

## Around Campus

### COMMENCEMENT

NFCC honors its graduates during a commencement ceremony Dec. 15 at Van H. Priest Auditorium, 7 p.m.

### SPRING TERM 2010 IMPORTANT SPRING TERM 2010 DATES:

**Now:** Register for Spring Term 2010

**Dec. 16-Jan. 3:** Holiday Break, campus closed

**Jan. 4:** Campus open after Holiday Break

**Jan. 6:** Spring Term 2010 classes begin

**Jan. 6-12:** Late Registration (late fees assessed)

### BOOK BUY BACK DATES (ON CAMPUS)

Representatives from eCampus.com will be on campus Dec. 9 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Dec. 10 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) for an on-site textbook buy back in the NFCC Student Center. Students can also sell their used textbook online at the NFCC Virtual Bookstore. Visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) or contact Bookstore Manager Janie Mitchell for more information at (850) 973-9437.



## Instructors gather for Faculty Retreat

### *Retreat focuses on Curriculum Mapping and General Education Outcomes*

The Faculty Senate at NFCC hosted an NFCC Faculty Retreat workshop in November bringing college instructors together in a fun and creative environment for the sharing of ideas. The goal of the three-hour retreat was to focus on Curriculum Mapping and General Education Outcomes that meet criteria established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the institution which governs accreditation of NFCC and other degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. College faculty, along with NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle, gathered at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center. Attending the workshop are (front row, left to right) Rose Knox, Tara Orłowski, Teresa Stalvey, Dr. Sharon Erle, Bonnie Littlefield, Efrain Bonilla and Dr. Tony DeLia; (second row, left to right) Susan Taylor, Dr. Rosie Leparulo, Dr. Barbara McCauley, Sharon Brave Heart, Daniel Harris, Dr. Greg Molnar and Phillip Taylor; (back row, left to right) Kay Hogan, Kathy Sale, Tolu Jegede, David Paulk, Frances Adleburg, Jason Welch and Glenn Bryce. A second retreat is scheduled for March where NFCC faculty will review general education philosophy and associated learning outcomes based on the results of the curriculum mapping.

## Christmas at the Mansion Dec. 9-13

*Enjoy "Christmas Spectacular" and "Cookies with Santa"*

"Christmas Spectacular" is the theme for this year's Christmas at the Mansion holiday open house Dec. 9-13 at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center. The NFCC Foundation, Inc. and the Friends of the Mansion cordially invite the community to attend. The Mansion will be open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 9-12 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 from 1-4 p.m.

Visitors will see the historic Mansion transformed into a spectacular holiday celebration of Christmas décor and cheer. NFCC also invites parents to bring their children to "Cookies with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the WSG Conference Center. "Cookies with Santa" is sponsored by the Junior Auxiliary of Madison County.

The public is invited to stop by anytime during the open house hours. For group tours or more information, contact Maria Greene at (850) 973-9432 or [greenem@nfcc.edu](mailto:greenem@nfcc.edu). Don't miss this wonderful holiday opportunity and tradition. Admission is free.

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### **NFCC COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

The NFCC Community Education Department is offering a wide variety of courses beginning in January. Course areas include Health & Wellness, Safety, Digital World and Personal Enrichment with a wide selection of courses under each section. For more information, visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (search: Community Education) or contact Suzie Godfrey at (850) 973-9453.

### **EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DEC. 10**

NFCC employees are invited to the NFCC Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Center. Enjoy a fun time together (Money Tree, Door Prizes and Entertainment) and lots of good food! Contact Denise Bell, ext. 9481 or [belld@nfcc.edu](mailto:belld@nfcc.edu).

### **Employee Birthdays DECEMBER 2009**

Gwen Combass	1
Suzanne Woodcock	1
Glenn Bryce	7
Miki Richardson	13
Wayne Vickers	16
Dale Hackle	18
John Bethea	18
Cindy Gaylard	19
Tolu Jegede	24
Kim Scarboro	28
Gina Rutherford	30
Drew Brown	31

## Tuition Payment Plan available for Spring Term

NFCC has an easy way for students to pay tuition for Spring Term 2010 – the NFCC Tuition Payment Plan.

