

Report to the Community

Congratulations to mid-year graduates

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Spring semester at Napa Valley College

Napa Valley College offers preparation for Health Occupations careers including EMT, Respiratory Therapy, Psychiatric Technician and Nursing. Family and friends congratulated graduates at the most recent Associate Degree in Nursing program pinning ceremony in December.



Photo by Richard Bruns

Spring semester started Jan. 23 at Napa Valley College. Students returning after the winter break will find many campus improvements in place from an expanded Writing Center and Math Lab to college parking lot improvements. Many of the Measure N bond facilities improvements are visible, including the completed new Chiller Plant and the new Science Building, which is nearing completion.

Spring classes in the new Mac Lab (MacIntosh computer lab) include Art 260, Digital Art and Graphic Design 1 using Adobe Illustrator; Art 261, Digital Art & Graphic Design 2 using the industry standard publishing program InDesign; Art 265, Imaging Editing for Artists 1; and Art 298, Imaging Editing for Artist 2, using a fusion of Illustrator and Image Ready; and Photography 151, Photoshop 2, the second level of Photoshop. For the first time Film Production (Drama 140-55384) will be offered on the main campus. It is offered on Wednesday 3-5:50 p.m. The students will be learning the art of making films on the new Mac computers.

Many other classes are available, from Creative Writing to Speech. Classes in the Hospitality Management Program are still open for registration.

It's not too late to register! Late registration

NVC nursing graduates help fill nursing shortage

The fall 2007 Associate Degree in Nursing program pinning ceremony was held Dec. 17. Student speakers were Abigale Ayuyao, Heather Plack-Plyler and Frank Spruce. Master of Ceremonies was Associate Dean of Nursing Margaret Craig. Dr. Amy LaPan,

dean of Health Occupations; Sue Nelson, vice president of Instruction; and nursing instructor Susan Engle also spoke. De Sturdevant and Sonja Gambrel of the Nursing Skills Lab directed the lighting of the candles and the nurse pledge. Margaret Craig

and faculty members presented the pins.

Graduates

Graduates are Oliver Aandahl, Carmen Arroyo, Abigale Lumas

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Carmen Martinez Calderon: from NVC to a Ph.D.

When Carmen Martinez Calderon first came to the Napa Valley, she was eight years old and couldn't speak a word of English.

"I didn't even know what 'Hi' meant," recalls Martinez, now 28, who made learning the language her first priority and became fluent in a matter of months.

It was the beginning of many triumphs for this determined young Ph.D. candidate, who graduated from Napa High with honors at 16 and earned her cosmetology license at 17 so that she could afford to continue her education.

While working full-time at a Napa hair



Carmen Martinez Calderon

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Chilling out



Photo by Richard Bruns

A state-of-the-art Chiller Plant has been completed on campus thanks to Measure N funds. It will provide a significant cost savings to the campus. Ice is made at night to chill water which will then be circulated through campus buildings during the day with energy generated by NVC's solar project. Many of the first Measure N projects were campus infrastructure projects, necessary before major new construction could start. The current campus opened in 1965.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Napa Valley College is in the midst of a transformation. Faculty and staff are united in a concerted effort to make this educational institution an ever greater resource for our community—and for our students whose faces and stories you will find in these pages.

Napa Valley College is building for the future. A new Life Sciences Building scheduled to open for classes in Summer, 2008, will help educate the science majors and nurses that California urgently needs, and it will also free up much-needed classroom space for engineering, physics, and chemistry courses. Ground will be broken this spring for the new Library and Learning Resource Center that will accommodate new learning technologies and provide library space necessary for a college of our increasing student enrollment. The Instructional Center for the Performing Arts will enable the college to fully embrace its mission to provide performing arts education and expand the college's ability to provide live performing arts experiences affordable for local families.

New roads and desperately needed additional parking have been completed. Our six-acre photovoltaic field, one of



the largest in the country, has put NVC in the forefront of "green" technology. In combination with the environmentally friendly chiller plant, Napa Valley College has made clear its strong commitment to the environment and has drastically reduced energy costs required to run our campus. New, lighted tennis courts have been completed and are available for classes and recreational play.

An auxiliary gymnasium will allow the college to expand its adaptive physical education program for the disabled, those who face other medical challenges, and seniors. An expanded police training annex will house our Criminal Justice Training Program, acknowledged statewide for educational excellence and leadership. A new ceramics building and additional facilities for the Viticulture and Winery Technology Program will also be completed, making NVC one of only two community colleges in the nation to be able to sell the wine it produces, thus contributing to the financial support of the program.

