

Spring 2005

Greetings Alumni and Friends! Spring is in full swing and some exciting things are happening at NRCC. We hope you enjoy catching up on the latest news.

New Alumni website has been launched

NRCC has launched its new Alumni website. Check it out at <http://www.nr.edu/alumni/> or simply access it from the "Quick Links" section of the NRCC home page.

Also please note that we have new sites for the NRCC Educational Foundation and the Office of Planning and Advancement. Among other features, all three sites allow donors to make contributions online using PayPal or a credit card.

You can also use the site to update your contact information.

Alumni website features include:

- ☞ Profiles of NRCC Alumni
- ☞ Services for Alumni
- ☞ Online news about NRCC
- ☞ Giving opportunities
- ☞ Links to college programs and services
- ☞ Electronic copies of our newsletters



Calendar of Events

4/26	Foundation Board meeting
4/28	President's Awards Ceremony
4/29	Spring Fling, student lounge
5/9-12	Spring semester exams
5/11	Pinning ceremony for Associate Degree in Nursing program
5/13	Graduation
5/23	Summer Session begins

Pinning ceremony planned

Two years ago, NRCC welcomed the first class of nursing students who would complete both years of study towards their associate degree in nursing at New River. Previously, students could complete one year at NRCC but would have to transfer to Wytheville Community College to graduate. But the need for registered nurses in the New River Valley is so critical that four local hospitals – Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center, Montgomery Regional Hospital and Pulaski Community Hospital – have all contributed monetary support to help implement the new program.

NRCC will hold its first pinning ceremony on May 11, with 46 nursing students expected to receive pins. Dr. Glenn Dubois, chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, will be in attendance to help celebrate the event.

After graduation is held May 13, students who received their associate degree in nursing are eligible to sit for the state licensure exam. Students who pass the state licensure exam receive their registered nurse certification.

Check out the new alumni website: www.nr.edu/alumni

College announces hires and promotions

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

Tommy Baker, Instructor of Legal/Administrative Support Tech.
Jay Kirschenman, Instructor of Automotive
Shirley Mann, Administrative Specialist, Word Processing
Karen Melendez, Manager, Christiansburg site
Belinda Nuchols, Administrative Specialist, Academic Assistance
Harriette Roadman, Instructor of Mathematics
Robin Troxel, Instructor of Nursing
Marsha Underwood, Instructional Designer, Distance Education
Marcie Vaughan, Interpreter, Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Jim Wright, Instructor of Accounting

CAD lab refurbished with state of the art equipment

NRCC's Computer Aided Design (CAD) program has a new program head, new equipment and refurbished lab facility.

"The lab brings to mind images of high tech computer labs you would expect to see at Pixar, DreamWorks or Frank Gehry's architecture studio in Los Angeles," says Jeff Levy, instructor of drafting.

The college has invested over \$100,000 in the lab on renovations and new equipment for the CAD program. Students in the program now have two large format plotters including a new HP 1050c, a medium format black and white laser printer and HP Color Pro medium format inkjet printer and a medium format full color HP laser printer. The lab will also have a rapid prototyping/stereo lithography printer which will produce a true three-dimensional model out of ABS plastic from any model that is generated by the computer.

"This type of financial investment and commitment, shows that New River Community College is serious about producing high quality employees for businesses," Levy adds. "It also tells industry that we want to work on collaborative projects with them."

Twenty-one new work stations have been added to the lab. They are complete drafting and design stations with tilting tops, fold away keyboard and mouse platforms, new 20-inch flat panel digital monitors, articulating drafting lights and Gateway work station computers custom-built to meet the needs of the CAD program. The computers are

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Wurzburger named PBL Advisor of the Year in State

Ray Wurzburger, NRCC alum and associate professor of accounting, has received the Virginia Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Outstanding Advisor of the Year honor. Wurzburger was nominated by NRCC's current PBL chapter, several former PBL presidents, and several colleagues.



Wurzburger first became involved with PBL as a student himself at NRCC. He served as chapter treasurer and later president, as well as participating in state competitions in several categories. As a student he was named to National Who's Who in PBL.

When he became a faculty member, Wurzburger continued his involvement with PBL. He served as PBL advisor from 1998-1995 and again from 2002-present. He has accompanied students to more than ten state and national conferences. He also has provided leadership to PBL students in helping organize community service projects such as the March of Dimes and the Salvation Army Stocking projects.