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 (March 12 for Spring Term 2010).

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. Spring Term 2010 begins Jan. 6.

## Tolu Jegede chosen as Pushcart Prize nominee

NFCC English Instructor Tolu Jegede of Tallahassee is a nominee to have his poetry included in the prestigious Pushcart Prize – Best of the Small Presses series. Jegede's poem *The Country of Beaten Things* was nominated by Mythium: *The Journal of Contemporary Literature and Cultural Voices* to



*Tolu Jegede*

be included in the upcoming Pushcart Prize edition. Published annually since 1976, the Pushcart Prize is one of the most honored literary projects in America; hundreds of presses and thousands of writers of short stories, poetry and essays have been represented in the publication.

"I am grateful, flattered and humbled by it all," said Jegede. Jegede was one of six

nominees chosen by Mythium, which is located in Lexington, Ky. Jegede and other nominees are featured on Mythium's home page at [www.mythiumlitmag.com](http://www.mythiumlitmag.com).

The Pushcart Prize was named among the most influential projects in the history of American publishing by Publishers Weekly; winner of the 2005 National Book Critics Circle Lifetime

Achievement Award; *A New York Times* Book Review notable book of the year; was awarded the Poets & Writers / Barnes & Noble "Writers for Writers" prize; and described as "must reading for anyone interested in the present and future of America's arts and letters" by Kirkus Reviews. For more information on the Pushcart Prize, visit [www.pushcartprize.com](http://www.pushcartprize.com).

## Ron Cave to teach American National Government course in Jefferson County

*Freshmen English I, College Algebra also offered in Monticello this January*

Ron Cave, a long-time Monticello resident, will be teaching NFCC's American National Government (POS 2041) course at NFCC's Green Industries Institute (GII) site this January in Jefferson County. The three-credit-hour course, offered on Thursdays from 6-8:50 p.m., focuses on the study of the government of the United States with emphasis on the U. S. Constitution, federalism, public policy development, political participation, civil rights, and current domestic and foreign policy issues.

"This is a good course for students looking to transition into degrees or careers in political science or governmental tracks," said Cave.

"We are pleased and excited to have someone with Mr. Cave's background and credentials teaching POS 2041," said Dr. Sharon Erle, NFCC Dean of Academic Affairs. "This course along with NFCC offerings of ENC 1101 Freshman English I and MAC 1105 College Algebra, will provide residents of Jefferson County and surrounding areas the ability to earn up to 9

general education credit hours at the GII site this upcoming Spring Semester."

Cave, a Chief in the Division of Law Enforcement at the Department of Environmental Protection, recently earned a Master's degree in Political Science from Florida State University in American Politics and Public Policy. He has also taught courses for the NFCC Public Safety Academy for the past 10 years, including corrections, law enforcement and advance curriculum classes.

Register now. Spring Term 2010 classes begin Jan. 6.

# NFCC, Nestlé and Department of Environmental Protection team up for Project WET Area students enjoy water education activities at NFCC

The NFCC Science Department, Nestlé Waters, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Madison County Schools worked together to offer a fun day full of water education activities for area 5th grade students during a Project WET “Make-a-Splash” water celebration on Nov. 20 at NFCC. The one-day event emphasized water’s importance to humans and the environment.

Since 1984, Project WET has dedicated itself to the mission of reaching children, parents, teachers and community members with water education. Approximately 210 fifth grade students took part in the event at NFCC, which was one of only 14 “Make-a-Splash” programs being offered in the U.S. and Canada this year. The event was made possible by a grant from Nestlé Waters, an international sponsor of Project WET, that provides monetary contributions as well as technical assistance and volunteer resources to help young people develop strong water-conservation ethics.

