

Around Campus

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR VIGIL JAN. 14

NFCC's African-American Student Union (AASU) invites the public to a candlelight vigil service for the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. The service begins at the NFCC Administration Building (Bldg. #3) at 6 p.m. with a commemorative walk to the NFCC Student Center where a brief service will be held. Information: Devona Sewell, ext. 9409 or sewellid@nfcc.edu.

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The NFCC Board of Trustees meets Tuesday, Jan. 20 in the NFCC Student Center (Bldg. 9) at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Information: Cindy Gaylard, 850.973.1618 or gaylardc@nfcc.edu.

FACC NEWS

Congratulations to new officers of NFCC's FACC chapter: Tammy Horne, Vice President, and Debbie Bass, Treasurer. Now is the time to join the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) or to renew your membership. Information: Denise Bell, ext. 9481.

NFCC holds commencement ceremony

NFCC held its fall commencement ceremony Dec. 16 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Ninety-six students were awarded associate degrees or vocational certificates. Ted Ensminger, Executive Director of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, was guest speaker.



Taking part in NFCC's graduation ceremony are, left to right, Rev. Albert Bivens, Ted Ensminger, NFCC Acting President John Grosskopf, NFCC Board of Trustees Chair John Mauldsby and Board of Trustees member Dr. Bill Brothers.

NFCC Marshall Hamilton Library is "Going Green" Library upgrading to electronic notification system

NFCC's Marshall Hamilton Library staff have found yet another way to improve services while saving resources and money – by "going green" with their library notices. Notices alerting NFCC students of such things as book pick up reminders, overdue books or library fines will soon be sent directly to students' email addresses instead of printed and sent by standard mail.

"I am looking forward to participating in our "going green" efforts," said Kathy Smith, Library Technical Assistant. "Not only will it save the college money on printing notices and postage, it will also save trees!"

As the library transitions to this new system both electronic and paper notices will be sent, but within a short time the paper format will become obsolete. And according to Smith, the

electronic notifications, sent to student GoMail accounts, will reach students faster than before. The GoMail accounts are assigned to each student upon enrolling in classes at NFCC and students are required to access these accounts not only in association with their classes, but to check for messages and updates from the college.

Smith worked with NFCC's Computer Services department to upload and link student email addresses into the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) check out system. Merging the student emails into the CCLA system allows easy access to information and a quick process for sending out electronic notices.

However this isn't the only electronic or online



Kathy Smith accesses NFCC's GoMail site where students will soon begin receiving library notifications directly to their email.

service offered by the Library, just its latest service upgrade. With more than thirty thousand total books in circulation and a little over 30,000 ebook (electronic book) titles, the library's website, www.nfcc.edu/library, is a quick way to see what the Library has to offer including access to the library's book, video and e-book catalog, its full-text journal and magazine article databases, its Ask-a-Librarian site, the NFCC Book Blog, citation guide, interlibrary loan program and more.

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JOIN NFCC'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

Support Madison County's 2009 Relay for Life (Passport of Hope: Traveling the World for a Cure!) Be a part of NFCC's team as we represent a World Country. Relay for Life Weekend is May 1 & 2, 2009. Information: NFCC Team Captain Denise Bell, ext. 9481 or bellD@nfcc.edu.

COMMUNITY EVENT JAN. 19 IN MADISON

The Madison County Chapter of the Charmettes invite the public to a program observing the accomplishments of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, Jan. 19 at the Madison County Courthouse Courtroom at 11 a.m. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Charlie Barfield. Information: Lorraine J. Brown, 973-4857.

THE SPOTLIGHT

Send your campus news and events to the *Spotlight* by email to news@nfcc.edu or contact Kim Scarboro, ext. 1613.

Employee Birthdays JANUARY 2009

Karen Turner	4
Jason Welch	4
Julie Townsend	10
Claudette Alexander	11
Marcia Bass	11
Michael Stine	12
Kathy Sale	13
Bobby Scott	15
Nancy White	16
Cathy Simcox	21
Karen Stewart	24
Hansel Nelson	29
Greg Molnar	29

NFCC provides specialized training for Tri-County Electric employees

Workforce Florida allocates funding for quick response training

NFCC is currently providing instruction and specialized training for Tri-County Electric Cooperative employees through a grant from Workforce Florida's Quick Response Training Program. Workforce Florida allocated funding for a \$230,738 grant to provide training for two area utility companies, Tri-County Electric and Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, and asked NFCC to be its fiscal agent for the project.

