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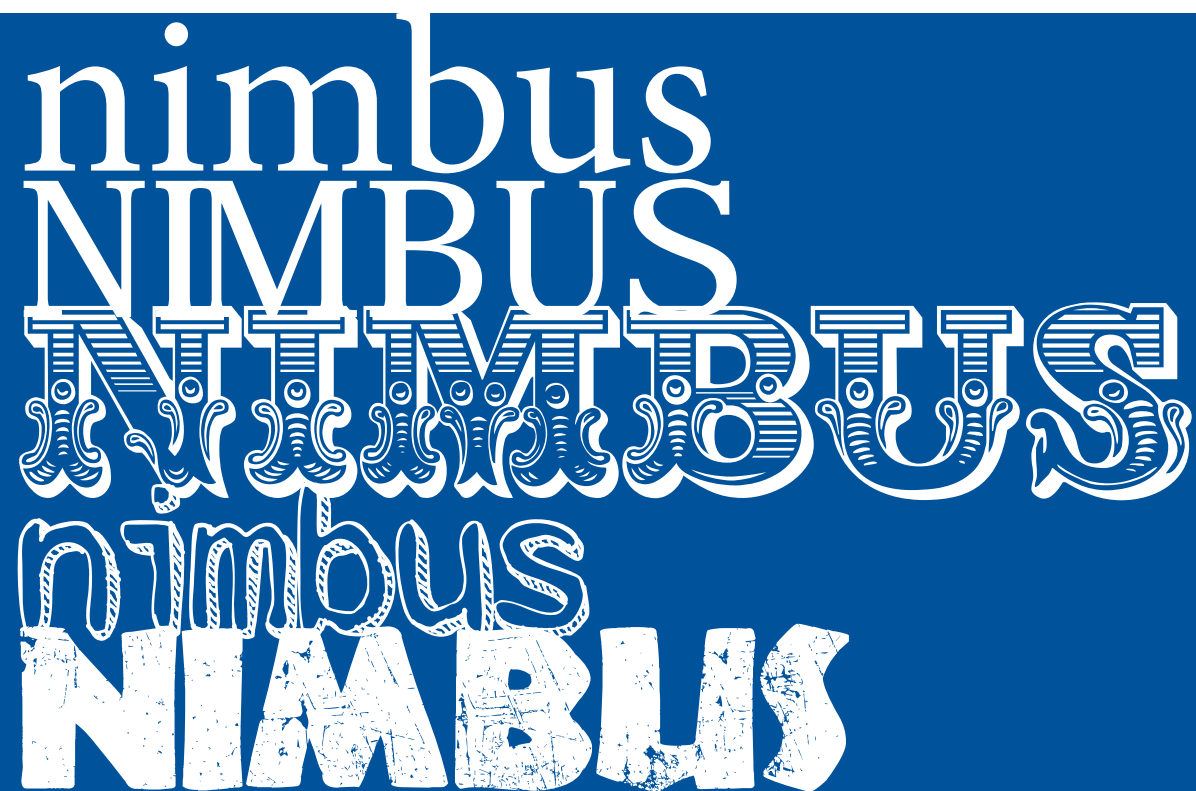
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New College
THE HONORS COLLEGE of Florida

A letter from NCAA Board Chair Robert Lincoln '77

By the time you receive this issue of Nimbus, Dr. Donal O'Shea will have taken the reins as the fifth President of New College. This is the first in a number of transitions that will occur as New College confronts, adapts and embraces change so that it can continue its mission. As an alum, you are already well aware that a new world needs New College. As you will learn in this issue, New College students and faculty are receiving ever-greater recognition for scholarship, teaching and community engagement. New College alumnae/i shape our world as creative thinkers and innovators. Aaron Hillegass '89 is one such example and his story on page 6 exemplifies the result of the unique educational experience received at New College.

As the College moves into its next fifty years, our alumnae/i are becoming ever more critical to New College's success. Alumnae/i are active members on the NCAA,



Robert Lincoln '77
NCAA Board Chair

Foundation and College Boards. In fact, the Foundation Board is composed of nearly half alumnae/i. Felice Schulaner '78 will step up to Foundation chair this fall. Felice and Mary Ruiz '73 also serve on the New College Board of Trustees, which is responsible for governing the college.

There are numerous ways you can become involved that don't require a board appointment. The NCAA continues to support student grants through the Student Research and Travel Grant Program and out-of-state scholarships through the successful Palm Court Initiative. You can read more about these initiatives and how to support them on page 20. In addition, alums continue to be appointed as Alumnae/i Fellows where they bring breadth and light to New College's academic program. Alums also participate in Coffee Talks with current students that help New College's young scholars develop an understanding of possible career paths and graduate or professional educational choices.

In addition, many alums meet with prospective students and donors, helping to enlighten the community about the New College experience.

