

## Around Campus

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Fitness and Wellness Coordinator (full-time). Deadline to apply is Friday, Aug. 13.
- Student Activities and Community Education Coordinator. Internal Posting (open to full-time, part-time, and OPS NFCC employees only). Deadline to apply is Monday, Aug. 9.

For complete job descriptions and more information, contact NFCC Human Resources at (850) 973-9448 or visit <http://www.nfcc.edu/> employment. EOE

### BOARD MEETING

NFCC District Board of Trustees meeting, Tuesday, August 17 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)

### FALL TERM 2010 IMPORTANT FALL TERM 2010 DATES:

**Now:** Register for Fall Term 2010

**Aug. 23:** Classes begin

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## NFCC, FLDOE and K-12 personnel working together for student success

*NFCC hosts "Mathematics for College Readiness/ Success Training" workshop*

Area educators met at NFCC on July 8 with the objective to help improve the college and career readiness rate of high school students and to reduce the percent of high school students needing postsecondary remediation in mathematics after graduation. Centered on requirements outlined in the Career and College Readiness Initiative (Senate Bill 1908) and Section 1008.30(3) of the Florida Statutes, the NFCC "Mathematics for College Readiness/Success Training" workshop explored how area high schools and NFCC can work together to help better prepare local high school students for college level work, especially in the area of math, while meeting mandatory expectations set forth by the state.

Leading the workshop were Teresa Sweet, Math Curriculum Specialist with the Florida Department of Education; NFCC Math and Biology Instructor Bonnie Littlefield; and Hamilton County High School Math Coach Ryan Mitchell. The trio outlined objectives and major components of the initiative, responsibilities of area high schools and NFCC, and strategies for success.

The College and Career Readiness Initiative covers not only math, but also the areas of reading and writing. It requires



Attending the "Mathematics for College Readiness/Success Training" workshop at NFCC on July 8 are, left to right, Regina Crews (Jefferson County Middle High School), Alan Androski (Madison County High School), NFCC's Bonnie Littlefield, FLDOE's Teresa Sweet, Neena Brown (Suwannee High School), Ryan Mitchell (Hamilton County High School), Jesika Curry (Taylor County High School), and Kelvin Norton (Jefferson County School Board). Participants not pictured are Carolyn Barnes (MCHS) and Elizabeth Gonzales, Coordinator of Developmental Education Resources at NFCC.

that high school students be given the state's postsecondary readiness assessment exam before the 12th grade. Students who pass by meeting or exceeding the minimum test scores are eligible for enrollment in college credit for 2 years without retesting. Students who do not pass must be provided an opportunity to remediate while in high school and remediation must be a collaborative effort between district high schools and the college. The overall goal is to make sure high school students are ready for that next educational step up to college. High schools are responsible for identifying students to be tested and providing testing

locations. Florida colleges, such as NFCC, are required to administer and score the exam and to provide test results to high school representatives.

Representatives from Jefferson, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties and NFCC attended the "Mathematics for College Readiness/Success Training" workshop at NFCC.

"The participants were glad to get the information," said Littlefield. "They enjoyed the collaboration between NFCC and the other county schools, and their suggestions. They were extremely pleased to get two free supplementary workbooks with reproducible teaching materials."

## *SGA president, vice president enthusiastic about upcoming fall term* Smith, Rodriguez take lead of NFCC Student Government

Energized is the perfect word to describe NFCC's newest student leaders

Jimmy Smith Jr., 2010 NFCC Student Government President, and Stephanie Rodriguez, SGA Vice President. The two have been working with NFCC's student services director Kim Halfhill this summer formulating a plan to increase student involvement and student based activities on campus this coming fall term.

"One of our main goals is to offer more activities based around students," said Smith. "I want to make a difference for the students."

The Student Government Association is an organization "of the students, by the students, and for the students." It seeks to represent the best interests of the student body. SGA works to bring the college community together by conducting campus-wide programs and social activities. Smith and Rodriguez are enthusiastic about being a voice for the NFCC student body and are looking forward to promoting the importance of SGA and campus involvement to their peers.

"I'm looking forward to doing some great stuff and being involved," said Rodriguez. "We want to get more promotions out about SGA and let students know what we do."

The student SGA office is located in the NFCC Student Center (Bldg. 9), giving Smith and Rodriguez a convenient location to work on SGA projects and garner support from the student body. SGA will accept applications this fall from students wishing to serve in open SGA executive board positions

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such as treasurer, secretary and public relations officer.

