



# Spotlight on NFCC

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## Around Campus

### SPRING BREAK

The NFCC campus will be closed on Monday, March 23 through Friday, March 27 for its Spring Break holiday.

### NFCC LIBRARY

Book of the Month:  
*Twilight*  
by Stephenie Meyer

Twilight is a vampire story for people who don't like vampires. Bella Swan is an average teenage girl who has an instant connection with a classmate, Edward Cullen. The only problem is that Edward is a vampire with an irresistible attraction to Bella and her blood. Packed with action and suspense, Edward must try to protect his secret while he protects Bella from the trouble she seems to attract at every turn.

Books, DVD's & More  
Check out all the NFCC Library has to offer.

### DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The NFCC Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, March 17 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.

## NFCC hosts Super Saturday open house

NFCC held its first ever Super Saturday open house event March 7. The goal was to showcase the college's educational opportunities and programs, to show off the NFCC campus and to assist college hopefuls with the application and financial aid process. According to Mary Anne Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services at NFCC, the event was a huge success, welcoming approximately 500 guests from NFCC's six county service area.

"Super Saturday was a wonderful event that showed our communities what we have to offer," said Dean of Enrollment Services and Super Saturday event coordinator Mary Ann Wheeler. "We look forward to hosting Super Saturday again next year."

Super Saturday offered a myriad of opportunities for future students and their respective families, such as rocket launches, planetarium visits, blood pressure checks, driving and firing range demonstrations, free lunch and the potential to win big with an NFCC scholarship. Scholarship recipients were selected at the end of the day from a pool of 146 high school juniors, high school seniors and beyond who registered upon arrival. Recipients of the \$250 scholarships are Sylvia Tanner of Hamilton County, Michelle Underwood of Suwannee County and Dayna Fields of Madison County. The big winners of

the day, each winning a \$500 tuition scholarship, were Madison County residents Kendra Woods and Christopher Wyche.

Visitors also enjoyed campus tours, a living history presentation entitled "A Window into the War" given by NFCC history instructor Jay Welch, live music performances by the NFCC Music Department, and a "Dance, Dance Revolution" in the NFCC Library. By the end of the day NFCC had enrolled 55 future students for admissions for either summer or fall terms 2009.



NFCC Enrollment Services staff Wendy Dickinson and Diane Bethea help potential students apply for admission March 7.



Bobby Scott, right, shares information with a campus visitor during Super Saturday March 7 at NFCC.



Photo by LaEbony Livingston  
Members of the NFCC Jazz Ensemble provided entertainment for campus guests.



NFCC enrolled 55 students for summer and fall terms during Super Saturday.



Photo by LaEbony Livingston  
Sharon Leslie and Gina Rutherford of the NFCC Foundation provided information on college scholarships during the Super Saturday open house March 7 at NFCC.

## Around Campus

### 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.

### SUMMER 2009

Take classes this summer at NFCC. Summer Term 2009 class schedule available at www.nfcc.edu. Terms A&C begin May 11; Term B begins June 29. Open registration begins Monday, April 6.

### 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

#### MARCH 2009

Barbara McCauley	2
Ralph Talbott	3
Maria Gonzales	4
D.J. Waller	5
Wesley Thompson	6
Diane Webb	7
Robert Brantley	12
Tom Moffses	14
Mary Fields	16
Richard Newman	18
Angela Culpepper	18
Vickie Bosse	19
William Sircy	20
Kathleen Andersen	24
Sharon Leslie	26
John Sirmon	27
Lori Pleasant	30



Attending the March 10 Superintendent Summit at NFCC are, left to right, Dr. Bill Brothers, NFCC Board of Trustees member and Suwannee County Director of Personnel; Bill Hunter, NFCC Executive Director of Human Resources; Michael Akes, Madison County Director of Personnel; Rex Mitchell, Hamilton County Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Services; Lou Miller, Madison County Superintendent of Schools; Paul Dyal, Taylor County Superintendent of Schools; Bill Brumfield, Jefferson County Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Kelvin Norton, Jefferson County Executive Director of Operations and Human Resources; Mel McMullen, Suwannee County Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services; Dr. Sharon Erle, NFCC Dean of Academic Affairs and Chief Information Officer; Wanda Kemp, Taylor County Director of Instruction; Julia Waldrep, Madison County Director of Teaching and Learning; Martha Butler, Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools; Doug Brown, NFCC Dean of Workforce and Community Education; NFCC President John Grosskopf; Gina Rutherford, Executive Director of NFCC Foundation and Alumni Relations; Karen Mitchell, Hamilton County Student Services and Accountability Coordinator; and Tom Lashley, Lafayette County Superintendent of Schools.

