



# Spotlight on NFCC

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## 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.

### FALL TERM 2009

Open registration for Fall Term 2009 is now through Aug. 21. Classes begin Aug. 24. Late registration is Aug. 24-28 (late fees apply). Visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) for more information or contact NFCC Admissions at (850) 973-1622 or [Admissions@nfcc.edu](mailto:Admissions@nfcc.edu).

### GREEN INDUSTRIES SHORT COURSE

July 28: "Specialty Crops, Pests and Management" Short Course Begins. Class meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays, July 28, July 29, Aug. 4 and Aug. 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Green Industries Institute in Monticello, FL. For more information visit <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/green-industries> or call (850) 973-1702 or 973-1668.

## Madison County Free Masonry Lodge #11 starts student scholarship

Madison County Free Mason Lodge #11 recently donated \$700 to NFCC to begin an annual Free and Accepted Mason's Scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded to a dependent of a Masonic member who is accepted and planning to enroll at NFCC full time, is in need of financial assistance and has a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. The amount of award is based on available funds. Scholarship recipients may use funds towards tuition, books and student fees.

This year's scholarship recipients, Amanda Brown and Jesse Hall, have already been selected. Pictured above are, left to right, lodge member John Sirmon, Executive Director of NFCC Foundation and Alumni Relations Gina Rutherford, and lodge members Roy Hibbs and Jim Stanley.

For information about scholarships contact the NFCC Foundation office at (850) 973-9423 or [foundation@nfcc.edu](mailto:foundation@nfcc.edu).



## New business certificates at NFCC

### Business program offers training in four specialized areas

This fall NFCC is introducing a new Business Operations certificate program that offers specializations in Accounting and Budgeting, Management, Marketing, and Retail Management. Students take four core courses (12 credit hours) and then choose a specialization which includes two additional courses (6 credit hours). Training can be completed in one year or less.

"This is just another example of how North Florida Community College is working to serve the citizens and businesses in our area," said Marie Guest, NFCC business instructor.

The program, designed to develop skills related to operating a business, is a quick way to get training in the business field. According to Guest, who is teaching the

courses, the new certificate offerings are a resource for students "looking for a new career or just to ensure their job security in these tough economic times."

Core courses include Introduction to Business, Principles of Macroeconomics, Computer Applications I, and Business Communications. Students then choose a track that best suits their career goals or interest. The Accounting/Budgeting Operations Specialization includes both financial and managerial accounting courses. The Management specialization includes coursework in management principles and business law while the Retail Management specialization includes coursework in small business management and marketing principles. The

Marketing specialization focuses on small business management and marketing principles.

Doug Brown, NFCC's Dean of Workforce Education and Community Outreach, says the new program is part of an overall effort to strengthen the college's existing business program. This new certificate program offers fast training, however students interested in continuing their education can easily move into NFCC's related Associate in Science degree in Business Administration and Management.

To find out more contact Marie Guest at (850) 973-9458 or [GuestM@nfcc.edu](mailto:GuestM@nfcc.edu); contact NFCC Enrollment Services at 973-1622 or [admissions@nfcc.edu](mailto:admissions@nfcc.edu); or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu).

## **A**round Campus

### **PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY CLASSES**

NFCC Corrections and Law Enforcement Open Enrollment is going on now. Register for classes at the NFCC Public Safety Academy, (850) 973-1617 or 973-9492. Both the Corrections and Law Enforcement programs are open entry with classes beginning every few weeks. Visit <http://www.nfcc.edu/public-safety> for more information.

### **MINORITY LEADERSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE**

This August as NFCC begins fall classes, the NFCC Minority Leadership Program will welcome its first 15 students. Applications are currently being accepted from area residents who qualify for the program. Deadline to apply is Aug. 6. Find out more at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/minority-leadership-program> or call (850) 973-1609.

### **Employee Birthdays AUGUST 2009**

Lonnie Ford	1
Efrain Bonilla	2
Cindy Burnett	6
Annette Thornton	15
Ondry Smith	21
Suzie Godfrey	22
Laura Gallagher	22
Skip James	22
Doug Brown	24
Lauri Newton	28
Sharon Erle	29
Terry Zimmerman	31



*Community shows support for Minority Leadership Program*

## **Deloris Jones makes donation to new program**

Madison County's Deloris Jones visits with NFCC President John Grosskopf, left, and NFCC Student Life Coordinator Clyde Alexander, right, on June 22 to offer support to NFCC's new Minority Leadership Program. The new mentor and scholarship program, beginning in August, will offer guidance and tuition assistance to 15 eligible minority students from NFCC's six-county service area while promoting academic achievement, civic engagement and personal enrichment among participants.