As a fellow alum, I implore upon you to help shape New College's future and become engaged with the Alumnae/i Association where your unique contributions can make a difference every day. Thank you.

Apply to be an Alumnae/i Fellow



Enjoy the experience of teaching your own Independent Study Project (ISP), workshop, or a semester long class at New College as part of our Alumnae/i Fellows Program. This teaching experience allows you to work with the engaged and independent learners of New College in a course you get to build from the ground up. You provide an exciting new learning opportunity for the future alumnae/i of your alma mater in a course designed to supplement the curriculum.

Submit your application now for the 2013 January ISP term or spring 2013 semester. The deadline is Friday, August 24th. A faculty recommendation is required for all applicants.

To download the faculty recommendation form and to view the application guidelines please visit our website: <http://ncf.edu/alum-fellows>. If you have any questions about our Alumnae/i Fellows Program or our application process please contact VP of Alumnae/i Affairs, Jessica Rogers at ncalum@ncf.edu or 941-487-4900.

Give back to your college community and re-live your New College experience from the other side of the table.

Meet the New NCAA Board Members

Written by: **Cindy Hill '89**

The New College Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors voted on board applications at the May 2012 meeting. A governance subcommittee consisting of current board members Maia Hinkle '05, David Banks '05, and Governance Chair Cindy Hill '89 along with past leadership Mike Campbell '87, Larry Vernaglia '87, and Caroline Chambliss '79 was created to review and recommend candidates to the board for appointment.

The NCAA received 11 applications. The subcommittee evaluated each application and voted on a recommendation slate that was submitted to the board for consideration. Seven applicants were selected through this process. Four current board members (Robert Lincoln '77, Susan Sapoznikoff '83, Stu Levitan '73, and Carla Eastis '88) were reappointed to the board and three new board members (Thomas Knight '03, Mitch Silverman '91, and Hazel Bradford '75) were selected.

In addition, the terms of current board members, Mike Burton '86 and Robert Hans '76, will end in November of 2012. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service.

New directors are as follows:



Thomas Knight '03
Thomas graduated from New College in 2007 with a concentration in Econom-

ics/Environmental Studies, and in 2009, received an MSc in Antitrust and Regulation Economics from Tilburg University (The Netherlands). He is a PhD candidate at the University of Florida, where he teaches game theory. Currently, he is serving on the Bureau of Economics at the Federal Trade Commission. Thomas resides in Gainesville with his boyfriend Gerardo.

Mitch Silverman '91

Mitchell L. (Mitch) Silverman attended New College from 1991 to 1994, on a trivia scholarship.



At New College, Mitch served as Justice and Chief Justice on the Student Court, and as a Minister without Portfolio to the NCSA President. He majored in General Studies; his thesis was a narrative of his father's final illness and death of AIDS, written under the sponsorship of Mac Miller.

Mitch then attended the Florida State University College of Law, where he concentrated in alternative dispute resolution, and practiced as a Certified Legal Intern in the Children's Advocacy Clinic.

After practicing law in a number of different areas, Mitch returned to school at the Florida State University College of Information, where he received his Master of Science degree in Library and Information Studies, with a concentration in Reference and Instruction.

Mitch is currently the Outreach and Emerging Technologies

Librarian at Nova Southeastern University law school's Law Library and Technology Center, in Fort Lauderdale. He lives in Hollywood, FL with his wife Becky Katz.

Mitch is an avid technology user and is very active on Facebook. He wants to connect with as many New College alums as possible—not only online.

Hazel Bradford '75

Hazel Bradford is the Washington reporter for Pensions & Investments, a daily news website and print publication. Her previous positions included director of communications for the International Masonry Institute and Washington correspondent for McGraw-



Hill publications, including Business Week and Engineering News-Record.

She is a founding board member of the Gardenia House for migrant farm worker families on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and a board member of the News Literacy Project, which introduces high school students to journalism.

*If you would like to recommend yourself or a fellow alum to be considered for appointment to the NCAA Board please visit our website and download an application.

[New Scholars] New College

This year, the traditional spring thesis showcase was rebranded and transformed into a well attended community event that celebrated all student research and scholarship at New College. Jeanne Viviani, Director of Research Programs and Services, discusses the evolution below.

The thesis requirement is one of the distinguishing hallmarks of a New College of Florida degree. Aside from what students learn about their topics, it is also what they learn going through the process that makes a New College education so valuable. The thesis process, however, can be an isolating and solitary activity for a student. And as unfortunate as it may be, most thesis projects make it through the baccalaureate and into the library never to be heard or seen again.