Cathy Simcox, NFCC Director of Career Education, is coordinating the fiscal aspect of the grant which will reimburse up to \$150,183 toward instructional services for Tri-County and \$69,565 for Suwannee Valley Electric. In addition to being the fiscal agent, NFCC is also providing training for employees of Tri-County Electric.

NFCC instructor Karen Pickles assisted Tri-County with its grant application and has been working with the Madison based utility company to provide customized training for its employees. NFCC created the first set of courses in November 2008 and new classes are set to begin in mid-late January.

The courses, which range from basic computer skills to specific software training, are helping 74 Tri-County workers learn new technology and computer applications that are becoming necessary to their jobs.

According to George Webb, Manager of Finance and Administration at Tri-County, the electric company is upgrading its computer systems and adding new technology that employees need to be familiar and comfortable with. The cooperative's service vehicles will soon be equipped with computers from which all service tickets and information will be entered.

"I feel that this training will benefit Tri-County greatly and help our employees move forward with the new technology," said Webb.

NFCC is providing on-site training at Tri-County as well as offering courses on its campus for the Tri-County employees as a part of the Quick Response Training project. Courses will continue through May of 2010 and NFCC will receive approximately \$10,990 from the grant to cover administrative



NFCC instructor Karen Pickles assists Carolyn Kempton, a cashier from the Tri-County Electric Cooperative office in Monticello, during class at NFCC.

costs.

Workforce Florida, created by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Legislature with the passage of the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000 (Chapter 445, Florida Statutes), offers the Quick Response Training Program to provide grant funding for training for new and expanding businesses. The Workforce Florida website, <http://www.workforceflorida.com/>, states that "Through this employer-driven program, Florida is able to effectively retain and attract businesses creating new high-quality jobs." The program has been structured to be flexible and to "respond quickly" to meet the business's training objectives.

In addition to its collaboration with Workforce Florida, NFCC has worked with a variety of area businesses and organizations over the years to develop courses and programs that meet a specific training need. According to Pickles, "NFCC can easily develop customized training for any business." For more information on customized training opportunities at NFCC, contact Cathy Simcox at (850) 973-1614 or SimcoxC@nfcc.edu.



Tri-County Electric employees, front row (l-r) Ray Williams, Carl Hackle and Sammy Bass, and, back row (l-r) Paul Burnett and Terry Barrs in class at NFCC.

Ahoy Maties: Calling all pirates and first mates!

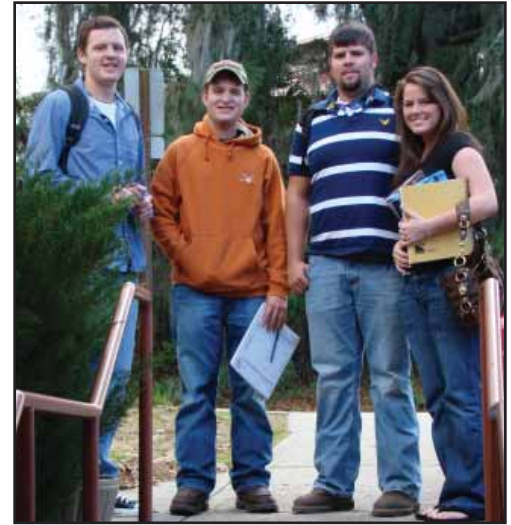
“Lady Pirates of the Caribbean” auditions Jan. 20

NFCC invites all “would-be pirates and first-mates” to a Jan. 20 audition for the NFCC Sentinel Upstage Players’ spring production of “Lady Pirates of the Caribbean.” The hilarious hit, written by Craig Sodaro, tracks a band of pirates, known as the Lawless Ladies, as they don swords and sail the seas to save an orphanage from ruthless pirate Snake Fang Fidoodle and his gang of swashbucklers. Rounding out the cast of 14 female pirates and servants are seven males playing such roles as Don Juan Futon, One-eye Pete and One-arm Paul among others. Male and female roles are available for ages 15 and older. The show will be directed once again by Dr. Jessica Webb with

Denise Bell working her magic behind the scenes.

