

## Around Campus

### BOARD MEETING

NFCC District Board of Trustees meeting, Tuesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m., Library Annex Conference Room. Open to the public. For information or 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

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

### NEW Drafting Course

NFCC is offering a new "Blue Print Reader" eight-week course at Taylor Technical Institute this summer. Class begins June 8. INFO: Lauri Newton, 850.973.1633 or [newtonl@nfcc.edu](mailto:newtonl@nfcc.edu).

## NFCC receives \$30,000 grant from FLDOE

*Grant award will benefit college's developmental math offerings and NFCC students*

NFCC will receive \$30,000 from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) to support the design and piloting of a new model for developmental education course delivery. This Developmental Education Initiative (DEI) Redesign Project Sub-Grant will award NFCC \$10,000 annually over a three year span. The first grant check was presented to NFCC on April 21 at the FLDOE's 2010 Connections Conference in St. Petersburg. NFCC was one of six colleges in the state selected to receive the full award amount of \$30,000.

"This award will allow us to explore a redesign that will benefit our students and to enhance their mathematics learning experience," said Dr. Sharon Erle, NFCC Dean of Academic Affairs. "It is exciting to be one of the six colleges in the state to work on this initiative."

The grant is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Inc. and Lumina Foundation through the FLDOE. NFCC is specifically using its award to implement and redesign its developmental math courses. NFCC's Basic Mathematics course (MAT 0002C) is already under construction toward having a more student-centered focus that incorporates new teaching strategies, technology, and tutoring to promote active, student centered, individual and group learning.

"The redesign course format offers a completely different new approach to learning mathematics



*FLDOE Executive Vice Chancellor Dr. Judith Bilsky, second from left, presents NFCC employees, left to right, Susan Taylor, Dr. Sharon Erle and Efrain Bonilla with the college's first DEI Redesign Project Sub-Grant award of \$10,000 in April at the FLDOE's 2010 Connections Conference in St. Petersburg.*

than the traditional lecture setting," said Efrain Bonilla, NFCC developmental math instructor and project manager for NFCC's Developmental Education Initiative. "One of the advantages of this redesign is that the student will receive instant feedback of their performance in the course and are able to be more engaged in their learning. The course is set up as modules and the goal of each module is mastery, not just a minimum passing grade."

Bonilla, Erle and Susan Taylor, NFCC College Preparatory Coordinator, attended the Connections Conference April 21-22, not only to accept NFCC's first grant check, but to network, share, and learn from colleagues in the fields of developmental education and student support. They attended an action plan development workshop and networked with DOE staff to share ideas, get feedback, and assess the quality of NFCC's action

plan toward its DEI Redesign Project.

"We will be one the leaders in this type of offering throughout the north Florida area," said Bonilla."

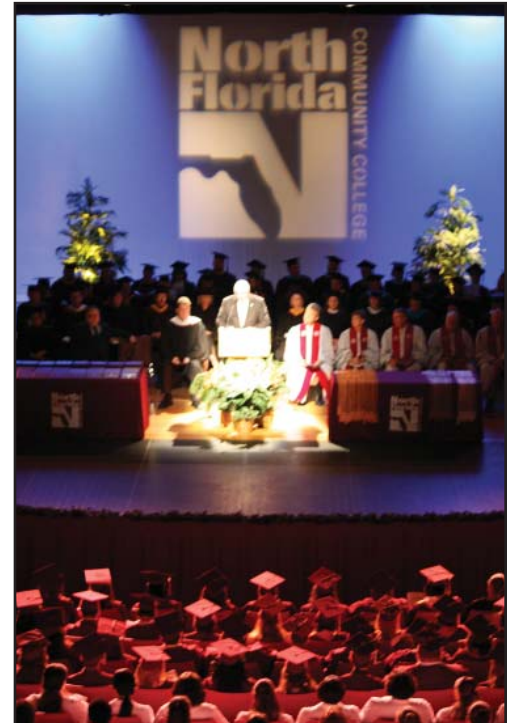
Some of NFCC's goals with the DEI Redesign Project grant include improving student success, access to technology and services, course quality, and completion rates in its Basic Mathematics course. Students will be encouraged to take an active role in their own learning, to build on timely assessment, preferred learning system, and faculty guidance, and to move from a seat-time model to one based on subject matter mastery. Funding will help NFCC contract peer math tutors to assist and work with each student in the course. The new format will also utilize online learning systems that help remove roadblocks to success. NFCC's redesigned MAT 0002C course will be offered starting Spring Term 2011.