## NFCC Hosts Superintendent Summit Area educational leaders join forces with NFCC

NFCC College held its Superintendent Summit March 10 at the NFCC Public Safety Academy. The summit represented the first time that newly elected and appointed educational leaders from NFCC's six-county service area have met to share ideas, network for support and to discuss pertinent issues. NFCC's service area consists of Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties. All, with the exception of Madison County, have newly elected superintendents and leaders

including NFCC's recently appointed President John Grosskopf.

NFCC administration planned the summit to bring together area educational leaders in a forum to discuss changes and challenges that each face at the state level. In addition leaders had opportunities to share resources and best practices, while NFCC instilled its reaffirmation in the college's commitment to its service district.

"NFCC was primarily there to listen to what our

local schools need from us so we can effectively plan to meet those needs," said NFCC President John Grosskopf. "It was a successful event wherein we shared concerns and best practices. We recognized the common struggles that we are all facing in these challenging economic times, but were reminded that we are not alone in these struggles. Everyone who attended is committed to the same mission; that of providing high quality educational opportunities to our students."

## Taylor Middle School students visit NFCC campus

NFCC welcomed a group of Taylor County Middle School students to its campus recently. The group toured the campus visiting a variety of areas including the NFCC Science Department, Public Safety Academy, Allied Health Department, Drafting, Student Support Services' Tutoring Lab, Enrollment Services, the NFCC Library and the NFCC Art and Music departments. Bobby Scott, NFCC High School and College Relations Director, coordinated the tour. He along with other NFCC faculty and staff provided valuable information to the Taylor County students to help them begin preparing early for college.



## Dinner Theater proceeds to benefit student scholarships: NFCC presents “Lady Pirates of the Caribbean” April 16, 18 & 19

The NFCC Foundation presents “Lady Pirates of the Caribbean”

performed by the Sentinel Upstage Players April 16, 18 and 19 at NFCC. The play, strategically placed around the time of the Madison County Four Freedoms Festival, will

be offered as a dinner theater on Thursday, April 16 and Saturday, April 18 with dinner, an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet, beginning at 6 p.m., play starting at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday matinee will be offered on April 19, theater only, at 3 p.m. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit student scholarships and support services.

The hilarious hit play, 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

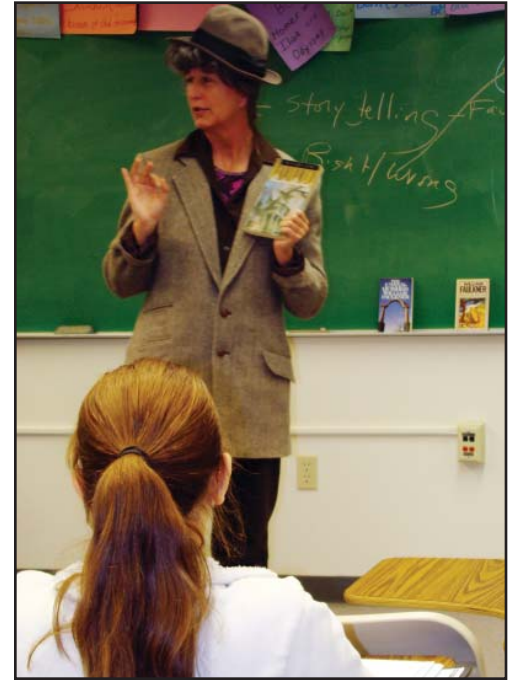
Snake Fang Fidoodle and his gang of swashbucklers.



Area residents starring in the play include, left to right, Justin Webb, Don Smith, Keeley Smith, Jessica Webb, Denise Bell, Terri Morin, Rachel Frey, Brooke Bezick and Sarah Tehan.

Twenty-one local actors star in the play which will be performed at NFCC’s Van H. Priest Auditorium in Madison, Fla. The seafood buffet dinner will be served in the NFCC Student Center (Bldg. 9) lakeside dining hall.

Tickets are on sale now. Advance dinner theater reservations are required; reservation deadline is April 13. Tickets are \$35 for dinner theater (dinner & play); \$25 for dinner only; and \$10 for the play only. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships and support services. Contact the NFCC Foundation Office at (850) 973-9423, email [foundation@nfcc.edu](mailto:foundation@nfcc.edu) or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (keyword Community Theater).



