Margaret Stewart, NOVA GIS student  
Wireless in Reston  
Chris Wiedemann, HydroGeoLogic

If you want to do some hands-on GIS work or you cannot make the afternoon activities, join us at the GIS Open House at the Reston 2 Center, Room 313, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you still have more questions, go online to www.nvcc.edu/GIS or contact Mike Krimmer (LO) at mkrimmer@nvcc.edu.

Science Seminar
Sponsored by the Math, Science and Engineering Division (AN) and Lyceum

A Science Seminar will be held on November 21 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the CE Forum on the Annandale Campus. Titled “Mathematics in Other Disciplines: You Can’t Get Away from Math,” this seminar is certain to be an enriching experience as speaker Richard Pellerin discusses that range and uses of mathematics. Mathematics is used in almost every discipline in one way or another. Pellerin will give examples of that in music, medicine, area landmarks, space travel and many other areas.

Pellerin has been teaching at NOVA for 37 years. For 20 of those years, he visited area schools as “Mr. Mathemagician” performing magic tricks that utilize simple mathematical concepts in an attempt to get students excited about math. He loves math and any games that use mathematical skills!

All students, staff and faculty are cordially invited to attend.

Cirque de Soleil for a Great Cause

The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education and CGI invite you to a benefit performance of “KOOZA,” Cirque du Soleil’s new touring show, on December 5 at the National Harbor. The evening includes cocktails in Cirque’s private Tapis Rouge™ suite, great seats and dessert following the show. Tickets are $500 per person. The event begins with cocktails at 7:00 p.m. with the show following at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Jennifer Sager Gentry at jgentry@vccs.edu or 804-819-4962. Proceeds from the event will support Great Expectations, a new educational initiative for Virginia’s foster youth.
UP&COMING

The IRS has released the new deferral limits for both the 457 and 403(b) plans for calendar year 2009. The new general deferral amount is $16,500. The catch-up limit for the age 50 and over employee is $5,500. A total deferral amount an employee could set-aside if eligible for the age 50 amount is $22,000.00. Employees wishing to maximize their deferrals to begin with the first pay period in January should get their deferral changes to the appropriate office before the winter break. For 403(b) participants, the salary reduction agreement should come to the attention of benefits in Human Resources. For 457 participants, the change is made on-line or by calling the Great-West service provider at 866-226-6682, option #1.

The Virginia Retirement System has announced a change in vendors for the Commonwealth of Virginia’s 457 Deferred Compensation Plan effective January 1, 2009. The new carrier is ING. The current record keeper, Great-West will provide service through the end of the current TPA contract which expires on December 31, 2008.

NVCC Educational Foundation Grant Funding Available
APPLY NOW!

The Board of Directors of the NVCC Educational Foundation has allocated $50,000 for the 2008-2009 academic year for program grants. These grants will help meet some unbudgeted needs. Last year the Foundation funded 29 grant proposals totaling $50,000 and representing each of the six campuses. Two thousand and seven grant recipients must file a follow-up report with the Foundation Office before the December 19 deadline to be eligible for the 2008-2009 awards program. The NVCCEF Program Committee will meet at the end of January to make its selections. The deadline for submitting NVCC Educational Foundation program grants is December 19:

Proposals should include:
- A narrative description of the project (two typed pages maximum).
- Two printed copies.
- Method(s) of evaluation.
- Availability of other sources required (space facilities, equipment, computer time, clerical assistance, etc.)
- Whether this grant is the sole basis of funding or have other sources been secured.
- Budgetary details on how the grant will be spent.
- How this grant will benefit the Campus and/or College as a whole, and how will this proposal benefit students.
- Approval of the appropriate division chair/ supervisor or provost, where applicable.
- Information technology requests must be approved by the Vice President for Information Technology.

The maximum grant is $2,500. Travel, release time and equipment are eligible for funding, but release time will not be available until the fall 2009 semester.

Please submit applications to Michelle Beaini, NVCC Educational Foundation, Brault Building, Room 312 or call 703-323-3023 for additional information.
Accepting Proposals for Power Up Your Pedagogy Conference

Proposals for workshops and presentations are now being accepted for our third-annual Power Up Your Pedagogy (PUP) conference in January 2009. To submit a proposal, use the online application: http://tiny.cc/mc3c5. Proposals are due by December 1.

This teaching and learning conference is by and for NOVA faculty. Last year over 300 new and experienced faculty members and administrators from all over the NOVA community presented over 50 workshops and sessions. The conference is free to all NOVA faculty.

This year is a bit different in that PUP will converge with our annual Cross Campus Day events:

- January 7, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Power Up Your Pedagogy (Annandale Campus)
- January 8, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (with lunch) – Power Up Your Pedagogy
- January 8, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Cross Campus Day Cluster Meetings

Contact CETL at CETL@nvcc.edu for more information.

2009 Classified Staff Emeritus Awards

The Personnel Services Committee is requesting nominations of retired or retiring classified staff for the 8th annual Classified Staff Emeritus Award.

This is a great way to recognize the retiring (or already retired) heroes of the classified staff who dedicated themselves to making NOVA a great place for students, staff and faculty.

