



Spotlight on NFCC

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Around Campus

SPRING TERM 2009

Academic advising for Spring Term 2009 is going on now. Current student registration begins Nov. 12. Open registration begins Nov. 18. Spring class schedule is available at www.nfcc.edu or from NFCC Enrollment Services, Bldg. 3. Classes begin Jan. 7.

PCT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

NFCC's Patient Care Technician (PCT) program is accepting applications for Spring Term 2009 classes beginning Jan. 7. Now is the time to enroll and take care of application, testing and program entrance requirements. Deadline to apply is Dec. 5. Contact Melody Foust at 850.973.1662 or FoustM@nfcc.edu.

BUSINESS CLUB FOOD DRIVE

The NFCC Business Club is sponsoring a canned and boxed food drive for the local food bank. Donations are being accepted through Nov. 25 at the Business Education Building, Bldg. 7, or contact Marie Guest at ext. 9458 or GuestM@nfcc.edu.

Mike Williams appointed to NFCC Board of Trustees

Michael R. "Mike" Williams has been appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to serve on the NFCC District Board of Trustees. Williams, 50, will serve a term that began Oct. 13 and ends May 31, 2009.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to serve, not just Madison, but neighboring counties we at NFCC serve," Williams said. "As a business owner in Madison for 29 years, I have seen the positive impact NFCC has had on our community and our citizens. I want to help assure that it will continue to do so for years to come."

Williams has been president of Williams Enterprises of Madison Inc., a retail business, for the past 18

years. He has been involved in agriculture most of his life and is currently involved in timber production.



Michael R. "Mike" Williams

Williams and his family have a long association with NFCC and the University of Florida. He attended both NFCC and UF, his daughter is a recent UF graduate and his son will soon graduate from NFCC.

The new board member served on the Florida Taskforce on Private Sector Healthcare Responsibility and has served on the boards and as president of the Madison County Cattlemen's Association and the Madison Chamber of Commerce. He's a member of the Madison Rotary Club, NFIB and Fellowship Baptist Church.

NFCC announces "TGIF" Scholarships for Spring 2009

Take Friday classes at NFCC, get money toward tuition

NFCC is giving students an extra incentive to enroll in its "TGIF" Friday classes. Students who enroll in at least six credit hours of "TGIF" classes for Spring Term 2009 will receive a \$219 scholarship to help cover tuition fees.

With six select courses to choose from - American History II, Principles of Biology, Computer Applications I, Introduction to Information Skills, World Literature I and Introductory Statistics - the "TGIF" scholarship opportunity is a great way for students to get needed classes and save a little money too.

Current NFCC students can begin registering for Spring Term 2009 and the "TGIF" classes as early as Nov. 12. Open registration starts Nov. 18. Classes begin Jan. 7.

"TGIF" scholarships will be awarded to all students who enroll in six credit hours of the select courses with no requirement for repayment if courses are completed during Spring Term 2009.

To find out more, visit www.nfcc.edu or contact Dr. Sharon Erle at (850) 973-1603 or ErleS@nfcc.edu. NFCC's complete Spring Term 2009 class schedule is also available online or by contacting NFCC Admissions at (850) 973-1622.

NFCC launches new website design

NFCC launched a new design for its website, www.nfcc.edu, on Oct. 27.

The new look was designed to place more emphasis on NFCC students and student success, to offer visitors a more organized and user-friendly site that is easy to navigate and to introduce the college's new slogan "Small College. Big Possibilities."

The newly refreshed website offers easy access to NFCC information.

"Visitors can now get to



See NFCC's new website design at www.nfcc.edu.

important college information and news in fewer clicks," said Margaret Wilkerson, website coordinator.

Navigation tabs located at the top of the site quickly direct students to areas of

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Around Campus**DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The NFCC Board of Trustees meets Tuesday, Nov. 18 in the NFCC Student Center, Bldg. 9, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Contact Cindy Gaylard at 850.973.1618 or email gaylardc@nfcc.edu.

TRAINING SESSION NOVEMBER 18

There will be training on "The behavioral indicators of potential student/employee violence & interventions" in the Fine Arts Auditorium, Nov. 18, 2:30-4 p.m. All employees are encouraged to attend. Information contact Bill Hunter, ext. 9448.

DECEMBER EVENTS

NFCC invites the public to "Christmas Through the Years at the Mansion" Dec. 10-14 at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center.

