Ron’s Report
A Periodic Update from the President on happenings at the College!

Enrollment

At the time of this Report, the College’s Credit duplicated headcount was 18,524; with unduplicated headcount of 6,509. In Non-credit the duplicated headcount is 559 and unduplicated headcount is 326.

Research Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (RPIE)

Robyn Wornall has taken on the Director’s role in this area, and will be serving as Co-Chair for the Planning Committee as well as ALO for the college. Congrats Robyn! A survey to inform the development of the Educational Master Plan has been launched and response has been good to this point. RPIE is in the process of reconfiguring its website with expanded capabilities, tools and data! The 2012-2013 Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILO) revision process is underway. RPIE has submitted the Financial Aid Survey required for the Winter IPEDS period.

Accreditation

Sue Nelson led in the development and submission of the college’s mid-term accreditation report last semester. Many hours of preparation, research, and assistance from faculty and staff went into the report. The findings and expected recommendations from WASC will be shared with the college when they are received (expected in mid-February).

College Bookstore

The college has developed a student store RFP (Request for Proposals). The expectation is that a vendor (like Barnes & Noble or Follett) will operate the bookstore in the near future. Providing for enhancements, future operations through a professional management company could increase both access to the store and resources for students and staff while reducing costs and expanding college revenue. At this point in time, the bookstore under the eye of recent retiree Sherry Melton is contributing to student success with required and optional textbooks and supplies for spring semester. A rental program in partnership with Nebraska Book Company is in place for students to rent selected titles.

News from the Upper Valley Campus

Napa Valley Cooking School

Our professional culinary program served 850 guests during our Fall Restaurant. Our Spring Restaurant is scheduled for May 14 – May 31 (Tues-Friday). This is always a sell-out, so think attending and connect
with Chef Barbara at our Open House & Marketplace that will be held March 21 beginning at 5 pm. It’s a great opportunity to tour the Upper Valley Campus, meet the chefs and students, taste and purchase delicious foods, and sample local vintages (including our own Napa Valley Estate wines). This is a great event and not to be missed. Our graduating class is off to new adventures, taking their culinary careers to the next level. John Lundy is now working at the deluxe and exclusive Amangani Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Elmo Ruffo is employed at the Mero Toro Restaurant in Mexico City, Mexico; and Marielle Fabie is putting her skills to work in the Michelin starred restaurant Saison in San Francisco.

Community Education

Judy Watkins is busy with spring classes which began January 22, 2013. During the fall 2012 semester, the college provided lifelong learning programs (fee-based) to more than 980 participants, with 204 served at the Community Education Center (CEC) on Menlo Drive. This semester is a continuing focus on expanding and diversifying the offerings at the CEC to create a true community education center for the arts. While we continue to offer a wide array of programs to the community – Food Enthusiast, Fine and Visual Arts, Health and Wellness, Language and Music to name a few.

Admissions & Records

A&R served over 5,700 students this registration period! Our students are benefitting from the extended priority registration windows that allow more time for each priority group. The Welcome Center has also been in full swing as well, serving hundreds of students daily with applications, registration, and navigating our enrollment processes. Coming soon, we expect to have online registration in place for our concurrently enrolled high school students. This is still in Beta (test phase), but we are optimistic that it will be ready for the fall 2013 registration cycle. Registration priority meetings took place last fall and will resume this spring to redesign our enrollment priorities to align with state mandates, most specifically adding academic progress as an eligibility requirement for priority registration.

Police Academy

With Greg Miraglia’s and Damien Sandoval’s direction Police Academy helped 33 new police officers graduate from Class 87 in December. Class 88 began this semester with 50 students including sponsored cadets from the California Department of Health Services, Daly City Police Department, Department of Insurance and the California Maritime Academy. The Criminal Justice Training Center has 13 fee based classes scheduled so far in 2013! The Program expects to gross near $60,000.
LGBT News

We launched our LGBT Studies Program last semester in partnership with City College of San Francisco. The first class was full with 45 students and a waiting list. The course transfers to UC, CSU, and meets several general education requirements. 31 college employees and two complete offices have completed the Safe Space Training Program. 28 more employees are currently taking the training.

Associated Students of Napa Valley College

All ASNVC Board members became Certified Food Handlers’ thru the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals. The Associated Students of Napa Valley College in conjunction with The Child Development Center ran a successful charity drive called Adopt a CDC Angel Tree which gave toys to children of families in need. The ASNVC in conjunction with the Classified Senate ran a successful Charity Food Drive that assisted 20 families in need during the holidays.

