



THE
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NHU NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2005

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COLLEGE BOARD & NHU

SHARE COMMON MISSION

On Tuesday March 22nd, President Lopez and Dr. Robert Segura, were invited to appear before the College Board at their headquarters in New York to bring them up to date on current activities at NHU and the LCPA, and explore the possibilities of future collaborations.

The College Board, recognized as a leader in assisting students in the transition to higher education has major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, teaching, and learning. In their presentations Dr.'s Lopez and Segura recognized the importance for both institutions to effectively reach out to the communities to create, "A college going culture."

A high level delegation from the College Board lead by Dr. James Montoya, VP for Higher Education, will conduct an on site visit to the NHU campus on May 27th, 2005. NHU

faculty and staff participation in this very important visit is essential to our efforts to convey the exciting advancements and developments occurring at NHU.

RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

An aggressive recruitment campaign is underway at NHU. With the opening of our new state-of-the-art learning facility we have the capability of increasing our student enrollment from 700 to 1200 students. Outreach efforts underway include increased direct mail efforts, working with local businesses to get the word out about NHU, increased visibility in high schools and community colleges and an NHU Preview Day / Recruitment Fair scheduled for Saturday April 30th, 10 am - 3 pm. Super Mercado Mexico, Brokers Mortgage, VIVA! 100.7 FM 105.7, Lighthouse Media Group, Milagro Marketing and VTA are assisting in this effort.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 30TH, 2005

NHU PREVIEW DAY -
RECRUITMENT FAIR

MAY 4TH, 2005

SERVICE AWARD BBQ

MAY 27TH, 2005

COLLEGE BOARD TO
VISIT NHU

JUNE 4TH, 2005

GRADUATION(S) - NHU,
LCPA (1ST), MACSA

JUNE 4TH, 2005

TAMALE FESTIVAL

ABOUT...

- Reaffirmation of WASC accreditation review successfully accepted
- Student Support Services Grant
- New degrees-Fall 2005
- Graduation Keynote Speaker: Mr. Ruben Barrales
- 1st Place in Poetry Grand Slam
- NHU to participate in USDA/ HSI Fellows Program
- El Nuevo Mundo
- Story Road Tamale Festival Kick-Off
- Faculty and Staff News

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- Grant writers
- Support for Summer Bridge Program

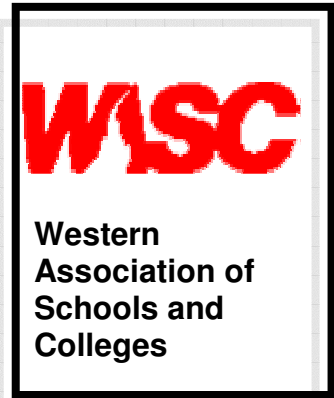
REAFFIRMATION OF WASC ACCREDITATION REVIEW SUCCESSFULLY ACCEPTED

At its December 6, 2004 meeting, the WASC Proposal Review Committee acted to accept the NHU Institutional Proposal for its reaffirmation of accreditation review.

At its meeting, the Director of the Library, Faculty Senate Chair, Teacher Education Chair, Liberal Studies Coordinator, and the Director of Institutional Planning and Evaluation.

A Steering Committee has been formed to monitor and ensure the timely implementation of the institutional proposal. This committee includes the NHU President, the Provost, the VP of Finance and Administration, the Director of University Relations, the Director of Student Outreach and Student Ser-

ices, the Director of the Library, Faculty Senate Chair, Teacher Education Chair, Liberal Studies Coordinator, and the Director of Institutional Planning and Evaluation. This committee is working on establishing sub-committees that will ensure development of the different proposed projects and preparing reports to be presented to the WASC visiting teams. The NHU is expecting visits from WASC in the Spring 2007 for the Capacity and Preparatory Review, and in Spring 2008 for the Educational Effectiveness Review.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT

NHU recently received a four-year grant funded under the U.S. Department of Education – Office of Postsecondary Education Student Support Services Program (SSS). The SSS program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the processes of transition from one level of higher education to the next.

- Tutorial services
- Academic, financial or personal counseling
- Assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in graduate and professional programs
- Information about career options
- Mentoring
- Special services for students with limited English proficiency
- Direct financial assistance (grant aid) to SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants

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- Instruction in basic study skills

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GRADUATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MR. RUBEN BARRALES

Ruben Barrales, Deputy Special Assistant to President and Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, will be the commencement speaker at the 20th Annual Commencement Exercises to be held June 4, 2005, 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

regional civic organization of Silicon Valley business executives, government officials, and educational leaders. Mr. Barrales, is also the first Latino elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and served as President in 1996.