Among the benefits they receive are continued faculty/staff parking, a Classified Staff Emeritus NOVA Card (which gives them a discount at college bookstores and entry to college events), invitation to the College Service Awards Luncheon, recognition at Commencement and their name in the College Catalog with previous Emeritus winners.

Eligibility requirements include retirement from NOVA after a minimum of 10 years of service in the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and meritorious and significant contributions to the College; maintained currency in his/her area of responsibility through significant participation in professional development or other activities while employed at NOVA and displayed excellence in his/her job performance and/or administrative responsibilities.

Any past retiree meeting the above qualifications is eligible for consideration. The previous recipients are listed on page 260 of the 2008-2009 College Catalog.

An e-mail will be sent to all employees with complete instructions and criteria for nominations. Basically, you will simply need the nomination form (in the attachment section) and a detailed narrative justification for why the person should receive the award. All nominations should be sent to Patti Hill in Human Resources by December 1.

President’s Sabbatical Deadline

The President’s Sabbatical Award will allow three faculty members, one of whom can be on a 12-month contract, to receive a semester of leave with full pay. Proposals will be awarded based on their excellence and a candidate’s potential to contribute to the long-term mission of the College. Those wishing to apply for the award for the 2009-2010 academic year will need to submit their proposal by December 1, 2008.

Proposals should be no longer than 1,000 words and specify how the sabbatical will uniquely benefit both the individual and the College. The proposal and a 50-word executive summary should be sent electronically to Human Resources along with NOVA form 105-100. Faculty members on the Personnel Services Committee (who are not eligible for the award) will evaluate the proposals. Award recipients will present a short lecture on their sabbatical experience to the College community during the year following their leave. Questions concerning this important professional development opportunity should be directed to any member of the Personnel Services Committee or to its chair, Charles Errico at cerrico@nvcc.edu.
Announcing the Annual NOVA Horticulture Club Poinsettia Sale!

Tuesday & Wednesday December 2\textsuperscript{th} & 3\textsuperscript{th} 2008

In the Greenhouse on Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun Campus

Cost-$9.00

Hours: 11-2 and 5-7

Reds, whites, pinks, marbles, & shimmers

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Thursday, November 13
The Native American Experience: Red Hawk
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FREE LUNCH 12:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 703-323-3147.

Wednesday, November 19
Make Your Own Dream Catcher: A Native American Craft
In front of CN 117, ANN 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Movie: Windtalkers
CN 117, ANN 4:30 p.m.
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Reservations online:
www.nvcc.edu/inwtg/reservations.htm
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Ladies' Maids, Butlers, and Chefs

Thursday, November 20, 2008
7:00pm-8:00pm
Campus Theater

Dr. Leni Sorensen, African-American Research Historian at Monticello, will present new research about the enslaved people who maintained the plantation and home of Thomas Jefferson.

For more information, please contact:
Dr. Dan Lewis, 703-878-5716

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College Planning Tips

Scholarships

Free Pizza

Monday, November 17  6-9 p.m.

Topics will include:
- Why postsecondary education is essential for your future career
- Choosing the right college or program for you
- Financial aid and scholarship programs available to you
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Musical Comedian Evan Wecksell
Thursday, November 20
12:30 p.m., CF Cafeteria, ANNANDALE

Take a metal break before Thanksgiving Break and find out why everyone thinks Evan is so funny!

Evan has had numerous appearances on VH1 and E! Television. Find out why everyone thinks he’s so funny!

For more information, please contact the Office of Student Activities at (703)323-3147.
Classified Staff Emeritus
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee__________________________________________________________

Department/Office______________________________________________________ Campus____

Eligibility requirements:

1. The nominee must have retired from Northern Virginia Community College after a minimum of ten years of service in the Virginia Community College System and must have made meritorious and significant contributions to the College.
2. The nominee must have maintained currency in his/her area of responsibility through significant participation in professional development or other activities while employed at NVCC.
3. The nominee must have displayed excellence in his/her job performance and/or administrative responsibilities.

Please provide a detailed (1 page maximum) narrative justification* in support of the nomination and return it with this form to Patti Hill in Human Resources by the deadline.

*Note: Because the members of the review committee may not personally know all the nominees, they cannot recommend the award to an individual without sufficient detail to justify the nomination. Several nominations received in the past were too brief to be considered.

All nominations must be received in Human Resources by Monday, December 1, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.
Faculty Focus
An Introduction to Lexis-Nexis

Tuesday, November 18, 1:30–3:30
Library Instruction Room, CG 3rd floor, AN

Instruction and Reference Services Librarian Kevin Simons will introduce faculty to a powerful database now available through our library. This is a hands-on workshop. Reservations are required – the first 20 faculty are welcome. Reserve your place. Contact CETL@nvcc.edu.

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Join us during International Education Week 2008 for “The Importance of International Education For America’s International Relations” Remarks by Hon. Henry Jardine Formerly U.S. Consul General, Kolkata, India

Wednesday, November 19
2:00pm, room LW 116
Free for college and community

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