Al Student Veterans Network at Public Wreath-Laying Ceremony

The Alexandria Student Veterans Network participated in the ANC Public Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Friday, June 27th at 3:15 pm. Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is one of the nation’s most sacred shrines honoring Veterans and their families who have sacrificed their lives for freedom. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery stands atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C.

The wreath-laying ceremony is memorial in purpose and patriotic in nature and is led for nonpartisan patriotic groups only when permission is granted by the Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery. The wreath-laying ceremony, which followed directly after the changing of the guard, included the ceremonial party consisting of the Relief Commander at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a wreath bearer, bugler, and four representatives of the Al Student Veterans Network. After the wreath was presented, the bugler sounded “Taps.”

NVCC Alexandria Student Veterans presented the wreath on behalf of all students and faculty who attend the College.

Start Strong—On-Time Registration

NOVA wants you to understand the College’s new On-Time Registration policy. Starting with the Fall 2014 semester, you must register for classes by 11:59 pm on the day before a session starts.

The payment policy has not changed. If you register at the last minute the day before a session starts, you still have until 5:00 pm on the next business day to pay tuition. In other words, tuition DOES NOT need to be paid by the 11:59 pm deadline the day before the session begins. As always, make sure you pay by 5:00 pm on the next business day or your classes will be dropped for non-payment.

You may still drop a course, but if registration has closed, you will not be able to add a new class during the same session; you will have to wait until the next session. The same is true for swaps. If you want to swap a course, you will need to select a course in a future session.

Schedule adjustments will be allowed during the first week of classes ONLY if you have documented mitigating circumstances. If you find yourself in this situation, talk to the appropriate academic division dean because that is the only person who can grant permission for schedule adjustments.

Are you aware that you can register for Fall-2014 classes starting now and not have to pay until July 28th 2014? Register early so you can get the classes that you need. This policy change affects all students. START STRONG!

Virtual Advising

Academic advising is important at NOVA. Academic advising helps you to plan a program that will meet your educational objectives. If you cannot come to campus to meet with your advisor, Online Virtual Advising is available to you.

Virtual Advisors are available by chat Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Click on the “Live Chat” button on the right of the page to chat with a virtual advisor.

You may also contact a Virtual Advisor through e-mail. E-mail your questions to AcademicAdvising@nvcc.edu. Your questions will be answered within 24 hours.

REMININDER: Please have your NOVA Student ID number available whenever seeking academic advising.

Academic Calendar Reminders

- **12 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 10 Aug 14: Classes and Examinations End
  - **First 8 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 13 Jul 14: Classes and Examinations End
  - **Second 8 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 18 Jul 14: Last day to withdraw without grade penalty
  - 10 Aug 14: Classes and Examinations End
- **Second 6 Week Session (SM-14):**
  - 25 Jul 14: Last day to withdraw without grade penalty
  - 10 Aug 14: Classes and Examinations End
- **10 Week Session (FA-14):**
  - 20 Aug 14: 16-Week Session Begins

Adding or Dropping a Class?

If you add or drop a class from your schedule, it is imperative that you notify your Veteran’s Advisor by submitting an Adjustment Form as soon as possible. These changes may affect your benefits and could potentially cause an increase or decrease of any housing stipend that you may be entitled to. Remember that it is the student’s responsibility to promptly notify the Veteran’s Advisor of any changes to your schedule.

**Summer-14 BAH Requirements**

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Alexandria Library Equipment & Technology Resources

Are you currently in need of basic technology resources to help you through Finals or any of your classes? Did you know that the Alexandria Campus Library provides technology equipment for lending to students?

- The following is available for use at the library:
  - eReaders, Media Players
  - Calculators (Basic, Scientific, TI-83, and TI-84)
  - Computers with the latest Microsoft Office Suite
  - Ethernet Cables, Copiers / Scanners

Follow this link for further information on how to reserve equipment through the NVCC Alexandria Campus.