Open auditions will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Van H. Priest Auditorium located on the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla. No advance preparations are necessary, just show up ready to audition. Rehearsals for the play will begin Jan. 26 and will be held each Monday and Wednesday until showtime. Show dates are April 16-18.

For more information contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or bell@d.nfcc.edu. More information about the NFCC Sentinel Upstage Players is also available at www.nfcc.edu (keyword Community Theater).



Spring Term begins

NFCC students, left to right, Kristopher James, Brandon Floyd, Paul Webb and Katie Burke were among the many students on the NFCC campus Jan. 7 for the first day of the college’s Spring Term 2009 classes.

NFCC welcomes new employee John Ulm

NFCC welcomes John Ulm as an Instructional Coordinator for the NFCC Public Safety Academy. Ulm began working at the college in January at the start of NFCC’s spring term.

Before joining the NFCC staff, Ulm, since 1996, was Lieutenant of Police at the Havana Police Department in Havana, Fla. He has worked in law enforcement for more than 19 years and is an alumnus of NFCC. Ulm has an associate degree in criminal justice from Ashworth College in Norcross, Ga. and leadership certification from the Florida Department of



John Ulm

Law Enforcement.

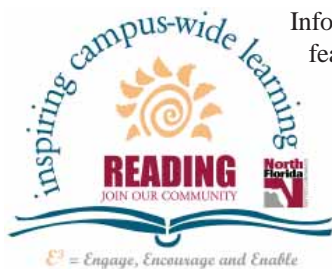
“It’s great to be back at NFCC, the institution that gave me a start in law enforcement,” said Ulm. “The training I received at NFCC let me advance my career and I’m now looking forward to giving back what was given to me through teaching.”

At NFCC, Ulm will teach Basic Recruit Correction and Basic Recruit Law Enforcement classes and make sure the educational goals of these courses are being met. Ulm, a native of Madison, now resides in Bainbridge, Ga. His wife Sheri is a math teacher at Bainbridge High School and they have a 16-year-old daughter, Morgan.



NFCC students, left to right, James Mobley and Eric Harris check out NFCC’s student newspaper *The Trailblazer* between classes on Jan. 7.

A closer look at NFCC’s Quality Enhancement Plan



Information on NFCC’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) will be featured in upcoming editions of the *Spotlight*.

QEP GOALS: The primary goal of the QEP is to institute first semester remedial reading prerequisites for all students who score below 831 on the Florida College Entry Level Placement Test (CPT) or equivalent scores on another entry exam. The long term goal of the QEP is to create learning communities at NFCC that will focus on further development of reading skills and to encourage students to enroll in these unique classroom experiences.

This term the QEP committee is (1) working to promote the QEP on campus; (2) planning professional development events; (3) implementing a college-wide reading project. More information on the QEP is available on the NFCC Intranet at <http://intranet.nfcc.edu/>.



Abbi Newman of Live Oak, right, purchases items from the NFCC Bookstore Jan. 7 on the first day of spring 2009 classes.



Individual donations help provide books to NFCC students

Dr. James Brown, Jr. of Madison presents Lorraine J. Brown of NFCC with a check to assist an NFCC student with book costs. Dr. Brown was inspired to assist in an effort began by NFCC recruiter Lorraine Brown which provided 18 students with free books during NFCC's fall term. "Much can be accomplished by donating your time or monetary gift to help someone," said Lorraine Brown. "It is not how much you give but the spirit in which you give that counts." For more information on making contributions to NFCC programs or student scholarships, contact Gina Rutherford, NFCC Foundation, at (850) 973-9414 or visit www.nfcc.edu (keyword: Foundation).

Community Education

BASIC CAKE DECORATING:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan 20-29, 6-8 p.m.

INTRO TO BALLROOM DANCING:

Tues & Thurs, Jan. 27-March 5, 7:30-9:15 p.m.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CPR:

Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Tuesdays, Feb. 3-March 10, 7-9 p.m.

ALL AGES CPR:

Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

BASIC FIRST AID:

Feb. 7, 1-5 p.m.