Along with our facilities, our educational and student support programs are continually improved. Our Nursing Program has doubled in size, and a new electronic classroom allows

us to send respiratory therapy instruction to sites throughout northern California. We have begun a new Hospitality Program at the request of those in the local hotel, restaurant and wine industries. We have graduated new Corrections Academy classes, producing students trained for state and local jobs. We have guaranteed transfer agreements with many top universities, and we are one of only three community colleges with an agreement with UC Berkeley for students interested in the sciences. We have partnered with CSU, Sonoma so that working people can complete a bachelor's degree on the Napa Valley College campus at night.

When I walk across our campus, I see the future of the community on our students' faces. They are full of hope, and full of promise. I look forward to seeing the contributions they will make to the vitality of our community. We are committed to providing the knowledge and skills that ensure a bright future for each of them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chris McCarthy, President

Honor Society students honored

Napa Valley College has an active chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Since the Napa chapter was founded in 1995, almost 1,500 students have been inducted and received the benefits of membership.

The students contribute to the college and to the community with service projects such as participation in the annual Napa River cleanup. They organize special events both on campus and in the community; a recent forum on world religions is an example.

NVC has an outstanding record of producing All-California and All-USA Academic Team members. This year two outstanding students, Ami Breshears and Katelyn McLeod, have been nominated for All-California academic team consideration by advisors Prof. Cathy Gillis and Prof. Andrea Bewick. Both students have superior academic records and are very active in college and community life. The awards will be announced and presented in April.

Last year NVC student Jason Johnson was honored on the All-California Academic first team and Griselda Vargas was named to the third team.



NVC students Griselda Vargas and Jason Johnson were honored for academic success at a ceremony in Sacramento.

International Service Award

Beta Beta Sigma, NVC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, won the Regional Service Award and placed in the top 100 chapters of the entire international organization of 1,200 chapters. The announcement was made this fall at the international convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Accepting the awards were NVC students Nickole Iadarola, former vice president of Service, and Christopher Hagerman, former vice president of Records and now president of the college's chapter.



Tamera Melvin was among students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at the December ceremony. She was congratulated by Jennifer Colleen Frost, an NVC graduate and former honor society president.

Induction of new members

An informal induction of new members, students who have achieved a 3.5 GPA for at least 12 transferable units, was held in December. A special guest at the ceremony was NVC graduate Jennifer Colleen Frost. Frost, who served two terms as honor society president, received All-California and All-USA honors and received numerous scholarships. She is now a senior at Texas A&M University at Commerce, with a double major of English and Wildlife Conservation. She was home visiting for the holidays.

A more formal ceremony with family and friends will be held in May.

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continues through Jan. 29.

In addition, many late-start classes are in the Spring schedule, from Administration of Justice classes to Grapevine Propagation, from Techniques for Improving Memory to Swim for Fitness. Evening Digital Design Graphics and AutoCAD classes are available for those wanting to train for a new career. Geographic Information Systems (Geog 121) will start Feb. 2. Solarplate Etching (Art 187) will start March 22 at the Upper Valley Campus. Several online classes are late start including Introduction to Business, Introductory Excel for Business Professionals and (HEOC 171) Medical Terminology. Mathematics classes are also available including Algebra to Statistics.

See www.napavalley.edu for the Spring schedule and registration information. Financial Aid information is available by calling 707-253-3020.

An evening part-time Police Academy will start in March for the convenience of those who are employed and considering changing careers. Call the 24-hour information line at 707-253-3250 or see www.nvccjtc.org. The next entrance exams are Feb. 2 and March 1.

Fine & Performing Arts

Napa Valley College Fine and Performing Arts students do special performances for Young Audiences. In the fall they performed "Bambi: A Life in the Woods." After this special performance on campus, Director Jennifer King hosted a "talk-back" where the young students could question the cast. These elementary school students, pictured right, were from Napa and American Canyon elementary schools. This spring "The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and his Friends" will open March 8.



Student success story

Many Napa Valley College Fine and Performing Arts students take classes to round out their educations, prepare for transfer or for a career in the field. An example of a Napa Valley College Fine and Performing Arts success story is Benjamin Stowe, pictured at left with drama director



Jennifer King. Benjamin has gone on to perform in many venues including the summer Shakespeare Festival at Lake Tahoe. He is now employed teaching at the Sonoma County Repertory Theater. He is also in their upcoming production there of "Moonlight and Magnolias." He came back to visit campus and attend a children's theater production.

Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Measure N Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee has been monitoring how the college spends Measure N funds. According to outgoing chair Dr. Tom Timar, the college has "spent bond money only on voter-approved projects" and should be congratulated on its "commitment to conservation." The Oversight Committee reported that it is "impressed with the college's efforts to maximize bond funds."

The 2007-2008 Oversight Committee, chaired by Greg Rodeno, will include Heather Stanton, Jarrod Denton, Gregory



New Science Building under construction.

Evans, Brian Kearney, Audrey Amundsen, Skip Keyser, Richard Walton, Rick Whatley and Dr. Denys Michaud.

Student services

Napa Valley College has a wide variety of student services and support programs to help students succeed. See www.napavalley.edu or call the Office of Student Services at 253-3110. The ASB Office can be reached at 253-3060 for information on student government and student activities.

Veterans' Services

Veterans are welcomed at Napa Valley College. For information on how to use the GI Bill and other forms of Financial Aid, call the Veterans' Office at 253-3032.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Napa Valley College scholarship deadline is Feb. 5. For more information see www.napavalley.edu or contact the Financial Aid office at 253-3020. March 2 is the Financial Aid priority deadline and the deadline for Cal Grants.

Coming Events

Date set for Spring Job Fair

Napa Valley College presents a job fair open to the community twice a year. The Spring Job Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 2, 2008.

It is free and open to the public. The job fairs attract more than 100 employers focusing on all industries, including health occupations, retail, hospitality and tourism, construction and trade, financial organizations and nonprofits, among others.

Employers can now register to participate. Early-bird special registration for nonprofits to participate is \$80, commercial employers, \$120. After March 14, table prices increase to \$120 for nonprofits and \$170 for employers.

Free parking will be available. For more information, visit the college website at www.napavalley.edu or call Edward Beanes in the Career Center at 253-3055.

African American Celebration Dinner

The 7th annual African American Celebration Dinner will be held

from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 28. It is sponsored by ASB and the Black Student Union. The formal sit-down dinner and Black and White Ball with a live DJ will be in the Napa Valley College Cafeteria. (Formal attire requested.)

It is free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling the ASB Office, 707-253-3060.

NVC Foundation Murder Mystery Dinner

Want to help solve a murder mystery? The Napa Valley College Foundation annual dinner will feature a murder mystery and fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 8. The event will benefit the Criminal Justice Training Center and feature Fine and Performing Arts students. Diners will help solve a pretend murder. The show will begin with a reception at 5 p.m. in the NVC Gym. Food will be served by Knickerbockers Catering throughout the show. "The murder mystery is like a play, but it also has audience interaction," Sonia Wright, NVC Foundation executive director, said. Audi-

ence members are encouraged to ask questions throughout the show in an attempt to solve the mystery. Tickets are available in the Foundation office until February 29 for \$100. Call 253-3374 or see www.napavalley.edu/NVC_Foundation for more information.

Wine Country Hospitality Symposium

In addition to a new credit program in Hospitality Management, NVC has a Hospitality Institute through the college's Small Business Development Center as a resource to the local hospitality industry. The NVC Hospitality Institute will host the third Wine Country Hospitality Symposium on Tuesday March 25 at the Upper Valley Campus in St. Helena. It is an all-day event. See www.nvchi.org for details or call Charlie Monahan, coordinator, at 253-3219.

For more information on the Hospitality Management program, see www.napavalley.edu/hospitality or call Ian MacNeil, program coordinator, at 259-6047.

Healthy People, Healthy Planet in American Canyon

Each year Napa Valley College, in conjunction with the City of American Canyon and Queen of the Valley Hospital, plans a health, fitness and environmental fair in American Canyon. The annual Healthy People, Healthy Planet will be held this year on May 3 at the American Canyon Community Center. Watch for future announcements.

College Night in American Canyon

The Napa Valley College annual College Awareness Night in American Canyon will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the American Canyon Community Center on Benton Way. In addition to information on college programs and services, four-year college and university representatives will participate and share information. Watch for future announcements or call Robyn Tornay, Assistant Registrar, Admissions & Records, (707) 253-3249 or email rtornay@napavalley.edu.

Earth Day and Solar Celebration April 19

Napa Valley College will host the Napa community Earth Day celebration in conjunction with

the college's third annual Solar Celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19 at the college soccer fields. Earth Day is sponsored by the Napa County Environmental Education Coalition. See www.earthdaynapa.com for details.