Prior to joining the President's staff, Mr. Barrales was President and CEO of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network-

Mr. Barrales' career and commitment to education and improving the quality of life in our communities, is an inspiration to us all.



NEW DEGREES-FALL 2005

Late in 2004 the Faculty Senate approved three new A.S. programs, and shortly thereafter NHU's accreditation body, the WASC approved them as well. The degrees are the A.S. in Mathematics and Science, the A.S. in Mathematics and Science with Engineering Emphasis, and the A.S. in Networking.

The two science degrees will be offered from the newly formed Department of Mathematics and Science while the Networking degree will be offered by the Department of Computer Science.

The science degrees are the product of a grant from the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program of the U.S. Department of Education. The pur-

pose of the grant is to enter into a joint engineering degree program with San Jose State University called a 3+2 programs.

The A.S. in Networking was put together in partnership with Cisco Systems. To assist in launching these programs, the National Science Foundation awarded NHU to support through scholarships about 30 students who choose to undertake one of the three programs.

For more information about the mathematics and science degrees, see Jennifer Cordero and for more information about the networking degree see Judy Clemons.

1ST PLACE IN POETRY GRAND SLAM

Congratulations to the members of the LCPA Spoken Word Team: Marisol Barrera, Luis Jimenez, Jessica Gutierrez, Lisa Lopez, Yosimar Reyes, and Carla Estrada. Their dedication and hard work placed them in First Place and became the 2005 South Bay League Champions.

Individually, the team took 3 individual trophies: Yosimar Reyes got the 2005 Best Poet & 2005 Audience Favorite and Carla Estrada got the award for the Most Original Poem that night. Additionally, the team earned two spots to the Brave New Voices regional competition.

NHU is very proud of this team accomplishment because this represents the spirit of the Institution and shows that our students can reach whatever they want if we teach them the great values of education, faith in them and perseverance in their goals. Si se puede, this students are the better example of it.

Next event will be the Brave New Voices International Competition in April 21-23rd, join them wit your support will be greatly appreciated. For more information, log onto www.youthspeaks.org or bnv@youthspeaks.org or call 415-255-9035.

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NHU TO PARTICIPATE IN USDA/HSI FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

NHU Staff Dr. David Johnson and Gloria Romero have been selected to participate in the Hispanic Serving Institutions Fellows Program during the summer in Washington, D.C.

The Fellows Program facilitates faculty and staff development by allowing Fellows to see the policymaking process first-hand and to build linkages to funding opportunities. In addition to meeting with USDA personnel, Fellows are connected with other federal agencies and organizations such as the Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and

the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Fellowship also provides participants access to funding opportunities available for their students.

The knowledge and contact information from participation in this program will help to enhance NHU's grant solicitation activities.

EL NUEVO MUNDO

El Nuevo Mundo Children’s Center (ENM) is affiliated with The National Hispanic University.

ENM Children’s Center is the only bilingual early care and education center serving low-income families in West Contra Costa County since 1979.

The Center serves children whose parents are working, in job training, and/or in school. ENM strongly believes in the strength of "family" and the variety of forms that it may take. Family sup-

port systems are encouraged and sought to meet the special needs of the family and its members. The family is looked upon as a unit and the child as a vital part of that unit. ENM provides a positive experience for a child, wherein family is considered, respected, and valued.

Under Blanca Mosca-Carreón’s leadership, ENM consistently receives positive feedback from local educators and community leaders with respect to ENM graduates.

STORY ROAD TAMALES FESTIVAL KICK- OFF

NHU was the host of the Kick-Off Celebration for the 2005 Tamale Festival to be held Saturday, June 4th, 2005 at the Emma Prusch Farm Park.

For more information visit: www.storyroadtamalefestival.com

The Festival which celebrates the cultural contributions of the Story Road community and acknowledges the international recognition of Hispanic foods is being presented by the Story Road Business Association, The City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency, District Five, The City of San Jose Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley.



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

- Emily Vu, NHU Finance Office Manager, has recently completed the Management Concepts Grants Management Certificate Program, a comprehensive training program designed to provide a solid foundation in Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

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Thank you.