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Hispanic Heritage Awards Dinner: from left, contestants Veronica Guña, Angela Solano, Grand Prize winner Jessica Alvia, Jennifer Sellers, Professor Angeles Dam, NCC Foundation board member Valerie Cooper and Shannon McAvoy.

Hispanic Heritage Contest Awards Dinner

On Monday, October 18, 2010 NCC's first Hispanic Heritage Contest Awards Dinner was held in the Culinary Arts Dining Room. Many contestants attended the dinner, which included presentations of student entries. Entries included visual displays on poster board, poems, and stories of personal experience. The contest stipulated that students use their creative abilities to represent Latino culture. Participants were asked to tell a panel of judges, in either literary or visual art works, what Latin American culture means to them, what it means for the United States, and what their experience has been with people of Hispanic descent. Students of all heritages were invited to participate in the event.

The judges chose a work by Jessica Alvia, who made a poster detailing many aspects of the culture of Ecuador, as the winning entry.

At the beginning of the dinner, Barbara Drotman, Dean of College Advancement, spoke about NCC's long

history of diversity, cultural awareness and inclusion, "Diversity comes naturally to the college," she said. She described the many workshops, panels, committees and events that focus on diversity at the college.

Director of Student Services Andres Gomez introduced the student presentations by emphasizing that all the contestants are winners. Winning contestants will receive tickets and transportation to a performance at El Repertorio Español, a theater in New York City that presents plays in Spanish of interest to the Hispanic/Latino community and highlights its cultural heritage.

NCC Foundation Board member Valerie Cooper arranged for corporate sponsors to act as judges for the contest. A wonderful dinner was prepared and served for the event by students in the Principles of Food (HSP 101) class.

For more photos of the event please see page 3.



UN Day and Congo Week Observed

On October 20, Norwalk Community College observed United Nations Day with a panel discussion on “Conflict Minerals: The Deadly Scramble for Natural Resources in Africa and How We Can Help.”

The panelists included Hannah Taylor, a member of the U.N. Congo Peacekeeping Mission; Meryl Zendarksi, an expert on the Democratic Republic of Congo and former consultant for Africa Action; and Jason Stearns, a doctoral student at Yale University and former coordinator of the U.N. Group of Experts on the Congo.

The panelists discussed how illegal mining of minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo continues to fuel the most devastating war since World War II - a war that has already claimed six million lives. Panelists also discussed ongoing efforts to ensure that mining resources needed by industrial societies does not exacerbate conflict and human suffering.

October 20 was also observed as “Cell Out Day,” when a worldwide boycott of cell phones from noon to 1 p.m. called attention to the role coltan, a mineral used in the manufacture of cell phones, has played in furthering the Congo War.

Congo Week was started in October 2008 when students and community activists from around the world organized events in their communities focusing on the crisis in Congo. The event was called “Break the Silence” Congo Week.

United Nations Day (UN Day) is observed annually worldwide on October 24 to commemorate the founding of the United Nations in October 1945.

Non-Credit Enrollment Highest in System

Congratulations to NCC’s Division of Extended Studies and Workforce Education for having the highest non-credit enrollment of the 12 Connecticut Community Colleges for Fiscal 2009-2010!

“Once again, NCC is number one for total annual

registrations (10,567),” said David Chase, director of Extended Studies and Workforce Education. “This is the fourth year that we have been number one within the community college system. This accomplishment could not have been realized without the hard work of the entire Extended Studies team and management’s support for our programs.”

NCC’s Extended Studies and Workforce Education Division provides timely programs relevant to changing community needs and promotes the college as a center of lifelong learning.

Extended Studies programs are self-supporting. Each year, nearly 11,000 area residents become involved in courses, seminars, workshops and the many cultural activities and special education services offered through the Division.

Offerings are extensive and geared to learners of all ages. They include new courses to prepare Connecticut’s workforce for green collar jobs; healthcare certificates in careers ranging from Veterinary Assistant to Certified Nurse Aide; business, computer, personal enrichment and lifestyle programs including foreign languages and gardening; and English as a Second Language offerings.

The Division’s College for Kids program offers a wide variety of hands-on learning programs for children in grades 1-9. And its IFS Center for Educational Excellence offers programs that prepare students for careers in insurance and financial services.