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Congratulations to to Serve and Protect



Photos by Betty Malmgren

Dean Greg Miraglia, director of the Napa Valley College Criminal Justice Training Center at left, welcomes those attending the December graduation ceremony.



Lester Flynn, a graduate from Class 67, was sponsored by the Calistoga Police Department. He is a graduate of the reserve academy program and has been working as a dispatcher for Calistoga Police Department.

Many Police Academy graduates already at work

Napa Valley College graduated 51 new police recruits from the 67th and 69th Basic Academy classes on Dec. 8, 2007. The graduates headed for work at police departments and sheriff's offices that include the Napa County Sheriff's Department, Napa Police Department, Vacaville Police Department, Fairfield Police Department, Woodland Police Department, Stockton Police Department, Richmond Police Department, San Pablo Police Department, Mill Valley Police Department, Pittsburg Police Department, Walnut Creek Police Department, and the California Department of Fish and Game. These graduates will help fill some of the over 8,000 vacant police and sheriffs jobs in California.

The police academy includes over 880 hours of intensive training covering 42 different areas of knowledge. The recruits have passed more than 86 tests and have met some of the highest graduation standards in the State of California. Napa Valley College is home to one of only 39 police

academies certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

The graduation ceremonies started with a formal inspection of the academy classes by Chief Ed Dadisho of the Suisun Police Department.

The next entrance exam for the Police

Academy is February 2, 2008. A full-time class starts in January and April. A part-time class starts in March 2008 for the convenience of those who are employed and want to earn the certificate in the evening.

For more information, see www.nvccjtc.org or call 707-253-3250.

The graduates

Class 67 – Aauio Bezayiff, Stephen Blomstedt, Cody Carta, Kyle Dearmon, Kenneth Doughty, Lester Flynn, Charles Hankins, Carlos Lare-Masters, Thomas Letterman, Reynold Malan, Christopher Mraz, Brandon Neison, Nathaniel Rico, Scott Roozen, Omar Salem, Doug Shoaf and Jesse Velez.

Class 69 – Brooke Bash, Justin Berkenstock, Ryan Brace, Carly Broaddus, Thomas Brown, Cliff Calderan, Joseph Coffin, Ryan Daley, Cory Decker, Brian Donahue, Jason Drobish, Kyle Eddleman, Saukwan Fung, Noah Hayes, David Herrera, Patrick High, Adam Kraft, Nicholas Law, Nicholas Leland, Stephen Lindsey, Michael Molina, Benjamin Murdoch, Brad Philpot, Jonathan Platzner, Tyler Quinn, Jonathan Rico, Carey Richardson, Justin Rist, Chad Rowlett, Ravinder Singh, Jon Stone, Damion Underwood, Mark Werdon and Andrew Yetter.

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Ayuyao, Michelle Bartlett, Casey Bridge, Antoinette Cortez, Andrea Davault, Andrea Del Rosario, Erlinda Eason, Lillian Fulmore, Sabrina Gage, Christine Hasbani, Crystal Ingersoll, Anna Isip,

Mary Jimenez, Radonna Kilough, Nidhi Kumar, Kevin Lopez, Lisa Nicole Lyons, Mariano Benrowne, Leilani Marquez, Sarah McCalden, Divina Misajon, Alice Mulugeta, Menna Newmeyer, Melayda Nunez, Annie Octaviano, Joyce Panlaqui, LaShawn Passmore, Jasmine Pineda, Heather

Plack-Plyler, Katie Rider, Evelyn Galicia Squier, Jamie Marie Solorzano, Frank Spruce, Lynar Tabilas, Francis Villanueva and Alberto Zazueta.

For more information on Health Occupations programs at Napa Valley College, see www.napavalley.edu.

mid-year graduates

Psychiatric Technician graduation held

The Napa Valley College Psychiatric Technician graduation ceremony held Dec. 19 was dedicated to the memory of classmate Ray Lizardo, who died in September as a result of sudden-onset leukemia. His parents were honored at the ceremony and presented with a posthumous certificate. College Health Occupations staff member De Sturdevant, RN, called for a moment of silence in his memory.