Alexandria Library Equipment & Technology Resources – Student Veteran Research Success LibGuide

The librarians at the Alexandria Campus Libraries have created a new Student Veteran Research Success LibGuide specifically developed for veterans and military students. The purpose of this research guide is to introduce you to NOVA library resources, to guide you through the research process, and to connect our NOVA service members and veterans with the information they need to be successful student researchers.

B-6 Parking Lot Permanently Closed

Please be advised, the B-6 parking lot is CLOSED permanently for site preparation and construction of the NEW Alexandria Academic Building. Closure took effect business on Wednesday, 25 June 2014. Please use alternate routing to get to the upper part of the campus such as Dawes and Fillmore.

Student-Veterans Peer Mentoring Program

The Veterans & Military Student Resource Office is seeking applicants and are currently accepting résumés for a Student Veteran Work Study position for Summer 2014. In order to be eligible, you must be at least a 3/4 time student and be receiving VA Education Benefits.

The Student Veterans Peer Mentoring Program Assistant will provide administrative support for the development and implementation of a peer mentoring program for student veterans. Administrative duties may include, but not be limited to: assisting in developing program guidelines; marketing the program; recruiting peer mentors; arranging meetings; creating & maintaining a database of mentors and mentees; and assisting with the coordination of VMSRO campus events. Peer mentors will help fellow student veterans on campus get connected with resources and services appropriate to their needs and provide them with support throughout their transition to college.

If you are interested in applying for this VA Work Study position please submit a copy of your résumé and cover letter describing your interest via email to vderodriguez@nvcc.edu. You will be contacted for an interview with the Coordinator.

Vanessa Díaz Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Coordinator, Special Student Programs
Northern Virginia Community College
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Alexandria, VA 22311-5097

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is open to current students, faculty and staff members of NOVA. Membership provides access for individuals who are not current students or staff members during the Fitness Center's posted open hours. Membership for current students, faculty and staff is free.

The Fitness Center is located in the Tyler Building of the Alexandria Campus, Room 202. To sign up for membership to the Fitness Center, call 703.845.6240. The Fitness Center is equipped with various machines and equipment for all levels of conditioning including:

- Treadmills
- Ellipticals
- Recumbent Bicycles
- Free Weights
- Dumbbells
- Machines for Torso

Each semester, students must show their current NOVA ID to work out in the center. Students must sign in as they enter the Fitness Center and work out at their own risk. Contact the fitness center supervisor for more information.

PLAN AHEAD

- 28 Jul 14: Tuition Payment deadline for Fall-14
- 7 Aug 14: NEW! Last day to add your name to the Wait List for all classes, except the second 8-week session.
- 10 Aug 14: All classes and examinations for Summer-14 term end.
- 19 Aug 14: Registration closes at 11:45 pm for FALL 16-Wk Session and First 8-Wk Session.
- 20 Aug 14: Classes begin for FALL-14 16-Wk Session and First 8-Wk Session.
- 1 Sep 14: Labor Day Holiday, College Closed
- 1 Oct 14: Last day to apply for Fall 2014 Graduation
- 8 Oct 14: NEW! Last day to add your name to the Wait List for second 8-week session.

Adult Career Pathways Program

Veterans Advisor on Alexandria Campus

Are you part of the MILITARY COMMUNITY and looking for personalized Academic Advisement?

- Adult Career Pathways (ACP) helps with:
  - Flexible Advising to Fast-Track your Education
  - Getting College Credit for you Prior Learning & Military Experience
  - Applying for Military Education Benefits
  - Financial Aid, Grants, Scholarships, & MyCAA Benefits for
  - Military Spouses
  - Internships and Job Seeking Services for Veterans

ACP Program Veteran’s Advisor, Valerie Palmer, will be on the Alexandria campus weekly on Wednesdays in Bisdorf Bldg, Rm AA193B, between 1:30pm—4:30pm. If you would like to speak with Ms. Palmer, you may stop by for a brief session on Wednesday afternoon, or you may contact her via e-mail for an appointment, vpalmer@nvcc.edu.