Carry DeAtley, vice president of academic affairs, presents Kathy Herrington with the Danford Faculty Award at the Northern Recognition Luncheon held earlier this month. The award, created by retired professor Thomas R. Danford to recognize outstanding contributions by full-time faculty, is funded through the WVNCC Foundation.

In the application nominating Herrington, the nominator said Kathy Herrington “has an in-depth understanding of the subjects she teaches and is able to present information effectively to engage students in the learning process. Her teaching strategies are effective because she thoroughly understands the ways in which people learn and she gears her teaching approach to encompass all learning styles. She is even known to do a little stand-up comedy, sing, or dance to engage her students. Assessment data reflects her success in that a large percentage of students enrolled in her classes achieve the expected course learning outcomes. Her exceptional ability is further evidenced by student course evaluations that rate her highly in all areas including instructional effectiveness.”

Herrington has served the College in the capacities of division chair for liberal arts, program director for Human Services, as member and chair of Curriculum Committee for 10-plus years, and as Faculty Senate president. She has participated in faculty, vice presidential, and presidential search committees as well as numerous other internal committees. She’s been honored previously with other awards citing her teaching excellence.

Those Northern colleagues attending the 2015 Recognition Luncheon who were cited for various achievements, including retirements and years of service, during the past year are, from left, Kathy Herrington, Nancy Albert Welch, Ralph Lucki, Lucy Kefauver, Mark Goldstein, Kelly Paree, Dr. Vicki Riley, Steve Lippiello, Tami Becker, Bob Guy, Joyce Britt, Marian Grubor, Peggy Carmichael.
Ladies Only
A “Basic Home Repair Workshop for Women” will be offered next month on the Wheeling campus from 6-9 p.m. on three consecutive Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, in the first floor lab of the Applied Technology Center.

Included will be lectures, demonstrations and hands-on applications in the areas of basic electrical, plumbing, carpentry and masonry along with safety procedures.

Dr. David Shahan, vice president of economic and workforce development at Northern, said the workshop will teach “the skills needed to accomplish the basic kind of repairs that crop up around the house that women may like to know how to do instead of having to call for assistance.”

Registration for the workshop, which costs $50, is available at the student service area of any Northern campus. For more information, call Shahan at 304-214-8967.

College Application and Exploration Week
WVNCC participated in the College Foundation of West Virginia’s statewide College Application and Exploration week Oct 20-24. College Application and Exploration Week was a fun and collaborative outreach effort that helps schools and communities embrace a culture of college readiness and exploration. The week was intended to encourage students to explore their options for college and to submit college applications. Northern's Dawn Barcus, student recruiter, speaks to a group of Cameron High School seniors about the process of applying and everything WVNCC has to offer. Dawn, Lisa Soly and Ina Robinson visited several high schools in the area to take part in various activities associated with the week-long event.

Mourning Traditions
Judi Hendrickson, academic affairs secretary, and Jeanne Finstein, Wheeling historians and authors, presented “Mourning Traditions” on Oct. 22 in the B&O Building auditorium to an appreciative audience of more than 35 persons.

The presentation outlined the “conditions of the time, including disease, lack of sterile practices, diets that lacked essential vitamins and nutrients, and medical treatments barely a step above witchcraft – all of which made death a very common occurrence. As the Civil War added another cause for mourning, rituals became more clearly defined and adhered to as much as finances and circumstances allowed. In large part, the stage had been set for these traditions by England’s Queen Victoria, who mourned the death of her husband for decades. Other traditions grew out of necessity – flowers at funerals, for example, to mask the odor of death and wakes that served as a safeguard against premature burial.”

Their talk was illustrated with pictures, showing such things as mourning garb and vintage photographs. They appeared dressed in mourning attire of the historical period being reviewed.

Hendrickson and Finstein have extensive experience in researching and presenting topics of historical interest. Both are long-time members of Friends of Wheeling, a local historic preservation organization. Finstein is an educational software developer with Polyhedron Learning Media.

Academic Support Center Attends Conference
WVNCC’s Academic Support Center was represented at the National College Learning Center Association’s annual conference held Oct. 5-8 in Milwaukee, Wisc. ASC Director CJ Farnsworth and Tutoring Coordinator Stephanie Smith were presenters at the conference. Their presentation was

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“What’s In a Name: That Which We Call a Learning Center by Any Other Name is Still Misunderstood.”