Sue Nelson, vice president of Instruction, welcomed the graduates. Class valedictorian and speaker was Lindie Graves. Instructor Mike Derby, BSN, announced the graduates who were presented pins by clinical instructors. Program coordinator Cliff Zyskowski, LPT, and instructor



Photo by Betty Malmgren

The December Psychiatric Technician ceremony was held in the college Theater. It was standing room only as family, friends and representatives of clinical sites (where the students trained) gathered to congratulate the graduates.

Robert Millay, BSN, made remarks. Instructor Johnnie Hardeman, LPT, presented the Psychiatric Technician's oath.

For more information on the Psychiatric Technician Program, see www.napavalley.edu.

The graduates

Graduates are Charisse Angeles, Shanel Bohulano, Louvette Boncato, Akilah Burton, Philip Cadenas, Belinda Callejo, Dominique Coleman, Elianathes Delacruz, Napoleon DeVeyra, Darleen Dularte, Jan Escobar, William Ford, Mary Claire Fune, Lindie Graves, Lotlot (Lorettes) Herbia, Tina Jovez, Amritpal Kaur, Eufemia Mamayson, Jinky Miguel, Krisman Naval, Mesha Olson, Eden Pineda, Christian Samaniego, Kaye Santos, Roberta Uson and Russel Ygnalaga.

Napa Valley Cooking School graduation held in St. Helena



Photo by Richard Bruns

Dr. Chris McCarthy, Napa Valley College president, delivers remarks to the Napa Valley Cooking School Fall 2007 graduating class at the Upper Valley Campus in St. Helena.

Chef Dieter Doppelfeld, CMC, was guest speaker at the Napa Valley College Napa Valley Cooking School graduation held Oct. 26. Gina de Leon was class valedictorian.

Bonnie Thoreen, dean, Napa Valley College Up-

per Valley Campus, welcomed those attending. Dr. Chris McCarthy, president, Napa Valley College; NV Cooking School Executive Chef Barbara Alexander; and Chef Instructor Krista Garcia congratulated the graduates.

The current class hosted the reception for the graduates and provided the food.

For more information on Napa Valley Cooking School, call 707-967-2930.

The graduates

The graduates are listed with their externship sites: David Biber, Della Fattoria, Petaluma; Kellan Sanderlin, Auberge Du Soleil, Rutherford; Jordan Ceresnie, Sona Restaurant, Los Angeles; Colby Vogt, Bouchon, Yountville; Gina de Leon, Domaine Chandon, Yountville; Melissa Weyant, Rosanna's European Delights, Fairfield; Ryan Haggard, Domaine Chandon, Yountville; James Junge, Napa Valley Cooking School, St. Helena; Ashley Mattern, Stars Recreation Center, Vacaville; Chad Palagi, Celadon, Napa; Denise Prentice, Elaine Bell Catering, Napa; Wendy Rupprecht, Beringer Vineyards, St. Helena.

Napa Valley College graduate now teaches at Napa High School

When Rafael Garcia talks with his students at Napa High School, he sometimes sees himself.

Less than 15 years ago, Garcia was a quiet, introverted Napa High student, born in Guadalajara to a family from Michoacán, still uncertain in English but discovering a talent for math.

Today he's teaching Algebra II and Precalculus to teenagers, making sure to call on the shy ones in each class.

"I can relate," says the soft-spoken 31-year-old. "I know they know (the answers)."

Garcia says that attending Napa Valley College "helped me come out of my shell."

"It was a very, very productive step," Garcia said of his two years at NVC, "very important to get where I am now."

A math degree was his college goal, but not the only one. To shake his shyness, Garcia threw himself into campus activities including the Associated Student Body government group.

"Government helped me be a little more outspoken, and that's one of the skills I need for teaching: I have to speak," he says, laughing.

Now, Garcia is working to help other young Napans find their voices and move toward careers – beginning with college.

On top of his math classes, Garcia teaches in Napa High's state-funded AVID (Advance Via Individual Determination) course, a college-prep program aimed at raising the prospects of underachieving, often underprivileged students by readying them for higher education and better-paying jobs.

"They just need a little push so they can go to



Rafael Garcia

college and fulfill all their dreams," says Garcia, who will continue to teach and mentor the same 15 students, now freshmen, for as long as they remain at Napa High.

"We want to assist them with everything they need to go to college."

Napa Valley College can be a crucial first step toward success, as Garcia knows well: After earning his associate's degree in Napa, Garcia transferred to the University of California, Santa Cruz, to complete his bachelor's in math before earning his teaching certificate at Sonoma State University.

