

## Around Campus

### SUMMER HOURS

NFCC summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The campus is closed on Fridays through Aug. 14. Regular Monday-Friday hours resume Aug. 17.

### JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

The NFCC campus will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 2 and July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

### SUMMER TERM 2009

Summer Term B begins Monday, June 29. Register Now! Summer schedule available at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) or call 850.973.1622.

### FALL TERM 2009

Academic Advising for Fall Term 2009 is going on now. Open registration is July 13-Aug. 21. Classes begin Aug. 24.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

The NFCC Public Safety Academy, Madison Police Dept. and Madison County Sheriff's Office will present information on Neighborhood Watch programs on July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Academy. Open to the public.

## New mentor program at NFCC offers scholarships to area minority students

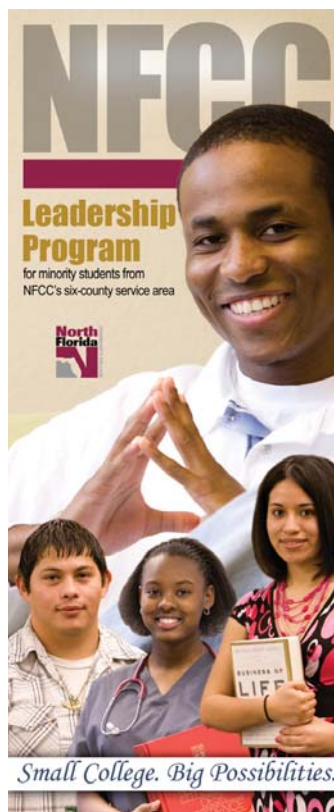
### *NFCC Minority Leadership Program accepting applications*

NFCC began building the foundation for its Minority Leadership Program in December 2008 by creating a steering committee comprised of NFCC students, employees and community leaders. The group created a mission for the minority mentor and scholarship program and established goals – academic achievement, civic engagement and personal enrichment – that would benefit student participants.

This August as NFCC begins fall classes, the NFCC Minority Leadership Program will welcome its first 15 students, all minority students from NFCC's six-county district. Applications are currently being accepted from Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor County residents who qualify for the program. Deadline to apply is Aug. 6.

"We are extremely excited about this new opportunity to serve our district by responding to a definite community need," said NFCC President John Grosskopf. "This program will not only benefit a group of students, but will have a long lasting positive impact on the community at large. This is what community colleges are all about."

Those selected for the program will receive full tuition, two-year academic



scholarships to NFCC and will be required to meet program requirements including maintaining a 2.5 GPA, attending academic seminars, being actively involved in learning and service activities, and meeting with an academic advisor or campus mentor at least twice a semester.

In addition to scholarships, participants will receive valuable guidance to help them succeed and grow academically and individually. Students will learn about leadership, building stronger

communities and how to address important social, cultural, economic and health related issues. Students will be empowered to become leaders on campus and in their own communities and will be encouraged to be role models for future participants of the program.

NFCC also hopes the community will support the program and help it grow.

"This program is the result of compassion to reach out and do something for the minority students of our district," said Clyde Alexander, Student Life Coordinator at NFCC. "This compassion and the support of NFCC President John Grosskopf and the program's steering committee helped bring the idea to life; and it is now a reality. I am proud to share in this vision and invite the community to support the program."

More information and applications for the NFCC Minority Leadership Program are available at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (keyword Minority Leadership) or contact Clyde Alexander, 850-973-1609 or [AlexanderC@nfcc.edu](mailto:AlexanderC@nfcc.edu). Deadline to apply is Aug. 6.

NFCC strives to offer all students the opportunity to succeed in college and in life and has many resources, scholarship and financial aid opportunities available.