# NFCC commencement honors 114 graduates

NFCC congratulates 114 students who were awarded degrees or certificates at the conclusion of Spring Term 2010. NFCC's commencement ceremony was held May 4 at Van H. Priest Auditorium in Madison, Fla. Leonard L. Bemby, Florida House of Representatives District 10, was the guest speaker. Bemby is a native of Jasper, Fla. and an alumnus of NFCC. In his address, he encouraged the graduates to set their goals high and to strive for success. "Be diligent and stay focused on what you want out of your life," said Bemby. "Go forward and make a difference."



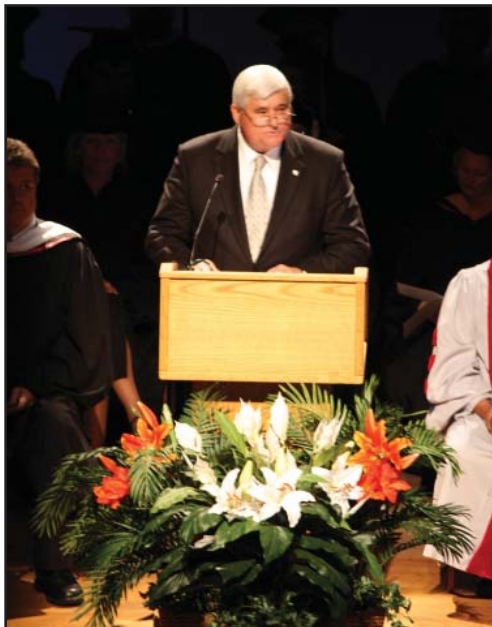
*NFCC instructor Dr. Rosario Leparulo, Grand Marshal of NFCC's spring commencement ceremony, leads graduates into Van H. Priest Auditorium.*



*NFCC honors 114 graduates May 4 at Van H. Priest Auditorium.*



*NFCC President John Grosskopf and graduate Cierra Sparrow of Perry.*



*Guest speaker Representative Leonard L. Bemby encourages NFCC graduates to set their goals high and to continue striving for success.*



*NFCC graduate Emily Dees, right, of Mayo at NFCC's commencement ceremony at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Dees is pictured with NFCC instructor Phillip Taylor.*



*NFCC's commencement ceremony was a special moment for many graduates.*

## NFCC announces winners of Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run

Forty-nine participants entered NFCC's 2010 Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run which took runners through the beautiful, historic downtown Madison and scenic NFCC campus in April. A total of 15 runners ages four to 16 participated in the 1-Mile Fun Run, with John Flournoy of Madison taking the lead to first. Steven Clark of Mayo came in first with 34 other runners following him in the 5K Race. Freedom Run winners are:

1-Mile Fun Run Winners (Girls):  
1st Natalie Vasquez (Madison)  
2nd Caitlyn Jordan (Lee)

1-Mile Fun Run Winners (Boys):  
1st John Flournoy (Madison)  
2nd Jim Flournoy III (Madison)  
3rd Ryan Frederickson (Mayo)

5K Winners (Women Overall):  
1st Brooke Hackle (Pinetta)  
2nd Tiffany Hammock (Tallahassee)  
3rd Zane Gaston (Madison)

5K Winners (Women 39 & Under):  
1st Brandy Kinsey (Madison)  
2nd Katelyn Scott (Madison)  
3rd Julie Maultsby (Madison)

5K Winners (Women 40 & Over):  
1st Pam Wittman (Lee)  
2nd Faith Larson (Navarre)  
3rd Diane Payne (Madison)