“It’s important to share with youth the role water plays in our life, health and well being,” said Kent Koptiuch of Nestlé Waters. “These children are the leaders and decision makers of the future. To have the opportunity now to instill the importance of protecting our resources and utilizing it wisely will make a difference in how these children manage water resources in the future.”

NFCC science instructors Michael Stine and Bonnie Littlefield organized the event which helped to enlighten many students, teachers and their assistants about the diverse subjects of water, recycling, and animals that live in the water. NFCC students also got involved, 35 NFCC students volunteered their time as guides and assistants.

Madison County fifth graders participating in the “Make-a-Splash” event enjoyed the time outdoors and had fun learning about the many aspects of water.

“It’s fun,” said Tangelia Johnson and fifth grader Daniel Walker shared what he learned during the day – “I learned how



*Local students enjoy learning about water at NFCC during the Project WET “Make-a-Splash” water festival on Nov. 20.*



*Pinetta Elementary School 5th grader Jillian Schmidt makes a water bottle craft Nov. 20.*



*Madison County Central School teachers accept classroom materials to take back to their school from Project WET.*



*A Florida Department of Environmental Protection representative leads an education activity on the NFCC campus during the Project WET “Make-a-Splash” water celebration Nov. 20*

much pollution can affect our drinking water; I learned that sink holes are found by how much water is compressed into one area; I learned that 75% of the earth is covered with salt water; and I learned that every living thing needs water to live.”

“I’m glad we have the opportunity to bring students outdoors for a real experience to learn about the environment,” said Greg Ira, Director of the DEP’s Office of Environmental Education. “It’s a great partnership between NFCC, DEP and Nestlé working together to pool resources and serve

students. Hopefully this experience will show students that science and learning can be fun.”

Students rotated between seven different learning stations throughout the day and NFCC was able, thanks to contributions by Nestlé and Project WET, to distribute approximately \$1500 worth of classroom materials for participating schools to take back to the classroom for further water education activities. For more information about Project WET, visit [www.projectwet.org](http://www.projectwet.org).

# Project L.I.F.E. brings 6th graders to NFCC for lessons on the ecosystem

NFCC hosted the Department of Environmental Protection's Project L.I.F.E., Learning in Florida Environment, Nov. 16-19 at NFCC's Ladell Brothers Outdoor Environmental Center. The DEP worked with approximately 40 local Madison County Central School 6th graders teaching them the facts about the Florida ecosystem.

"Project L.I.F.E. has 14 sites across the state of Florida," said Florida Department of Environmental Protection's David Morrissey. "The project's education strategy is based all outdoors. Ultimately, Madison County Central School will go on four outings through project LIFE. So far MCCS has been to Blue Springs and now North Florida Community College. Next we will travel to the Suwannee River."

The Project

L.I.F.E. program operated three work stations on NFCC's campus, each holding different experiments and discussions. Discussions included everything from Florida's ecosystem to water quality and plant life. Students learned about the importance of a healthy environment and how civilization has affected it.

"This is my first trip with Project L.I.F.E.," said MCCS 6th grade teacher Ms. Khristian. "I am really enjoying this and can already tell that this is going to enhance the students' learning of the many different plants and ecosystems in Florida and how they are affected."

In addition to the abundance of eco-friendly information, local students were able to collect and test viable water samples from the many different natural water sources on NFCC's campus.

"Working outside in the field has helped all of us to learn more about the Ph balance and temperature of water," said MCCS student Jacob Tapio. "We have been able to compare water samples from the lake and the duck pond here at NFCC, which has helped me to see and learn the many differences in water."



MCCS 6th grade students learn about Florida Ecosystem at NFCC's Ladell Brothers Outdoor Environmental Center.



MCCS students run tests on different water samples.