### NFCC instructor portrays William Faulkner for class

NFCC English Instructor Rose Knox recently impersonated the world famous author William Faulkner during her public speaking class. After giving a dramatic oral interpretation of Faulkner’s life through use of his jargon and history, Knox went on to explain to students her upcoming assignment of presenting a historical speech.



### NFCC Instructor gives lesson on Saint Thomas Aquinas

NFCC History Instructor David Paulk recently portrayed Saint Thomas Aquinas during a lecture to his Intro to World Religion class. Paulk shared with students Aquinas’s principles, disciplines and visions for the religious theology of his day.

## NFCC Library celebrates Ask a Librarian Day



The NFCC Library joined in celebrating the first statewide Ask a Librarian Day on Feb. 20.

Librarians Kay Hogan, left, and Kathy Sale, right, hand out Ask a Librarian stickers and business cards to students. Hogan and Sale cover the virtual statewide desk for NFCC.

The Ask a Librarian service offers assistance from Florida librarians via live chat online at [www.askalibrarian.org](http://www.askalibrarian.org).



NFCC Brain Bowl members are, standing l-r, John Marinacci, Tony Fluriach, Michael Harris and, seated l-r, Sabrina Herring, Jessica Collins and Adrian Peters.

## NFCC Brain Bowl team wins FCCA tournament, competes nationally

The NFCC Brain Bowl team won its first tournament since 1997 at the FCCA Panhandle Regionals at Gulf Coast Community College Feb. 7. The victory came in the final round after NFCC defeated Chipola College's A Team, which in the past has held a consistent record of being one of the most successfully noted teams in the country.

NFCC Brain Bowl Captain Jessica Collins led the team to victory taking home the honor of the highest single scorer at the tournament. The tournament ended with a final score of NFCC 525 and Chipola 445. NFCC will proceed to the state championship at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla. in March.

"This is an outstanding accomplishment that confirms what we have always known," said Doug Brown, NFCC Dean of Program Development and Community Outreach. "We have great students on our campus."

NFCC's Brain Bowl team also traveled to Valencia Community College in Orlando Feb. 27-28 for the NAQT National Championship Tournament of Two-Year Schools. This was NFCC's first appearance at a national brain bowl competition where

they were matched against 23 teams from across the Continental U.S. and Canada.

NFCC lost the first two rounds to Snead State and Georgia Perimeter, but rallied in the third match defeating Chipola Blue, South Florida, Southwest Mississippi, Manatee, Brevard, Beville State and Lake-Sumter. However NFCC took its third and final defeat from J Sargent Reynolds (Virginia) who then went on to win the championship match against Chipola Gold and take the tournament victory.

Collins was named among the tournament's top ten individual players and received a trophy for her outstanding showing on the national level against more than 120 other college level brain bowl members. NFCC has been placed second on a wait list to attend the International Championship Tournament of Division II Schools in Dallas in April.

NFCC Brain Bowl members are team captain Jessica Collins, Michael Harris, Damon Fico, Adrian Peters, Tiffanie Collins, John Marinacci, Sabrina Herring, Tony Fluriach and Matthew Smith. NFCC instructor Dr. Tony Delia is the team sponsor.

## NFCC instructor Marie Guest co-writes winning lesson plan

NFCC Business instructor Marie Guest and her son David Guest, a teacher in Taylor County, co-wrote a lesson plan entitled "Taking Stock: An Introduction to the Stock Market" which took second place in the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta – Jacksonville Branch's Lesson Plan of the Year contest. Both Marie and David are invited to a luncheon in Jacksonville on March 20 and will receive a commemorative award and savings bond.



Greg Nanney, Drive By Press, shows NFCC students materials used in printmaking.

## Students learn about the art of printmaking

NFCC art students had a unique experience Feb. 19 as members of Drive By Press set up a portable printing press on campus and gave a presentation on the contemporary practice of printmaking. NFCC art instructor Lisa Barden welcomed printmaking artists Greg Nanney and Nick Alley into her classroom for an educational and cultural presentation and then the two set up shop on the NFCC campus giving students an opportunity to see the printing process in action.

"This was really an amazing experience for our art students to see how the process of printmaking, which has been around for centuries, can be contemporary," said Barden. "Prior to the Drive By Press presentation, I don't think many of the students really gave much thought to how t-shirts were made."

Drive By Press travels to schools across the United States sharing their knowledge, techniques, stories and enthusiasm for printmaking and art.



