New Face in the President’s Office — Dr. Athos Brewer

NOVA has a new member to welcome to its family. Dr. Athos Brewer, American College on Education (ACE) Fellow, will be housed in the Brault Building for the next year, shadowing President Robert G. Templin, Jr. and Executive Vice President John T. Dever. In addition to learning the administrative ropes, Brewer will also visit all of NOVA’s campuses and centers, work on special projects and observe the College’s operations.

Brewer comes to NOVA from the Rockville campus of Montgomery College, where he currently serves as the director of student support services. His educational background includes a doctorate in education technology from American University, a master’s degree in social agency counseling from the University of Dayton and a bachelor’s degree in international studies from Capital University. In addition to being an ACE Fellow, Brewer was awarded a Lumina Foundation Grant for 2006-07.

You can reach Brewer at abrewer@nvcc.edu or by calling 703-323-3101. Welcome!

“Captivate” Your Students

The 2006-07 Annandale LRS Faculty Focus Series kicked off September 15 with an overview of Captivate software. This easy-to-learn program allows users to create online demonstrations where screen shots can be combined with text, audio, video, animation, images, hyperlinks and PowerPoint slides.

Irene Osterman, library specialist, gave a demonstration of research modules being developed in the Annandale Campus library for use in class assignments on Blackboard. Ted Sherman, electronic resources librarian, then outlined the features of the software and steps needed to create a presentation. Captivate’s ease of use was successfully tested by having a novice, LRS Acting Director Carol Sinwell, give the new software a try.

From left: Irene Osterman, Carol Sinwell and Ted Sherman entertained a “captive” audience at last week’s presentation.
Woodbridge Campus LRS Welcomes Torres and Hyde

Woodbridge Campus Learning Resource Services welcomed two new staff members in August. **Eduardo Torres**, information technology specialist, comes to the Campus from Systems Integration and Development, Inc. in Washington, D.C. He has associate degrees in computer science and civil engineering, both from NOVA, and a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the Technical University of Loja, Ecuador. Torres previously worked for NOVA as a computer lab technician in the Open Computer Center and a technical support analyst for the help desk at the Annandale Campus.

**Julie Hyde**, the Campus’ new reference librarian, received her master’s in library science from the University of Maryland. She comes to NOVA from George Mason University’s Johnson Center Library. Her hobbies include singing with the Master Chorale of Washington and, of course, reading. Welcome!

Visit the New Technology Applications Center Web Site

The new Technology Applications Center (TAC) Web site is now up and running at [http://tac.nvcc.edu](http://tac.nvcc.edu). This is a support site for faculty and staff who are currently using, or would like to use, technology as a teaching and learning tool.

General information about TAC’s services, including contact information for TAC staff, can be found under the “About Us” heading. To learn about training opportunities, click on “Training.” Online registration is available for any of the sessions by clicking on the “Register Here” button. Online tutorials can also be accessed here, including information on how to deliver electronic surveys. Click on “Free Software” to download freeware from the site or “Resources” to find topic-specific links that may be helpful when exploring uses for technology in teaching and learning.

For access to listservs, Blackboard discussion forums and blogs, select “Learning Forums.” Contact information for faculty members who currently use technology in their disciplines and wish to share their experiences can be found under “Faculty Mentors.”

TAC frequently adds news items to the site that will alert readers to new training sessions, tutorials and updates about services including weekly tech tips and podcast information. The TAC staff welcomes all comments and suggestions for additions or improvements. They can be contacted directly through the Web site by clicking “Contact Us” or selecting the “Request Services” heading.

Important Information About the SIS 8.9 Upgrade

The upgrade to the Student Information System (SIS) is coming. The latest version will have a cleaner look that is easier to work with and will allow students, faculty and staff to see much more information on one page. Through improved navigation, fewer clicks are needed to complete transactions and the new menu system reduces the need to track back and forth. The “Student Center” and “Faculty Center” menu options offer a one-stop shopping location to access all the information needed to do business. Students will also have links to enrollment pages directly from the class search results page, making enrollment easier.

The transition to SIS 8.9 will take several days. NOVA will disable self-service online enrollment through NovaConnect at 11:59 p.m. on October 2. Online payment transactions through NovaConnect will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on October 3. This will allow all transactions to clear before the actual cutover begins. The VCCS will complete the transition between October 4 and October 9. The new SIS will go live at 8:00 a.m. on October 10 for student and faculty use.

