

## Around Campus

### **BOARD MEETING**

NFCC District Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Annex Conference Room. Open to the public. For more information or an agenda, contact the NFCC President's Office at (850) 973-1618 or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (search: Board)

### **SUMMER TERM 2010 IMPORTANT SUMMER TERM 2010 DATES:**

**Now:** Register for Summer Term 2010

**May 10:** Classes begin for Summer Term A & C

**June 28:** Classes begin Summer Term B

### **DINNER & A SHOW**

Join the NFCC Foundation for an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet fund raiser to benefit student scholarships, Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center, 5:30 p.m. Community Theater Play following at Van H. Priest Auditorium, 7 p.m. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW** - (850) 973-9423. More information on page 2 or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (search: Community Theater).



*Peter Brown Construction makes a \$10,000 donation to NFCC. (l-r) Peter Brown Construction Project Manager Brooks Hayes, NFCC Foundation Director Gina Rutherford, NFCC President John Grosskopf, NFCC Special Project Coordinator Clyde Alexander, Peter Brown Construction Senior Vice President Regional Manager Scott Brewer and Jo LeBlanc of Peter Brown Construction.*

## Peter Brown Construction makes \$10,000 donation to NFCC

Peter R. Brown Construction, Inc. has been a long-time supporter of NFCC and this February made a generous \$10,000 donation to support minority scholarships at the college.

"I have been working on the NFCC campus [construction projects] for the last 12 years and in the North Florida area for 15 years," said Scott Brewer, Senior Vice President Regional Manager of Peter Brown Construction. "This was an opportunity to give back to the college and the

community."

According to NFCC Foundation Director Gina Rutherford, Peter Brown Construction, a PBSJ Company, has been a constant and major supporter of NFCC since 1999 – "Peter Brown Construction has been very supportive of the college and its programs," said Rutherford. "We are very grateful for this generous donation to help support scholarships for area students."

Peter Brown Construction's donation will

begin NFCC's new PBSJ Foundation Scholarship. The new scholarship will be available to minority students with scholarship awards applied toward tuition and book fees.

For more information about the NFCC Foundation or the new PBSJ Foundation Scholarship at NFCC, please contact the NFCC Foundation at (850) 973-9414, email [Foundation@nfcc.edu](mailto:Foundation@nfcc.edu) or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (Search: Foundation/Giving).

## Dinner Theater proceeds to benefit student scholarships:

# NFCC Community Theater presents “The Iliad, the Odyssey and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less” April 22, 23, 24

The NFCC Sentinel Upstage Players (Community Theater) presents “The Iliad, the Odyssey and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less” on Thursday, April 22; Friday, April 23; and Saturday, April 24 at NFCC’s Van H. Priest Auditorium at 7 p.m. In conjunction with the play, the NFCC Foundation has planned an all-you-can-eat seafood dinner buffet fund raiser at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center on Saturday, April 24. Dinner is by reservation only (RSVP by April 20) and will begin at 5:30 p.m. giving those attending Saturday’s play plenty of time to make the 7 p.m. curtain time.

Thirteen local actors star in the play: a hilarious hit play, written by Jay Hopkins and John Hunter, which quickly spins the tales of Greek Mythology – love stories are turned into a dating show, the Greek Tragedies are sports highlights and the results are hysterical. Directing the play is NFCC’s very own Denise Bell.

“We have been very busy practicing and getting ready for opening night,” said Bell. “I invite the community to come out and support our student and community actors. The show is hilarious and will be a fun night out. And don’t miss the NFCC Foundation’s seafood buffet on Saturday before the play; it’s great food and benefits a great cause – scholarships for area students.”

Tickets are on sale now. Advance dinner theater reservations are required; reservation deadline is April 20. Tickets are \$31 for dinner theater (dinner & play); \$25 for dinner only; and \$6 for the play only. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit student scholarships. Play ticket sales will help support the NFCC Community Theater. Contact the NFCC Foundation Office at (850) 973-9423 or email [foundation@nfcc.edu](mailto:foundation@nfcc.edu).



Front Row (l-r): Hillary Smith (Suwannee), Renee Checkett (Suwannee), Ashley Low (Suwannee); Center Row (l-r): Hugo Rosalio (Lafayette), Megan Quiros (Madison), Alan Low (Suwannee), Teresa Wren (Madison), Bob Wieland (Madison); Back Row (l-r): Johnathan Looks (Madison), David Checkett (Suwannee), Bob Bezick (Madison), Chris Williams (Madison), Ryan Quiros (Madison)

## Check out the NFCC Library’s “Popular Picks”

### *Fun reading options for students and employees*

The NFCC Library began its “Popular Picks for Students” section earlier this year as a cooperative initiative between the Library and NFCC’s QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) committee. The program has grabbed the attention of students and college employees alike.

