

Around Campus

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Nursing Instructor at NFCC, full-time (11 month) faculty position. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 17. More information at www.nfcc.edu or call Human Resources at (850) 973-9448. EOE

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.

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The NFCC Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, April 21 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.

SPRING FLING DANCE APRIL 23

NFCC faculty, staff and students: you are invited to the NFCC Spring Fling student dance on Thursday, April 23 from 7 p.m. until midnight in the Student Center. For more information, contact Bobbie O'Hara at ext. 1623.

North Florida Community College Prepares for Future

NFCC looking toward future growth despite budget reductions

Greater efficiency, higher standards of service, and growth of educational programs are key goals as NFCC prepares to meet the challenges of the current economic crisis. The College has existed as a state funded community college since 1958 and serves a broad district including Madison, Jefferson, Taylor, Suwannee, Lafayette and Hamilton Counties. Even in these challenging times, the College is moving forward.

"NFCC will continue to function effectively now and in the future," said NFCC President John Grosskopf. "We are determined to fulfill our mission, to serve our students and to continue to provide high quality educational opportunities."

Overall, NFCC is working to ensure that any changes due to budget cuts will not negatively affect students seeking degrees or taking classes on campus. The College is preparing for projected cuts with a strong foundation and a clear plan for the future. According to NFCC President John Grosskopf, the college is moving forward in a positive direction despite some tough decisions, including reducing faculty and staff positions, which must be made in order to increase efficiency.

In its 2009-2010 Efficiency Plan NFCC details necessary changes to personnel, programs and policies that will allow the

college to "continue serving students and the communities in our district during this time of economic crisis, while preparing to operate in a more efficient manner." The plan, approved by the NFCC Board of Trustees in March, includes leaving currently unfilled positions vacant where possible, reducing operating expenses and making necessary

personnel changes that include reductions, transfers and lay-offs of 17 employees at the end of June. NFCC will offer Employee Assistance to employees affected by the lay-offs and provide as much support as possible. There may be options that allow some of the displaced employees to find employment in different capacities on campus, such as adjunct teaching positions or employment in restructured areas. NFCC will also transfer its Adult Education program to the Madison County School Board at the end of the term, and Madison County residents will still have access to Adult Education and GED preparation classes.

"NFCC is a small campus with extremely dedicated faculty and staff," said Grosskopf. "Looking



at reductions to our faculty and staff is, unfortunately, a horribly painful necessity. Everyone who works at NFCC is significant and those in positions not being renewed will be greatly missed. But in such times we must focus on the positive things happening on our campus, strengthen our community ties and build programs that will best serve area students and their communities."

Despite budget cutbacks, NFCC is taking steps to meet the needs of current and future students. The college is growing its technical and workforce education offerings, strengthening existing programs and developing more versatile opportunities to meet the educational needs of its six-county service district. NFCC

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NFCC LIBRARY

Book of the Month:
Angels and Demons
by Dan Brown

If you like an action packed adventure mixed with a bit of history, science and religion then you will love *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown. A terrorist group called the Illuminati has a score to settle with the Catholic church. This group kidnaps four cardinals and plans to kill each of them in a unique and horrific way. The Illuminati also places a newly developed weapon of mass destruction in the middle of Vatican City. Robert Langdon, an expert in art history and religious symbols, is on a race against time to prevent the Illuminati from destroying everything. The writing is fast paced and the plot will keep the reader on the edge of his seat. This book was published a few years ago but it is not a book to miss. Movie based on the book will be in theaters May 2009.

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

Employee Birthdays

APRIL 2009

Betty Starling	1
Peggy Harris	3
Neil Smith	8
Wendy Dickinson	11
David Paulk	12
Amy Ellison	23
Cissy Adleburg	29

Get your tickets now or at the door... 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's Van H. Priest Auditorium. The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16 and Saturday, April 18. A Sunday matinee will be offered April 19 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. Twenty-one local actors star in the play.

Tickets are \$10 and on sale now. Tickets can also be purchased at the door prior to each performance. Contact the NFCC Foundation Office at (850) 973-9423, email foundation@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu (keyword Community Theater) for more information.