This Semester there was a Parliamentarian Workshop for ASNVC Held by David Mazerra, Past President of the California State Association of parliamentarians, and ASNVC Organization and structure workshop by Benjamin Quesada, Interim Coordinator of Student life.

Upcoming this semester directed by ASNVC President Jena Goodman and Team, ASNVC will be holding a campus wide multicultural event in April. The Diversity Speaker Series run by the Associated Students of Napa Valley College, will be returning. The speaker series highlights ethnic and cultural aspects of our community. And please take note that ASNVC and Umoja will be hosting a Black History Month Dinner on February 21st from 6PM to 8PM in the cafeteria here on the main campus. Please see Student Services for more information!

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center is the new home of Foster and Kinship Care Education. Doris Gentry, the program specialist, now has an office on site and Monique Villagran is the FKCE Program Director. The CDC is thrilled to bring the CDC and FKCE together under one roof. Pulling resources together will enable us to best meet the needs of NVC student parents, faculty and staff parents, community parents, and foster care parents. The first joint venture with CDC and FKCE is the creation of a Family Resource Room. This welcoming family friendly space offers both a toy and book lending library, a place to hang out, and a place for parent meetings and conferences! As noted in the ASNVC news item, the CDC partnered to sponsor an Adopt a CDC Angel Tree. This program provided 30 low income children of student parents with much needed holiday gifts. Parents were brought to tears by the generosity of the NVC campus. Children received coats, boots, clothes, toys, pajamas, and much more!
Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Business & Entrepreneurship Center (BEC)

The SBDC/BEC worked collaboratively with 36 regional partners, while providing 414 business owners’ one-on-one counseling for a total of 2,458 counseling hours in 2012! The Programs offered a total of 166 SBDC/BEC Workshops throughout the region which were attended by 1,189 business owners and entrepreneurs. In a recap of 2012, SBDC and BEC advisors helped create 111 jobs in the region; helped local businesses retain over 248 jobs; assisted 34 clients in obtaining over $13,600,000 in debt and equity capital to start or expand their businesses; and, assisted local micro-enterprises in receiving over $4,550 in grant awards. Counseling to local businesses helped increase sales by a total of $2,814,425! Of great note, in 2012 the program obtained an additional $1,100,500 in competitive Economic and Workforce Development and Career Technical Education (EWD and CTE) grant funds to assist workforce and career technical education programs at NVC!

We received notification this semester that NVC is being awarded more than $141,000 for SBDC services in Sonoma County. NVC is excited about the opportunities of collaborating with our partners in Sonoma, especially Santa Rosa Junior College. This helps to position NVC as a regional leader for workforce development and CTE programs. Special thanks go out to Beth Pratt, Valerie Bible, Lissa Gibbs and Charlie Monahan who help respond to the Request for Proposal!

College Police

Since August, emergency and personal preparedness has been a theme for the College Police. At the beginning of last semester nearly all of the Classified and Administrative staff received training in how to respond to emergencies. The Area Coordinators Program continues to grow with seven more staff members trained to provide direction and assistance in emergency situations. The College now has a total of nineteen staff members who have volunteered as Area Coordinators. Thanks Ken! In December all College Police Officers went through active shooter training with the Napa County Sheriff’s Department at American Canyon High School. Also in December, the College received a small cash grant and emergency supplies to conduct Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for the college community. Currently, seven staff members have gone through twenty-four hours of advanced emergency training, which finished on February 1st with a full scale emergency exercise. Finally, the College Police conducted its first women’s self-defense training program for twenty staff members. The class was well received and it is planned to offer the women’s self-defense class at least once every semester and to open the program to students as well families of staff members.

Classified Senate

The Classified Senate celebrated the retirements of 6 folks—including Mike Barney, Dann Solomon, Brian Baker, Art Wegner, Kathy Mathews, and Doug Marshall!! The NVCCS also took a lead in the 23rd Annual Holiday Food Drive, providing 20 families with food for the holidays. The Classified Senate co-sponsored a Halloween party. There was a costume contest, Thriller dance, and a fundraising drawing.
The Senate also sponsored a holiday party, inviting the entire campus community for a cup of soup, a sandwich, and some holiday cheer. The senate and President Valerie Exum have been working on revising by-laws, creating emeritus status for the classified professionals, and preparing financial workshops. This work will continue this work throughout the spring.