In addition, NCC’s Division of Extended Studies and Workforce Education is a Connecticut Department of Labor Eligible Training Provider. Eligible individuals can receive financial assistance toward a wide variety of career-oriented training courses in business, technology, health-care and travel.

For more information, call (203)857-7080.



NCC to Join the City of Norwalk for Veterans Day Celebration

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 11

Students are invited to join the City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Veterans Memorial Committee to honor all veterans of all wars and conflicts. The annual ceremony will take place at Norwalk City Hall.

A bus will be available to transport all interested students. Boarding of the bus will begin at 8:45 a.m. and it will leave promptly at 9 a.m. from the NCC West Campus. For the return trip to NCC, students will board the bus after the ceremony at 11:30 a.m. To secure a seat on the bus, please contact Louisa Jones, Admissions Office, (203) 857-7301.

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Hispanic Heritage Contest Awards Dinner



From left to right, Counselor Orlando Soto, Counselor Marina Rivera, Professor Angeles Dam, Dean of College Advancement Barbara Drotman, and NCC Foundation Executive Director Jane Kiefer.



Contest winner Jessica Alvia discussed the culture of Ecuador in her presentation.



Contestants gathered before the start of the dinner. From left, Jennifer Sellers, Angela Solano, Veronica Guaña, Student Activities Director Andres Gomez, Jessica Alvia, and Shannon McAvoy.



From left, judge George Harmon of Deloitte Services, LP with contestant Lorena Tamayo and her mother, Yolanda.



Amy Jimenez of GE Capital, left, was a judge for the contest. She is show here with NCC Foundation Board member Valerie Cooper.



Judges for the contest included (from left) Bryan Gross, Dean of Admissions, University of Bridgeport and Karen Wright, Director of Development at Western Connecticut State University, who was accompanied by her husband Eric Wright.

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Fairfield County Women's Center Events Classroom Connections: Gender Stereotypes

Speaker Erin Livensparger from Planned Parenthood

Will be available on two dates and times:

8:30-9:50 a.m. on Wednesday Oct. 27 - Room W220

11:30-12:50 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 4 - Room E229

FCWC - Free Information Session

Credit

1-2 p.m. - Wednesday, October 27, Room W116

Speaker: Karen Gray

Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote!

Women's History Exhibit

Now through November 6, 2010

Norwalk Public Library (Belden and Mott Ave.)

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Connecticut, the Norwalk Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Norwalk. For more information call 203-858-1537 or email dlauricella24@yahoo.com.



Help Get Out the Vote!

Students who will be 18 years old by November 2 are eligible to vote in the upcoming November 2, 2010 elections. They must register by mail by October 19. Registration cards are available on campus for students to fill out and mail in.

Students can find cards on the East Campus in the Baker Library and at the Records Office counter or on the West Campus in the Student Activities Center, Room W111.

If students miss the October 19 mail in date, they can still register in person with the Registrar of Voters in the towns where they reside, no later than October 26, 7 days before the November 2 elections.



Trunk or Treat

4-7 p.m. Thursday, October 28

West Campus parking lot

The Office of Student Activities and the Family Economic Security Program would like to welcome your program/office/club to decorate a "trunk" for students and their families to visit and obtain a treat and information about what your service has to offer. The goal is to provide

a family-friendly student event that also showcases services and activities to help students be successful. If you would prefer to set up a table instead of a car we will be happy to accommodate you. You are responsible for providing the treats you give out. Come join the fun and don't forget to wear your costume.

If you would like to set up a car, please contact Kristina Testa-Buzzee at ktesta-buzzee@ncc.commnet.edu (203) 857-7220, or Andres Gomez at agomez@ncc.commnet.edu. After the event, stay for the halloween Double Feature in the East Campus Forum.



Halloween Double-Feature

6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 28, East Campus Forum

The next Movie-of-the-Month screening will be a fun-filled Halloween double feature that starts off with the original classic horror film *The Bride of Frankenstein* (1935), directed by the amazing James Whale and starring Boris Karloff, Colin Clive, Dwight Frye, Elsa Lanchester, and the unforgettable Ernest Thesiger.