Register early for Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run Run set for Saturday, April 18 during Four Freedoms Festival

A favorite tradition of the Four Freedoms Festival, April 18, is the annual Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run. This year's Freedom Run, hosted by NFCC's Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges, includes two races for those wishing to compete or just have fun.

The One-Mile Fun Run/Walk is open to children up to 16-year-old and begins at 8 a.m. There is a \$6 entry fee. The 5K Run/Walk is

open to all ages and begins at 8:30 a.m. with a \$10 entry fee. Registration for both begins at 7:30 a.m. the day of the race.

Due to a limited number of t-shirts, event t-shirts will only be available on a first come, first serve basis the morning of the race. Registration forms may be turned in the morning of the race or mailed prior to Wednesday,

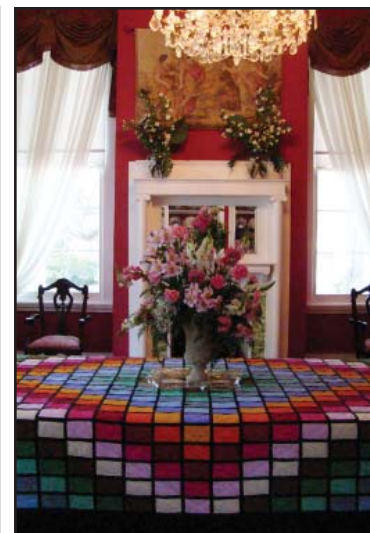
April 15. Registration forms are available on the NFCC website at <http://www.nfcc.edu/colin-p-kelly-freedom-run>, at NFCC's Marshall Hamilton Library, and at the Madison Chamber.

The 5 K course takes runners through beautiful, historic downtown Madison and onto

the NFCC campus. Both runs begin and end on the corner of Range and Marion Streets. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded winners in several age categories.

The NFCC chapter of FACC is sponsoring the race to raise funds for its Book Scholarship Program which helps provide textbooks to NFCC students.

For race information, contact Denise Bell at 850.973.9481 or email BelID@nfcc.edu. For Four Freedoms Festival information, www.madisonfl.org or contact the Madison County Chamber at 850.973.2788.



Public invited to Quilt Show and Flower Exhibit April 16-18

NFCC invites the public to a Quilt Show and Flower Exhibit at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center (known locally as The Mansion) April 16-18. The event, being held in conjunction with the Madison County Four Freedoms Festival on April 18, will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day, Thursday through Saturday. Visitors will enjoy a diverse display of handmade quilts and arrangements of beautiful spring flowers throughout the historic building's first and second floors.

The NFCC Foundation donates use of the Mansion for the events in conjunction with the Four Freedoms Festival. The Quilt show is hosted by NFCC and the Flower Exhibit is coordinated and hosted by members of the Madison Garden Club.

Admission is free of charge, donations are welcome. For information contact Maria Greene, Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center coordinator, at (850) 973-9432 or email GreeneM@nfcc.edu. Information is also available at www.nfcc.edu.

MUSIC

Community Chorus concert April 26

The Community Chorus of North Florida Community College will perform a concert Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m. at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium. The public is invited to attend; there is no admission fee.

Enjoy the Chorus' celebration of America through performance of patriotic works such as Austin Lovelace's "Litany for America"; American composer Irving Berlin's "God Bless America"; and the beautiful "This is The Tune" by Hank Beebe. The Choir will also perform other traditional pieces such as classical composer Johann Sebastian Bach's, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and Theodore Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ."

NFCC Community Chorus members come from NFCC's six-county service area and share a common goal: having fun while singing great music together. Co-directing the chorus are Dr. Rebecca Burkart, NFCC music instructor, and Dr. Arnold Burkart.

For more information contact Dr. Rebecca Burkart at (850) 973-1643 or email Music@nfcc.edu.

Jazz Ensemble concert April 27

The NFCC Jazz Ensemble performs its Spring Music Concert on Monday, April 27 at Van H. Priest Auditorium, 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend, free of charge, as the Jazz Ensemble takes a musical trip back to the 1980s performing renditions of songs like "Crazy Train", "All For Love", "We Are The World", "Brick House"; the James Bond theme song and more.

The April 27 concert will showcase the talent of NFCC music students as they finish the spring term at NFCC. Concert goers will enjoy music from the 80s and beyond. There will also be guest performers from the community. Directing the concert is Dr. Rebecca Burkart, NFCC music instructor.