NFCC Jazz Ensemble and Sentinel Singers present "History of Jazz: Part I" Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at Van H. Priest Auditorium.

NFCC Community Chorus in concert Sunday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.

Employee Birthdays NOVEMBER 2008

Bonnie Littlefield	10
Rebecca Burkart	11
Kimberly Palmer	17
Sue Kinsley	18
Martha Wyche	22
Rose Nixon	30

**Marshall Norris art exhibit at NFCC**

The NFCC Art Department invites the public to view its current exhibit featuring works by local artist Marshall Norris. Norris, owner of Artistic Things by Marshall in Greenville, Fla., has several of his metal sculpture pieces and paintings on display in the NFCC Art Gallery now through Nov. 25.

"We are thrilled to exhibit Mr. Norris's work," said Lisa Barden, NFCC art instructor and NFCC Art Gallery coordinator. "He has the ability to make everyday objects come to life and his imagination and creative outlook culminate in whimsical designs that leave you with a smile."

Norris, a native of Greenville, Fla., has his art located in every state in the U.S. and in over 20 foreign countries. He is featured on the Natural North Florida website (www.originalflorida.org) as one of its featured Hidden Treasures of North Florida. He was the Southern Artists League's Artist of the Month for October.

Don't miss Norris' metal sculptures and paintings now on display at the NFCC Art Gallery, located in the Student Center (Bldg. 9). The exhibit is open to the public during regular college business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For information, contact Lisa Barden at (850) 973-1642 or bardenl@nfcc.edu.

NFCC presents "All Over But the Shooting" Murder Mystery Dessert Theater is Nov. 13, 14 and 16 at the Mansion

Enjoy an entertaining murder mystery and scrumptious desserts with NFCC's community theater group the Sentinel Upstage Players. The group performs Lee Mueller's comedic murder mystery "All Over But the Shooting" on Thursday, Nov. 13 and Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center. Delicious desserts will be served at intermission. Tickets are \$15; call (850) 973-1715 to make reservations.

Play director Dr. Jessica B. Webb says the play is "to die for" and promises to be an evening of fun (or an afternoon of fun if you attend the Sunday matinee).

The play centers around a theatre group that is holding auditions for a murder mystery called "Death of a Disco Dancer." All of the typical actors show up and the auditions get underway without too many problems, except that there aren't enough copies of the script and the script

isn't actually finished. The playwright arrives in the nick of time with a few more copies and a few more finished pages just as one of the actors mysteriously dies. Perhaps the investigation into this "mysterious death" will inspire the playwright and help him finish the play, but whatever happens it's sure to be a fun play full of comedic suspense.

The audience will get to help solve the mystery at the play's end, so get your tickets now as seating is limited.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience a community theater murder mystery with NFCC's Sentinel Upstage Players. Proceeds from the play will benefit and help build the community theater program which acts as a cultural opportunity for students and the community. For more information, contact Dr. Jessica B. Webb at (850) 973-1683 or email WebbJ@nfcc.edu. To make reservations, call (850) 973-1715.



The cast and crew of "All Over But the Shooting" are (back row, left to right) Rachel Frey, Judie Baldwin, Nicole Frey, Justin Webb, Licia Newstead, Judy McCormack, Sean Cucinella, Brent Hendry and Bob Wieland; (front row, left to right) Xanna Prentice, Keeley Smith, Jon Grosskopf, Angela Prine, Sara Donaldson and Ryan Quiros.

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NFCC College Preparatory Education Building

New facility offers improved services for student success

For the past 50 years, NFCC has provided exceptional educational opportunities to its students. The college is now looking forward to how it can better serve its students, its employees and the community in the years to come.

This term, with that goal in mind, NFCC completed renovations to its College Preparatory Education Building and students and instructors are experiencing the benefits of upgraded classrooms, computer labs and student study areas. The newly refurbished building also offers the latest educational technology and a better organized area for student support and college preparatory services.

"I am so thrilled to be in a building with such state of the art technology," said NFCC English instructor Rose Nixon. "Not only is technological access important for students who need to review skills, but the classrooms are arranged with each individual in mind. I can circulate and conference with each student and monitor progress daily. The fact that all the Student Support Services members are in the same building as the college prep instructors is greatly beneficial to the students. We are truly a team because of our proximity and our availability to students and their needs."

In redesigning the building, NFCC's goal was to create a one-stop center conducive to student learning and success. The Student Support Services department is strategically placed at the center of the building with classrooms, learning labs, tutoring facilities, study areas and faculty and staff offices located just steps away.