Wurzburger is a current member of the FBLA-PBL Foundation board and currently represents the PBL advisors on the board, as well as serving as the auditor of the board's financial records.

But it's not just his involvement over the years that helped him achieve this award, but rather the way that he was involved.

"With unparalleled dedication to the organization and its members, Ray's guidance and wisdom have helped carve the paths of many students," says Tracye Crooker, former PBL president. "I learned so much from Ray and will continue to put

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Deeda Scholarship Established

A scholarship has been established at NRCC in honor of the women of the Deeda family of central Pennsylvania. The scholarship will be offered through the NRCC Educational Foundation's endowed scholarship program.

Family and friends funded the Deeda Scholarship to honor women who have successfully made their way in the world despite limited financial resources.

The Deeda scholarship will be awarded annually. Preference will be given to female students and those who are single heads of households. There are no geographical requirements.

tidbits...

Dr. Charlie White, vice president for instruction and student services, is presently serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research for the Virginia Community College System. Dr. White has been serving in this capacity in Richmond since January, and plans to return to NRCC over the summer.

Carlotta Eaton, professor of information technology, has passed the CIW (Certified Internet Web) Site Designer certification. She is now a CIW Professional, and a CIW Certified Instructor.

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networked to all of the printers, plotters and 3-D printer.

Levy, who came to NRCC from the Pulaski County Technical Center, built a nationally recognized CAD program there and has the same goals for NRCC.

"I'd like to see our program not only at the top in the state, but also in the country in the near future. There's no reason why that can't happen. We've got the same type of students with the same potential here at New River as in any other community college in the country," Levy adds.



For information about the CAD program, contact Jeff Levy at 674-3600, ext. 4362 or e-mail nrlevyj@nr.edu.

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what I've learned to use every day."

Vickie Keleher, another former PBL president, calls Wurzburger an inspiration to every student who meets him.

"Ray's gift for teaching others outside the classroom can be readily seen while he carries out his duties as PBL advisor. Ray's genuine nature is to listen, encourage, contribute and applaud those around him," said Keleher.

Students travel to General Assembly in Richmond

As part of the Virginia Community College System campaign, "Every Day is Community College Day," the group was one of many from Virginia's community colleges who



are traveling to Richmond to visit legislators throughout this general assembly session. Here, students Amanda Quesenberry (left) and Lori Price (right) visit with Senator Phillip Puckett.

Students need your help with the rising costs of textbooks

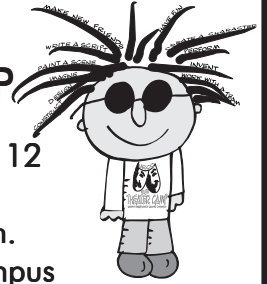
NRCC's Educational Foundation has started a new book fund to help raise money for textbook scholarships. College textbooks are more expensive than ever, and it is not common for single textbooks to cost more than \$120 each.

The Foundation has announced a goal of raising one million dollars in donations for textbook scholarships. The new book fund is named in honor of Ann Huff, a former Foundation board member and NRCC college board member, and the wife of prominent area businessman H.W. Huff, Jr. An emeritus member of the Foundation Board and a long-time supporter of the college, Mr. Huff kicked off the campaign with a generous contribution in her honor.

We now ask for your support to make this ambitious campaign a success. Would you consider making a donation to the book fund? Donations of any amount would be appreciated, and contributions are tax deductible. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization)

You can make donations online at www.nr.edu or by cutting out the coupon below and mailing it with your donation.

2005 YOUTH THEATER CAMP



For: **youth ages 7 to 12**

Dates: **July 18-29**

Time: **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Location: **NRCC campus**

Cost: **\$200 for the whole two weeks**

Registration deadline: **June 15**

Participating youth will take part in creative play using relaxation, concentration, imagination, invention, script writing, set design and construction and performance.

Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Participants are asked to pack their lunches.

The camp will end with a performance that family and friends are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Sandra Moyer, camp director and NRCC faculty member, by e-mail at nrmoyes@nr.edu or by calling 674-3600 ext. 4443.

Here's How You Can Help

- Yes! I'd like to help students purchase books by making a donation to the Ann Huff Book Fund.

Amount: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 Other: \$ _____

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you an NRCC Alum? Yes No If yes, what year: _____

Send forms to: Dr. Mark Rowh, New River Community College, PO Box 1127, Dublin, VA 24084