Faculty and staff will be able to access information in the SIS during this time by going to a URL to be used during the transition, but will not be able to input any new data. Training for the new version will begin the week of September 25 and continue through the week of October 9. Additional training will be scheduled once the new system is live. Look for information via e-mail and on the NovaConnect site ([http://www.nvcc.edu/novaconnect/index-faculty.htm](http://www.nvcc.edu/novaconnect/index-faculty.htm)) with training dates, locations, times and information about the transition URL.
MA Student Services Retreats to Advance

On September 8, the Manassas Campus student development services division held their fifth annual retreat at the Montclair Country Club under the leadership of Dean of Students Victor Bibbins. The day began with exercises focusing on taking initiative and effective communication. At lunch, the group was joined by Provost Hortense Hinton who talked about the Student Services Center’s mission and chatted with the participants. Each attendee was given a copy of The 8th Habit by Steven Covey, which deals with inspiring others and creating an engaging workplace.

The event concluded with a look at upcoming events and plans for opening a new unit to replace the Admissions and Records Office. The student development staff has already relocated to its new “Enrollment and Information” unit and invites everyone to stop by for a tour of the new facility.

Lecture Series to Feature William Soza

William Soza, founder and former chairman and CEO of Soza & Company Ltd., and current chairman of the board of directors of Security One Bank, will use his personal experiences to explain the hands-on approach to entrepreneurship when he presents “A Successful Entrepreneur Sounds Off” on September 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Ernst Community Cultural Center theater.

Soza will discuss start-up concerns and present an overview of risk-taking, financing, growth management, marketing and other issues facing small business owners.

This event is part of the Braun Executive Lecture Series, sponsored by the business and public services division. The program is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. See the flyer attached to this edition of Intercom for more information, or contact Kay Olson at kolson@nvcc.edu.

There’s Still Time to Register for NOVA’s Supervisory Training Course!

Registration is underway for the supervisory training course that begins October 3. The first five modules, taught by Dr. Richard Drury, are being held at Annandale’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development site. Those who sign up must be committed to attending all five sessions, which will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Only employees with personnel management responsibility will be accepted into this part of the course.


To register, send an e-mail to hrdrtraining@nvcc.edu, copy your immediate supervisor, list your campus and department or division and briefly describe your NOVA supervisory experience including the number and level of employees under your supervision. Finally, indicate that you have obtained approval from your immediate supervisor to participate. Seating is limited, so don’t delay. Call Kathy Weiner at 703-323-4247 with any questions about this course.

Take a Ride to New York City!

The Alexandria Campus visual and performing arts division is sponsoring a bus trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City on November 4, leaving from the Tyler Building. The bus will also make a drop near the Museum of Modern Art and then return to Campus from the Met.

The trip is open to faculty, staff and friends and costs only $45. Everyone will be given a detailed list of New York museums and current shows. The Met is currently hosting an exhibit featuring Arrangement in Black and Gray: The Artist’s Mother by James Whistler, borrowed from the Louvre. This exhibit will not be coming to Washington, D.C.

Space is limited, so sign up early. Contact Roz Hoagland at rhoaogland@nvcc.edu for details.

Julius Caesar Coming to Loudoun

In conjunction with the Loudoun Campus humanities division’s “Tea & Pedagogy” series, the American Shakespeare Center’s Tragical Mirth! touring company will present Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar on September 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Waddell Theater.

The American Shakespeare Center, formerly Shenandoah Shakespeare Express, has previously performed on Campus for large, enthusiastic audiences. The event is free, but tickets are required and are available in room 304 of the Reynolds (LR) building. For more information, contact Professor Natalie Safley, speech and drama, at 703-948-7701 or by e-mail at nsafley@nvcc.edu.
Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to the following faculty members who have earned promotions beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year:

Teaching Faculty

To Assistant Professor:
  Ms. Maria B. Anderson, Spanish (WO)
  Ms. Mary M. Charleza, English as a Second Language (AN)
  Ms. Kathleen K. Deal, Emergency Medical Technology (ME)
  Ms. Paula M. Debes, American Sign Language (AN)
  Ms. Trudy C. Gillevet, Natural Science (AN)
  Mr. Nasim A. Khawaja, English as a Second Language (WO)
  Mr. Kiet A. Quach, Economics (AN)
  Ms. Marilyn J. Sinderbrand, Radiography (ME)

To Associate Professor:
  Ms. Laura P. Albert, Information Technology (AN)
  Mr. Joseph C. Braccia, Information Technology (AN)
  Dr. Alusine M. Kanu, Speech and Drama (AN)
  Ms. Heidi R. Moore, English (AL)
  Mr. Daniel W. Riley, Mathematics (MA)