In the fall of 2005, Dr. Sonia Labrador-Rodriguez asked me to assist in putting on a Thesis Showcase. The idea was a relatively simple one: create a conference style event where any student from any discipline, has the opportunity to present and share their thesis to the campus community. Students could share their

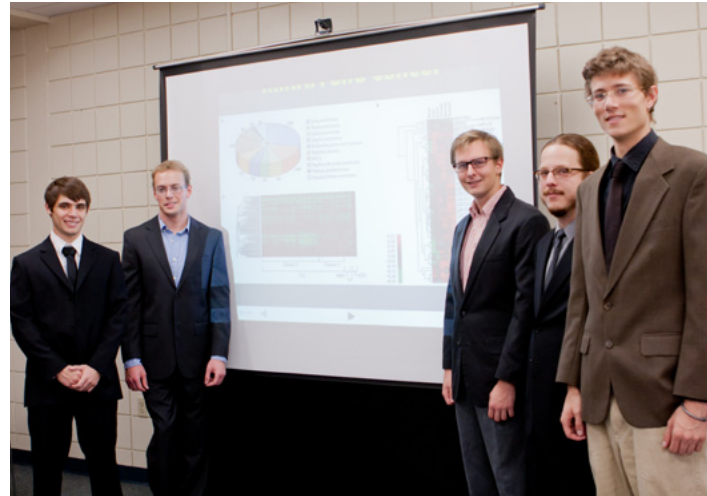
Below: Joanna Birney '08 gives a presentation



thesis work with each other, younger students and faculty. It took a year to plan, but on March 29, 2006, the first Showcase took place in College Hall with over 25 students presenting their work.

Fast forward to the fall of 2011; a group consisting of faculty who attended a Council of Undergraduate Research Seminar, and staff who attended an Undergraduate Research Symposium at the University of Central Florida, met to discuss the future direction of the Thesis Showcase. In keeping with recent themes, the event's name was changed to New Scholars New College and given a stronger public image with greater community presence and external marketing. The New Scholars event was given ad space in the commencement article in the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* and Public Affairs, the Alumnae/i Association and Foundation heavily promoted the event.

The focus was also to engage all independent research instead of just the thesis. The committee noted that New College students participate in a myriad of research projects including ISPs, summer research activities, and community projects each year, which are not thesis related. These students



Thomas Plate, Steven Machusko, David Bacsik, Andrew Schuster, and Tannar Roberts give a group presentation

deserved an equal opportunity to present their impressive work to the campus and surrounding community. The decision also had the benefit of increasing student participation in the event.

In addition, keynote speakers were to be added to the series which was a new change as presenters had not previously been a part of the thesis showcase. In the year leading up to the New Scholars event, much attention was paid to the idea that the higher education system was not "producing" students ready for the job market. Although New College has had to address this issue for years as a liberal arts institution, the economic climate made it a more difficult challenge. As a result of this conflict, the committee agreed that the presenters should be a successful New College alum and a recent or soon-to-be graduate interested in a similar field or business. The idea was not to make claims that a New College



degree produces a graduate for a job, but rather gives a graduate the skills and knowledge that will guide him or her for a lifetime of career changes.

On May 24, 2012, nearly a year after the committee's decision to rethink the thesis showcase, New Scholars was given new life. Throughout the course of the day, over 40 students gave oral or poster presentations and over 300 community members, parents, alums, and friends attended. The day began with opening remarks by New College President Mike Michalson and Provost Stephen Miles who noted that the event was "an embodiment of [New College's] mission."

A poster session and several panel discussions took place throughout the day. One notable panel discussion addressed the Occupy Wall Street Movement, a group ISP started by Professor of Sociology Sarah Hernandez, an expert on labor movements.

Keynote presenters Jonathan Smiga '75 and Johannah Birney '08 spoke about their passion for reinventing the restaurant industry to be eco-friendly and sustainable in a talk entitled: [Coffee] Grounds for Success; How a Liberal Arts Education Can Transform Business."

Smiga, the CEO of Barnies Coffee Kitchen, stated that he "came to New College for the experience of academic freedom and the opportunity to craft his own future." He noted his firm belief that a good liberal arts education is not a "bridge to a job," but rather a "springboard for the future."

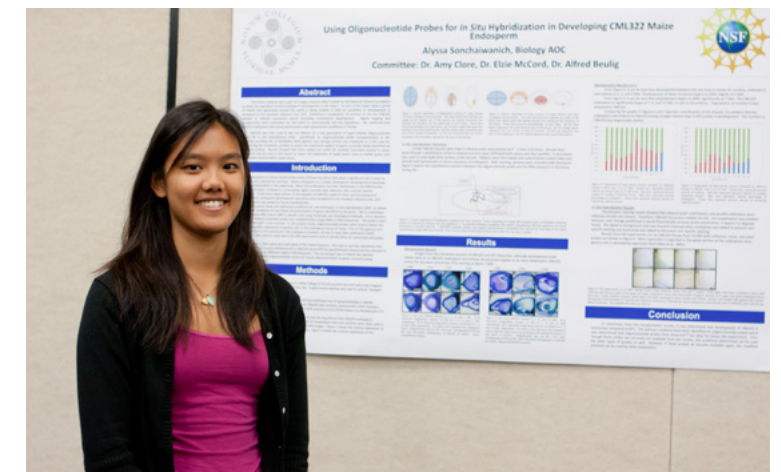
Birney, an environmental studies major at New College grew up in the restaurant business and is using her senior thesis research as a jumping off point to transform the student-run Four Winds Café as its manager. She explained that starting this summer,