**Library**

The Library implemented the *Student Success Center* model featuring workshops on topics to improve and support information competency efforts. We also received over 2,875 online hits to the library website, making it the top destination from the NVC webpage (for the fall semester 2012). Currently the library subscribes to 43 databases, including CINAHL, the world’s most comprehensive source for nursing and allied health journals. Focused on student success the library provided access to E-books including Safari books online and technical publications; taught 30 library skills orientations across the curriculum in the fall; and participated in a library consortia allowing students access to 3 million items from combined collections! The library served 125,125 patrons fall 2012, averaging 1,455 patrons daily.

**Testing and Tutoring Center**

Over the past four calendar years, the number of students assessed by the NVC Testing & Tutoring Center increased by 11%. Almost 300 more students were assessed in 2011 than in 200. In June 2010, the Testing & Tutoring Center moved into the new Library facility and shifted to a drop-in, year-round testing schedule. This schedule continues to provide more flexibility for students, increasing the visibility of the Testing & Tutoring Center, and has yielded an 8% increase in the number of students served in 2010 vs. 2009. The trend appears to be continuing! In *Learning Services* we provided services and/or testing for learning disabilities to 78 students in the fall, while providing specialized tutoring to 20 students. In recent years, NVC has conducted placement tests on-site at the local high schools. In 2008, testing sessions were offered at Napa High and Vintage High. By 2011, testing sessions were offered at New Technology High, St. Helena High, and Valley Oak High as well. In spring 2012, NVC introduced a Mega-Orientation session for high school seniors, held at NVC during spring break for local high schools and NVC. The two orientation sessions held over two days in March drew 161 students to campus.

**Teaching and Learning Center**

A wonderful program was implemented, the *New Faculty Learning Community* providing eight workshops to eight newly hired faculty; and the Center hosted a math conference for math departments throughout northern California. The Center provided 20 workshops with 88 attendees in the fall semester (in addition to workshops provided through Flex Day and a New Faculty Learning Community); and provided 25 workshops through fall Flex Day, with 158 faculty, classified staff and administrators attending over two days of trainings.
PTK

Cathy Gillis, assisted by Karen Taylor, is continuing the fine work of NVC’s PTK! Congratulations to students Erin Evans and Nancy Lopez-Prado who were selected for the 2013 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team! They will be honored on March 6th at an awards luncheon in Sacramento. PTK rankings are posted to the League's website (www.ccleague.org).

ART

What should students gain from a Napa Valley College Art course?

In an effort to answer this question, Amanda Badgett and the art faculty have developed the concept of Visual Literacy, a pedagogical framework which informs all courses, from Drawing to Digital Art, from Printmaking to Art History. Professor Fain Hancock led a workshop on applying this concept to curriculum across the campus at Flex Day.

The College Gallery, located on the first floor of the Visual Arts Center (3700 Building), continues to provide a venue for the exhibition of faculty and student art work. At the beginning of fall 2012, recent work by faculty was exhibited to provide students a glimpse of the diverse studio practices of their instructors. In October, student work from the new course in Color Theory offered an opportunity for students to curate and exhibit their own work. Rounding out the fall was a show of student drawings taught by new part-time instructor, Aida Gamez as well as a solo show of photography student Chelsea Hammerdorfer. In addition to instruction, Art Department faculty continues to distinguish themselves. Here are some examples!

Fain Hancock Professor of Drawing of Painting

Exhibitions

Solo show, Hang Gallery, San Francisco, CA September 2012
Birmingham, UK Project, Soho Myriad, London, UK 2013

Media

Seasons 1-4 The League, FX, filmed in Los Angeles CA
Summer 2011, West Elm Catalog, San Francisco, CA

John Dotta, Professor of Photography

Participant in three group shows including one at the Bryter Estate, one in the Bay Area entitled Wetlands to Ridgetop and the NVC Faculty Show. Currently working on following projects: Rock and Water; Nocturnes; and Arid Lands.