During a previous meeting, Jones challenged Grosskopf to reach out to minority students - "NFCC President John Grosskopf kept his promise and is a man of his word," said Jones. "I'm speechless and very excited; this program will not only benefit minority students, but everyone in Madison County by helping our youth become better citizens."

During her visit to the college, Jones volunteered to serve on the NFCC Minority Leadership Program's steering committee and made a donation to help support the program. Jones is a retired home economist who worked at the Madison County Extension office for many years.

For more information on the NFCC Minority Leadership Program visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (keyword: Minority Leadership).

## **Fall Orientation dates announced**

NFCC will hold two orientation sessions, Thursday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m., for its Fall Term 2009. New students already registered for Fall Term and those planning to register for Fall should attend. Classes begin Aug. 24.

"Our goal is to provide new students with information that will empower them to achieve their career, academic and life goals," said Bobbie O'Hara, Director of Student Services at NFCC. "Orientation is required for all new and transfer students at North Florida Community College, returning students who have been out more than one year, dual enrollment and online students."

In addition to the two on-site orientation sessions, NFCC also offers an on-line orientation for those whose job schedules or other obligations make it difficult to attend orientation on campus. However, NFCC encourages students to attend orientation on-site as it offers students and their families the opportunity to ask questions, tour the campus, locate classrooms, purchase books and become more familiar with NFCC before classes begin.

To find out more or to register for an orientation session, contact Bobbie O'Hara, Director of Student Services, at (850) 973-1623 or [OharaR@nfcc.edu](mailto:OharaR@nfcc.edu).

## **Take Friday classes at NFCC, save money on tuition**

NFCC is giving students an extra incentive to enroll in its "TGIF" Friday classes. Students who enroll in at least six credit hours of "TGIF" classes for Fall Term 2009 will receive a \$240.60 scholarship to help cover tuition fees.

With six select courses to choose from - Computer Applications I, Freshman English I, American History I, Intermediate Algebra, General Psychology and Principles of Biology - the "TGIF" scholarship opportunity is a great way for students to get needed classes and save a little money too.

"Students can earn up to seven credits on Friday, and save money," said Dr. Sharon Erle, Dean of Academic Affairs at NFCC. "TGIF offerings include

both General Education required courses as well as electives."

Students can register for Fall Term 2009 and the "TGIF" classes now. Open registration continues through Aug. 21. Classes begin Aug. 24. Academic advising and registration are going on now. "TGIF"

scholarships will be awarded to all students who enroll in six credit hours of the select courses with no requirement for repayment if courses are completed during Fall Term 2009. If a recipient of the scholarship stops attending or withdraws from courses, they will be responsible for repaying the scholarship amount.

To find out more about the "TGIF" scholarship opportunity at NFCC, visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) or contact Dr. Sharon Erle at (850) 973-1603 or [ErleS@nfcc.edu](mailto:ErleS@nfcc.edu).



## Nursing students host blood drive

NFCC's first year nursing students, in partnership with the American Red Cross, held a blood drive at NFCC's Career and Technical Education Center on July 20. The drive was extremely successful with 77 participants donating a total of 62 units. "As far back as I can remember this takes the record for participants and number of units [at NFCC]," said Angela Culpepper, NFCC nursing instructor. "Thank you to all who participated; it truly is the gift of life."



*NFCC employee Debbie Bass donates during the NFCC blood drive on July 20 and is pictured with Amanda Bass of the American Red Cross.*



*NFCC student Michael Wilson, left, registers to donate during the blood drive at NFCC on July 20. NFCC nursing students, left to right, Danielle Leslein and Christie Deas assist with registration.*



*NFCC nursing students, left to right, Monica Walker, Chanda Warf, Lindsey Israel, Christie Deas, Rebecca Hughes and Brittany Hobbs assist with the blood drive.*



## NFCC honors Practical Nursing graduates

Seventeen students graduating the NFCC Practical Nursing (PN) program and were honored during a Pinning Ceremony on July 9. Friends and family attended the ceremony to help celebrate the achievement of the PN graduates. Having completed NFCC's 11-month PN program are: (front row, left to right) Denise Graham of Madison County, Shoshana Williams of Jefferson County, and Cathy Love of Taylor County; (second row, left to right) Mary Smith of Suwannee County, Mildred Davis of Madison, April Johnson of Taylor and Erin Odom of Valdosta, GA; (third row, left to right) Arna Akins of Madison, Sheterica Thomas of Taylor, Cleo Pease of Madison, Danielle Kinsey of Madison and Nancy Skipper of Madison; and (back row, left to right) Courtney Cooper of Madison, Emily Archer of Taylor, Wendy Johnson of Taylor, Janet Hunter of Hamilton County and Jared Swift of Madison.