she will lead an unprecedented movement to obtain a four star certification from the Green Restaurant Association for the Four Winds Cafe. This movement will not only change how New College eats, but will also strengthen our connection to the natural world as a community of scholars. Going forward, she would like to see the same principles adopted throughout Florida's state university system. "New College is a haven for free thinkers," said Birney, who worked with faculty to create many tutorials in order to pursue her interests in sustainable food. "The Environmental studies program trains environmental problem solvers. For me, it created a launching pad for success."

Did your thesis project turn into your life's work? Share your story with us at ncalum@ncf.edu. Visit our website to learn about other alums who have taken their thesis research to a higher level.

Header: Liz Usherwood presents her research

Below: Alyssa Sonchaiwanich next to her poster





Aaron Hillegass '89 Helps Programmers Achieve “Nerdvana” in A Unique Training Program

Aaron Hillegass '89 is the CEO of Big Nerd Ranch, which he founded in 2001. He started programming at the age of 10 in the basement of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. At 19, Aaron took his first professional programming job with the Mitre Corporation in its Advanced Signal Processing Lab. He graduated from New College in '91 with an AOC in Mathematics.

In 2000 Aaron was asked to teach Apple engineers how to write apps for this new Operating System: Mac OS X. After spending the summer volunteering at the Omega Institute in Rhineback, NY, he decided to apply the monastic idea of retreat to technical training; Big Nerd Ranch was born. BNR taught its first course in March of 2001.

MacTech consistently names Aaron one of the top 25 most influential people in the Mac community. An accomplished speaker, Aaron has lectured at Apple's Worldwide Developer Conference (WWDC), ApacheCon, and C4. He has given the keynote at all the “Voices That Matter” iPhone Developers Conferences. He also gave the keynote at BZMedia's iPhone/iPad DevCon.

Aaron is also a best selling author. “Cocoa Programming for Mac OS X” which was published in December of 2001 and is widely considered the Bible of Mac

development. He is also the co-author of “Advanced Mac OS X Programming” and “iPhone Programming: the Big Nerd Ranch Guide”. He was one of two developers who wrote topsXtreme, a orthodontic practice management system based on Cocoa and PostgreSQL. He has also written applications for UPS, Z-Systems, and Apple, among others.

Interview by: Sarah Thompson '06

NCAA: What inspired you to start Big Nerd Ranch and how did you realize it?

Many of the technologies behind Mac OS X and the iPhone were developed at NeXT Computer. I was working at NeXT when we were purchased by Apple. In 2000, I could see that although Apple was struggling financially, it had worked through its technical and cultural problems. I also recognized that there was a piece missing from its plan: professional services.

Most companies that ship a complex piece of technology also sell professional services like training and consulting. For example, Oracle sells a database; their training and consulting for that database generates over a billion dollars in revenues each year.

Apple, a consumer brand, has no professional ser-

vices team. I created Big Nerd Ranch to fill that hole. Today, Big Nerd Ranch employs 50 people that do training and consulting on iOS, Android, Mac OS X, and HTML5. Our customers include companies like Procter and Gamble, AT&T, Facebook, Intuit, and Boeing.

NCAA: We've read that you crafted the class structure yourself. Can you tell us about your teaching philosophy?

The first step in creating a great class is to plot a path that goes from ignorance to expertise. Each idea needs to stack neatly on the preceding ideas, and it must be obvious to the student why each concept is relevant.

To create a really effective learning experience, that path must be explored with a mentor in an environment that promotes experimentation. This is the part of the business that is really difficult to scale. Finding and nurturing these mentors is a big part of my job.

I wanted to create an environment for concentration and experimentation. The closest thing I could find was the idea of a monastic retreat. We teach classes in remote conference centers. All the students eat all their meals together, and we walk together in the afternoons. In fact, I wanted to call it “The Big Nerd Monastery,” but I thought that would make sales difficult. I tried to find something that evoked a similar feeling, and the dude ranch was as close as I could get.

The sort of learning experience that we create cannot be done online; you must take your body to this situation that we create. We have never done video or online training, because we are unable to guarantee that experience.

If you already have a mentor and an environment that promotes experimentation, we have published four books based upon our courses.

NCAA: How does teaching compare to consulting?

The puzzle in any business is to figure out how to use your passions to make money; one without the other is unsustainable. At Big Nerd Ranch, we are passionate about learning. Through learning we develop expertise. And we sell this expertise through our classes and our consulting.