Without the scholarships and job opportunities Garcia found through Napa Valley College, it might have taken much longer to reach his goal. "EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) was very helpful, in everything," he says.

At Napa Valley College, "you get a good education and it's affordable or at no cost – and that's what happened to me," continues Garcia.

He was 22 when he started teaching math at Napa High, where at first it felt strange to be addressed as "Mr. Garcia," on the same campus where he'd always been Rafa or Rafael.

"In the beginning, it was definitely a shock," he said; but now in his eighth year, he's been teaching at Napa High for about twice as long as he was a student there, so the title wears comfortably today.

Garcia has been an active Napa Valley College alumnus ever since graduation. He has worked for years with the federally funded Upward Bound program, which, like AVID, targets teenagers with potential beyond their expectations.

"It's helping them achieve their goals," he says.

MESA students are going places

Basement is ground floor for future scientists and engineers

One of the busiest spots on the Napa Valley College campus is the MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) center tucked into the basement of the old Science Building.

From early in the morning until long past dark, the center offers students workspace, computer stations, white boards for calculations and plenty of access to tutoring, internships and jobs. They can even earn money for extra study time with NVC instructors.

"If it wasn't for MESA, I probably wouldn't be here," says 22-year-old William Roque of Vallejo, a computer student working on his associate's degree. Homework's not enough, and going over your notes is not enough."

But with MESA's free tutoring and after-class workshops, Roque is moving confidently toward his goal of transferring to a four-year school.

Now in its sixth year, the state-supported MESA program is designed to be an incubator for future doctors, scientists and engineers who begin their college career in Napa.

But MESA staff – director José Hernández and advisor Rene Rubio – won't turn away anyone who needs help with math or science courses to succeed at Napa Valley College.

"If they're not successful, then the campus is not successful," says Hernández.

"That's why we offer free tutoring – so everybody comes out ahead.

"What's good for NVC is good for our community," he continues. "I live in Napa. Napa's important to me. And these people ... are tomorrow's taxpayers. They're the workforce.

"We are a revolving door," Hernández explains. "Our goal is to get 'em out of here into a four-year college."

Summer International Education classes announced

Learn French in Paris, Spanish in Spain or Anthropology in Mexico

The world can be your campus with Napa Valley College International Education programs. This summer you can study Spanish in Salamanca, Spain; Anthropology in Yucatan, Mexico; or French at the Sorbonne in Paris.

The popular summer French in Paris program is celebrating its 10th anniversary. It is a total immersion opportunity where students study at the Sorbonne and can earn five transferable units in French. It will be held July 1 to August 1, 2008. Different levels of French are available, and optional day excursions and cultural activities are part of the program. The program is coordinated

by Anne-Marie McEligot, who teaches all levels of French at Napa Valley College.

For more information, call Anne-Marie McEligot at (707) 224-3931.

The Spanish in Spain program with instructor Maria Villagomez will be June 28 to July 19. Students will stay with host families, learn about the rich history of the Iberian Peninsula and enjoy excursions, in addition to classroom study. Salamanca is known as La Dorada because of the golden glow of its sandstone buildings. Nine different levels of Spanish are offered from Spanish 110 to Fourth Semester Spoken Spanish to Span-

ish for Educators.

For more information, call the instructor at (707) 253-3178.

The Anthropology class in Mexico with instructor Jessica Amato will be June 4-June 17. Students will leave SFO and fly into Cancún, then on to Merida. In addition to instruction, there will be several excursions. Students will visit Ruta Puuc, El Corchito ecological reserve (including a boat ride) and Progreso Beach, Chichen-Iza, and Tulum and Xel-Ha, among other sites. Call the instructor for more information at (707) 253-3183.

Restaurateurs praise their Napa Valley College experience

Side by side on Main Street, two of downtown Napa's most popular eating places – Annaliên and Ubuntu – are owned and run by Napa Valley College alumnae. Annaliên opened her Vietnamese-American restaurant in 2005, but her Napa roots go back to the 1980s. After escaping the fall of Saigon in 1975, she fled to California and began her college education in Napa.

After studying English as a Second Language at Napa Valley College, Annaliên went on to earn bachelor's degrees from both the University of San Francisco and the Academy of Art.

Today, Annaliên is one of downtown's liveliest hosts, often joining her guests for a friendly chat. She has high praise for Napa Valley College, where she studied with instructors like Sharon Gocke, Ph.D.

"The instructors there really care about their students," Annaliên says. "They really give them a lot of support and confidence."