“The purpose of the program is to encourage students to read for pleasure, not just to satisfy their class requirements,” said Lynn Wyche, NFCC Library Technical Assistant. “Because our new books have been so popular, we have added similar books to the display that were already in our collection.”

Through a book loan agreement with Baker & Taylor, Inc., NFCC receives 10 new best sellers each month until it reaches its 100 book limit for the year. The Library also has the option to purchase the loaned books at a very reduced price.

Check out the current best sellers available at the NFCC Library - stop by their location in Bldg. 4 or visit the Library online at <http://www.nfcc.edu/library>.



NFCC employees, left to right, Tolu Jegede, Maria Greene, Sharon Leslie and Rose Knox stop in to see the Library’s “Popular Picks” book selection.

## Annual Quilt & Flower Exhibit April 17-19

*Exhibit opens Saturday, April 17 during Madison Down Home Days event*

NFCC invites community members to its **ANNUAL QUILT SHOW** and **FLOWER EXHIBIT** at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center in Madison, Florida. The exhibit opens in conjunction with Madison County's "Down Home Days" celebration on Saturday, April 17 and continues through Monday, April 19. The exhibit will be open to the public with free admission Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sunday, April 18 from 1-5 p.m.; and Monday, April 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

A variety of beautiful handmade quilts - new and antique - will be on display on the first and second floors of the historic WSG Conference Center, known locally as the Mansion.

The Madison County Garden Club will

also host a National Garden Club level flower show entitled "Around the World with Quilts and Flowers" at the Mansion to compliment the quilt show April 17-19.

On Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m.-noon, see Garden Club members dressed in old fashioned clothing representing the Mansion's historic beginning in the late 1800s. Built in 1860, the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center, listed in the Historic American Building Survey and the National Register of Historic Places, is a stately mansion representative of the classical revival architectural style popular during the nineteenth century.

The Mansion (WSG Conference Center) is located off U.S. Highway 90 in Madison at 121 NW Marion Street. For information contact Maria Greene, Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center coordinator, (850) 973-9432 or email [GreeneM@nfcc.edu](mailto:GreeneM@nfcc.edu).



## Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run Sat., April 17

*In conjunction with Madison County Down Home Days Event*

It's time to put on your running shoes and get ready for NFCC's 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 to just have

fun. The run is set for Saturday, April 17 in conjunction with Madison County's "Down Home Days" event.

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.

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 County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism. Registration forms will be accepted until the morning of the race.

The 5K 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 to 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, email [BellID@nfcc.edu](mailto:BellID@nfcc.edu) or visit [www.nfcc.edu/colin-p-kelly-freedom-run](http://www.nfcc.edu/colin-p-kelly-freedom-run).



## NFCC Art Club visits Tallahassee's art hotspots

Members of the NFCC Art Club recently took a road trip visiting various art venues and art exhibitions in Tallahassee, Fla. The students enjoyed touring the Le Moyne Center for Visual Arts, Mary Brogan Museum of Art, 621 Gallery and many small galleries and art shops at Railroad Square Art Park.

Pictured are NFCC Art Club members (l-r) Ross Everett, Naomi

Alvarez, Gloria Cox, Kelly Ostrom, Hannah Conner, Sarah Sleighter, Rachel Butler, Bobbi Crafton, Chris Wyche and Amy Frey. For more information contact Lisa Barden at (850) 973-9430, email [bardenl@nfcc.edu](mailto:bardenl@nfcc.edu) or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (Search: Visual Arts).



# NFCC art exhibit “Short Stories” open now through April 30

The NFCC Art Department invites the public to view its newest exhibit entitled “Short Stories” at the NFCC Hardee Center for the Arts (NFCC Bldg. 11).

Open April 2-30, the exhibit features works by nationally renowned artists Jeana Eve Klein of Boone, North Carolina and Richard Fruth of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Artist Jeana Klein explores the boundary between abandonment and preservation, and the intersection of personal stories and broader histories in her work. Much of her inspiration comes from souvenirs, mementos and family heirlooms as they all have a story and history to tell. “My process is obsessive, as I layer recycled fabric from my grandmother’s church quilting group with painting and dyes and stitching,” said Klein. “Through these layers, I capture the subtle stories that might otherwise be lost...or may never have existed at all.” She says that abandoned houses are also a source of wonder and inspiration - “I think about who once lived there, what their stories were, and why those stories weren’t important enough to be preserved. I wonder when the first broken window was left unfixed, when the first roof tile wasn’t replaced, and why the former inhabitants fled.” Her mixed media creations are works of artistic fiction, colored by her own true stories and

imagination. Klein has a Master of Fine Arts from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of Art and Design from North Carolina State University.