## Students explore classical music

Students of Dr. Rebecca Burkart's Humanities Music class gather on the Van H. Priest Auditorium stage Feb. 19 with members of the Ritz Chamber Players, a chamber music ensemble from Jacksonville. The musicians, left to right with their instruments, Kelly Hall-Thompkins (violin), Kenneth Law (cello) and Amadi Hummings (viola), along with artistic director Terrance Patterson and pianist Kevin Sharpe presented the educational performance playing selections from Beethoven, Crusell, Dvorak and George Walker while offering commentary and taking questions. The group also performed for the NFCC Artist Series Feb. 19. Both the educational presentation and Artist Series performance were funded in part by the NFCC Artist Series Angels.

## CALLING ALL QUILTERS! NFCC seeks entries for annual Quilt Show

Attention, quilters and quilt owners. NFCC is seeking entries for its annual Quilt Show. Quilts will be displayed at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center in Madison Thursday, April 16; Friday, April 17; and Saturday, April 18 in conjunction with the Madison County Four Freedoms Festival. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

Quilts will be displayed on the first and second floors of the historic WSG Conference Center, known locally as the Mansion. A special area in the downstairs library will be set aside for display of antique quilts. The Madison Garden Club is also hosting a flower show in conjunction with the event.

Applications to enter a quilt or multiple quilts are available by contacting Maria Greene, WSG Coordinator, at (850) 973-9432 or [GreeneM@nfcc.edu](mailto:GreeneM@nfcc.edu).



## Barrage brings high energy show to NFCC March 31

Barrage – A high-octane string group that features an international, multi-talented cast performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance brings its show to NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Tuesday, March 31. The performance, the grand finale to NFCC's 2008-2009 Artist Series season, will begin at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. This public performance is part of the Barrage "High Strung" tour and features an international cast - six violinists/vocalists, drummer, bass player and guitarist – that deliver an eclectic show at a feverish pace.

"This amazing show, ideal for the whole family, is about as blithe, blissful and beguiling as entertainment gets," said Sid Smith, *Chicago Tribune*.

The Barrage performance "High Strung" offers up a diverse fusion of cultures, musical styles and incredible performance vitality. The music of Barrage combines contemporary world music influences, layered vocal arrangements and pulsating modern beats and rhythms. The cast delivers the new show with amazing energy and musical virtuosity that will take your breath away.

"A smoldering show... the young, talented group of musicians float on cold blankets of fog while sliding through all the realms of the violin... they breeze through the Celtic sound with a dash of classical, country, calypso, jazz, rock and folk... their timing was impeccable...and the pitch was infectious!" said Nick Lewis, *Calgary Herald*.

Since its creation in Calgary, Canada in 1996, Barrage has been featured many times at events worldwide having played for many Presidents, Prime Ministers and Princes. Barrage has also had their television productions aired on several international TV networks including the PBS network in the USA, the BBC in the UK and CBC in Canada and has performed live shows in New Zealand, Singapore, Guatemala,



Taiwan, China, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Ireland, Denmark, Poland, Germany, Norway, Monaco, the USA and the UK.

"It's hard to resist this high-energy show, which craftily reveals the violin's wide stylistic range," said Marc Shulgold, *Denver Rocky Mountain News*.

Barrage tickets are on sale now - \$12 adults and \$6 NFCC students and children age 12 and under. Call (850) 973-1653, email [ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu](mailto:ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu) or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (search: Artist Series).

# NFCC Practical Nursing program accepting applications

*Application deadline April 17;  
Classes begin August 2009*

NFCC's Allied Health Department is now accepting applications for its Fall Term 2009 Practical Nursing (PN) program. Classes begin in August 2009, but now is the time to take care of testing, application and program entrance requirements.

The Practical Nursing (PN) program prepares students to plan and administer nursing care to patients in hospitals, extended care facilities, physicians' offices, health-care agencies, and private homes. After completing the program, students are eligible to make application to the National Council and the Florida State Board of Nursing for examination and licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

NFCC's Practical Nursing (PN) program takes 11 months to complete. Day classes are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Clinical hours vary and may include some weekends and 12-hour shifts. Instructors are Registered Nurses licensed through the Florida State Board of Nursing.