"It's not just a college, it's a family," Annaliên continues, "and everyone needs a family."

Sandy Lawrence opened Ubuntu in the fall of 2007 as both a yoga studio and Napa's only vegetarian restaurant. Yoga teachers lead classes daily from early morning till 9 p.m. on the building's upper level, while the lunch and dinner menus downstairs have won

great reviews all over the Bay Area.

But Lawrence has another dream: She wants to travel to West Africa, and for that, "I really felt it would be useful if I knew at least some rudimentary French," she says.

As the first step in her plan, she turned to Napa Valley College – because with not a single French lesson under her belt, "I knew the only way to learn it was immersion," Lawrence continues.

NVC offered the perfect solution: Lawrence signed up for Anne-Marie McEligot's month-long "Summer in Paris" program, complete with courses at the Sorbonne, and threw herself into all things French for four exciting weeks in 2006.

"We had tours of museums and castles and art and lectures and symphonies and all types of events," she recalls. "It was a lot more than just studying French."

Placed in the beginner's group, Lawrence had to work hard to keep up with classroom instruction in a foreign language. But as the days went by, she says, "It started to make sense to me."

Lawrence particularly values the French journal McEligot required students to keep during their stay – because just weeks after returning to Napa, she discovered the perfect place to open a vegetarian restaurant and expand her yoga studio.

Cooking up success

SBDC

The Napa Valley College Small Business Development Center has a long history of helping Napa businesses with counseling, workshops and other programs. Greg Cole of Cole's Chop House and Celadon is among local restaurant owners and SBDC clients who have been featured in past SBDC newsletters. To contact the SBDC, call 707-253-3210.

Napa Valley Cooking School

Napa Valley College's Napa Valley Cooking School is located at the Upper Valley Campus in St. Helena. It prepares students for culinary careers. In their final months of study students complete "externships" in restaurants in the Napa Valley and beyond, often receiving job offers prior to graduation. For more information on the program, call 707-967-2930.

Chancellor Woodruff expresses concern on state budget

California Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Diane Woodruff, former president of Napa Valley College, commented on Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed state budget for 2008-09.

"The California Community Colleges received a reduction of \$525 million that includes a two-thirds reduction in growth funds. Due to this reduction, we estimate that we will not be able to serve 52,000 new students next year. As the state's largest provider of workforce training, the community colleges are critical to maintaining a healthy, growing economy. We recognize the fiscal dilemma that our Governor is forced to deal with, but we hope that we can continue to work closely with

him to minimize the negative impact to our community colleges."

The California Community Colleges is the largest higher educational system in the nation, comprised of 72 districts and 109 colleges with more than 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training and basic skills education, prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions and offer opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning. The System Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

For more information about the community colleges system, please visit www.cccco.edu/.

Corrections graduation held

The first Napa Valley College Criminal Justice Training Center Adult Corrections Core Course graduation was held Oct. 18. The five-week course prepares personnel to work in local facilities, city and county jails.

NVC President Dr. Chris McCarthy welcomed graduates and guests. Cadet Stanley Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cadet Brandon Kemp presented a welcome from the class. Under Sheriff Tom Ferrara presented the Oath of the Corrections Code of Ethics. Ret. Capt. John Nuñez, CDCR (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)



Photo by Betty Malmgren
Capt. John Nuñez, Corrections Course Coordinator, center, is pictured with two graduates.

who serves as Corrections Course coordinator, presented awards and diplomas.

The graduates include Alberto Robles, Orlando T. Aquino Jr.,

AnneMarie Azevedo, Cortney Bond, Cheryl R. Brady, Armando M. Carreon, Dennis DeGuzman, Joshua K. Esquibel, Jeffrey E. Fantuzzi, Myron D. Frazier, Ian F. Fradella, Terry L. Erkeneff, Larry J. Hicks II, Frank M. Howell, Brandon Kemp, Wyatt S. Lang, Stanley C. Lewis Jr., Frederick B. Lusk, Marques F. Salvador, Endy Somboune, Ashley P. Stewart and Necia M. Valenzuela.

Registration is open for a new Adult Corrections Academy class starting Jan. 29. Contact the Criminal Justice Training Center at 707-253-3255 or see www.nvccjtc.org for more information.

Learning for life

One mission of community colleges is providing lifelong learning opportunities. Napa Valley College has active Emeritus College, Community Education and Trips and Tours programs. For more information, see www.napavalley.edu or call 707-967-2901.