We learn a lot when we consult, if Big Nerd Ranch has been called in, the problem to be solved is prob-

ably not an easy one. That experience makes us better, more authoritative teachers.

NCAA: What do you feel you have learned from your experience as an instructor?

Most adults think that the world has overestimated their intelligence. They believe that they have tricked the people around them. In a strenuous learning experience, most people worry that their shortcomings will be discovered.

Here is the funny part: most people around the self-conscious learner don't care how smart he is, and the ones who care know exactly how intelligent/dumb he is.

Any energy spent trying to trick the people around you is energy wasted.

NCAA: Your company has an office in Amsterdam. Why do you feel it's important for BNR to have a global presence?

Here is a weird fact of economics: If you want to do something really well, you need to move into as big a market as you can.

For example, let's say you make bread in a village in Nepal. If you make decent bread, your neighbors will buy it and you will survive. There is no real reason to

make the recipe better – there is no serious competition and you can't sell more bread than your neighbors will eat.

If you decide that you are going to sell bread to everyone on the planet, you will spend every hour tweaking the recipe. Every time

you make it better, you will change your market share of the world bread market. (Continued on pg. 16)



A few Big Nerd Ranch graduates



Professor Miriam Wallace Granted Visiting Fellowship to Yale Library

Since 1995, Dr. Miriam Wallace has been teaching courses at New College on the British novel and literary theory with particular interest in feminist and gender theories. She was recently granted a Visiting Fellowship at Yale University’s Lewis Walpole Library to conduct research on her project “Illustrating Speech: Depicting Professional, Popular, and Illicit Public Speaking, 1780-1820.”

Interview by: Sarah Thompson ‘06

NCAA; First of all, congratulations on your award! What made you decide to apply for this opportunity?

The Lewis Walpole Library is one of several libraries that belong to Yale University. It was gifted by a Yale grad who is also an expert on the famous writer and collector, Horace Walpole (son of Robert Walpole, Britain’s first prime minister). As a scholar of the eighteenth century, the Lewis collection has

long been on my list of special collections to visit.

This year, I’m partaking in an ongoing project on common Britons speaking in political or legally authoritative ways as represented through visual materials. The Walpole Library, with its collection of satirical prints and other eighteenth century materials has helped significantly with my research. While much of the Lewis Walpole Library collection is digitized, there are some works that are not. Plus it’s just a great place to be—a beautiful reading room and a lovely setting in an 18th-century house in Farmington, Connecticut.

The Lewis Walpole Fellowship provides travel funds, housing, and a stipend for up to 6 weeks of work. I’m just over halfway through and have seen some works I’ve only read about and have developed a whole vocabulary of new visual gesture and satirical codes. Part of what has interested me during this fellowship is how visual representations of famous politicians, legal authorities or ordinary people speaking in public ways can work against the textual script or written accounts. It’s as if the images have a rich language of their own, even a kind of gestural grammar. They don’t always conform to the messages or titles of the textual speech.

NCAA: How do you feel that your research completed as a Visiting Lewis Walpole Fellow will enhance what you bring to the classroom?

Well, since at New College we teach a really broad range, I don’t teach a focused 18th-century course all that often. But I will be teaching my 18th-century British literature survey in fall 2012, and I’m contemplating using some more visual images or even illustrations to the works we read. There’s something about reading an image that asks you to focus on details and that takes us out of the comfort zone of narrative. You really have to see what’s there. You can’t supply what you think should be there from your own mind the way you can sometimes do with a novel or prose with a strong plot line.

In a less specific content-driven way, I think spending focused time myself learning something new—having the experience of starting from scratch in an area where I’m not really an expert, learning to “read” new materials (like satirical political prints where I don’t even know who all the people are or what the jokes are about), and then figuring out

how to write about this new material—keeps me honest. Sometimes when I’ve taught something many times or written on it extensively, it’s easy to forget how difficult it was when I was just starting to work with that material. As faculty we ask a lot of our students at New College, and it’s good to remind ourselves what it’s like to be just starting out as a beginner.

NCAA: What do you believe are some of the challenges that face New College scholars as they prepare for their lives after New College? What can we as an institution do to combat them?

There are two aspects to this—one from the faculty angle that alumnae/i might not initially think of.

New College is first and foremost a teaching college, so for New College faculty, one of the real challenges is figuring out how to balance scholarly work with teaching. Faculty work hard to be great teachers, mentors, and often life-long colleagues, while still keeping their own minds alive as active researchers. When this is done well, it has a

really big impact—making faculty better teachers and demonstrating for students how to have an intellectually engaging life.

For NCF scholars, I think this balance of life and work is a key challenge—how to find something that will pay you enough to live on while also using

your time to keep learning and engaging with the world. College is a betwixt and between period—you’re not still a child at home, but you’re also not entirely on your own yet and someone is usually checking up you. Transitioning from the more structured life of a college student into the life of someone who is completely independent is a big jump.

