

Fall 2005

Greetings alumni and friends! Much has been happening at NRCC this fall.
Keep reading for the latest news and updates!

NRCC signs admission agreement with Longwood University

NRCC has announced the signing of a formal agreement with Longwood University that will guarantee admission for NRCC graduates who meet certain requirements.

Graduates of NRCC who earn the associate in arts and sciences degree with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher will be guaranteed admission into Longwood. This development adds to the articulation agreement already shared between the two schools, which states that these students will have junior status and that all of their credits will transfer, although all credits may not apply toward the degree. Also, all of Longwood's lower division

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NRCC celebrates Fire Prevention Week



Children from the Early Learning Center at NRCC learn about fire safety from the Dublin Fire Department.

Calendar of Events

11/30	Spring semester registration begins
12/9	Last day of fall semester classes
12/12-15	Fall semester exams
12/14	Foundation Board meeting
12/23	College closed for winter break
1/3	College reopens
1/16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (college closed)
1/23	Spring semester begins

Two NRCC students awarded statewide scholarships

Price receives state nursing scholarship

Lori C. Price, from Floyd, has been awarded a Mary Marshall Nursing Scholarship for the current academic year.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$1,619, is funded by the Virginia General Assembly and the state Board of Nursing. Once graduated and licensed as a nurse, scholarship recipients agree to engage in full-time nursing in Virginia for one month for every \$100 received.

Price is also an NRCC Educational Foundation Scholarship recipient.

At the age of 13, she quit school. At 30, she earned a GED and now is an honors student at New River Community College.

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity. I look forward to serving my community in the future," Price says.



Lori Price

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College announces hires and promotions

The following individuals have joined NRCC recently as full-time faculty or staff members. Some previously worked as part-time employees and others are new to the college.

Charlotte S. Audas - Instructor of Mathematics

Travis R. Coake - Instructor of Mathematics

Anne E. Comstock - Interpreter, Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Kimberly Johnston - Administrative Assistant, Admissions Office

Wendy J. Smith - Administrative Assistant, Vice President for Finance & Technology

Bin Zhou - Programmer, Information Technology Center

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general educational requirements will be considered met, with the exception of those for foreign language.

Patricia P. Cormier, Longwood president, praised the quality of New River Community College's graduates and noted that "associate of arts and/or science degree holders have graduated from Longwood above the eighty percent rate with little to no change in their GPAs."

Dr. Jack Lewis, president of NRCC, said, "Our studies have shown that New River graduates tend to do very well after transferring to Longwood and other similar institutions. We're very pleased that our students may take advantage of transfer opportunities offered by Longwood University."

This agreement will go into effect beginning with students applying to Longwood for the spring 2006 term.

Lookadoo named Dean of Business and Technologies

Dan Lookadoo has been named as the Dean of Business and Technologies, effective January 2006. He has currently been serving as interim dean.

Lookadoo came to NRCC in August 1988 and served as a professor of electronics until taking over the interim dean post in June 2004.

He holds three associate degrees from the Community College of Air Force, a bachelor of science degree in electronics from University of Southern Mississippi, and a master's degree in adult education from Troy State University.

"We're pleased to see Dan take on this important position," said Dr. Charlie White, vice president for instruction and student services.

Lookadoo and his wife Kay reside in Radford.

NRCC hosts Veterans Day ceremony



Sgt. Ben Kramer of the Virginia National Guard, who also is the student activities director at NRCC, watches as two members of the Korean War Association raise the American flag during the Veterans Day ceremony at NRCC. Kramer returned to NRCC this semester after spending months in Afghanistan on military assignment.

Lt. Col. Ron Fizer, commander of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony. Members of several student organizations assisted with the event, as did local VFW chapter 1184, the Korean War Association, and several members of the VA National Guard unit based in Christiansburg.

High school students will benefit from new articulation agreement

Prosoft Learning Corporation, a technology learning solutions provider and owner of the CIW certification program, has announced that the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) have signed a statewide articulation agreement enabling public secondary students taking CIW Web design courses to earn college credit toward any of Virginia's 23 community colleges. This certification-driven articulation agreement is one of the first to be implemented in the state.

To earn college credits, high school students must complete the courses with a "C" grade or better and also pass the corresponding CIW certification exams. Students can also earn high school and

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Best wishes to our recent retirees

A handful of longtime employees at NRCC have retired in 2005, including many faces familiar to students throughout the years.