Artist Richard Fruth is showing a series of narrative sculptures that represent an autobiographical and psychological journey, developed imaginatively by means of reading folklore, children’s bedtime stories, and listening to elaborate musical lyrics. “The works depict conflicts between figures and the landscape, between figures and unseen forces, and within figures as they reflect upon themselves,” said Fruth. “These figures engage in ambiguous states of dream/reality, and fear/confusion, with humor rising from horrific personal and social experiences.” Humor is a common feature of his series and in each narrative is a snapshot, which the viewer unravels in their imagination to

construct the story behind the image. Richard Fruth received a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in Photography and a Master of Arts in Studio Arts from Ball State University.

Regular hours for the NFCC Hardee Center for the Arts are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, contact NFCC art instructor Lisa Barden at (850) 973-1642, email [bardenl@nfcc.edu](mailto:bardenl@nfcc.edu) or visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) (search: Visual Arts).



OPEN TO NFCC STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF & THE COMMUNITIES OF HAMILTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON, LAFAYETTE, TAYLOR AND SUWANNEE

## FLASH FICTION CONTEST

NORTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WRITING CONTEST

STORY MUST BE BASED ON ONE OF THE BELOW TITLES:

- “GRIT”
- “THE BRAGGART”
- “SUNDAY MORNING”

CONTEST RULES

- SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN 600 WORDS
- SHOULD BE TYPED | DOUBLE-SPACED
- USE 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT
- SHOULD BE FREE OF SPELLING AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS
- MUST BE COMPLETELY ORIGINAL
- ONLY ONE SUBMISSION PER PERSON

PRIZES

1ST PLACE:  
\$40 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BORDERS & PUBLISHED IN THE TRAILBLAZER

2ND PLACE: \$30 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BORDERS

3RD PLACE: \$20 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BORDERS

THE SENTINEL REVIEW WILL ALSO PUBLISH SELECTED STORIES ONLINE

SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES BY  
**DEADLINE: APRIL 19**

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO [TJEGEDE@GO.NFCC.EDU](mailto:tjegede@go.nfcc.edu)  
WITH “FLASH FICTION” IN SUBJECT HEADING

INFO: [TOLU.JEGEDE@NFCC.EDU](mailto:TOLU.JEGEDE@NFCC.EDU) | 850.973.1635 | [TJEGEDE@GO.NFCC.EDU](http://TJEGEDE@GO.NFCC.EDU)

## NFCC seeks entries for Flash Fiction Contest

*Contest open to the public; Entry deadline April 19*

The NFCC English Department announces its new Flash Fiction Contest and invites the community to submit entries to the writing contest by April 19. Stories must be based on one of the following titles: “Grit”; “The Braggart”; or “Sunday Morning”; and should be no longer than 600 words. Stories should be completely original and free of spelling and grammatical errors. Text should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced. Email submissions to NFCC English instructor Tolu Jegede at [tjegede@go.nfcc.edu](mailto:tjegede@go.nfcc.edu) by the April 19 deadline with “Flash Fiction” in the email’s subject heading.

Winners of the “Flash Fiction Contest will receive: 1st place: \$40 gift certificate from Borders and story published in The Trailblazer, NFCC’s student newspaper; 2nd place: \$30 gift certificate from Borders; 3rd place: \$20 gift certificate from Borders. Winning entries will also have their stories published on the NFCC website in The Sentinel Review, NFCC’s online literary publication.

The contest is open to the public. For more information, contact Tolu Jegede at (850) 973-1635 or email [tjegede@go.nfcc.edu](mailto:tjegede@go.nfcc.edu).

# Students benefit from NFCC's new Career Resource Center

This past November, NFCC welcomed a new face, and more importantly a new student resource, to campus. Kim Halfhill, Career Recruitment Specialist, joined the NFCC family to help launch the new Career Resource Center. The Career Resource Center is designed to provide students with the tools needed to



*Kim Halfhill assists students in the Career Resource Center, located in the Career and Technical Education Center (Bldg. 13).*

transition from college to career. The Career Resource Center is funded in part by North Florida Workforce funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Workforce delivers customized services to employers in Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor Counties while also providing services to jobseekers to prepare them to go to work. As a partner with Workforce, the NFCC Career Resource Center is providing these services in new and innovative ways to NFCC students and potential students.

"Having a Career Resources Center here on campus is a real asset to our students," said NFCC instructor Susan Taylor. "In addition to preparing our students academically, NFCC is also able to offer students important skills that will enhance their appeal to today's employers."

The Career Resource Center provides students with a wide spectrum of services to meet their goals. Services range from assisting students with part-time or full-time job placement (both while they are in school and as they prepare for graduation) to helping students develop work-readiness skills, to providing career counseling that aids students in choosing a career path. Help is also available for resume and cover letter writing and interview preparation. College faculty and instructors can contact Halfhill to conduct specific workshops or presentations for their classes.