5K Winners (Men Overall):  
1st Stephen Clark, Jr. (Mayo)  
2nd Tommy Daniels, Jr. (Lee)  
3rd Billy Yonce (Valdosta)

5K Winners (Men 39 & Under):  
1st Jarrett Davis (Lee)  
2nd Tyler Coody (Pinetta)  
3rd Clay Sapp (Madison)

5K Winners (Men 40 & Over):  
1st Jonathon Asbell (Madison)  
2nd David Palomino (Mayo)  
3rd Steve Wittman (Lee)

The NFCC chapter of FACC sponsored the 2010 Colin P. Kelly Freedom Run to raise funds for its Book Scholarship Program which helps provide textbooks to NFCC students. The run was held in conjunction with Madison County Down Home Days.

# AG FIELD DAY

## AGRICULTURE 2010 "TASTE OF RURAL LIVING"

## NFCC's Green Industries Institute invites public to Ag Field Day 2010 on June 5

*Get a "Taste of Rural Living" during this community event in Monticello*

NFCC's Green Industries Institute and the Jefferson County Extension Office are planning a day of education and fun in Jefferson County on Saturday, June 5 and invite the public to an inaugural Ag Field Day event. Themed as a "Taste of Rural Living", Ag Field Day 2010 is a celebration of Jefferson County local agriculture and restaurants. The event, held at Green Industries Institute in Monticello, will be open to the public with

free admission from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Guests will enjoy sustainable agriculture presentations, educational sessions aimed at farmers and land owners, field demonstrations, and the opportunity to network with local agriculture organizations, suppliers, farmers and restaurants. A number of Jefferson County restaurants, including Brick House Eatery, Starducks Espresso, Tupelo's Bakery & Café, and others, will be on site selling refreshments and meals throughout the day. There will also be a variety of booths featuring natural products, flowers and plants, gardening items, farm animals, and information on area agriculture.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to learn about and to support local agriculture and business," said Patricia Garner, Director of NFCC's Green Industries Institute. "Our goal is to increase visibility of the agriculture community in Jefferson County to the surrounding region while offering a fun and enjoyable event to the public."

According to Garner, the inaugural event is focused on promoting Jefferson County

agriculture and business, but she hopes the event will expand in the future, becoming an annual event incorporating and promoting agriculture and business from more counties in NFCC's service district.

Green Industries Institute is located at 2729 West Washington Street in Monticello, three miles west of the Monticello Courthouse on U.S. Highway 90. The sixty-four acre site has 40 year old pecan groves, crape myrtle stands,

an ornamental arboretum, 3000 square feet of green houses, and 25 acres of mixed hardwood hammock forest land.

"Green Industries is the ideal location for such an event," said Garner. "We invite everyone to stop by Saturday, June 5 for Ag Field Day 2010."

For more information, call (850) 973-1702, email [garnerp@nfcc.edu](mailto:garnerp@nfcc.edu) or visit <http://www.nfcc.edu/green-industries>.



*Green Industries Institute is located at 2729 West Washington Street in Monticello, three miles west of the Monticello Courthouse on U.S. Highway 90.*

# NFCC Ecology Day continues 20-year tradition of educating area third graders about the great outdoors

For 20 years NFCC has opened its campus to Madison County third graders in April for a one-day exploration focused on the environment and preserving our natural resources. NFCC's Ecology Day 2010 kept that tradition alive with more than 250 area third graders visiting the NFCC campus and Ladell Brothers Outdoor Environmental Center on April 16.

"It's important for the children to learn about their surrounding environment and how we can protect it, preserve it and interact within it," said Madison County Central School teacher Lisa Pennington.

Coordinated by NFCC instructor Bonnie Littlefield, Heather Johnson and Diann Douglas of the Madison County Extension Office, this year's Ecology Day consisted of seven outdoor stations that children rotated among to learn about recycling, entomology, forest ecology, water quality, fish and insects, plants, beekeeping and overall preservation of the environment.