## Karagan Hunter awarded Alice C. Williams Scholarship

Karagan Hunter of Madison County has been awarded The Alice C. Williams Endowment Scholarship by NFCC. The scholarship, established in 2005 with a gift from the immediate family of Alice C. Williams in her honor, makes possible a two-year scholarship to a student seeking a degree from NFCC. Recipients must be a graduate of Madison County High School with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. The award is for two years and covers tuition, books and fees. "I am extremely thankful for receiving this scholarship," said Hunter. Hunter is currently enrolled in NFCC's Patient Care Technician program. She is pictured above with NFCC President John Grosskopf.



**NFCC ON THE GREEN:** NFCC employees, left to right, Mary Anne Wheeler, Lonnie Ford, Kathy Smith and NFCC Board of Trustees Chair Mike Williams represented NFCC during the Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism's 11th Annual Four Freedoms Golf Challenge on Sept. 21.

# PCT program accepting applications

*Apply by Dec. 15*

The Patient Care Technician (PCT) program at North Florida Community College is accepting applications for Spring Term 2010 classes beginning Jan. 6. Now is the time to enroll and take care of application, testing and program entrance requirements. Deadline to apply is Dec. 15.

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 October 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 and may be scheduled by calling 850.973.9451.

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 Dean, Allied Health advisor, at 850.973.1662 or DeanM@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.

## "TGIF": Take Friday classes, save money

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 Spring Term 2010 will receive a \$240.60 scholarship to help cover tuition fees.

With six select courses to choose from – Computer Applications I, Computers - Everything Google, Teaching Diverse Populations, Freshman English II, American History II, College Algebra, and Man and the Environment I – the "TGIF" scholarship opportunity is a great way for students to get needed classes and save a little money too.

"TGIF" scholarships will be awarded to all students who enroll in at least six credit hours of the select Friday courses with no requirement for repayment if courses are completed during Spring Term 2010. If a "TGIF" scholarship recipient stops attending or withdraws from courses, he or she 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 NFCC Enrollment Services at (850) 973-1622 or [admissions@nfcc.edu](mailto:admissions@nfcc.edu).



## The Nutcracker Dec. 12 at NFCC

It wouldn't be the holiday season without The Nutcracker. Enjoy this beautifully entertaining holiday tradition performed by one of the most distinguished and creative ballet companies in the Southeast – Dance Alive National Ballet – at NFCC on Saturday, Dec. 12. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m.

Become entranced by the beauty of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her dazzling Court, enchanted by the swirling snowflakes and breathtaking snow, and cheer for the tiny toy soldiers and their leader, the handsome Nutcracker Prince.

Based in Gainesville, Fla. Dance Alive National Ballet is led by Artistic Director Kim Tuttle and Choreographer in Residence Judy Skinner.

The 15 dancers of Dance Alive have a non-stop energy and love for dance that is at the source of the company's undeniable success. Elegant, exciting, dramatic, virtuosic, and

reveling in the pure beauty of their art, the Dance Alive dancers are 100% committed to bringing the best they, and dance, have to offer.

"DANCE is not only ALIVE - it is exciting, beautiful, vibrant - and very much Americanized. As Russia has the Bolshoi, England the Royal Ballet, France the "Comic Opera" - so America has "Dance Alive National Ballet," - Albany Herald, Albany, GA.

Don't miss The Nutcracker at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Dec. 12. Tickets are on sale now at the NFCC College Advancement Office or call (850) 973-1653. More information

is also available at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (search: Artist Series) or email [ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu](mailto:ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu).

## Student leaders honored during SGA Inauguration

### *Marcus Hawkins is guest speaker at induction ceremony*

NFCC honored members of its Student Government Association Oct. 22 during a New Officer Inauguration in the NFCC Student Center. Twenty-six students were recognized as SGA Senators and they, along with the three-member SGA Executive Board, were inducted and pinned as new members of the SGA.

Bobbie O'Hara, Director of Student Services at NFCC, welcomed the students and their family and friends to the event.

"I have the privilege of being part of tonight's events," said O'Hara. "I am thrilled to have this many students involved in student organizations this term."