"Jimmy and Stephanie are brainstorming a lot of new ideas to engage our student body," said Halfhill. "I am very excited about working with them. I am confident that this is going to be a great year."

Smith, a 19-year-old Madison County native, is working toward his Associate in Arts degree and plans to continue his education at Florida State University majoring in computer engineering. He began his NFCC career while still in high school taking dual enrollment courses; graduating from Madison County High School in 2009. Smith is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Club, NFCC's Astronomy Club, and is proud to have never missed a day of school from Kindergarten through 12th grade – "I'm the only one to achieve that in Madison," said Smith. "I still maintain a perfect attendance in college." Smith served as an SGA senator before becoming SGA president.

Rodriguez, a 19-year-old Live Oak resident, is originally from El Salvador. She and her family moved to Suwannee County 10 years ago. A 2009 Suwannee High School graduate, Rodriguez is currently working toward an Associate in Arts degree with plans to continue her education at the University of Florida majoring in biochemistry. Ultimately she hopes to attend medical school. In addition to being an SGA officer, Rodriguez also



*Stephanie Rodriguez, SGA Vice President, and Jimmy Smith Jr., SGA President, are NFCC's new student leaders.*

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serves as NFCC's Phi Theta Kappa president and is an active member of Save Our Animal Resources (S.O.A.R.), The Sentinel Rocketeers and the NFCC Art Club.

Smith and Rodriguez, already making a positive impact on campus, stand

out as strong and active student leaders. Their energy, enthusiasm and dedication are sure to make NFCC's Fall Term 2010 outstanding. For more information about NFCC's student government, contact Kim Halfhill at (850) 973-1623 or email halfhillk@nfcc.edu.

# TGIF

## 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 2010 will receive a \$100 scholarship to help cover tuition fees.

With eight select courses to choose from – Electronic Imaging, Teaching Diverse Populations, Freshman English I, American History I, Special Topics in Humanities Film, Introduction to Information Skills, Introductory Statistics and Principles of Biology – 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 Fall Term 2010. If a "TGIF" scholarship recipient stops attending or withdraws from courses, he or she will be responsible for repaying the scholarship amount.

Registration is going on now; classes begin Aug. 23. 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). NFCC's complete Fall Term 2010 class schedule is also available online, [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu), or by contacting NFCC Enrollment Services at (850) 973-1622 or [admissions@nfcc.edu](mailto:admissions@nfcc.edu).

## New courses, plans for new programs are good news for students and the community

NFCC is constantly evolving and growing to meet the needs and demands of students and the community. So as NFCC's fall term approaches, it's no surprise there's new offerings and programs on the horizon. From fall term additions of Special Topics in Humanities Film and Computer Animation, to upcoming additions of a Hip Hop in American Culture class and an Associate in Science degree in digital media, NFCC is reshaping its academic offerings for the benefit of its students.

"NFCC has been actively working on revitalizing and updating its curriculum," said Dr. Sharon Erle, NFCC Dean of Academic Affairs. "We have some exciting new courses, have some revitalized previously offered courses, and are adding a new degree we are very excited about."

The college is planning to offer a new Digital Media/Multimedia Technology program in January that includes an Associate in Science degree option as well as shorter college credit certificate tracks. The shorter certificate tracks, 15-18 credit hours each, provide quick training in four separate areas – authoring, production, instructional technology, presentation and web production – that build up to the A.S. degree. The program will teach students to integrate graphics, video, sound, animation, text and still images and prepare them for jobs and careers in media-related industries.

But students don't have to wait until spring term to take digital media classes. NFCC's fall schedule already includes Computer Animation and Electronic Imaging courses that will begin Aug. 23. Students



enrolling in these courses, as electives or towards a career path, will have access to the latest technology and digital media software. They will also gain knowledge of one of the fastest growing industries around – media production, design and development.

"We've served the educational needs of our district for over 50 years and we are doing everything necessary to make sure that we continue to meet those needs for the next 50 years," said NFCC President John Grosskopf. "The world changes, the economy changes, and we will adapt what we do to make sure our students are ready for those changes."

Other exciting course additions this fall include Humanities Film, Introduction to College composition and

an Introduction to Biology class for non biology majors with the spring term featuring Everything Google, Creative Writing and Fundamentals of Web Design courses. Some popular, in-demand courses returning this fall are American Government, Short Story and Beginning Computers. Taught by exceptional instructors, these courses will add to NFCC's already vast course and program offerings.

"These new additions to our curriculum should provide students with interesting new options as well as options that will help them in pursuing their educational goals," said Erle.

For a complete list of all courses and programs being offered at NFCC, visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) or contact NFCC Enrollment Services at (850) 973-1622.