## **A**round Campus

### **“KIDS IN COLLEGE” SUMMER CAMPS**

A complete list of Community Education courses is available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/community-education>. Upcoming “Kids in College” camps are:

#### **June 29-July 1**

- Awesome America
- Rocketry 201
- Freedom Fighters

#### **July 6-9**

- Football Camp
- Summer Fun
- It’s Electric

#### **July 13-16**

- Marvelous Math
- Dinotopia
- Radical Reading
- Cupcakes and Cookies

#### **July 20-23**

- Animals in Action
- Get Spacey
- Wild West

#### **July 27-30**

- Cool Computer Clues
- Basketball-Ages 8-14

#### **Aug. 3-6**

- Water Works
- Radical Recycling
- Silly Science

#### **Aug. 10-13**

- Oceanography
- Delicious Digits

#### **Aug. 17-20**

- Outback Adventures
- Building Big

For more information, contact Suzie Godfrey, 850.973.9453.

### **Employee Birthdays JULY 2009**

Lynn Waller	1
Denise Bell	2
Larry Bell	7
Gerri Bucher	11
Alan Horne	11
Betty Bell	18
John Grosskopf	22
Marguerite Page	26

## Green Industries course offerings in full bloom Sustainable Horticulture course begins June 29

NFCC’s Green Industries Institute is offering a Sustainable Horticulture course in Monticello beginning June 29 and three community based companion course options this summer: Sustainability



– What Does it Mean to Me begins June 30; Vegetables, Fruits and Nuts begins July 14; and Specialty Crops, Pests and Management begins July 28.

Sustainable Horticulture (HOS 1010) provides an orientation and practical overview with an emphasis on sustainable growing methods for all types of plant material including woody landscape plants, trees, fruit, vegetables and nut culture practices. In addition the course will also cover organic systems for crop production and integrated pest management. Classes are Monday through

Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Monticello at NFCC’s Green Industries Institute site.

The three companion classes, each spanning only two-weeks, will offer quick training in sustainability, growing and management methods. Each two-week course will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Green Industries Institute in Monticello. “Sustainability – What Does it Mean to Me” is June 30, July 1, 7 and 8. “Vegetables, Fruits and Nuts” will be July 14, 15, 21 and 22 and “Specialty Crops, Pests and Management” will be July 28, 29, Aug. 4 and 5.

The courses are a great way to cultivate your “green” thumb this summer or to start training toward a career in horticulture. For more information contact Patricia Garner at 850-973-1702 or [GarnerP@nfcc.edu](mailto:GarnerP@nfcc.edu).

## **EMS Bed Race fundraiser June 26**

*All proceeds benefit NFCC EMS Program*

NFCC is hosting its first ever Emergency Medical Services Bed Race Friday, June 26 at 10 a.m. at the NFCC Tennis Courts. All proceeds will benefit students in NFCC’s Emergency Medical Services program.

NFCC invites the community to come out and join in on the food, fun and racing. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places, as well as, most uniquely decorated bed. Rules of the race are as follows: there must be four runners per bed and one rider, the rider must sit on the mattress and competition beds must be either EMS or hospital design. Anyone may compete, but all riders must wear a helmet. There is an entry fee of \$10 per person, and a student fee of \$5 per person with valid student ID.

For more information visit [www.nfcc.edu/emergency-medical-services](http://www.nfcc.edu/emergency-medical-services) or contact Gail Hackle at 850-973-1617 or [HackleG@nfcc.edu](mailto:HackleG@nfcc.edu).

## **NFCC supports Madison County Relay for Life**

The NFCC Relay for Life team raised a little over \$1,700 during Madison County’s Relay for Life event in May. The event raises money for the American Cancer Society.

NFCC won 2nd place in the following categories: Best Site, Best Food and Best Costumes. Each participating organization represented a country; NFCC chose Vietnam as its theme.

The NFCC Relay for Life team thanks all who participated or donated to this worthy cause.