Mary Anne Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services at NFCC, then took to the podium to lead the new members in their oaths of office. Senators were inducted first and then individually the SGA Executive Board stepped forward to recite the SGA oath and officially assume the responsibilities of serving as SGA officers.

"Trying new things can be a challenge

but this year the SGA is trying to provide a backdrop where the students can enjoy some amazing activities while experiencing the diversity of different cultures," said Veronica Bruton, SGA President.



*SGA Board, left to right, Public Relations Officer Jeremy Weatherspoon, President Veronica Bruton and Vice-President Ashley Haynes.*

The SGA Board includes President Veronica Bruton, Vice-President Ashley Haynes and Public Relations Officer Jeremy Weatherspoon.

Following the inductions, guest speaker and NFCC alumni Marcus Hawkins spoke to the students and guests about removing their "lids" to receive ultimate success. In his message Hawkins used the lids of a trash can as a metaphor to describe the obstacles that hold

individuals back from achievements. "Lids are made to restrain or hold down," said Hawkins. "One of the main lids is fear. When fear is removed from a situation, a person is able to recognize his or her own abilities and triumph over all."

A reception for students and guests followed the induction ceremony.



## RN graduate Lindsey Olson visits NFCC

NFCC alumna Lindsey Olson of Madison County recently visited NFCC before embarking on a traveling nursing job in Kansas. Olson, pictured with NFCC instructor Miki Richardson, was among NFCC's inaugural Registered Nursing class, graduating in 2007. Olson received an Associate of Arts degree, an Emergency Medical Technician certificate and an Associate in Science degree in nursing while at NFCC. After graduating from NFCC's RN program, she worked at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Ga. for two years before deciding to begin a career in traveling nursing. Olson works mainly in pediatrics, the branch of medicine concerned with the treatment of infants and children. "NFCC is a good school to go through," said Olson. "There is always a need for nurses and it was fun being in the first RN class at NFCC."



## NFCC instructor Jay Welch gives "Florida in the Civil War" presentation

NFCC history instructor Jay Welch recently gave a two part presentation series about the Civil War in connection with Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, which according to Welch brought the past to life as well as different community members together. The first part included a lecture on Florida in the Civil War that was delivered at Dowling Park. This second part, held on campus at NFCC and shown in the photo above, was a hands-on living history about the uniforms and equipment of soldiers in the Civil War.

"I really enjoyed being able to see and touch all these Civil War items," said NFCC student Chris Welch.

NFCC history students and guests from Dowling Park's Advent Christian Village attended the second lecture.

# Area educators attend NFCC English Summit



NFCC hosted its 7th Annual English Summit on Oct. 22. A total of 14 Reading and Language Arts teachers attended the summit representing six middle and high schools from NFCC's six-county service area. Participants enjoyed presentations by NFCC instructors Dr. Barbara McCauley, Jhan Reichert, and Rose Knox, as well as a teacher workshop presented by Poetry Alive!, a professional poetry company that memorizes and theatrically performs poetry and conducts more than 2000 performances each year across the United States and beyond. A lively afternoon presentation regarding plagiarism, brain-compatible classrooms, and College Success courses in high schools (SB 1908) rounded out the day. "In all, participants reported that they enjoyed this day of professional development and collegiality and look forward to participating again next year, said Dr. Rosie Leparulo, NFCC instructor and NFCC Department Chair of English, Communications, Humanities, Fine Arts and Foreign Languages.

LEFT: Taking part in a poetry exercise at the NFCC English Summit are, standing left to right, Pearlean Garland of Jefferson County High School, NFCC instructor Rose Knox and Susanne Griffin of Madison County Central School; seated is NFCC instructor Tolu Jegede.

# NFCC Math Summit

NFCC hosted its 9th Regional Math Summit in October. A total of 28 middle and high school math teachers from NFCC's six-county service area attended the summit. Participants enjoyed networking, sharing ideas and various presentations. Vince Verges, FCAT Mathematics Coordinator for the Florida Department of Education and Melinda Milles from the Florida Division of Colleges were among the guest speakers. "It was a very successful day," said Daniel Harris, NFCC math instructor.