## NFCC Health Scholars Camp teaches young students about careers in health care

NFCC welcomed nine health care career hopefuls, ranging from grades sixth through ninth, to its campus in June for a Health Scholars Camp hosted by NFCC's Allied Health Department and the Big Bend Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

The camp was made possible through funding from AHEC, which encourages communities and academic partnerships to improve health in rural communities through the recruitment of area youth into college level Health Science programs and eventually into the health care field.

NFCC's Registered Nursing students Brittany Hobbs, Tara Richardson, Bridget Gamble and Ashley Haynes along with NFCC instructors and employees provided the young scholars with learning opportunities, enrichment activities and field trips relating to the health care field.

The week-long camp covered everything from seminars focusing on tobacco prevention and CPR workshops to hands on exercises during skills labs where students learned how to utilize special



*Health Scholars play a game of health care Monopoly during NFCC's Health Scholars Camp in June.*

medical and scientific equipment. Students also had the opportunity to learn about health care related issues while having fun playing games such as Health Care Bingo and working out with the Madison County Junior Auxiliary. Students gained additional insight into different health care careers from

guest lecturers provided through the local ASPIRE and SWAT Programs and local dental representatives from Madison Dental Associates and Dr. Roderick Shaw DMD. In addition to the vast insight into the medical industry, each student received certification in Basic CPR and First Aid.



*Pictured (front row, left to right) are Corey Brandies, Kameron Joseph, Emily Weaver, Kaylyn Fox, and Brittany Bailey; and (back row, left to right) Brittany Hobbs, Tara Richardson, Kallai Collinworth, Kristen Bailey, Katie Hill, Sierra Wood, Bridget Gamble and Ashley Haynes.*



*Local veterinarian and guest speaker Dr. John Lewis presents science and health care information to campers.*

## Administrative Assistant Program hosts “Information Session” Aug. 18

The NFCC Administrative Assistant program is hosting an “Information Session” on Wednesday, Aug. 18 to highlight its offerings and upcoming fall classes. The session will be held in the NFCC Career and Technical Education Center, Bldg. 13, Rm 209 from 12-4 p.m.

“Information sessions are scheduled so that you can meet the instructor, learn more about the program, begin enrollment, and schedule your TABE test,” said instructor Lori Pleasant. “Feel free to drop in anytime during information session hours, you do not need an appointment and will not need to stay for the entire time scheduled.”

Students planning to start the Administrative Assistant program should meet with the instructor before classes begin on Aug. 23. Those unable to attend a session, should make an individual appointment.

The Administrative Assistant Program prepares students for work as file clerks, office clerks, secretaries, or administrative assistants. The program also provides supplemental training for persons previously or currently employed in any of these occupations. The coursework is designed to begin training in basic office skills and progress to more complex skill levels. There are four courses/completion points in the program: Information Technology Assistant, Front Desk Specialist, Assistant Digital Production Designer, and Administrative Assistant.

Contact Lori Pleasant for more information at (850) 973-1665, 973-9471 (summer office), or email [pleasantl@nfcc.edu](mailto:pleasantl@nfcc.edu).



## NFCC Public Safety Academy announces open enrollment

*Law Enforcement, Corrections, Cross Over, & Dual Certification programs accepting students*

The Public Safety Academy at NFCC is accepting students for its Law Enforcement, Corrections Basic Recruit, Cross Over, and Combined Corrections/Law Enforcement Dual Certification programs. All programs are open entry allowing new students to enroll and begin classes throughout the year; new start points begin 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. NFCC has also added a NEW Combined Corrections and Law Enforcement Dual Certification program that is 1019 hours and can be completed in just over a year (approximately 14 months). The new combination program allows students to seek both a certificate in Basic Corrections and in Law Enforcement simultaneously. Financial aid is available for the Law Enforcement and the Combination Corrections and Law Enforcement course through the PELL Grant for qualifying students.

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. The NFCC Public Safety Academy offers a state-of-the-art driver training facility, an indoor firearms training area and the college works with public safety agencies and personnel from across NFCC’s six-county service area.

Those interested in training at NFCC are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now. Students must be at least 18-years-old to enter NFCC’s Public Safety Academy. Admission requirements 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 be available for qualified students.

For more information, contact Gail Hackle, at (850) 973-1617 or [hackleg@nfcc.edu](mailto:hackleg@nfcc.edu). Information is also available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/public-safety>.