During Spring Term 2010, a cycle of interactive workshops entitled The Success Series were offered to reach students through a creative, hands-on learning experience. "When participants leave the sessions they

are equipped with practical knowledge they can instantly utilize," said Halfhill.

Students can also take advantage of one-on-one appointments.

Lonnie Ford, Student Support Services Counselor, encourages his students to attend the career exploration workshops or make one-on-one appointments for career counseling. "It's a well organized, intense look at yourself and your interests that will help you [students] decide on

a career," said Ford.

Halfhill also makes monthly visits to each of the seven public high schools in NFCC's service area. During these visits she does what she calls "friend-raising" to assist with college recruitment. Halfhill works directly with the students to talk to them about future career and educational prospects. By "friend-raising," or building relationships with the students, Halfhill gets an opportunity to talk to students about the diversity of programs the college has to offer and about the benefits of attending NFCC.

For more information about the Career Resource Center, call (850) 973-1615 or find them under the Current Students section of the NFCC website at [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu).

## C3 Education & Job Fair well attended



*Top: Students register for the C3 Education and Job Fair; Above Left: Employees Tara Orlowski, Kim Halfhill and Suzie Godfrey draw a door prize; Above Right: Instructors Efrain Bonilla and Susan Taylor take a look around the event April 6 in the NFCC Student Center.*

NFCC held its first C3 "Colleges, Careers, and Connections" Education and Job Fair on April 6 providing NFCC students with a unique opportunity to connect with four-year colleges and universities and potential employers all in one location - the NFCC Student Center. The event, coordinated by NFCC's Career Recruitment Specialist Kim Halfhill, was very successful with 90 students pre-registering and an additional 83 registering on-site at the event. "We look forward to making this an annual event for NFCC students," said Halfhill.

# Education leaders meet at NFCC to discuss new dual enrollment standards and offerings

NFCC personnel met with education leaders from NFCC's six-county district recently to discuss new standards and opportunities in the high school dual enrollment program - a program that allows eligible high school students to take college level courses, free of tuition charges, while still in high school. NFCC shared information about NFCC's Early College Institute, vocational dual enrollment, the Dual Enrollment/Early College Programs Statement of Standards, changes in vendor of postsecondary readiness assessment, and NFCC's new dual enrollment application.

According to NFCC Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle, NFCC has set up a system through its new Early College Institute that better guides high school dual enrollment students through the course selection and course sequence process; starting students out with less rigorous courses that also meet course prerequisites before moving to higher level classes.

"The NFCC Early College Institute gives high school students in our district the opportunity to earn up to 37 credit hours prior to high school graduation," said Dr. Sharon Erle, Dean of Academic Affairs at NFCC.

"The curriculum is a mix of general education courses as well as electives, some online delivery as well as face-to-face."

Three separate dual enrollment tracks will be offered during NFCC's summer term beginning July 6. Dual enrollment students are not limited to these tracks or specific courses, but could benefit from the structured course plan. NFCC will also offer online courses during the fall and spring semesters that are specifically developed for dual enrollment students.

"The information was well received," said Mary Anne Wheeler, NFCC Dean of Enrollment Services. "We were able to network and discuss the many facets of high school dual enrollment and ways to better serve our students."

Representatives from NFCC's six-county

district were represented at the meeting, including school personnel from Aucilla Christian Academy, Branford High School, Hamilton County High School, Jefferson County High School, Lafayette High School, Madison County High School, Suwannee High School and Taylor County High School.



NFCC President John Grosskopf welcomes area education leaders to the NFCC campus for a discussion on high school dual enrollment.

## Halfhill speaks to students about finding the perfect career

NFCC Career Recruitment Specialist Kim Halfhill spoke with NFCC's Strategies for Academic Success students about "Finding a Career for Your Future". "When exploring careers, I tell students there are three things they should consider interests and abilities, job and salary outlook and training and educational requirements," said Halfhill.

Halfhill not only discussed pertinent issues with students in regards to job searching, but also had each student use an online job evaluation tool to fill out an interest profile rating their job likes and dislikes. Students received instant results from the interest profile, as well as a list of possible compatible careers based on their interest areas and personality types. Students also researched skills needed for success, training needs, job salaries, and possible degrees and colleges to attend for the careers that they selected.

"This course will help you be more successful in reaching your goal," said NFCC student Voncyle Wilson. "This course made me think about jobs in a more analytical, creative, and practical way."

"I think this is an important process for any student to go through, whether they have a career plan or not," said Halfhill. "The process forces students to consider questions about a career they may not have considered before. For many students it confirms their ideas and for other students it opens up many new possibilities."



Students in Efrain Bonilla's Strategies for Academic Success class with guest speaker and NFCC Career Recruitment Specialist Kim Halfhill.