Many community volunteers assisted with Ecology Day and approximately 45 NFCC students and S.O.A.R. Club (Save Our Animal Resources) members volunteered to help with the event.

Most of the presenters at Ecology Day return year after year to share their knowledge and love of nature with area students. Jerome Wyche from the Madison County Recycling office spoke to the children about the importance of recycling and explained what items can and can't be recycled. Foresters Barry Tye and Shane Wells led discussions on forest ecology teaching the children about forestry and fire safety. NFCC instructor Barry Barnhart spoke to the third graders about early pioneers, American Indians and plants. New to Ecology Day 2010 was a beekeeping station led by Catherine Hogg of Jefferson County. Hogg, 16-years-old, is the youngest certified beekeeper in the State of Florida.

Jan Peters of Florida A&M University's Department of Entomology, identified insects and bugs caught by the students and set up a butterfly and insect display for the children to view. Dr. Sharon Fitz-Coy of the University of Florida's Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences helped children capture small pond creatures with nets and then identified the creatures and

answered questions from students. Ashley Melton from the Department of Environmental Protection was also on site teaching the young students about water quality and preservation.

The hands-on approach to learning is very popular among area elementary teachers and third graders who attend Ecology Day each year.

The NFCC Ladell Brothers Outdoor Environmental Center is open year round to visitors. School groups or other groups interested in a guided tour should contact Bonnie Littlefield at (850) 973-1687 or email LittlefieldB@nfcc.edu.



*Dr. Sharon Fitz-Coy, University of Florida's Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, teaches area third graders about dragonflies and other insects*



*Madison County third graders Kyler Howell, right, and Dalquan Alexander, left, examine a bug during Ecology Day at NFCC April 16.*



*Catherine Hogg leads a beekeeping presentation during NFCC's Ecology Day 2010 on April 16 at NFCC. Hogg, 16-years-old, attends Aucilla Christian Academy and is the youngest certified beekeeper in the State of Florida.*



*Students also visited NFCC's Ladell Brothers Outdoor Environmental Center during Ecology Day.*



*Barry Barnhart, one of the original founders of Ecology Day at NFCC, teaches local third graders about early pioneers, American Indians and plants.*

# NFCC welcomes 52 students as new members of PTK honor society

NFCC's Phi Theta Kappa Mu Xi Chapter recently held an induction ceremony welcoming 52 new members into PTK, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Friends and family turned out to support the new inductees as they walked across the stage of the NFCC Fine Arts Auditorium to accept membership in the prestigious organization that was established in 1918. Inductees must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 to join and must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain a member of PTK.

NFCC students leading the induction ceremony were PTK President Emily Dees of Lafayette County, PTK Vice President Shay Bridges of Madison County, PTK Secretary Kimberly Clark of Lafayette County, and PTK Treasurer Stephanie Rodriguez of Suwannee County. During the ceremony, Dees transferred her title of PTK President to Rodriguez who now leads the student organization that recognizes and encourages academic achievement among its members. Dees then introduced guest speaker and NFCC history instructor David Paulk.

Paulk encouraged the new PTK members to build their competence and confidence as they move forward in their education and careers. NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dr. Greg Molnar, NFCC science instructor and PTK advisor, also took part in the

ceremony. A reception was held in the NFCC Student Center immediately following the induction of new members.

## NEW PTK MEMBERS ARE:

**HAMILTON COUNTY:** Cindi Foreman  
**Jefferson County:** Gwendolyn Cauley, Chelsea Dobson, Marsha Kisamore and Byron Love;

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY:** April Causey, Mary-Thomas Hart and Tia Laemmle;

**LEON COUNTY:** William Bassett;

**MADISON COUNTY:** Cecilia Aikens, Bobbi Crafton, Ashley Collis, Jodie Cooper, Maggie Ellison, Jennifer Hopkins, Desiree Jonas, Kelly Joseph, Cheyrl Knighten, Ashley Malone, Hannah Morris, Leona Murfin, Amy Newman, Andrew Pinkard, Jimmy Smith Jr., Laurie Smith, Martie Stern, Tayna Terry, Lizeth Vasquez, Crystal Washington and Teresa Wren;