"Our goal was to establish a community for the students we serve each term," said Nancy Lillis, director of Student Support Services at NFCC. "We now have one area where students can meet with advisors, get assistance, explore college and career choices, and find the help they seek to be successful at the college level."

NFCC student peer tutors now have an excellent place to offer tutoring in reading,

math, English, writing and others areas upon request. The updated classrooms, equipped with SMART Board interactive whiteboards and student computer stations, provide an optimal learning and teaching environment. Larger windows were incorporated into the redesign to offer more natural light and a positive learning atmosphere.

The classrooms, labs and study areas offer comfortable and easily accessible facilities and computers in the building are equipped with learning software and programs to further assist with student success.

"The new and improved Student Success Center is very efficient not only for the students but for the tutors as well," said Allen Demps, NFCC student and head peer tutor. "It is an advantage to students that are seeking assistance to get that in an environment that is fully equipped with not only tutors

but technologically advanced educational material. For instance the SMART boards allow me as a tutor to display math problems for students and to really go in depth, painting a visual for that individual that is seeking help. I absolutely love the improvements; it says a lot about our school and its mission to reach students."

Ultimately the new design of the building and the relocated Student Support Services department and College Preparatory programs have been implemented to better insure that students are successful their first term at NFCC, that students don't drop out after their first semester of college, to graduate students and to insure that students have a productive and successful college experience and are well prepared to continue their education beyond NFCC.

"This facility and the support offered here are excellent and I'm confident that all the tools are in place to help our students be successful," said NFCC Acting President John Grosskopf.



NFCC students sharpen their interview skills

Clyneas Brasby, a student in NFCC's Administrative Assistant Program, left, gained valuable experience during a mock interview with Dr. Jessica B. Webb, NFCC's Executive Director of Research and Technology, on Oct. 8 at NFCC. Enid Kozlowski, instructor of the Administrative Assistant Program, arranged the practice interviews to help sharpen her students' interview skills and build their confidence for real interviews in the future. Local business leader Ruthellen Caldwell, Financial Specialist, Assistant Vice President and City President of Wachovia's Madison Financial Center and Ted Ensminger, Executive Director of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, also assisted with the practice interviews and shared interview tips and tactics with the NFCC students.

Music Club visits FSU



Members of the NFCC Music Club attended a concert of the Florida State University Jazz Combo Oct. 2 at FSU. Following the concert, NFCC students met drummer John Lumkin, third from left, who is a jazz master's student at FSU's College of Music. NFCC students are, left to right, Matt Grillo, DeAndre Fagan, FSU's Lumkin and Andy Denmark. According to Dr. Rebecca Burkart, NFCC music instructor and club sponsor. The NFCC Music Club has 33 members this term of which eleven went on the Oct. 2 field trip to FSU.



NFCC Artist Series takes music workshop to MCHS

St. Johns River City Band is big hit with students and Artist Series patrons

The NFCC Artist Series opened its 2008-2009 season with the St. Johns River City Band on Sept. 30 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. In addition to the evening performance, NFCC also arranged for band members to lead an educational music workshop for the Madison County High School Jazz Band. Two St. John River City Band performers, including band director Chris Creswell, visited MCHS and shared their knowledge and experience with the Madison high school students.

"They were well received and were incredibly informative with their musical instruction," said Geoff Hill, MCHS Band Director.

Following the educational workshop, MCHS students were provided with information on NFCC programs and received free tickets to the St. Johns River City Band's performance at NFCC.

As a special treat during the evening concert, the St. Johns River City Band, the official band of Jacksonville and the official band of the State of Florida, performed the new Florida State Song, "Where the Sawgrass Meets the Sky" by Jan Hinton. They also did a live recording of the Sept. 30 concert at Van H. Priest Auditorium which will be featured on an upcoming CD.

The NFCC Artist Series strives to not only to offer entertaining cultural performances to its patrons, but also to provide educational and cultural enrichment opportunities to area students. The Sept. 30 performance and educational outreach activity were sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

New Technology Center offers many benefits to NFCC campus

NFCC continually strives to improve services to students, college employees and the community. This term services related to campus technology and faculty and staff training were greatly improved with the completion of the NFCC Technology Center.

The Technology Center is located near the center of campus in the previous Science Annex building which was no longer needed for classroom use after the completion of NFCC's Science Learning Center in 2007. The newly refurbished building now houses employee development and training facilities, multimedia presentation and video production facilities, and NFCC's Computer Services department and Duplication Center.