### *A new way to pay for college:*

## NFCC's New Tuition Payment Plan

NFCC has a new and easy way for students to pay tuition this fall – the NFCC Tuition Payment Plan. The new payment option was created to make college more affordable.

"Although NFCC is among Florida's most affordable colleges, we recognize that some students may find paying all tuition and fees up front a strain on their budget," said Amelia Mulkey, Dean of Administrative Services at NFCC. "We hope the new payment option will make attending college a reality for more people in our area."

Eligible students have the option to pay either one-half or one-fourth of the total tuition cost at the beginning of the term

and then make interest-free payments on the remaining balance during the semester. Payment terms are set up based on the student's income or financial situation, with all fees due by the last date to withdraw (Oct. 30 for Fall Term 2009). The process is set up through NFCC, not an outside financial institution. Students who enroll in the payment plan are required to pay all fees in full by the designated date or they will be withdrawn from all courses without refund.

NFCC's fall classes begin Aug. 24. Those interested in applying for the Tuition Payment Plan should contact Amelia Mulkey at (850) 973-1604 or email [MulkeyA@nfcc.edu](mailto:MulkeyA@nfcc.edu) prior to the start of classes.

## Seven shows scheduled at Van H. Priest Auditorium 2009-2010 Artist Series performances

The NFCC Artist Series proudly announces its performances for the 2009-

2010 season. Shows, held at Van H. Priest Auditorium on the NFCC campus in Madison, include "Earth Beat" by Vanaver Caravan (dances and music from around the world) on Sept. 12; the harmonic voices of Brotherhood a cappella quintet on Oct. 15; Davis

and Dow Jazz Duo on Nov. 19; holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" by Dance Alive National Ballet on Dec. 12; Corky Siegel Chamber Blues on Jan. 21; chamber music by Intersection featuring violin, cello and piano on Feb. 18; and the Landsharks performing a Jimmy Buffett tribute on March 11.

The NFCC Artist Series has traditionally provided quality entertainment at an extremely affordable price and this season, the NFCC Artist Series' 50th anniversary season, is no exception. This year season pass holders will enjoy more performances – seven shows – at the same low price as last year, only \$45 open seating or \$55 reserved seating.

The NFCC Artist Series is one of the best entertainment deals in North Florida, offering exceptional talent and variety. Just look what NFCC Artist Series patrons are saying – "The Artist Series is a cultural feast! We look forward to every performance and always



NFCC presents "Earth Beat" Sept. 12.

leave with a happy feeling having had a great evening." and "Wow! What fun we had enjoying each performance. Great variety, excellent quality, close to home, pleasant in every way!"

People travel from all over North Florida and beyond to enjoy the performances - "You just can't beat the quality programming" and guests of the Artist Series rave about the shows and low ticket prices - "Top quality entertainment equal to the big cities' performances"... "Tickets are a super value"... "Don't ever stop doing this!"

All Artist Series performances are held at Van H. Priest Auditorium and begin at 7 p.m.

There will also be opportunities to attend NFCC Community Theater performances in the fall and spring, a performance of Alice in Wonderland by Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre, and a festival in September to kick off the season and celebrate the arts. Please note that the Sept. 12 performance is funded in part by a grant from the Southern Arts Federation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs.

More information is available at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) or contact the NFCC College Advancement Office at (850) 973-1653 or [ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu](mailto:ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu).

## NFCC finds fans with new Facebook page

NFCC launched an official fan page on Facebook July 1, in an effort to more effectively reach faculty, staff, students and friends with the latest news, photos, videos, links and events listings.

Just as Facebook users designate the friends and networks who can view their profiles, they can opt to become "fans" of an organization. Since NFCC launched its Facebook profile, over 180 people have already signed up as



fans, automatically creating a link to NFCC's site from their own.

For more information about becoming a fan call (850) 973-9424 or visit the NFCC Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-FL/NFCC/96549977267>.

*Stuart Ely, an NFCC Dual Enrollment Student and senior at Taylor County High School becomes a fan of NFCC's on its new fan based Facebook page.*

## Looking forward to Fall



Madison County High School student Brooke Bezick visits NFCC to register for dual enrollment courses that begin in August.



Dixie Garvey of Madison enrolls in the A.A. Degree program for Fall Term 2009.



Live Oak's Stacie Fortner, left, visits the NFCC campus with her mother Teresa. Stacie is enrolling in the A.A. Degree program.



Jessie Box of Live Oak was among the many students who turned out to register on the first day of open registration at NFCC.