Attending the NFCC Math Summit from Suwannee Middle School are, left to right, Julie Steves, Tammy Butts, Marsha Mitchell and Harrison Ambrose.



# Guidance counselors connect at NFCC Counseling Summit

NFCC hosted a Counseling Summit in October inviting area high school guidance counselors to gather together, network and to share information and ideas. Representatives from each public high school in NFCC's service district – Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties – were in attendance as well as guidance counselors from two private schools in the district. Topics included the new high school grading formula, dual enrollment, Senate Bill 1908, NFCC's new online bookstore, and an overview of NFCC programs. "All in all it was a very successful day," said Mary Anne Wheeler, Dean of Enrollment Services.

ABOVE: Pictured at the summit are, left to right, Melissa Hewett of Lafayette High School, Jennifer Roberts of Lighthouse Christian Academy, Alicia Poole of Suwannee High School, Cindy Wiggins of SHS, Jan Anderson of Taylor County High School and Tammy Law of Hamilton County High School.

# Community members meet NFCC Artist Series' stars



LEFT: NFCC Artist Series patrons had the opportunity to meet award winning performers Julie Davis and Kelly Dow of Davis and Dow Jazz Duo and bassist Kai Sanchez on Nov. 19 following the NFCC Artist Series performance of "Play It Again, Sam!" which featured some of Hollywood's classic silver screen melodies. Pictured in the lobby of NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium are, left to right, Leon Duke, Kai Sanchez, Sally Duke, Julie Davis, Kelly Dow and Paz Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Duke and Mrs. Kent are all residents of Live Oak.



ABOVE: The NFCC Children's Theater entertained over 1,200 school children, grades K-3rd, from Madison, Hamilton, Jefferson and Taylor counties with a magical journey through Wonderland in November at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre from Tampa performed three showings of its larger-than-life "Alice & Wonderland" musical which mixed nine-foot-tall body puppets, costumed characters and traditional puppetry. Several local children got to help on-stage during the show and many, such as Madison's Ragan Crosby pictured above, had the opportunity to meet "Alice" and the puppets following the performance. The performance was sponsored in part by the NFCC Artist Series Angels and the Florida State Division of Cultural Affairs.

RIGHT: In an effort to share a live performing arts experience with students, Suwannee Intermediate School music teacher Susan Roush chooses three students by drawings each month to accompany her to an NFCC Artist Series performance. On Oct. 15 three lucky students got to go onto the Van H. Priest Auditorium stage to meet members of the famous Tampa singing group Brotherhood. On stage at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium are, left to right, Wayne Hill and John King of Brotherhood, SIS student Juan Campos, Harry Williamson of Brotherhood, SIS student Keith Claridy, teacher Susan Roush, SIS student Kurimé Rojo and Brent Uppercue of Brotherhood.



## NFCC Library celebrates Banned Books week

The NFCC Library celebrated Banned Books week Sept. 28-Oct. 3. Students who checked out a book from ALA's banned book bibliography were entered to win a \$10 print card to use at the NFCC Library.

Randi Parker won the prize. "I was very excited to hear about Banned Books week," said Parker. "Books should not be banned because it takes away the free will of a person who wants to read the book. It also takes credit away from the author if their intellectual property is banned."

Since 1990, the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) has recorded more than 10,000 book challenges, including 513 in 2008. A challenge is a formal, written complaint requesting a book be removed from library shelves or school curriculum. About three out of four of all challenges are to material in schools or school libraries, and one in four are to material in public libraries.

Libraries are for everyone, everywhere. Because libraries provide free access to a world of information, they bring opportunity to all people. Now, more than ever, celebrate the freedom to read @ your library!



Randi Parker and NFCC's Kay Hogan