Bruce Brown, Instructor of Photography

Exhibitions

Brought to Light: Master Works of Photography Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento CA

Media
Director, short film, "Those who have the strength," created to bring awareness of sexual assault and prevention as well as to be used for fundraising for the SANE-SART organization (SANE: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners SART: Sexual Assault Response Team)

Allison Watkins, Instructor of Photography
Exhibitions
New Fibers 2012, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 2012
Optical Fiber, SPACE 1026, Philadelphia, PA 2012
Publications

Gary Stutler, Instructor of Drawing and Painting
Thronebone Charcoal and Conte on Paper acquired by Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art (New York, NY)
Solo exhibition, Naked Men, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY

Nancy Willis
Nancy Willis teaches principals of design at the CIA/Greystone.
November 2012, Willis led group of artists, as part of her Path of an Artist painting tours and workshops to Sundance. Preparing for upcoming exhibits (Reflections at the new Sebastapol Center for the Arts) and her annual painting tour to France.

Writing Center

According to Lori Barron, the Center was delighted to receive a near-record number of entries for our fall 2012 Writing Contest. The winners are: 1st place: "Birds of Concrete Paradise" by Sean Williamson 2nd place (tie): "Rekindled Friendship" by Elizabeth Duque and "I Believe in Miracles!" by Sarah Pagliero 3rd place: "Reunions" by Sarah Bongard. The winning pieces are posted on the bulletin board just outside the Writing Center, Room 832. Winners will be invited to read their essays at our spring Open House on April 18th. We send out special thanks to Sherry Melton, a staunch supporter of budding student writers, who generously donated the prizes once again this year. Thanks also to Renee Coffin for publicizing the contest in the SSS newsletter and to all of the instructors who encouraged their students to enter. We appreciate you!

Community, Foundation & Alumni

With insights of Lissa Gibbs the college celebrated with the community on many fronts this year including the Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration hosted by Kevin Luckey, an Alumni gathering to watch the World Series winning Game hosted by our own Kathy Baird and team; a VWT (Viticulture and Winery Technology) gathering at the Napa General Store; and a charity golf event and dinner to benefit the Storm golf team!
Physical Education, Health, Athletics, and Dance

Among so many wonderful competitive events and student stories of student achievement and success in all of our men’s and women’s teams our basketball teams continue to earn praise this spring! A special congratulation goes out Kelly McCann selected as the state’s dance instructor of the year! CCCPE is the California physical educators’ membership body. This is a prestigious award. CCCPE’s recognition of Kelly’s work illuminates the outstanding effort that the Napa Valley College faculty and staff dedicate to student learning on a daily basis.

Financial Aid

Oscar De Haro introduced Patti Morgan who made a presentation to the Board of Trustees recently stating that outreach to the community about available financial aid resources is significant and covers general financial aid and specific assistance programs (to veterans, foster youth, first generation students, and students who are parents of young children requiring care). Some data points from this year include:

Total paid to students for the FY11-12 academic year (excluding veterans benefits) = $11,524,247

- 45.5% of NVC students received some form of financial aid assistance in 2011-12, while as of January 10, 2013, 53.1% of NVC students have received financial aid assistance for the 2012-13 school year, an increase of about 8%.
- 60.5% of the students accessing NVC financial aid are female, 28.8% are white non-Hispanic, 35.9% are Hispanic, and 12% are African-American, 10.6% are Filipino, 4.2% are multi-ethnic, and 3.3% are Asian
- $217,914 was provided to NVC students in the form of community and corporate funded scholarships in FY2011-12
- The number of financial aid applications received and processed each year by the NVC Financial Aid Office since 2008-2009 has more than doubled (from 4,363 to 8,983 to date)
- NVC has 353 self-declared veterans, 132 of whom use their benefits


Board of Trustees

This election cycle saw two new Trustees elected—Daniel DiGardi and Rafael Rios. Please welcome them into the NVC family. JoAnn Busenbark was reelected for another 4-year term! Trustee Tom Andrews retired after a very successful tenure on the Board! Trustee Michael Baldini was re-elected as Board President.
Trustee Brenda Knight hosted several events including the American Canyon Family Resource Center Open House! Trustee Bruce Ketron has been active both on and off campus at the CCLC Legislative Conference and the Rotaract Club of NVC. Trustee Bill Blair among other events, served as Judge for the Napa Valley College Youth Entrepreneurship Program business plan competition.

The next Ron’s Report will highlight other programs, people and events at the College in April! If you would like me to share your news in an upcoming issue of the Report, please submit it anytime directly to me at rkraft@napavalley.edu

If you have any questions about anything contained within this Ron’s Report, please contact me. Thank you for reading this document and for all you do to help our students thrive!