**SUWANNEE COUNTY:** Stephanie Akers, Dana Anderson, Kimberly Baker, Johnnie Boatright III, Jessie Box, Inga Chambers, Twyla Sears, Kristin Stapleton, Lacey Van Etta, Tyler Winburn and Chelsea Young;

**TAYLOR COUNTY:** Cara Addison, Sherry Craft, Brooke Barton, Hayden Barton, Garrett Beach, Justin Blue, Earl Cobb, Jacques Lang, John Parker Jr., Michelle Watson and Elisa Webb.



*Ashley Haynes and Allyce Rutherford*

## Ashley Haynes and Allyce Rutherford named to PTK All-Florida Academic Team

NFCC proudly announces that two of its students, Ashley Haynes and Allyce Rutherford, have been named to the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Florida Academic Team (2nd Team). Both Haynes and Rutherford are residents of Madison County and are enrolled in NFCC's Registered Nursing program.

According to a press release from the Florida Department of Education, a total of 103 college students from across the state of Florida were recognized for this prestigious recognition. Students were selected based on their exceptional academic achievement, leadership and community service. The DOE release also noted words of accolade from The Florida College System Chancellor Willis N. Holcombe: "The Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team represents the best of The Florida College System," said Chancellor Holcombe. "These hard-working students are committed both in the classroom and in their communities. We are very proud of their accomplishments and thankful to PTK for this chance to highlight their abilities."

With more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest academic honor society in American higher education. NFCC's first PTK chapter began in 1963. Membership in NFCC's PTK chapter is open to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2, and who maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.

A complete list of the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa All-Florida Academic Team is available at [http://www.fldoe.org/CC/Students/PTK\\_team/Newsletter/voltwo.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/CC/Students/PTK_team/Newsletter/voltwo.asp).



*(l-r) PTK members Amy Frey and Stephanie Rodriguez, PTK advisor Dr. Greg Molnar, PTK member Emily Dees, NFCC President John Grosskopf, PTK member Shay Bridges and Kimberly Clark, and guest speaker and NFCC instructor David Paulk at NFCC's PTK induction ceremony.*

# NFCC student sculpture project nears completion

(l-r) NFCC art student C.J. Mann of Branford, Fla., NFCC art instructor Lisa Barden and professional sculptor Bradly Cooley, Jr. of the Lamont, Fla. based business Bronze by Cooley show off a metal turtle sculpture that will soon be permanently placed on the NFCC campus near NFCC's Marshall Hamilton Library (Bldg. 4). The sculpture was built by NFCC students with the assistance and guidance of Cooley. The project was an excellent educational experience that provided hands-on experience, allowed students to work with a professional artist and to learn about new materials and methods. An official ceremony will be held in August to highlight this student achievement and to acknowledge those who contributed to the sculpture project. For more information, contact Lisa Barden, NFCC art instructor, at (850) 973-1642 or bardenl@nfcc.edu.



# Quilts & flowers displayed at Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center

NFCC held its annual Quilt Show in April at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center. Complimenting the 63 exhibited quilts on display were beautiful and unique floral arrangements created by The Madison County Garden Club for its National Garden Club level flower show entitled "Around the World with Quilts and Flowers." Each room had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. First place winners were Dolly Ballard (dinning room "Italian Elegance"); Rosie Leggett (music room "Oriental Connection"); Jan Ledsome ("Australian Outback"); Thelma DeHart (parlor "South Seas Tropical Isle"). Ballard also won the Best In Show Gold Cup.

Open to the public for three days, the quilt and flower show event was well supported by the community and visitors. For more information contact Maria Greene, Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center coordinator, (850) 973-9432 or email GreeneM@nfcc.edu.



Madison County Garden Club members Jan Ledsome, left, and Thelma DeHart, in antebellum dress, welcomed guests to NFCC's historic Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center for the 2010 NFCC Quilt Show and Madison Garden Club Flower Show.