That will be followed with Mel Brooks's equally memorable spoof *Young Frankenstein* (1974), with Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle, Madeline Kahn, Marty Feldman, and Cloris Leachman.

Both films are free and kids are welcome, so come to NCC for some early (and safe) Halloween fun—the annual Trunk or Treat, held in NCC's parking lots starts at 4:00 p.m., and will be followed by the *Frankenstein* double-feature at 6:30 p.m.



2010 Fairfield County Heart Walk

9 a.m. Saturday, October
30, 2010

Sherwood Island State
Park, Westport, CT

Goals: Raise \$375,000 while increasing awareness of the importance of physical activity. Register online or learn about the 2010 Fairfield County Start! Heart Walk at www.fairfieldcountyheartwalk.org. Choose a team to walk with and sign up today! For information, please contact Jennifer Wood at jwood@ncc.commnet.edu.

NCC Heart Walk Captains for 2010: Lynn Boyar, Estelle Dattolo, Ty Griese, Rose Ellis, Eleanor Bascom, Janet Genovese, Stephanie Brown and Jennifer Wood.

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NCC's Literature Club Field Trips

Tickets and transportation to all of these events are free. Students must pay for their own meals. (There is a stop for dinner before each event.)

Tickets are not available until two weeks before the performance. Preference will be given to first-timers, but all are welcome. To reserve your ticket, contact Professor Carlson, no more than two weeks before the announced date, at gcarlson@ncc.commnet.edu.

All trips are on Thursdays. Students meet outside Professor Carlson's office in room W136 at 4:15 p.m. The van leaves from the West Campus promptly at 4:30 p.m.

Next Field Trip:

A Delicate Balance by Edward Albee

4:15 p.m. Thursday, November 11

A comedy about the fragile nature of marriages, families, and friendships, by the four-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" At New Haven's Yale Rep Theater.

Fall 2010 Transfer Information Sessions Hosted by the L.E.A.P. Program

The following colleges and universities will soon be visiting Norwalk Community College to give information sessions on how to transfer into their institutions. Students who plan to transfer from NCC after graduation won't want to miss these information sessions.

• University of Pennsylvania

College of Liberal and Professional Studies

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 26

Conference Room West 248

• Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and Wellesley College

2- 4 p.m. Monday, November 8

Conference Room East 212

Staff and Faculty News

Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving (CSEC)

Diane Annetta, NCC's CSEC coordinator for this year's charitable giving campaign, asks you to please consider participating in this year's Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving.

Last year Norwalk Community College only had 3% of its full-time employees participate. It is NCC's goal for this campaign to raise that number to 25% participation. You can pledge as little as \$1.00 to be deducted bi-weekly for one of the 700 charities listed in the campaign directory.

Full-time faculty and staff can use the payroll deduction plan. If you are a part-time employee or an adjunct you can make a one-time gift. For additional

information, or to volunteer to assist in this year's campaign, call Diane Annetta at (203) 857-3367 or email her at dannetta@ncc.commnet.edu. The campaign will run until December 15.



Fitzsimmons in New Haven Group Show

October 23, 2010-January 1, 2011

River Street Gallery

72 Blatchley Avenue

New Haven, CT

203/776-3099

fairhaven-furniture.com

NCC Photography Professor Joan Fitzsimmons has work in a group show titled, "All Together Now," in New Haven.

ING Financial Advisor to be on Campus

November 4 and November 18 in Room W248

December 2 in Room W248

Appointment times are scheduled between the hours of 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Marilyn Timbers of ING Financial Advisers, LLC will be available on campus to meet with new and current employees to review the following plans:

- Alternate Retirement Plan
- State of Connecticut 403(b)
- Roth 403(b)
- 457 (Deferred Compensation)

Website: <http://www.ingretirementplans.com/SponsorExtranet/CTHome/>

She will answer your financial questions, reallocate portfolios, and enroll new and current employees.

To set up an individual meeting, please contact Marilyn Timbers at: marilyn.timbers@ingfa.com or call her at (800)784-6386, ext. 3363 or at (860) 580-2126.

Ms. Timbers will confirm all appointment times, the meeting place, and recommend what information to bring to the meeting.