“Learning centers as we know them today really developed during the 1970s in response to two major historical movements, the GI Bill and Civil Rights Movement,” Farnsworth explained. “Our presentation briefly traced these roots and current post-secondary trends that continue to shape the identity of learning centers on college campuses nationwide.”

The WVNCC presenters had a healthy and engaged crowd of nearly 25 learning professionals from throughout the country. “Speaking in front of other people is not something I enjoy, but I did enjoy being there and being part of the presentation, answering questions and assisting with ‘behind-the-scenes’ preparation,” Smith said. “And I did attend a presentation by a colleague from Davis & Elkins who did an excellent program on tutoring students with disabilities. I am communicating with him now regarding training for our tutors at the end of this semester.”

The keynote speaker, Dr. Ken Bain, president of the Best Teachers Institute, engaged conference attendees with a discussion of “Fostering Deep Learning: A College Education That Makes a Difference.” Bain reminded the audience that learning takes place when new synthesizes with old and the importance of curiosity to drive the process. “Dr. Bain did not seem to speak highly of K-12 education today. He went as far as saying that formalized schooling kills curiosity and grades are not a predictor of anything,” Farnsworth recalled, “I appreciated his perspective.”

“We did have time in the evenings to see the city,” Smith said and Farnsworth added, “The city of Milwaukee is beautiful – I wasn’t expecting that. It was the perfect landscape to complement Dr. Bain’s speech – Milwaukee is a textbook blend of old and new.”

The Northern Academic Support duo had a productive conference sharing their ideas, networking with colleagues, and “borrowing” best practices from learning centers around the country.

Petroleum Tech Students Honored

Noble Energy scholarship recipients for the Petroleum Technology programs at Northern and Pierpont Community and Technical College, Fairmont, gather at WVNCC for a luncheon sponsored by Noble Energy. They are, front row, from left, Ben Pott, Ty Noss, Trevor Matko, Logan Kuhn and Ricky Yoho. Back row, from left, are Garison Erwin, Daren Meffe, Justin O’Dell, Jonathon Flight and Joseph Aston. Attending but not pictured is Kenneth Becker.

It was a day for pridelful parents and the students in their lives to take stock of accomplishments and know they are “involved in an industry that can help change our world.”

Those were the words of Stacey Brodak, manager, community and media relations for Noble Energy, as she spoke to the young men who attended the Noble Energy Scholarship Recipients Recognition Luncheon on Oct. 16 at the Wheeling campus.

Noble funded student scholarships and was instrumental in the creation of the first Petroleum Technology program in West Virginia, training students for jobs in the oil and gas industry. Petroleum Technology classes are offered at WVNCC and at Pierpont Community and Technical College in Fairmont. A total of 16 West Virginia students received scholarships and 11 of them attended the event, along with parents and guests.

Petroleum Technology scholarship students from Northern attending included Joseph Aston of Glen Easton; Kenneth Becker, Wheeling; Ricky Yoho, New Martinsville; and Jonathon Flight, Elm Grove section of Wheeling. Not able to attend were Sean Walker and Trevor Worley.

Pierpont students attending included Logan Kuhn, Littleton; Justin O’Dell, Worthington; Garison Erwin, Leon; Trevor Matko, Philippi; Ben Pott, Fairmont; Ty Noss, Clarksburg; and Daren Meffe, Fairmont. Not able to attend from Pierpont were Joseph Anglin, Zachary Haddix and Devin Koval.

Offering greetings to the students and their guests were President Riley and Leo Gonot, recruitment coordinator for petroleum programs for the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Both Riley and Gonot pointed out the event was made possible by Noble Energy, and they extended their thanks to the company for its commitment...
to the Petroleum Technology programs. Gonot, who coordinated the luncheon, cited Noble as “a strategic partner providing a foundation for the program in the state.” He praised the company’s continuing efforts to provide guest lecturers in the classroom and internships for the students.

Brodak pointed out that Noble is “very committed to this program for the long term. We have confidence in this industry for the future” and the firm believes “the industry will be here for a long time.” Sonny Busch, production specialist for Noble Energy, also spoke to the students, urging them to “stay with the program” to a successful conclusion. He pointed out Noble itself has hired four graduates from the program.

Also in attendance at the luncheon in support of the students were administrators and faculty members from both Northern and Pierpont who are directly involved in implementation of Petroleum Technology programs at their institutions. Northern’s Culinary Arts department chefs and students provided the meal.

