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WELCOME BACK

WE ARE BOLDLY MEC!!!

We have a great Fall semester ahead filled with hope, vision and excitement. Students eagerly walked through the doors of the MEC on Aug. 22, ready to embark on their own individual journey toward becoming a leader in healthcare.



"WHEN STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL, THEN WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSION"

- DR. NICOLE REAVES, MEC PROVOST

Throughout the summer, MEC faculty and staff worked diligently to ensure students were informed about specific academic programs prior to their first day of classes. A plethora of opportunities; including four MEC symposiums, orientations and engagement sessions were offered to students.



Students learned what the MEC has to offer by participating in several "Welcome Week" events coordinated by the Office of Student Life. Plenty of information was given about volunteering and

becoming members of various clubs and organizations. Students were also reminded of the MEC Passport – their gateway to the special events and free food, games, caricatures, magnet photos, dancing, prizes and giveaways.

MLT HOSTS JUMPSTART ORIENTATION

In an effort to create a strong foundation for student success, the Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Program welcomed incoming students with a MLT Jumpstart Orientation at the Medical Education Campus (MEC) on Aug. 15th.

MLT professors Amy McCarty and Stefanie Raymundo-Thompson provided information on the five-semester 20-month curriculum, which is designed to prepare students for certification and employment as medical laboratory technicians in various healthcare venues. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification (BOC) exam for MLT as well as other national certification exams.

Presentations from the orientation included a handbook and computer access overview, library resource training, student success and counseling services, degree progress report and tutoring services review. Students also toured the campus bookstore and the MLT lecture room and laboratory. The MeLT Club hosted and provided a pizza lunch and fun activities for first-and-second-year students to mingle after their information sessions.

Gratitude is extended to all MEC faculty and staff who, in addition to organizing this event, helped to ensure students understood the importance of the MLT program. This was the third successful MLT Jumpstart Orientation to welcome all medical lab technology students.



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CAMP MED 2018

“Incredible,” “awesome” and “amazing” were words repeated among school-aged students as they interacted with medical professionals through engaging, real-life scenarios at Camp Med 2018. For the 14th consecutive year, NOVA and the Virginia Hospital Center have partnered to offer Camp Med, a widely popular week-long summer program for local students interested in healthcare.

The two camp weeks—July 23-27 was hosted for rising 6th and 7th graders, and July 30 - Aug. 3 is for rising 8th and 9th graders, with both weeks limited to 24 campers. The camps normally fill up within the first few hours that registration is open. Participants spent a full day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington; and Wednesday at the MEC.

At NOVA, campers participated in a Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) simulation. During



the mock crime scene, campers learned about medical terminology and operational skills related to police-forensics, emergency medical services, nursing, medical laboratory technology, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy and radiography. Each camper also learned how to effectively conduct



health-related research from scholarly sources to discover possible cures as well as safety precautions. To add a twist to the researching process, students found a vaccine to cure infectious blood borne pathogens related to a zombie apocalypse. Bethany Tobin and Lissy

March, two- second year

occupational therapy

assistant students (OTA)

also introduced campers to

their own field of study

with several interactive

activities and offered

insight on their personal

experiences as a NOVA

student.

"My child said it was the best summer camp she has ever done"

-2018 Camp Med parent

“Many of the campers were surprised to learn



the responsibilities of an occupational therapy assistant and how they actually help people,” Tobin said.

CAMP MED CONTINUED

“Lissy and I set-up different activity stations for the students to learn about mobility, creative rehabilitative methods and the mental health aspect of occupational therapy. Our goal was for each child to understand that although using therapy tools may appear to be fun, they are purposeful for people with developmental impairments.”

“This was a great opportunity to raise awareness and introduce young children to a variety of options related to the medical field,” March said. “I enrolled in the OTA program because I wanted to help people become as independent as possible. As a student myself,

it’s inspiring to share my experiences with young children to assist them in understanding that many healthcare professions are the perfect fusion of psychology, education and medicine.”

At Virginia Hospital Center, campers rotate through the pulmonary and cardiac catheterization labs, ER, pharmacy, radiology, rehabilitation and medical diagnostics areas. A closing ceremony is also held for young students to formally present their experiences with family and friends.

All inquiries for Camp Med 2019 should be directed [online](#), keyword: Camp Med.



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REAVES SERVES AS NEW MEC PROVOST

NOVA is pleased to have Dr. Nicole Reaves as the new provost of the college's Medical Education Campus.