## Early Childhood Education program orientation Aug. 10

The NFCC Early Childhood Education program is hosting an orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. in the NFCC Career and Technical Education Center, Bldg. 13, Room 143 to highlight its offerings and upcoming fall classes. The orientation is recommended for all students planning to take Fall Term 2010 Early Childhood Education courses at NFCC. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:45 p.m., Aug. 24 through April 26.

The Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC) is a 600-hour program with four levels: Child Care Worker, Child Care Teacher Aide, Preschool Teacher, and Child Care Development Specialist. Students earn certificates at each level and can complete all four levels to meet the staff credential requirement for the Florida Department of Children and Families. The program is equivalent to the National Child Development Associate (CDA). Courses focus on broad, transferable skills for the Early Childhood industry including planning, management, finance, and technology skills; understanding of labor, community, health, safety, and environmental issues; and developmentally appropriate practices for children ages birth to eight-years-old.

For more information about NFCC’s Early Childhood Education Program or upcoming orientation, contact Tara Orlowski at (850) 973-1789 or email [orlowskit@nfcc.edu](mailto:orlowskit@nfcc.edu).

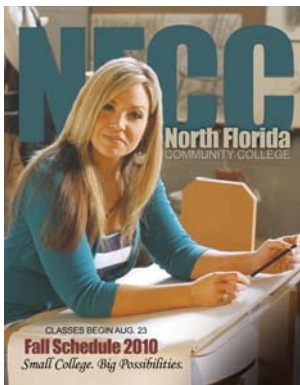




## Madison Academy students tour NFCC Nursing Lab

NFCC nursing faculty recently gave Madison Academy students an educational tour of the NFCC Nursing Lab, allowing each student to participate in hands-on medical exercises. Educational exercises included learning about the stethoscope, checking blood pressure and participating in exercises on NFCC's state-of-the-art patient simulators. Pictured above: Clay Hall and Dalton Grambling learn about the stethoscope by listening to the simulated heart sounds of one of NFCC's patient simulators.

## FALL TERM 2010



CLASSES BEGIN AUG. 23

## NFCC and FSU partner to educate medical students about health care in rural areas

*NFCC, Senior Citizens Council, ARC give presentations during FSU visit*

NFCC's Allied Health Department welcomed 30 FSU medical students to its campus June 3 in a collaborative effort with FSU to introduce the new medical students, representing the class of 2014, to some of the agencies, programs, challenges, and creative solutions of rural communities in regards to health care and medical services issues. Presentations were given by NFCC Allied Health Programs Director Nita Fico, Senior Citizens Council of Madison County Executive Director Rosa Richardson, and Madison-Jefferson Association for Retarded Citizens Executive Director Tim Ressler.

"The mission of the FSU College of Medicine specifically includes mention of educating medical students who will subsequently seek to practice in rural areas in Florida," said Gail R. Bellamy, Ph.D., a professor of family medicine and rural health at Florida State University's College of Medicine. "One of the ways the College seeks to meet its mission is to provide students with multiple exposures and multiple opportunities to experience rural Florida. This inaugural half-day orientation experience at the very start of their medical education constitutes that first exposure for the students."

With a total of 120 students in its incoming class, FSU also sent learning communities of 30 students to three other rural communities in the Northern Panhandle including Marianna, Havana and Quincy for similar experiences. The "field trip" orientation sessions are part of the FSU School of Medicine's Rural Education Orientation Program which strives to help students discover and learn about the health and health care needs of rural areas of North Florida, develop an appreciation for the different social and cultural aspects of a rural community and learn how



*NFCC Allied Health Director Nita Fico and Robert Campbell M.D., Assistant Dean of Student Affairs of the FSU College of Medicine.*



*Senior Citizens Council of Madison County Executive Director Rosa Richardson gives presentation.*

social determinants impact community health. Other goals of the program are to promote and support interdisciplinary learning and information sharing early in the health careers educational programs and to foster a relationship with a rural community that can be the base for outreach activities

over multiple years.

Robert Campbell M.D., Assistant Dean of Student Affairs of the FSU College of Medicine, and John Fogarty, Dean and Professor of the FSU College of Medicine, accompanied the medical students on their visit to Madison. Following the educational presentations, Fico led the FSU students on a tour of Madison visiting the new site for MCMH hospital, new senior citizens building, the health department, current and future ARC site, Madison Hospital, the Old hospital (Tykard home and Yates sanitarium, four freedoms park and wardlaw conf center

"I am thrilled that the FSU College of Medicine has selected NFCC as a partner in its mission to promote rural practice," said Fico. "I look forward to the many opportunities we will have to help increase awareness of and commitment to the provision of health care in our rural service areas."