HIT Takes on Texas

WVNCC Health Information Technology Program Director Korene Silvestri and five WVNCC HIT graduates traveled to San Antonio, Texas, earlier this year to participate in the American Health Information Management Association-sponsored Item Writing session.

Item writers have the responsibility to create questions for consideration to be included on the various credentialing exams administered by the AHIMA. Item writers are eligible to write for any exam for which they hold a credential or lesser. The WVNCC graduates included Lori Richards, Ruth Engler, Lolita Loy, Michelle Hagin, and Kim Tracey.

Loy, a current member of the Registered Health Information Technologists Construction Committee, met with other committee members in Chicago. This group reviews potential new test items as well as the outcomes of previous RHIT test items.

Radiography Students Attend Conference

The Class of 2016 WVNCC Radiography students traveled to Glade Springs Resort in Daniels, W.Va., on Oct. 8-10 to attend the 63rd Annual West Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists Conference, according to Misty Kahl, WVNCC Radiography program director. (Photos next page)

The meeting consisted of educational speakers, student competitions, and the opportunity to interact with other students, educators, and technologists from throughout the state. All of the students participated in the Exhibit Competition.

WVNCC had two teams participating in the field of 18 in the Student Bowl Competition. The teams were “Tip Tip Hooray” (Lacey Davis, Zoe Rogerson, Lindsay Siburt, and alternate Gina Granato) and the “Barium Baristas” (Savannah Jasper, Laurie Pickett, Cassidi Richmond and alternate Breanna Cain). Team “Tip Tip Hooray” captured second place in the competition.

National Radiologic Technologist Week will be celebrated Nov. 8-14. In celebration of this week, student exhibits will be displayed in the third floor hallway of the Education Center Building on the Wheeling campus.

Everyone is invited to stop by to appreciate the excellent work that was put into the exhibits. They also will help expand everyone’s knowledge about the field of radiography.

Several Radiography students from the Class of 2017 (Whitney Scholl, Sarah Olson, Dorian Wilkes, Emily Calovini, Kelsey Hardesty, Kelsey Strope, Alexa Donaldson, Lauren Figura, and Jazmin Lilley) volunteered at the third annual “Pink Warrior 5K Powder Run/Walk” which was sponsored by the Barnesville Hospital Auxiliary on Oct. 10. This race was held to raise money for the Breast Health Fund which serves under- or un-insured women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. The students volunteered at several stations throughout the race course and had an extremely enjoyable and rewarding day. Barnesville Hospital is a clinical education site for the WVNCC Radiography Program.

The Radiography Program Class of 2016 is selling “WVNCC Radiography Program” t-shirts featuring a “sugar skull” theme. Please contact any second year Radiography Student or Radiography program instructor for details.
Radiography

The Class of 2016 Annual West Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists Conference attendees pose for a group photo. Front row, from left, are Clinical Coordinator Missy Stephens, Lindsay Siburt, Lacey Davis, Zoe Rogerson, and Cassidi Richmond. Middle row, from left, are Melissa Graziano, Gina Granato, Lindsey Arrojo, Courtney Miller, Janeen Heath, Emery Curto, and Breanna Cain. Back row, from left, are Savannah Jasper, Candice Meade, Chris Maher, Kristen Yesenczki, Laurie Pickett, Ashley Hadzima, Program Director Misty Kahl, and Kelsey Harris.

The Class of 2017 Pink Warrior 5K volunteers gather at the event. From left are Whitney Scholl, Sarah Olson, Dorian Wilkes, Emily Calovini, Kelsey Hardesty, Kelsey Strope, Alexa Donaldson, Lauren Figura, and Jazmin Lilley.

The “Tip Tip Hooray” team, from left, is comprised of alternate Gina Granato, Lindsay Siburt, Lacey Davis, and Zoe Rogerson.

Health Science Shout-Outs

Medical Assisting

In celebration of Medical Assistants Recognition Week in October, the Medical Assisting program at Northern held information sessions along with free blood pressure readings.

The information sessions were conducted on Oct. 20 on the Wheeling campus and on Oct. 23 on the Weirton campus, according to Michele Watson, director of the certificate and associate in applied science degree Medical Assisting programs. Students in the Clinical Medical Assisting Associate Degree Program took free blood pressures in the lobby of the B&O Building on Oct. 26, 27 and 29.

Medical Assistants Recognition Week was designated by the American Association of Medical Assistants for Oct. 19-23. Medical assistants across the country were recognized during this special week and honored on Medical Assistants Recognition Day Oct. 21, Watson said.