*NFCC Relay for Life team members are (standing left to right) Margie Phillips, Devona Sewell, Marie Guest, Tammy Horne, Kim Palmer, Diane Bethea, Denise Bell, Cindy Gaylard and Bobbie O’Hara; and (front row, left to right) Carolyn Thigpen, Nita Fico and John Bethea.*



*Taking part in the Relay for Life costume contest are, left to right, Tammy Horne, Denise Bell and Carolyn Thigpen.*

## NFCC Allied Health instructors visit Pinetta Elementary

NFCC Allied Health instructor Kathy Fields and assistant instructor Shirley Haynes attended Pinetta Elementary School's Math Career Day on May 22 and shared with students the importance of math in selected careers such as nursing. Attending the event were 3rd, 4th and 5th grade PES math students, of Mrs. Catherine Murphy's class. Fields and Haynes' presentation used visual aids to explain how nurses use math skills. The NFCC instructors then tested the students' comprehension by having students participate in a math trivia game simulating clinical nursing scenarios involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and conversions. "The students exhibited enthusiasm and knowledge in volunteering



*Kathy Fields at Pinetta Elementary.*

to answer the different math trivia questions related to nursing," said Fields. "After the presentation the students walked around and visited the different booths asking questions." The PES students were also given more information about careers in nursing and the various training programs available at NFCC.



*Shirley Haynes, right, shares information with PES students.*

## "Kids in College" Football Camp Begins July 6; Register Now

*Camp open to 5K-8th grade students*

NFCC is opening its "Kids in College" Football Camp to include completed 5K through 8th grade students. The camp will be held July 6-9 from 8 a.m. until noon at Lanier Field in Madison.

NFCC Community Education is also offering a wide variety of other "Kids in College" camps throughout the summer for children in grades 5K-8th.

"The summer camps can fill up quickly, so I encourage parents to register their children now," said Godfrey. "I also welcome feedback from the community as we look to offering more Community Education based courses in the future."

A complete course listing is available at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (key word: Community Education). For more information, contact Suzie Godfrey at 850-973-9453 or [godfreys@nfcc.edu](mailto:godfreys@nfcc.edu).

## Law Enforcement & Corrections programs accepting new students

The Public Safety Academy at NFCC is accepting students for its Law Enforcement and Corrections Basic Recruit programs. Both programs are open entry with classes beginning every few weeks.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 6-11 p.m. at the NFCC Public Safety Academy complex.

Students can complete training in one year or less and be ready to begin a career in public safety, corrections or law enforcement. "My instructors at the Public Safety Academy work hard to assure my success," said NFCC student Megan Touchton.

NFCC students train in one of the newest facilities in the state of Florida. The NFCC Public Safety Academy offers a state-of-the-art driver training facility, an indoor firearms training area and NFCC works with all public safety agencies and personnel from across NFCC's six-county service area.



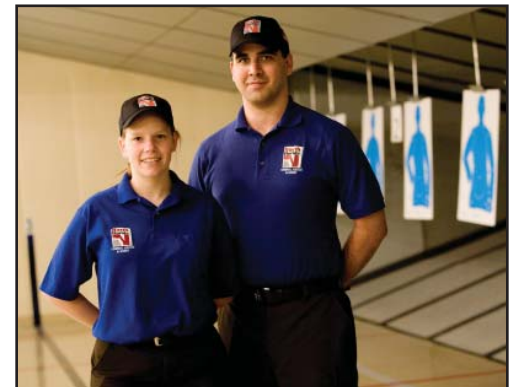
*William Walker, Jr. is among the many students enrolled in the NFCC Law Enforcement program who benefit from the quality instruction and state-of-the-art training facilities available at NFCC's Public Safety Academy.*

NFCC is one of the 42 approved Public Safety Training Centers certified by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) to teach Law

Enforcement and Corrections Basic Recruit programs which prepare students for the certification exams required for all Florida officers.

Those interested in training at NFCC are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now.