Bonna Beamer *
Vernie Bolden
Tom Flohr
Marian Lockard
Jan Martin *
Josie Martin
Katherin Martin *
Sara Olsen *
LeRoy Rogers

* will retire at end of Dec. 2005

NRCC would also like to recognize several longtime employees who have recently left the college: Pat McPeak, Marcy Vaughan and Bonnie Wynn. We wish all of them luck in their new endeavors and thank them for their years of service.

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"I am personally very proud of Lori's accomplishments," says NRCC President Jack Lewis. "She is an outstanding student who has overcome many obstacles to be here. She has worked very hard to reach her goals and to make a better life for herself and her children."

As well as being a full-time nursing student, she is employed in the Workforce Development office at NRCC and is a CPR trainer in Floyd County.

She has two children, Lexie and James Mason Stump.

Clark receives AHEAD scholarship

Philip Glen "Chip" Clark II, of Pulaski, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Association for Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD) in Virginia. Clark is attending NRCC full time this semester. He completed a degree in general studies in May, but is taking classes this fall at NRCC with plans to transfer to Radford University in January.

Clark, who has cerebral palsy, diabetes and a learning disability, began his scholarship essay with this statement, "There comes a time in your life where you have a choice to make. Either live in denial and complain about your circumstances or accept your circumstances and learn to live with them."

Dr. Jane Warner, president of AHEAD in Virginia, says, "Chip was chosen for his leadership activities, and disability related service, as well as for his academic and personal goals."

Clark has been active in college activities including serving as a Student Government Association senator since 2002 and being a member of the Campus Crusade for Christ. He has also held a work/study job on campus in the Student Activities Office and with the LEAP Center.

"Chip Clark is regarded by faculty, staff, and students at New River Community College as a highly motivated, humorous young man who has strived to achieve beyond every minimal requirement," says Jeananne Dixon, coordinator of the Center for the Learning Disabled. "He always demonstrates enormous amounts of time, energy, compassion and enthusiasm to every task that he takes on."

He resides in Pulaski with his parents Philip and Deborah Clark and his siblings, Jeremy and Olivia.



Chip Clark

Enrollment up for ODU TELETECHNET

The ODU@NRCC site averages approximately 90 active students who, on average, enroll in 2.5 courses per student. During the 2004-2005 academic year the site had approximately 315 inquiries. These contacts resulted in a 19% increase in enrollment from the previous year.

The ODU TELETECHNET site at NRCC has graduated over 150 students since 1994, including 17 during the 2004-2005 academic year.

What students are saying about ODU@NRCC

"ODU's Distance Learning atmosphere has allowed me the opportunity to complete my bachelor's degree while continuing to build my professional "real-world" experience in engineering. ODU's program provided a convenient and exciting course of study. The professors at ODU taught with the knowledge of real-world applications, which helps a student absorb and relate to the subject matter on a higher level."

—David Dent, Blacksburg

"The quality of education at ODU is excellent. I've been extremely satisfied with the Nursing program; our nursing professors are fantastic – well-educated, some with doctorate degrees who do research work.... They're always available for questions or feedback. The program has been really enjoyable and a lot of fun."

—Dorothy Grizzard, RN, Montgomery Regional Hospital

"I have received an excellent education by very knowledgeable instructors who are willing to help me reach my full potential. It is great not having to worry about being physically in a large class. I have formed great bonds with other students, and because of this, the learning environment is more positive. If you ever need any help or advising there is always someone from the wonderful site staff willing to help."

—Wes Brusseau, Human Services major

Linkous named board chair

Larry Linkous of Christiansburg has been elected chair of the NRCC Board. He will serve in this capacity through the 2005-2006 academic year. Dr. Jim Johnson of Blacksburg will serve as vice-chair during the same time period.

Linkous has served on the New River Community College Board since 2001.

"We congratulate Mr. Linkous on assuming this role," said NRCC president Jack M. Lewis. "We look forward to working with him in this capacity, as well as with Dr. Johnson as vice-chair."

NRCC's local Board includes 12 community leaders from around the New River Valley. Members are appointed by their political jurisdictions for terms of four years.

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college credits through a dual enrollment option.

NRCC Information Technology Professor Carlotta Eaton helped work on the agreement and expressed excitement over the new opportunities.

"I am very excited about this new opportunity to teach more computer skills in high school," Eaton said. "The United States needs to start at the high school level to compete with other countries and keep more high-skilled information technology jobs at home."

Eaton also was quick to point out that NRCC has worked hard to keep its information technology program and degrees up to date with the technologies needed for today's jobs.

"This new agreement gives our students a jump start," Eaton said, referring to the possibility of students now being able to begin learning needed skills in high school.