"Our new professional development training room is being utilized by people all over campus to host meetings and to provide training opportunities," said Dr. Jessica B. Webb, Executive Director of Research and Technology at NFCC. "Being more centrally located, we are now in closer proximity to many of our faculty and enjoy the opportunity to work with everyone on campus to meet their technology needs."

Equipped with the latest technology, the new building offers teaching and training resources to faculty and staff, a professional environment for NFCC departments to offer training, and will soon introduce a video production lab where lecture-style presentations suitable for distance and online learning projects can be produced. Computer Services staff are currently leading training sessions in various Word software, SMART Board interactive whiteboard instruction, and D2L, NFCC's online learning portal. Other training includes sessions on using MAC computers, classroom symposiums and document cameras, PowerPoint, Banner software and advanced D2L.



NFCC's Jhan Reichert and Lonnie Ford take advantage of training sessions in the newly updated Technology Center.

The Technology Center also houses NFCC's new Duplication Center, located at the front of the building, which provides NFCC employees and students convenient access for their copying needs. Items such as laptops, projectors, projection screens, a portable PA

system and wireless microphones are also available from the Technology Center and may be checked out by NFCC employees for instructional and recruiting efforts.

According to Webb, the updated building further benefits the Computer Services department by providing better space to store equipment and parts, to set-up and work on campus computers and a climate controlled computer server room to better organize and protect NFCC's servers and the NFCC computer network. She is also very pleased with the campus response to new training opportunities.

"The response to our training opportunities has been wonderful," said Webb. "We look forward to a continual expansion of training offerings and will customize the sessions based on participant feedback."

To schedule the professional development training room for meetings or a training event, email Computer Services at ComputerServices@nfcc.edu.



Aucilla Christian Academy student Byron Love helps Poetry Alive!'s Erica Graybill perform a poem at NFCC.

NFCC brings Poetry Alive! to elementary, high school & college students

NFCC hosted three creative and interactive poetry performances by "Poetry Alive!" Oct. 9. Two performances were held on the NFCC campus during the morning and NFCC then traveled the show to Lee Elementary School reaching approximately 350 students all together.

More than 100 students from Aucilla Christian Academy attended the first performance at NFCC. "It was a high quality performance," said ACA Principal Richard Finlayson. "It is a blessing that we can attend and be exposed to such fine educational opportunities at NFCC."

"Poetry Alive!" performers, Erica Graybill and David Chromiak, encouraged audience participation and got several high school and college students on stage to assist with their live poetry interpretations.

At Lee Elementary School nearly all of the 200 plus students attending "Poetry Alive!" raised their hands to volunteer and act out poetry on stage.

"It was extremely educational and inspirational to the kids," said Debra Salls, a third grade teacher at Lee Elementary School. "I think this will inspire the children to dig into poems in the classroom."

The performances were sponsored by the NFCC Artist Series Angels, a non-profit organization striving to provide cultural enrichment opportunities to the community, while supporting the growth of the NFCC Artist Series and NFCC Children's Theater.

Student leaders recognized during SGA Inauguration

Instructor David Paulk guest speaker at induction ceremony

NFCC honored members of its Student Government Association Oct. 9 during a New Officer Inauguration in the NFCC Student Center. Sixteen students were recognized as SGA Senators and they, along with the SGA Executive Board, were inducted and pinned as new members of the SGA.

Bobbie O'Hara, Director of Student Services at NFCC, welcomed the students and their family and friends to the event.

"I have the privilege of being the advisor of SGA," said O'Hara. "I am thrilled to have this many students involved in student organizations this term."

O'Hara then introduced NFCC Acting President John Grosskopf.

"I have a lot of confidence in these students," said Grosskopf. And asking attendees to take a look at the new inductees, said "Our next generation of leaders are seated there."

Mary Anne Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services at NFCC, then took to the podium to lead the new members in their oaths of office.

Senators were inducted first and then individually the SGA Executive Board stepped forward to recite the SGA oath and officially assume the responsibilities of serving as SGA officers.

"I'm glad to see more students being

active in SGA," said Greg Bruton, SGA President. "I hope we can get a lot of stuff done."

The SGA Board now includes President Greg Bruton, Vice President Rachel Frey, Secretary Adrian Peters, Treasurer Megan Quiros and Public Relations Officer LaEbony



NFCC instructor David Paulk

Livingston. Senators serving on the SGA Executive Board include Charlesetta Gwinn, Magaly Rosalio and Hugo Rosalio.