To Professor:
  Dr. Mary Suzanne Aller, Veterinary Technology (LO)
  Dr. Joyce D. Brotton, English (AN)
  Dr. Rodwell M. Catoe, Administration of Justice (AN)
  Dr. Kevin L. Chouinard, Mathematics (LO)
  Mr. George U.A. Gonchar, Information Technology (AL)
  Mr. Ricci L. Heishman, Information Technology (MA)

Administrative/Professional Faculty

To Associate Professor
  Mr. Gerald L. Boyd, Dean, Languages and Literature Division (AN)
  Dr. Charlie L. Dy, Counselor (AN)
  Dr. John S. Min, Acting Dean, Business Technologies Division (AL)
  Ms. M. Beatrice M. Veney, Dean of Students (ME)

To Professor
  Dr. Victor E. Bibbins, Dean of Students (MA)
  Dr. Leslie A. White, Manager, Schlesinger Center (AL)
The Dietary Connection to Students’ Success

Noted Writer, Researcher and Speaker

Jane Hersey
Is Coming To the Woodbridge Campus

Learn about:
• The effects of certain foods and food additives on learning, behavior, emotions and moods
• New research and tips for those affected with allergies.
• Which foods and food additives can influence memory recall and ADHD type-behaviors.

Everyone is welcome. The public is encouraged to attend.

Monday, September 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
First Floor Auditorium - Free Parking in lot ‘B’

NYC Art Bus
Saturday, Nov. 4
$45*

6:00 a.m.  Depart Tyler Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Arrive at Met Museum
7:00 p.m.  Depart Met
12:00 a.m. Arrive at Tyler Bldg.

*NO REFUNDS!
*Non-students: +$10
(separate check payable to NVCC

*Reserve a space with your check payable to NVCC
Deliver to the secretary, Tyler Building, Visual & Performing Arts Division

For information, call: 703-845-6244
Sponsored by Roz Hoagland, Art Department, NVCC, Alexandria Campus
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Calendar of Events

“Afro-Latinos and Afro-Americans: An Alliance in the Making”
ROLAND E. ROEBUCK, Multicultural Affairs Coordinator, Washington DC Dept. of Human Services

Tuesday October 3, 2006  2 p.m.  Bisdorf Room 158

Nationally renowned Afro-Latino activist Roland E. Roebuck will speak on the relationship between African and Latino cultures and identities, followed by a discussion.

Light refreshments will be served.

MOVIE: “Bread and Roses”

Wednesday October 4, 2006  2 p.m. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall

FREE

Directed by Ken Loach and starring Adrien Brody, Pilar Padilla and Elpidia Carrillo.

“attentive, fine-grained realism” (NY Times)
“an impassioned work of integrity and a human drama of observation, insight, and great import” (BBC)
“a vibrant, stirring film” (L.A. Times)

In English and Spanish with English and Spanish subtitles

¡Viva la poesía! A Celebration of Hispanic/Latino Poetry

Thursday October 12, 2006  6:00 p.m. Bisdorf Room 158

Come and enjoy an evening of poetry in both Spanish and English, read by faculty, staff and students. If you are interested in reading a poem yourself, contact Dr. Margarita Hodge (ext. 16586 or e-mail: nvhodgm@nvcc.edu) or Dr. Lawrence Rich (ext. 13986 or e-mail: lrich@nvcc.edu).

Light refreshments will be served

All events sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, S.A.L.S.A. and the Hispanic Heritage Committee of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. For further information, contact Dr. Lawrence Rich at (703) 933-3986.
“A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR SOUNDS OFF”

Speaker:
William Soza, CPA
• Local businessman, civic leader and philanthropist
• Founder, former Chairman & CEO, Soza & Company Ltd., focusing on CPA, professional consulting services and IT solutions
• Currently, Chairman, Board of Directors, Security One Bank, Falls Church, VA

A case study of the hands-on approach to entrepreneurship covering start-up concerns and recommendations with an overview of risk taking, financing, growth management, product-service analysis, market research and promotion, identifying the competition, developing a business plan and building a winning team.

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 2006
Richard J. Ernst
Community Cultural Center Theater
Speaker Reception to follow
Retirement Celebration for Dean Venus Miller

When: Wednesday, September 27, 2006
2:00 p.m.-4:00 pm.

Where: First Floor Campus Theater
Reception to follow in First Floor Atrium

Who: The entire community is invited to celebrate
Dean Miller’s distinguished 31+ years of service to
Northern Virginia Community College.

Join us for refreshments and fellowship!

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