Students must be at least 18 years old. Admission requirements also include completing an NFCC admission application, passing the Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test, submitting official high school or GED diploma and transcripts, and passing background checks. Financial assistance may



*NFCC students Megan Touchton and Troy Wren are among the many students enrolled in the NFCC Corrections Basic Recruit program. Touchton and Wren are pictured at the NFCC Public Safety Academy's firearms training area.*

be available for qualified students.

"NFCC has provided me with the opportunity to fulfill a life time dream of becoming the third generation in my family to work as a police officer," said NFCC student William Walker, Jr.

For information or to enroll in the NFCC Public Safety Academy, contact John Ulm, Instructional Coordinator, at 850-973-9492 or [ulmj@nfcc.edu](mailto:ulmj@nfcc.edu). Information is also available at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu).

# NFCC opens its nursing lab to Suwannee-Hamilton Technical students

Like many other schools in this area, Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center is faced with declining availability of hands-on clinical training opportunities at health care facilities, especially in specialty areas like maternal and newborn care. In an effort to offer its students the best training available, SHTC practical nursing instructors LaFrenche McCreary and Earlene Howard contacted the



*SHTC students Greg Coe, Mary Herring and Heather Humphrey work with a patient simulator at NFCC.*

North Florida Community College Allied Health department to find out how NFCC was addressing the issue of declining clinical options. The solution - NFCC's patient simulation lab which offers the latest technology and equipment including life-like patient simulators, simulation equipment that mimics actual patient conditions and virtual IV or intravenous simulators.

NFCC Allied Health Director Nita Fico promptly invited the SHTC instructors to bring their students over to the NFCC campus to visit and utilize the college's simulation lab for clinical exercises and experiences in obstetrics, newborn care and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Seventeen SHTC practical nursing students attended the clinical at NFCC, directed by NFCC nursing instructor and lab coordinator Julie Walden, on May 21 along with McCreary and Howard.

"It was an exuberating experience," said McCreary. "The students thought the lab was outstanding and wonderful. They truly enjoyed the experience and would be glad to go back anytime."

McCreary, now an instructor and director of the Practical Nursing program at SHTC, is an alumna of the NFCC Practical Nursing program, graduating in 1983. She continued her education at Valdosta State University

receiving a Bachelor's degree in nursing and was named an NFCC Outstanding Alumni in 2008 for her dedication to education.

McCreary has been an instructor at SHTC for the past five years and fellow instructor Earlene Howard has taught at SHTC for four years.

"I feel that NFCC is an outstanding college," said McCreary.

"NFCC was an excellent starting point for my career in nursing and is a great asset to our community."

Suwannee-Hamilton Technical students participating in the clinical at NFCC were Christina Mahan, Cindy Ward, Amy Walker, Trunessa Crawford, Melissa McCray, Heather Humphrey, Krystyna Taylor, Mary Herring, Debra Ashe, Destiny Lemming, Jim Moon, Pam Brown, Pepper Newman, Greg Coe and Bobbi Brantley.



*SHTC instructors, left to right, Earlene Howard and LaFrenche McCreary take their students to visit the NFCC Allied Health Department and patient simulation lab.*

NFCC routinely opens its lab to visitors and students. For more information about the NFCC Allied Health Department or its simulation lab, contact Nita Fico at 850-973-9489 or FicoN@nfcc.edu.



## Progress Energy gives "Live Wire" seminar at NFCC

NFCC recently invited area Emergency Medical Services, fire fighters, law enforcement, corrections officer and community members to an informative lecture and demonstration on the current processes in place by Progress Energy during a mass power outage. The two part lecture also included a "Live Wire" demonstration with Progress Energy technicians demonstrating live examples of volatile power line situations.

The program was set up by Progress Energy's Community Relations Manager Bobby Pickels and NFCC's Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Mac Leggett. Progress Energy techs came fully suited head-to-toe in special garb, including a pair of yellow rubber boots to prevent injury or harm to themselves during the powerful live demonstrations.

"The Live Wire demonstration helps to save the lives of emergency responders by arming them with the right information and awareness about potentially dangerous electrical situations," said NFCC's Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Mac Leggett.