I’d argue that “scholarship” is more broad than what is often articulated in a college setting. Scholarship is not just specialized library work or experimental laboratory work, but it’s also about figuring out how to solve a problem that might require some online or library research (like how to build your own brick patio), how to develop a new skill or even how to be intellectually flexible enough to adapt to a new career, a new life situation, or a new living context. Even if you have a job for a while that isn’t challenging or enjoyable, you should have the mental furniture to keep yourself entertained or to do something you really love in your spare time.

In the end, making the most of where you are, not being afraid to pick up and try something new, to take on a challenge even if it scares you, and to recognize that adaptability requires great intellectual and psychic stamina—that’s what I hope most NCF grads take away. After all, you probably had to adapt quickly to all the different demands that classes, social life, and the college itself put on you. You never know where those skills will take you, but you’ll be able to keep picking yourself up and moving to interesting places if you trust yourself.



Dr. Wallace participates in a small group discussion with New College students during one of her courses.

New College Students Receive Honors for their Scholarship



Recent graduate Claire Comiskey received the honor of presenting at the Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR) Posters on the Hill event in Washington, D.C. this April.

Claire Comiskey, a 2012 graduate, found out that she would be presenting at the Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR) Posters on the Hill event in early January. Held on April 23–24, in Washington, D.C, the CUR honored the research achievements of 75 undergraduate students from colleges and universities nationwide. Each student presented his or her research to members of Congress, congressional staff members, and federal government officials, among others. Claire was one of only 75 students selected from a total of 850 applicants.

Claire's poster was based on her senior thesis project. She examined the impact of women's participation in microfinance self-help groups run by nongovernmental organizations (NGO) on their economic status and social empowerment. Focusing on rural Rajasthan, India, Claire found that the women's participation in the groups did not make them more money, but did allow them to accrue savings that they valued. Most of the women she interviewed did not feel a sense of social empowerment. The goal of her research was to indicate broadly how women's microfinance programs can be better designed and implemented.

Asked how she enjoyed the experience at Posters on the Hill, Claire noted: "It was great to be in the presence of other students who were pursuing their own individual passions. The best part of the event, for me, was when we put our posters up, before the public came in, and had the opportunity to talk to each other about what our research was about. It was fascinating to see how so many people from different institutions had arrived at the same event through different means."

Claire attended Posters on the Hill with the assistance of a Student Research and Travel Grant [SRTG], a core NCAA program which students may apply to in order to receive funding for their academic pursuits. "Not only did the Student Travel and Research Grant make this trip possible," Claire stated "but I also applied and received SRTG funding for travel costs related to my thesis and ISP research earlier in my academic career. All of those research projects lead up to this moment. I would not have even been able to attend this event if it wasn't for the support I previously received. (Continued pg. 16.)

Grace Fisher Named 2012 Civic Fellow

New College student Grace Fisher has been named a national 2012 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact for her personal commitment to improving the Sarasota-Bradenton community through service, community-based research and advocacy. Fisher is a second-year student in sociology from Jupiter, FL., who has spent many hours coordinating clothing and food drives, volunteering with food pantries and working on homelessness issues.

"This award honors students who demonstrate leadership in the promotion of lasting, positive social change," said former New College President Gordon E. "Mike" Michalson Jr. "This recognition suggests that Grace represents the best features of the New College student body. It also suggests good things about her future."

Through an independent study project at New College, Fisher participated in an Americorps VISTA initiative that partnered with the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness and Resurrection House, a day resource center for the homeless in Sarasota. As part of the Suncoast Partnership's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness, Fisher collaborated with homeless individuals, city commissioners and managers, law enforcement and local attorneys to discuss crime, safety and community outreach techniques. She also helped synthesize data from a 2011 homeless census and attended community meetings with service providers throughout the county.

Recently, Fisher led her New College classmates in implementing after-school tutoring and mentoring at the Robert L. Taylor Community Center in Sarasota's Newtown neighborhood. Fisher is also being sponsored by the Sarasota Branch

of the American Association of University Women to attend its 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Fisher is one of 162 students from 32 states to be honored as a 2012 Newman Civic Fellow. She will join a network of students around the country, sharing ideas and tools through online networking to leverage a greater capacity for service and change.

Two Students Win Prestigious National Science Research Grants

Sophie Lang and Katie McAlpine have been awarded grants for specialized research study with the National Institute on Standards and Technology (NIST) Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. The program is supported by the National Science Foundation,

Sophie Lang, of Tallahassee, FL, is one of 80 students to study at the NIST SURF facility just outside Washington, D.C.. Lang is a third-year student pursuing her bachelor's degree in chemistry from New College and an associate's degree in fire science from Florida State College at Jacksonville. Lang will participate in the Fire Research Division, which develops, verifies and utilizes measurements and predictive methods to quantify the behavior of fire and means to reduce the impact of fire on people, property and the environment.