Deadline to apply for the Fall 2009 Practical Nursing program is April 17; early enrollment is encouraged and necessary to meet entrance requirements. NFCC Allied Health staff and faculty are available to help prospective students through the enrollment process.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, need to submit an application for admissions to NFCC Enrollment Services and take the TABE test prior to applying to the Practical Nursing program. The TABE is given regularly at the NFCC campus and may be scheduled by calling 850.973.9451. For more information, contact Melody Foust, Allied Health advisor, at 850.973.1662 or FoustM@nfcc.edu.

More details about the program and entrance requirements are also available online at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu). Financial aid and scholarships may be available to qualified students.

## NFCC Art Gallery exhibit "Particular Ambiguity" opens in March Public invited to opening reception Wednesday, March 18

The NFCC Art Department invites the public to an opening reception on Wednesday, March 18 from 5-7 p.m. to help celebrate its newest exhibit entitled "Particular Ambiguity." The exhibit, which will be open March 16-April 13 in the NFCC Art Gallery, features photographs and paintings by artists Geoff Delanoy, Dawn Roe and Gabriella Soraci. Both the exhibit and the opening reception are open to the public. Members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Artist Geoff Delanoy is a visual artist whose work includes photography, digital imaging and video installation. His work was recently included in the exhibition American Landscapes at the Maryland Federation of Art in Annapolis, Maryland. He currently resides in Baltimore where he is an Associate Professor and Director of the Photography Program at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

His photographs featured in the NFCC exhibit are entitled the Point Reyes series.

"This series was inspired by my first experience with the coast of the Pacific Northwest," said Delanoy. "Being from the east coast I was taken aback by the topography and the constant flux of the environment and the impact of the elements upon the landscape. The single images are the result of a contemplative interaction

with the terrain, based on formal continuity, rather than presenting a traditional panoramic vista."

Artist Dawn Roe is a resident of Winter Park, Fla. and is featuring paintings from a series entitled Interior Landscape in the NFCC exhibit.

"My photographs are constructed in familiar, interior spaces as they most succinctly address the implied intimacy of personal space," said Roe. "Though the referencing of psychological states is important to the work, it is the complicated phenomena of just how perception leads to recollection that I draw from most."

Artist Gabriella Soraci is a resident of Eugene, Oregon. Her paintings featured in the exhibit were made during a stay at the Vermont Studio Center in the winter of 2008.

"They reflect my experience of the snowy light entering into the studio, and my interest in both plastic space and decorative space," said Soraci. "Through attention to the particular light, color and value of the setting, and the arrangement of the objects within the larger composition, I can capture a delicate space parallel to a sensation of deep contemplation."

For information, contact Lisa Barden, NFCC art instructor, at (850) 973-1642, email [BardenL@nfcc.edu](mailto:BardenL@nfcc.edu) or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu).

## Particular Ambiguity

Art Exhibit: March 16-April 13, 2009 | Reception: Wednesday, March 18, 5-7 p.m.



*Dawn Roe*

Photographs addressing the implied intimacy of personal space and the phenomena of how perception leads to recollection.



*Gabriella Soraci*

Paintings reflecting a snowy light entering through a window pane that capture a delicate space parallel to a sensation of deep contemplation.



*Geoff Delanoy*

Point Reyes series: Inspired by the coast of the Pacific Northwest; a contemplative interaction with the terrain, based on formal continuity.

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

NFCC has a variety of classes planned for April 2009 that offer personal enrichment and learning opportunities for the public. Topics include Yoga, CPR instruction, First Aid, and Genealogy. According to Community Education Coordinator Suzie Godfrey, now is the time to sign-up for the following classes:

- **DEVOTIONAL WRITING:** Tuesday, March 31 from 6-7 p.m. Register by March 19. Instructor: Debbie Bass.
- **BASIC YOGA:** April 1-May 6, every Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. Register by March 30. Instructor: Dorothy Price
- **ALL AGES CPR:** Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Register by April 2. Instructor: Steve Miller.
- **BASIC FIRST AID:** Saturday, April 11, 1-5 p.m. Register by April 2. Instructor: Steve Miller.
- **BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS:** April 14-23, every T & TH from 6-8:30pm. Register by April 9. Instructor: Pat Cantey
- **ADVANCED CAKE DECORATING CLASS:** April 14-30, every T and TH from 6-8 p.m. Register by April 9. Instructor: Deborah Cherry.
- **INTRODUCTORY GENEALOGY CLASS:** April 9-30, every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. Register by April 7. Instructor: Elmer Spear.
- **BASIC DRIVER IMPROVEMENT:** April 25, Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Register by April 22. Instructor: Rick Cathcart.
- **1st TIME DRIVERS "DATA" COURSE:** April 25, Saturday from 1-5 p.m. Register by April 22. Instructor Rick: Cathcart.