She also explained a Medical Assisting reunion dinner was held on Oct. 21 in the B&O Building auditorium for graduates of the Clinical Medical Assisting program, featuring guest speaker Mary Frances Hash, a member of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board.
**Stoffel Stays the Course**

David Stoffel, computer information technology assistant professor and program director, has conquered yet another extreme sport event. The “Tough Mudder” competitor participated this month in the Obstacle Course Racing World Championships, called “the first truly independent championship event designed to celebrate the athletes in the burgeoning sport of Obstacle Course Racing.” The race was held on Oct. 17-18 in Cincinnati. The two-day event featured 20 racing categories including elite, age-group, and team competitions, and more than 50 categories for cash and prizes for athletes.

Event organizers said, “We believe that this is one of the most exciting aspects of the OCR World Championships — athletes from around the world, from diverse athletic backgrounds and the wide variety of races and courses that our sport has to offer uniting to represent themselves and their country at a singular, independent championship.”

Stoffel said, “I raced in the 1 p.m. Men 50+ Division. There were about 1,600 contestants. Roughly 500 of them did not complete the race.” Stoffel said he was pleased with his performance, placing overall 322 out of 516 age group division finishers.

The course was 10 miles long with 53 obstacles and it had a total elevation gain (and loss) of 1,890 feet.

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**Ryan Makes Learning Fun**

Associate Professor of History Delilah Ryan continues to enliven her classes at Northern so that her students get a better feel for the time periods she is teaching. Delilah said, “We were doing colonial culture in one of my classes (the U.S. to 1865.) We were going over the cultural differences between tidewater and frontier/mountain regions. I decided to ask my students to do the Virginia Reel (similar to a square dance) in the gym of the EC, with some interesting results.”

On Oct. 28, Delilah donned a Betty Zane costume for her Wheeling Campus WV and Appalachian Subculture class. Due to an ammonia leak at a nearby business, the College was evacuated and Delilah had to depart in full costume. After arriving home, a neighbor snapped a photo and Delilah, in true Betty Zane fashion, stated “There is not a man to spare! I shall put out the fire at the popsicle factory.”
NM Campus Hosts Training

Law enforcement officers in Wetzel and Tyler counties received active shooter training on Northern’s New Martinsville campus on Oct. 1, the same day as the deadly and tragic shooting at a community college in Oregon. The training was organized by the Wetzel County Sheriff’s Department and included personnel from that department, the New Martinsville Police Department, and Tyler County Sheriff’s Department. It was explained that classroom training occurred on the campus while the latter part of the exercise involved drills at the old Bill Forbes garage in New Martinsville.

Meet the Authors

A Writer’s Forum, which will offer a unique opportunity to meet four published authors to learn what it takes to get a book written and published, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at the New Martinsville campus. The authors will gather in room 110 and light refreshments will be available. The four local writers will answer questions and provide suggestions for those wanting to do their own books. Their work represents fiction, non-fiction and children’s books.

The authors participating are Debbie Ice who has written a fiction novel. She has been very active in helping translate church records from German to English and then formatting them into a genealogy book. She also has worked with several writers to help them self-publish.

The Rev. Dr. Vic Hunter and his brother, who is a retired medical doctor, have written a fiction novel and several books on religions. They are in the process of publishing their next book which deals with science and religion.

Cheryl Shank has written a children’s book and had it illustrated and Chuck Clegg has written three fiction novels and has been a columnist for a local newspaper for several years.

For more information, contact Debbie Bennett.

Weirton Campus

Brooke HS Visits WVNCC

A total of 50 Brooke High School students visited the Weirton campus Oct. 21. Their STEM teacher, Chris Mockbee, arranged a field trip for his students to visit ArcelorMittal Steel and then the Weirton campus. The students took a tour of the campus and of the Mechatronics lab. According to Weirton Campus Counselor Lisa Soly, the idea was to showcase the programs WVNCC offers and to show the connection between WVNCC and ArcelorMittal with the Steelworker of the Future program. Students were impressed with the building, lab and experience. Lisa and Mechatronics Instructional Specialist Russell Edwards visited Brooke High School the next day to speak further with teachers and students there.

Weirton Goes Pink

The front doors of the Weirton campus building were decorated as part of the College’s participation in the Paint the Valley Pink contest sponsored by Change, Inc. The contest was held as an effort to promote cancer awareness in the community. The Weirton student senators along with Program Coordinator Ida Williams came up with the design idea.