Katie McAlpine, of Spring Hill, FL, is one of approximately 20 students to be awarded the fellowship for study at the NIST SURF program in Boulder, CO. McAlpine is a third-year student in physics, who has collaborated with Dr. Mariana Sendova, professor of physics, in New College's Optical Spectroscopy Lab.



Grace Fisher



Naushin Jiwani



Michael Long



Sophie Lang

A New World Needs New College

New College Students Receive Prestigious Travel Scholarships in Their Quest to Make the World a Better Place



Dana Zeigler, Susanna Payne-Passmore, Christopher Mullholand, and Kathleen McQueeny

4 Four Fulbright Recipients

Four New College students, all graduates of the 2012 class, were selected as 2012-2013 Fulbright recipients. Dana Zeigler, from Niceville, FL received an English Teaching Assistantship to Indonesia where she will incorporate her study of Political Science and Music into the curriculum. At New College, Dana has served on the student government as vice president of public affairs, a teaching assistant and director of the New Cats Jazz Band. Susanna Payne-Passmore from

Philadelphia, PA will teach in Georgia where she will use her studies in music composition to introduce American culture to her students. Payne-Passmore first became aware of the country during a concert in Philadelphia of the Anchiskhati Ensemble, a polyphonic choral group from Tbilisi. Christopher Mullholand from Bradenton, FL will continue his research to better understand the connection between epigenetic changes, the chemical modifications made to the DNA in genomes, and cancer at the Center for Integrated Protein Science at the Ludwig-Maximillians-Universität in Munich, Germany. Fully

proficient in German, Mulholland plans to enter a doctoral program in the field of epigenetics in preparation for a research career. Finally, Kathleen McQueeny of Boynton Beach, FL received a Fulbright to the Netherlands, but will be starting a fully funded PhD program in Economics at Brandeis University in lieu of a Fulbright year.

3 Three Critical Language Scholarship Winners

New College of Florida students Nolan Bensen of Orlando, FL, Ilene Gillispie of Alexandria, VA and Naushin Jiwani of LaGrange, GA have each been awarded a Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) by the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for study this summer. This is the third consecutive year that students from New College have been awarded this top government grant. CLS participants study approximately one year's worth of language study in seven to 10 weeks during the summer institutes. The 13 critical languages of study include: Punjabi, Mandarin, and Arabic.

2 Two French Teaching Assistantship Awards

Two New College of Florida students will travel to France next year under teaching assistantship grants awarded by the

French government. Rose Marz, a French/English literature major from Fort Myers, FL, has been assigned to a secondary school in Paris, and Alison Parks, an international and area studies/French major from Palm Coast, FL, will teach in a primary school in Lille. Marz and Parks make up a total of 17 New College students who have received awards to teach in France since 2000-2001. The Teaching Assistant Program in France is a joint initiative of the French Ministry of Education, the Centre international d'études pédagogiques (CIEP) and the Cultural Services Department of the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. Each year, nearly 1,500 American citizens and permanent residents teach for seven to nine months in public schools across all regions of metropolitan France and in the overseas departments of French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Réunion.

1 2012 Kremlin Fellow
Michael Long was named a 2012 Kremlin Fellow, one of only 15 student leaders selected from colleges and universities nationwide, including Harvard. Long represented the Florida Student Association (FSA) and New College when he met with Russian government officials, entrepreneurs and student leaders in Moscow.

The Kremlin Fellows Program is an exchange program sponsored by Russia's Federal Agency on Youth Affairs and administered by The Center for American-Russian Engagement of Emerging Leaders. The program was founded in 2010 to introduce the next generation of American leadership to the cultural and historic context in which Russian people and institutions operate as well as to help dismantle stereotypes left behind by the Cold War.

Long, a Sarasota native, was the youngest student elected to chair the FSA for a one-year term, which ended in May. Long's AOC is in environmental studies and he currently serves as President of the New College Student Alliance. As FSA chairman, Long was also chosen to serve on the National Campus Leadership Council's (NCLC) Executive Committee, which is composed of 10 student government presidents from throughout the country and serves as an independent advisory council to the White House. In April, he participated in the NCLC White House Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., where he met with White House officials including a conference call with President Obama, heard speakers from governmental and nonprofit organizations, and led a breakout session on campus sustainability.