For information, contact Dr. Rebecca Burkart at (850) 973-1643 or email music@nfcc.edu.

Art exhibit "Small Systems" now open *Public invited to reception Wednesday, April 22*

The NFCC Art Department invites the public to an opening reception on Wednesday, April 22 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to help celebrate its newest exhibit entitled "Small Systems." The exhibit, open now through May 15, features works by artists Elizabeth Atzberger of Boca Raton, Lou Haney of Mississippi and Paul Rutkovsky of Tallahassee.

Artist Elizabeth Atzberger is exhibiting works in the NFCC exhibit which come out of an investigation into the underlying systems of natural phenomena, especially the emergent patterning that result from magnetic forces. "My current work stems from a traditional oil painting practice," said Atzberger. "In much of my work, simple processes repeat or built up in layers that evolve into complex systems."

Artist Lou Haney is featuring a series of paintings in the exhibit. "My work explores the excess, absurdity, and intensity of American culture through images found in vintage magazines and books," said Haney. "There is an innocence and sincerity to these images. My goal is to exaggerate and expose

these visual conventions by painting the images larger and brighter than the source. One can ignore a small printed image, but a large saturated painting becomes something to be reckoned visually and conceptually."

Artist Paul Rutkovsky is an art professor at Florida State University. His works featured in the NFCC exhibit are pen and ink with occasional color that focus on connecting technology to our lives. "Whether I'm working with young students in Poland using computers, HIV individuals in Syracuse, collecting debris with students in Lithuania, Latvia and Finland, or art students at Florida State University, the primary focus for me is to connect the technology to our lives, to mitigate the barriers between flesh and silicon," said Rutkovsky.

The public is encouraged to visit NFCC's current art exhibit and to attend the opening reception on Wednesday, April 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lisa Barden, NFCC art instructor, at (850) 973-1642, email BardenL@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu.

Art Exhibit: April 14-May 15, 2009 | Reception: Wednesday, April 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Little Systems



Elizabeth Atzberger

Oil paintings that investigate underlying systems of natural phenomena and emergent patterning that results from magnetic forces.

Lou Haney

Paintings that explore the excess, absurdity and intensity of American culture; the fine line between desire and repulsion, earnestness and irony, realism and abstraction.

Paul Rutkovsky

Pen and ink with occasional color with a primary focus to connect technology to our lives and to mitigate the barriers between flesh and silicon.

North Florida
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Open to the public | NFCC Art Gallery | Madison, FL | 850.973.1642

NFCC welcomes 46 students as new members of PTK honor society

NFCC's Phi Theta Kappa Mu Xi Chapter held an induction ceremony March 19 to welcome 46 new members into PTK, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Students leading the induction ceremony were PTK President Rachel Frey of Jefferson County, PTK Vice President Dominique Reed of Suwannee County and PTK Secretary Brittany Bezick of Madison County. Frey welcomed guests and introduced guest speaker and NFCC history instructor David Paulk.

Paulk shared with the students and their supporting audience what he believed makes a great leader. He encouraged the students to lead by example, to lead by encouragement and to lead by effectiveness. He also encouraged them to build their competence and confidence as they move forward in their education and careers.

NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dr. Greg Molnar, NFCC science instructor and PTK advisor, also took part in the ceremony. A reception was held in the NFCC Student Center immediately following the induction of new members.

New PTK members are:

Columbia County: Ashley Beckman and Keith Heston

Hamilton County: Tracy Atkinson, Samantha Lucas and Vincent Windham

Jefferson County: Amy Frey and Tristan Sorensen



PTK officers, left to right, Vice President Dominique Reed, President Rachel Frey and Secretary Brittany Bezick.