February classes include topics such as Feng Shui, You Can Recover From Your Losses, Are You Romantic?, Birding Napa County and Getting Started in Digital Photography among others.



Napa Valley College

Spring 2008: Fine & Performing Arts

Theater

The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends

by Joseph Robinette

March 8, 9 & 15 at 2 p.m.

Additional School Shows in March

La Cage Aux Folles (Musical)

Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman

Book by Harvey Fierstein

Based on the play by Jean Poiret

April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 8 p.m.

April 6, 13 & 20 at 2 p.m.

Vocal

Movie Melodies

April 26 at 8 p.m.

College Chorale & Blue Oak School

Soundwaves & Encore

April 27 at 3 p.m.

College Chorale

Voice Recitals

May 3 at 8 p.m.

An Evening at the Cabaret

February 22 at 8 p.m.

Gallery Calendar

January 31 – March 12

Domestic

Contemporary Napa Artists

Opening Reception – Thursday, January 31, 5-7 p.m.

April 8 – April 29

Time and Place

Paintings by Miki Hsu Levy

Opening Reception – Thursday, April 10, 5-7 p.m.

May 8 – May 29

NVC Student Art Show

Opening Reception – Thursday, May 8, 5-7 p.m.

How can you support Napa Valley College?

Naming opportunities are available in the Instructional Center for the Performing Arts and in other spaces on campus. For information on how you can support the work of the Napa Valley College Foundation, please call (707) 253-3374.

Transfer Center: The future starts here



Kristen Konig, left, and Karen Konig

Karen Konig didn't start college until her own son was a freshman at San Diego State University. Her daughter Kristen, on the other hand, was so eager to enroll that she left high school early.

Both chose to begin their

higher education at Napa Valley College, where Karen earned three associate's degrees before transferring to Sonoma State University to earn her bachelor's degree in English. She's now completing her master's degree in counseling at Chapman University, while working as an intervention counselor at Napa High School.

Kristen, 18, expects to graduate this summer and transfer to a state university to study child psychology, with the goal of working with terminally ill children.

Mother and daughter have both taken full advantage of the Transfer Center at Napa Valley College, where coordinator and transfer counselor Gwen Kell helps students navigate the most direct route to the four-year school of their choice.

Once Karen discovered the Transfer Center, she made sure Kell reviewed her transcript every semester.

"She was really good at keeping me on track," Karen said. "I give her credit for getting me into Sonoma State."

And so Kell finds herself

counseling the second generation of determined Konig women who have chosen to make Napa Valley College the first step toward their bachelor's degree and beyond.

An English major, Karen earned a 3.8 grade-point average and Phi Theta Kappa membership at Napa Valley College.

Kristen Konig is taking a very different path from her mother, who married right out of high school.

After two years at Napa High and one at New Tech-

nology High School – where all students 16 and older take some classes at Napa Valley College – Kristen wanted to step up to college full-time.

The school district's independent-study program made it possible for Kristen not only to finish high school early while taking a full load of classes at NVC but also to join the college basketball team, the Storm.

"I was still a high school senior," Kristen said. "I don't think anyone's ever showed up trying to do that."

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salon, Martinez earned two associate's degrees at Napa Valley College, graduating with top honors and receiving more scholarships than anyone in her class.

While at NVC, she was active in "almost every club on campus," Martinez says, and forged lasting relationships with counselors like Gerard Perez and Hector Brambila.

"The support the people here at the

college give students – it's fantastic," says Martinez, who is now completing her doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley.

"I got help left and right, whether it was filling out applications for grad school or staying on track for graduation. There was always someone here to support me and help me through the different obstacles, whether they be academic or financial."

Transferring from Napa to the University of California, Berkeley, Martinez double-majored in sociology

and ethnic studies, carrying a course load up to twice the normal number of units and pulling straight "A's."

Martinez earned her twin bachelor's degrees in 2002, then had to make a tough decision when both Harvard and Berkeley accepted her to their graduate education programs.

"I totally lost sleep over it," recalls Martinez, who chose to stay in Napa and earned her master's in education at Berkeley. This spring she is teaching a Humanities class at Napa Valley

College.

She also qualified, and was hired, as an officer at the Napa County Department of Corrections. "I've always been interested in law enforcement, since I was a little girl, and this was an opportunity to explore the possibilities," she said.

Now in the final, research year of her Ph.D. program, Martinez, a permanent U.S. resident planning on citizenship, is focusing on the plight of undocumented students in higher education.