NFCC welcomed over 100 area emergency service officials and community members who came ready to ask questions about dealing with the dangers of electrical issues like downed power lines and other service related questions focused on mass community outages.

## RN program accepting applications; Classes begin January 2010

NFCC is accepting applications for its Registered Nursing program now through Aug. 28. Classes begin in January 2010.

NFCC's RNs are trained both in the classroom and in clinical settings in hospitals. Students gain theoretical instruction and clinical experience in community health, pediatrics, OB, psyche, medical, surgical, maternal-child, mental-health, and geriatric nursing. Nursing students will learn from on-the-job clinical assignments at area hospitals, nursing homes, and community agencies such as schools, public health departments and clinics.

NFCC's six semester program prepares the graduate to apply to take the National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Achievement of a passing score on this exam and licensure by the Florida State Board of Nursing enables the graduate to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Florida.

Applicants must have prior admission to NFCC and a passing grade in five pre-requisite courses prior to acceptance into the Nursing program. Students must provide proof of Rubella immunity and a TB test, physical exam, and criminal background check.

Prospective students should make an appointment now to discuss their academic plan for admissions into the RN program or one of NFCC's other Allied Health programs. Financial aid and scholarships may be available to qualified students.

Contact Melody Foust for an application or information at 850-973-1662 or FoustM@nfcc.edu.

## Richardson, Culpepper pass ARNP certification exam

NFCC nursing instructors Angela Culpepper and Miki Richardson have both passed the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ANRP) certification examination administered by the American Nursing Credentialing Center.

"Becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner has added to my knowledge base and made me a better nursing instructor," said Culpepper. "Being taught the latest knowledge regarding illness and disease processes will help me teach according to the best practices that are in the medical field today. Being in school has also made me much more empathetic towards the plight of students."

Culpepper and Richardson both completed the post master's family nurse practitioner degree at FSU in December of 2008. In order to become a licensed ARNP, they were required to take and pass the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner certification exam, a 150 question exam offered by the American

Nurses Credentialing Center. Both NFCC instructors are now officially licensed by the Florida Board of Nursing as Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners.

Taking on the task of becoming a licensed ARNP is a mark of academic and professional excellence. About 7.5% of today's registered nurses are advanced practice nurses. A large number are employed in nursing education programs, especially in the university setting where ARNP's are expected to practice in addition to meeting their classroom responsibilities. Nurse Practitioners are also employed in clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, and collaborative practices with a physician. Culpepper and Richardson are both specialized in adult care and family, but nurse practitioners can also specialize in pediatrics, obstetrics, or midwifery. Nurse practitioners are qualified educationally to handle a wide range of basic health problems, illnesses and injuries. They can prescribe medications, order and interpret labs, radiographs, counsel and educate patients.



Angela Culpepper



Miki Richardson

## Patient Care Technician program accepting applications Classes begin Aug. 10; Apply by July 30

The Patient Care Technician (PCT) program at NFCC is accepting applications for Fall Term 2009 classes beginning Aug. 10. Now is the time to enroll and take care of application, testing and program entrance requirements. Deadline to apply is July 30.

NFCC's patient care technician program prepares students to provide direct patient care in a variety of health care environments. While working under the supervision of a registered nurse, patient care technicians often have more contact with patients than any other healthcare team member. Students receive additional training as assistants in the care of the elderly, physical and respiratory therapy and may also receive additional training in performance of electrocardiograms and phlebotomy. Most PCT's seek certification as a certified nursing assistant (CNA). Graduates may also apply

to take a national certification examination to become certified patient care technician.

In order to be considered for admission into NFCC's PCT program, individuals must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18-years-old by Oct. 1, 2009. Students are required to complete the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) prior to making application to enter the program. The TABE is given regularly at the NFCC campus.

Applicants must also submit proof of Rubella immunity and a TB test and documentation of a physical exam, drug screen and criminal background check along with the completed application.