Guest speaker David Paulk

Lafayette County: Emily Dees and Ashley Swinson

Madison County: Angenette Aikens, Shajuandrine Bridges, Cynthia Brown, Amber Cooper, Damon Fico, Caitlin Griffin, Ashley Haynes, Kierystan Johnson, Heather Kelly, Maggie Lopez, Adrian

Peters, Angela Prine, Kathryn Rubio, Allyce Rutherford, Blake Sapp, Elizabeth Schaffer, Evan Schnitker, John Smith and David Thornton

Suwannee County: James Denmark, Carla Federico, Jeffrey Jordan, Shauna Nettles, Amanda Sweeney, Jaclyn Thomas, Kimberly Warner and Daniela Wasem

Taylor County: Jonathan Courtney, Theresa Freeman, Nichole Gold, Jenna Helm, Jacqueline McDonald, Caroline Mclean, Christina Scruggs, Katherine Smith, Andrew Turner and Stephanie Wigglesworth

Drug, Health & Stress Expose April 21

Big Bend Regional Prevention Center and NFCC are hosting a Drug, Health and Stress Expose on Tuesday, April 21 in the NFCC Student Center (Bldg. 9) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Organizations throughout the community and NFCC Allied Health are joining forces to inform the public on how drugs, stress and other factors influence a person's overall health.

Highlights of the event include free information, free blood pressure checks, free eye-exams and more. For more information, contact Bobbie O'Hara at (850) 973-1623 or email OharaR@nfcc.edu.

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Instructor: Susan Taylor, NFCC English Instructor

Math: 2:30-3:30 PM -or- 6:30-7:30 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays | Cost: \$125 plus Text/Materials \$25
Instructor: Efrain Bonilla, NFCC Mathematics Instructor

CPT test offered upon course completion June 25
note: test fee is included in above listed course costs

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Suzie Godfrey, Community Education
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SUMMER TERM 2009

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Summer Class Schedule online at www.nfcc.edu

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

Brain Bowl team competes in state championship *Tony DeLia named FCCAA Brain Bowl Coach of the Year*

NFCC Brain Bowl team members Jessica Collins (Taylor County), Tony Fluriach (Lafayette County), Michael Harris (Taylor County) and Sabrina Herring (Suwannee County) competed in the Florida Community College Activities Association (FCCAA) State Brain Bowl Tournament March 26-28 at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla. NFCC, giving their first appearance on the state level in Brain Bowl competition since 1997, competed well in the tournament.

Tony Fluriach ended his FCCAA Brain Bowl career as a leader in individual point scorings with 595 overall tossup points and 350 points in math alone. He was recognized at the FCCAA Brain Bowl awards ceremony and received a plaque for his accomplishments.

NFCC Brain Bowl Coach Dr. Tony DeLia was also recognized for his outstanding efforts in coaching by being named the FCCAA 2009 Brain Bowl Coach of the Year. In addition to coaching brain bowl, DeLia teaches math, physics and astronomy at NFCC.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the team this year," said Dr. Tony DeLia. "They have worked very hard and it has really paid off. The group record and individual accomplishments of these players will be the yardstick for all of our future teams."

During the first day of FCCAA competition NFCC lost their first match of the tournament to Florida Community College at Jacksonville, but came back with an impressive win against Chipola-Blue. Then after a narrow loss to Valencia-Red, NFCC rallied to defeat Valencia-Black by an impressive margin. The next day started out with an unexpected victory over Pasco-Hernando, a team NFCC had not defeated in FCCAA competition in over two years. From the start NFCC dominated the match, racking up 200 points before Pasco-Hernando even got on the board. The final score was NFCC



NFCC Brain Bowl members (standing left to right) are John Marinacci, Tony Fluriach and Michael Harris; and (seated left to right) Sabrina Herring, Team Captain Jessica Collins and Adrian Peters. Fluriach, Harris, Herring and Collins competed in the FCCAA State Brain Bowl Tournament in March.



NFCC recognized Dr. Tony DeLia as the FCCAA Brain Bowl Coach of the Year at the NFCC Honors Night Convocation on April 14.

440, Pasco-Hernando 170. This fueled the NFCC team to very impressive wins in the next three rounds, including victories over Central Florida (395-45) and Broward (360-100). The final day of competition saw NFCC face one of the best brain bowl teams in the country: Chipola-Gold. Initially NFCC pulled out in front by 80 points but slowly

Chipola-Gold whittled away the lead and then accelerated into the second half, defeating NFCC 330-165. Chipola-Gold went undefeated in regular play and faced Valencia-Red in the championship game. Chipola dominated the championship round, defeating Valencia by a score of 550-200.