PRAYER JOURNALING:

Feb. 10, 6-7 p.m.

CERAMICS:

Feb. 16-20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE CAKE DECORATING:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb 17-26, 6-8 p.m.

To register, contact Suzie Godfrey at (850) 973-9453, email CommunityEd@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu (Keyword Community Education) for complete listing.

Artist Series: "An American Portrait" Jan. 22

Concert features pianist Mac Frampton, vocalists Sam Hagan & Dawn Marie

The NFCC Artist Series presents An American Portrait on Thursday, Jan. 22 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 22, the concert celebrates two centuries of American milestones as our country's story is told through the songs that united and inspired its people.

An American Portrait is a stirring, evocative homage to our homeland that comes alive through the legendary pianism of Mac Frampton and the powerful voices of Sam Hagan and Dawn-Marie. This dynamic trio, backed by a live rhythm section of percussion and bass, performs songs such as "America the Beautiful," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "God Bless America," "Dixie," "God Bless the USA," "New York, New York," "Swanee," "The Yellow Rose of Texas," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," and many more.

Listen to the joy of America awakening to a newfound independence; the laments that expressed our pain; the battle cries that tore us apart; the inspirational songs that reconciled us. Visit our nation's diverse regions through the music that captures their essence. And finally regale in pure patriotism as America's most beloved anthems are performed with eloquence and majesty.

Renowned pianist Mac Frampton brings over 30 years of experience as a concert pianist to the stage. A native of South Carolina, he has produced over 25 recordings and has been called "an immensely talented pianist" by Billboard Magazine. Frampton has been a quest soloist with such orchestras as the Boston Pops, Mantovani, Cincinnati, Atlanta and St. Louis and is founder and conductor of The Hollywood Hills Orchestra. Merv Griffin called him "Dynamite!" and The Atlanta Constitution exclaimed: "How one man can bring the rafters down in Symphony Hall as if a full orchestra were playing is a feat in itself. It's consummate musicianship. Electrifying!"

Sam Hagan is one of the Southeast's finest tenors. He has become a well known soloist not only in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia but around the USA and the world. Hagan has twice sung for Pope John Paul II and sang for the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter. He has also performed as a

A promotional poster for the concert "AN AMERICAN PORTRAIT". At the top, it says "AN AMERICAN PORTRAIT" in large red letters, with "FEATURING PIANIST MAC FRAMPTON & VOCALISTS SAM HAGAN AND DAWN-MARIE" below it. The poster features three black and white portraits of the performers: Mac Frampton, Sam Hagan, and Dawn Marie. Below the portraits is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. The text "Presented by the North Florida Community College Artist Series" is written in a script font. The main event information is "THURSDAY, JAN. 22" in large red letters, followed by "VAN H. PRIEST AUDITORIUM" and "7:00 PM" in red. Below that, it says "Celebrate two centuries of American milestones as our country's story is told through the songs that united and inspired its people." and lists the songs: "America the Beautiful - Home to the USA - New York, New York Favorites by Scott Joplin, Irving Berlin and George Gershwin & Much More". At the bottom, it says "TICKETS: \$12 / \$6 NFCC Students and children age 12 and under" and provides the phone number "850.973.1653" and the website "WWW.NFCC.EDU".

featured soloist with some of America's best orchestras including the Atlanta Symphony, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and the Flagstaff Festival Orchestras, and at the world-famous Spoleto (Charleston) Festival.

Dawn-Marie, Mezzo Soprano, is one of Jamaica's premier classical performers. Now a resident of Atlanta, she has performed extensively with The Atlanta Opera since 1989. A high honors graduate in music from the University of Windsor (Ontario, Canada), Dawn-Marie boasts many awards, including Jamaica's 2002 Edna Manley Award for Excellence in Classical Performance and a JAMI (Jamaican Music Industry Award) for Best Vocal Performer in Classical Music among others.

Join the NFCC Artist Series Thursday, Jan. 22 and enjoy the music and voices of these talented performers. Tickets for An American Portrait are on sale now and available from the NFCC Office of College Advancement. Call (850) 973-1653, email ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu (keyword Artist Series) for more information. Other upcoming performances include The Ritz Chamber Players on Feb. 19 and Barrage: High Strung on March 31.