Following the inductions, guest speaker and NFCC

history instructor David Paulk shared with the students and their supporting audience what he believed makes a great leader.

"Leaders can be found in many different areas," said Paulk. "But the most important factor in leadership is others; thinking of others."

Paulk said that it is the little things that

make a difference. Quoting John Maxwell, he told the students to perform small acts of kindness, to walk slowly through the crowd in order to connect with people and to move into action and get involved.

"We can't accomplish anything without the contributions of others," said Paulk. "A leader will become a better leader if they learn to

value others and take the time to show them so."

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.



SGA officers Rachel Frey, Adrian Peters, Megan Quiros and Greg Bruton at the SGA inauguration.



NFCC student and SGA senator Jeremy Weatherspoon, left, enjoys the SGA reception with his parents, Jimmy and Lillian Weatherspoon.

Area educators attend NFCC English Summit

Attending NFCC's English Summit Oct. 9 are, left to right, NFCC instructors Dr. Barbara McCauley, Rose Nixon and Jhan Reichert, Ben Stephens of Madison County High School, Susanne Griffin of Madison County Central School, Caulette King of Madison County High School and Jolie Ozbun of Aucilla Christian Academy. The summit, hosted by the NFCC English Department, allowed area K-12 instructors from NFCC's six-county service area to network with NFCC instructors and discuss important topics in education. In addition to participating in discussion sessions, the visiting instructors toured NFCC's newly renovated College Preparatory Building, attended a Poetry Alive! performance held in the NFCC Fine Arts Auditorium and enjoyed lunch in the NFCC Art Gallery. NFCC sponsors a variety of educational summits each year to help share ideas and foster communication between educators in NFCC's six-county service area.



Brain Bowl team competes in Delta Burke Invitational

The NFCC Brain Bowl team was among one of 32 competing teams at the Delta Burke Invitational at Valencia Community College Oct. 24-25. The invitational is one of the premier academic three bracket round robin tournaments in the Southeast.

During the first round on Oct. 24, NFCC tied Brevard Community College, but fell to Brevard in the following tie breaker. After a string of losses NFCC won victoriously against Lake-Sumter in its final match of the day.

The following day the team went undefeated in the last four rounds, beating Southeastern University, Dalton College, Northwest Florida College and Indian River

Community College, placing NFCC in a single elimination playoff series. NFCC won the first match against Central Florida Community College, but fell to Pasco-Hernando in the second match.

NFCC Brain Bowl captain, Jessica Collins, won an award for being among the top five individuals in the tournament, where more than 160 of the best academic players in the southeast competed.

Pictured above are Brain Bowl members Tony Fluriach, team captain Jessica Collins, Damon Fico, John Marinacci, Adrian Peters, team sponsor Dr. Tony Delia, and Tiffanie Collins. Members not pictured are Matthew Smith, Michael Harris and Sabrina Herring.

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interest that are specifically arranged for Future Students, Current Students, Faculty & Staff and Visitors. The left navigation bar on the site's home page also offers quick access to such important areas as admissions, programs of study, college departments, employment and more. The new design also provides simple menus and a new MyNFCC portal. The MyNFCC portal allows current students to easily log into an online course, check grades or register for classes.

NFCC also incorporated a quick link for website visitors to get the latest college news and events. A News & Events button is located in the left hand navigation of each web page. Visitors also now have the opportunity to subscribe to NFCC's RSS news feed service, giving NFCC students, faculty, staff and visitors the most current NFCC updates, news and events.

Another important goal for NFCC when redesigning its website was to create a visually appealing site that focuses on NFCC students and their success. Visitors to the site will immediately notice the center image which features a current NFCC student. The image changes or rotates with each refresh or visit to the home page to feature a variety of students. By clicking on the image, visitors are directed to more information about the student and that student's testimony to how NFCC has helped them succeed. NFCC can also utilize this feature to promote enrollment or to highlight success stories of its alumni and employees.

"We feel that the college's new website is easier to navigate and more appealing to visitors," said Wilkerson. "Our old site had become outdated and the addition of student faces and their success stories on the home page reinforces NFCC's dedication to its students. We were extremely proud to unveil the new site to NFCC students and employees in October and I encourage members of the community who have not yet seen the new site to take a look at www.nfcc.edu."

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