NFCC won the FCCAA Panhandle Regionals in February which gave them a slot in the state FCCAA competition.



The NFCC Brain Bowl Team was also recognized at Honors Night. Pictured are, left to right, John Marinacci, Tiffanie Collins, Michael Harris, Sabrina Herring, Adrian Peters and Jessica Collins. Not pictured: Damon Fico and Matthew Smith.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION Classes offered in Monticello

This summer NFCC is offering a variety of Community Education courses at its Green Industries Institute site in Monticello, Fla.

Course topics include:

- Basic First Aid & CPR
- Cake Decorating
- Quit Smoking Now
- Improve Entrance English/Math Scores
- Basic Child Birth
- Sustainability - What Does it Mean to Me
- Specialty Crops, Pests & Management
- Vegetable, Fruits & Nuts
- Kids in College Summer Camp classes
- And more...

View a complete list of available classes at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/green-industries> or call (850) 973-9453.

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is also expanding scholarship opportunities through its new Minority Student Leadership Program and building resources for students through the NFCC Foundation.

New firefighter training courses will begin at NFCC this May. NFCC's 2009 Summer Schedule is already available with a variety of classes set to begin in May and June, and a wide variety of new classes is being offered at NFCC's Green Industries Institute satellite campus in Monticello, Fla. Additionally, NFCC is seeking input from businesses in the district concerning their needs in the area of workforce education for employees or potential employees.

"We are eagerly meeting the challenges before us by revitalizing our career and technical program offerings," said Doug Brown, Dean of Workforce and Community Education. "One of the primary aspects of our mission is to provide residents of the NFCC district with opportunities to gain 21st century skills and knowledge. By doing so, we are facilitating not only the success of individuals, but the ability of our counties to compete favorably on the economic development front."

Overall, NFCC is dedicated to its students and the community and has a solid plan for the future.

"We are proud of our 50 years of service to the people of this district and are looking forward to the next 50 years of being your community college," said Grosskopf.

Efrain Bonilla named to Florida Developmental Education Association Executive Board

NFCC instructor Efrain Bonilla was recently invited to become an Executive Board member of the Florida Developmental Education Association. He will be the Regional Workshop Co-chair and the Historian for FDEA.



Bonilla says that serving on the Board “goes along with NFCC’s commitment to improve our services provided to our students in our college prep program.”

Bonilla has been a member of the FDEA for about 8 years. He has attended the National Association of Developmental Education (NADE) in Boston, Nashville and New Orleans.

NFCC instructor Susan Taylor is also an executive board member for the FDEA.



NFCC recruiter attends Echols Career Fair

Lorraine J. Brown, NFCC Vocational Recruiter, recently attended the Echols County High School Career Fair in Statenville, Ga. Students attending the event were ninth through twelfth graders. According to Brown, students showed a great interest in NFCC programs.

19th Annual Ecology Day at NFCC

NFCC and Madison 4-H partnered with local and state ecologists to educate Madison County third graders about preserving the natural world on April 9. More than 200 third grade students visited the NFCC campus and Ladell Brothers Outdoor Environmental Center for the 4-H/NFCC Ecology Day 2009.

Coordinated by NFCC instructor Bonnie Littlefield and Madison County 4-H coordinator Heather Johnson, Ecology Day consisted of seven outdoor stations that children rotated among to learn about recycling, entomology, forest ecology, water quality, natural resources conservation, fish and insects and plants.

“The students had a great time while learning about ecology and learning to respect the environment,” said Littlefield.

NFCC students and other community volunteers also assisted with Ecology Day. In addition to the educational opportunities provided, each child received a free t-shirt provided by the Madison County Recycling Department.



NFCC student Michael Tedder helps Ty'Keria Brown at the Fish and Insects station during Ecology Day.



Jan Peters of the Florida A&M University's Department of Entomology, center, identifies insects for students.



Madison third graders, left to right, Jakiera McNair, Clay Peoples and Bailey McClellan learn about the many uses of plants during Ecology Day April 9.



NFCC student Jennifer Waters helps third graders, left to right, Freddie Weatherspoon, Tyrek Robinson and Tray Killingsworth net insects for inspection at the Ecology Day Entomology station.



Madison third graders net small pond creatures for observation during Ecology Day.