Reaves became vice-president for academic and student affairs at the City Colleges of Chicago—Wilbur Wright College in 2014. There, she was responsible for the largest portfolio at Wright College, the largest of the seven Colleges in the City of Chicago District, serving 23,000 students in 25 academic programs. She managed a multi-million dollar operating budget and was responsible for a full-time faculty of 94, a part-time faculty of 250 and five administrators.

"Trained Nursing and Health Sciences professionals are increasingly in high demand; with NOVA recognized as the region's leading source," said NOVA President Dr. Scott Ralls. "We need the very best to deliver the best and Dr. Reaves has what it takes."

Under Reaves' leadership, the Wilbur Wright College was selected to serve as the pilot institution and model for the six City Colleges of

Chicago in reinventing and revamping developmental education and the first-year experience. She has also led the faculty and staff at Wilbur Wright to develop the College's first Equity Action Plan and Academic Plan. Prior to her service to Wilbur Wright College, Reaves was employed at Westmoreland County Community College (WCCC), and in her five-year tenure transitioned from associate vice president of academic affairs to vice president of academic affairs and student services.

Reaves has also held appointments as the executive director of institutional research and effectiveness at Virginia Union University, assistant professor and program coordinator of Allied Health Professions at Shaw University, and as an instructor at Wake Tech Community College and public health educator at Franklin County Health Department in North Carolina.

Additionally, she has served as an on-site evaluator for



Virginia State University's Title III Program, a peer reviewer for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and has presented at national conferences, including the White House initiative on Minority Service Community Colleges Conference in 2016.

Reaves holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from North Carolina State University, an M.A. in Education and a B.S. in Public Health from East Carolina University.

"I plan to continue the great work being done at the MEC and build on the success the Campus has already achieved," said Reaves. "I am excited about this opportunity and honored to serve as the provost of NOVA's Medical Education Campus."

POWERS APPOINTED AS NEW DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES



As of June 25th, Shelly Powers, was appointed as the new dean of health sciences for the MEC.

Powers has over 19 years of experience in higher education, which includes administrative, academic teaching and consulting.

Additionally, she has over 30 years of experience as a physician assistant. She is certified by the National Commission on Certification

of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and licensed to practice in Maryland, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Her areas of specialty are obstetrics, gynecology and palliative care.

She joins the MEC from Howard University, where she has served in several positions as senior academic coordinator, chairperson, program director and assistant professor of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. During her tenure at Howard, she also received external federal funding as the principal investigator of grants which totaled \$3.2 million dollars.

Prior to Howard University, she served as the executive director for the District of Columbia Area Health Education Center. She directed the center's activities which included, improving the supply, diversity and quality of the healthcare workforce as well as increasing access to healthcare in medically underserved areas.

Additionally, she served as the Interim Program Director for the Physician Assistant Program in the School of

Health Sciences at Anne Arundel Community College.

Powers holds a M.A. in Administrative Management with a concentration in Health Services Administration from Bowie State University and a B.S. in Physician Assistant from Howard University.

"I look forward to accomplishing continued program growth, development and successful outcomes for the Division of Health Sciences at the MEC, with a focus on building and educating a diverse and competent healthcare workforce," said Powers. "I'm extremely excited and honored to serve in this capacity and taking the division to the next level."

The mission of the Health Sciences Division at NOVA's Medical Education Campus is to prepare caring, competent, adaptable, reflective and service-oriented healthcare professionals who can identify and use a variety of resources and technologies to function successfully in a diverse and evolving healthcare practice environment. NOVA's Medical Education Campus is the only specialized community college campus in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

'I'm extremely excited and honored to serve in this capacity at the MEC.'

~Shelly Powers

MEC WELCOMES BACK FACULTY & STAFF FOR FALL 2018

The MEC hosted its annual Welcome Back event on Thursday, Aug. 20th, with the theme “Boldly MEC.” MEC Provost Dr. Nicole Reaves offered words of encouragement to faculty and staff to kick-off the fall semester.



“I’m proud to serve as the provost of the Medical Education Campus,” Reaves said. “We are a team and I’m looking forward to a productive and collaborative new academic year.”

Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) faculty Dr. Mary Kay DeMarco and Judith Blum presented information on interprofessional education (IPE) and its implications for community colleges in health professions programs. They explained several methods to initiate IPE at the community college level and ways to analyze challenges involved with the planning and implementation of programs.

Reaves also provided faculty and staff with an update on the current status of the College and highlighted the new equipment housed on campus to effectively provide students with continued state-of-the-art training.

The annual Welcome Back event ended with afternoon breakout sessions tailored for specific academic and departmental programs.



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