Allied Health staff and faculty are available to help prospective students through the enrollment process; contact Melody Foust, Allied Health advisor, at 850-973-1662 or FoustM@nfcc.edu.

## IMPORTANT DATES FALL TERM 2009

**NOW:** Academic Advising

**July 13:** Open Registration Begins

**July 13-Aug. 21:** Open Registration

**Aug. 24:** Classes Begin

**INFO:** 850.973.1622 or www.nfcc.edu

## Madison County Central School students explore careers in crime scene investigation at NFCC

Fingerprinting, working a crime scene, collecting evidence and forensic research were all topics of discussion on May 22 as the North Florida Community College Public Safety Academy welcomed Madison County Central School students to its campus to explore the science and techniques behind crime scene investigation.

Thirteen 7th-8th grade MCCA students took part in the NFCC: Crime Scene Investigation Day.

"This project has given us an opportunity to interact with some of the students of our service district and to showcase our new, state of the art, Public Safety Academy and Science

Learning Center," said Skip James, NFCC Public Safety Academy Director.

The students chosen for this inaugural CSI workshop were all interested in exploring public safety, science research or crime scene investigation as possible career paths. Participants were selected based on their GPA, teacher recommendations and submitted essays about their interest in attending the event.

"I cannot brag enough about the event," said MCCA teacher Lynne Sapp. "The kids got a lot out of the program. We are honored and thankful for all the college offered."

Students began the day in the NFCC Public Safety Academy where they were witness to a mock crime complete with police and paramedics arriving on the scene. The students received instruction on the elements of crime and how to collect and preserve evidence. The students then became crime scene investigators photographing and videoing the scene, collecting shell casings for evaluation, collecting fingerprints, footprints and DNA evidence, and taking note of all the clues before heading over to the NFCC Science Learning Center to analyze the evidence.



*NFCC Public Safety Academy Director Skip James, right, teaches MCCA students the techniques of collecting evidence at a crime scene during NFCC's Crime Scene Investigation Day on May 22.*



*NFCC Biology Instructor Greg Molnar explains some of the science involved with crime scene investigation.*



*Reporter Lauren Searcy, left, interviews MCCA student Taylor Smith for a spot on WCTV Channel 6 News.*

At the science lab NFCC biology instructor Greg Molnar gave the students a basic overview on analyzing data and evidence. Clad in safety goggles and protective gloves, the students analyzed protein samples and took a closer look at tissue samples under the microscope. The students also learned how chemistry, biology, physics and math all play a part in helping solve crimes.

"It was more difficult than you think," said MCCA student Taylor Smith. "On TV they just go in and they make it look easy, but then you get into it and it's kind of hard."

NFCC's goal in offering the event was not only to get students on its campus and interested in college, but to show the students how NFCC can help prepare them for careers in criminal justice, science and more. Due to the success of the first NFCC Crime Scene Investigation Day, NFCC plans to offer the program again opening it to students from across NFCC's six county service area.

For information, contact NFCC Public Safety Academy Director Skip James at 850-973-9477 or email JamesS@nfcc.edu.



## Nationally recognized speaker visits NFCC Dr. Joe Martin speaks to students, educators

NFCC welcomed Dr. Joe Martin to its campus May 18. Martin, an award-winning national speaker, author and professor, spoke to high school students from Hamilton, Madison and Suwannee counties at NFCC's Fine Arts Auditorium. He challenged the students to find their specific talent, to build confidence and to make wise choices. NFCC also hosted a presentation for its employees and area educators in which Martin spoke about the importance of education and the important role instructors and school employees have in influencing students and student success. Martin, an alumnus of a Florida community college, shared with both groups how crucial the community college system was in helping him succeed after high school by providing a stepping stone to higher education. Martin speaks at more than 50 colleges per year. He is recognized as one of "America's Top Motivational Professors," and was "2003 Speaker of the Year."

## Fall Term Begins Aug. 24

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