For more information or to register for any of the above listed courses, call Suzie Godfrey at (850) 973-9453 or email [CommunityEd@nfcc.edu](mailto:CommunityEd@nfcc.edu). NFCC Community Education offers courses throughout the year. For a complete list of Community Education courses visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) and type keyword Community Education.



### NFCC promotes programs to local Hispanic families

NFCC instructor Efrain Bonilla recently visited Lafayette High School, in Mayo, Fla., to promote NFCC's many successful programs. While there he had the chance to meet with several local Hispanic families to discuss with parents, in Spanish, how NFCC could enhance future possibilities for their children.

## Enrolling K4-6th grade students NOW; Deadline March 19 NFCC offers Spring Break Extravaganza for area youth

NFCC's Community Education department is offering the perfect spring break escape for area K4-6th grade students at its Spring Break Extravaganza Camp March 30 through April 3. The camp will run daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on NFCC's main campus in Madison, Fla.

Participants will join other area children in the week-long camp, offering a wealth of fun games, crafts and activities. Camp will be lead by

Danyel Williams and held at NFCC's Career and Technical Education Center, building 13 in room 129.

Pre-registration is required by March 19 for participation. Please bring a copy of your child's/ children's social security and health insurance cards. Cost per camper is \$80 plus an additional \$20 supply fee. For more information contact Suzie Godfrey, NFCC Community Education, at (850) 973-9453 or email [communityed@nfcc.edu](mailto:communityed@nfcc.edu).



## SUMMER TERM 2009

Open Registration Begins APRIL 6 | Academic Advising Available Now

Summer Class Schedule online at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu)

TERMS A & C BEGIN MAY 11 | TERM B BEGINS JUNE 29



Terry Zimmerman and Jimmy Yawn

## Rocket enthusiasts gather for NFCC Amateur Rocket Research Conference

The NFCC Science Department and NFCC's Sentinel Rocketeers club hosted the first NFCC Amateur Rocket Research Conference Feb. 11-12. Held at the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla., the conference featured guest speaker Jimmy Yawn who gave a "History of Recrystallized Sugar Rocketry" presentation.

Yawn, a self described "career counselor by trade, rocket geek by nature", is coordinator of the Career Resource Center at Santa Fe College in Gainesville. He is also well known in the sugar rocketry world.

The conference also featured student research presentations as well as workshops on making motors, testing fuels and engines, catalysts in sugar rocketry, composite tubing and new construction techniques for small rockets. Presentations and workshops were held in the Morris G. Steen Jr. Science Learning Center at NFCC.

According to Terry Zimmerman, NFCC Chemistry Instructor and Science Department Chair, he was pleased with how NFCC's first amateur rocket conference turned out and hopes to see the conference grow next year and in the future. He also welcomes the public to attend upcoming rocket launches which are held on the third Saturday each month at Pete Cruce's Farm on Sampala Lake Road in Madison.

Rocket enthusiasts are also welcome to join the NFCC Sentinel Rocketeers club. Members build model and high powered rockets for launch while studying the science and math behind rocketry and space flight throughout the building and launching processes. All launches are in accordance with the National Association of Rocketry and Tripoli Rocket Association, which provides guidelines and insurance to members.

## NFCC Medieval Madrigal Dinner

NFCC held its first Medieval (K)nights Madrigal Dinner on Feb. 26 to help raise funds for student scholarships. NFCC employees, students and community members all joined forces to make the night a success. Guests enjoyed a wonderful feast, entertainment, art and music, all representative of the Medieval era.

"Thanks to all those who participated and lent their support in every way," said Dr. Barbara McCauley, NFCC English Instructor. "We hope to be able to repeat the adventure next year."



NFCC English instructor Rose Knox and Graham Schorb were among the many volunteers who helped make the event a success.



The Incipient Shire of Staggesgate, Society for Creative Anachronism (Valdosta, Georgia) provided Medieval style entertainment Feb. 26.



ABOVE: NFCC English instructor Dr. Barbara McCauley welcomes guests to the NFCC Medieval (K)nights Madrigal Dinner Feb. 26 at the Madison Women's Club.



LEFT: Providing musical entertainment at the Madrigal Dinner Feb. 26 are, standing left to right, Dr. Arnold Burkart, NFCC student RJ Harris, Janis Courson and, seated, NFCC Music Instructor Dr. Rebecca Burkart.