Alumnae/i Award Recipients

For many New College alums, there is no time to rest on their laurels after graduation. Here is a snapshot of some of the impressive awards our alumnae/i have garnered within the past 5 years:

- 3 alums have won Fulbrights in their graduate programs including: Michael Jones '99 who won a 2012-2013 research grant to study Education in Laos, Kara Andrade '95 who received a Fulbright to Guatemala for the 2009-2010 year to study Fine Art, and Daniel Pettit '99 who was awarded a prestigious research grant to study Anthropology in Ireland in 2008-2009.
- 3 alums have been awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship: Carly Summers '01 in 2012, Talya Dayton '01 in 2011, and Craig Schuetze '01 in 2010.
- 4 alums were admitted to Teach for America. Nausherwan Hafeez '04, Dayna Firth '07, and Agne Milukaite '07 were awarded in 2011, while Nina Barraclough '06 received this honor in 2010.
- Elisha Renee '67 was awarded a 2012-2013 Guggenheim Grant for her outstanding research in African Studies.
- Raea Hicks received a NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship (NESSF). Her proposal, titled "Laboratory Studies of Titan and Early Earth Tholins", focuses on the formation mechanisms of complex organic molecules, which have implications for chemistry at the origin of life.

Have you won an award or honor after graduating from New College? We want to hear about it! Email ncalum@ncf.edu.

2012 Commencement Weekend



“The intellectual curiosity of the students we attract is not only the starting point for the truly educated person we try to cultivate, it is very likely the main source of New College’s institutional distinctiveness”

—Dr. Mike Michalson

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The 2012 commencement, held on May 25, 2012, celebrated New College’s second largest graduating class with 179 students. (The largest commencement took place in 1975 with 182 students.) As is traditional, New College students wore fanciful costumes in jovial celebration of their proud achievement. One student proudly wore a sign that stated: “have a college degree, need a job.”

References to the job market were echoed in New College President Mike Michalson’s key note address. Responding to the current national trends towards vocational-oriented degrees, Michalson reassured parents that their sons and daughters were “wonderfully prepared for a future in which college graduates will experience multiple career changes, a future filled with career options that haven’t even been invented yet. Frankly, in today’s situation, the students I worry about are those being trained to do just one thing, since that is a surely a recipe for obsolescence.”

Dr. Michalson also emphasized the importance of critical thinking skills rather than technical training in building a lifelong career. “We have a different approach here at New College,” the president stated “an approach that manages to support the legitimate needs of economic development without making those needs paramount. Our distinctiveness is embedded in the seriousness with which we take the ideal of educating the ‘whole student’ as opposed simply to honing their acquisitive instincts and capacities.

The intellectual curiosity of the students we attract is not only the starting point for the truly educated person we try to cultivate, it is very likely the main source of New College’s institutional distinctiveness. Intellectual curiosity is like a power supply providing the College with an ongoing stream of continuity through administrative changes, political upheavals and budgetary downturns.”

Later in the ceremony, Dr. Michalson was bestowed the title of “honorary alum” by Alumnae/i Association Board Chair Robert Lincoln ‘77 who presented the honor on behalf of the Alumnae/i Association. Among the reasons provided for Michalson’s honor were his his strong leadership abilities, especially in times of financial hardship. This touching moment was commemorated in a framed document that will hang in Michalson’s new Caples office.

Following the commencement ceremony, 200 alums of all ages gathered at the Keating Center for a festive celebration. New College band, The New Cats, crooned cool jazz tunes while alums, new graduates, and families dined on fanciful hors d’oeuvres under the stars. The event was a true celebration (New College style) of the graduates hard earned achievements.

The 2012 commencement celebration marked Dr. Michalson’s last graduation ceremony as president of the college, a position he stepped down from on July 1, 2012. Dr. Donal O’Shea, a mathematician and administrator of Mount Holyoke College, succeeds President Michalson as the College’s fifth president.

Claire Comiskey Continued from page 10

The funds provided through this program were vital to making my NCF experience what it was. Continuing to fund this program immeasurably enriches a student's academic experience at New College and I believe other students should have the same opportunities I was afforded."

Comiskey's range of experience working on social and economic justice issues in the U.S. and abroad is impressive. In her home state of Wisconsin, Claire worked at the Capitol as a social policy intern researching and drafting a bill to replace predatory payday loan institutions with microfinance programs. While at New College, she conducted independent research on modern leftist populist movements in Latin America, and in 2009, she was a discussant at the 2009 ASA Race, Gender and Class Conference and an American Delegate at Northwestern University's Global Engagement Summit. In 2010, she spearheaded a project in Bolivia in partnership with a local NGO to create a work cooperative for the production of reusable bags in a women's prison. During her time there, Claire also led political and social leadership workshops in collaboration with local feminist groups. In 2011, she worked with nonprofit Workers Defense Project in Dallas, Texas, researching the adverse conditions that immigrant workers face in the construction industry.

Currently, Claire is interning with Interfaith Action, an ally organization with the Coalition for Immokalee Workers in Immokalee, FL. which aims to

stop human rights abuses of undocumented farm workers. Claire hopes to be offered a full time position with Interfaith after her internship is complete.

Claire later plans to pursue a Ph.D. in sociology, focusing on the economic sociology of globalization. Her goal is to understand the ways in which shifts in the global economy change people's lives and livelihoods—for better or worse.

"I hope to engage the communities I will become a part of—locally and globally—in action research, joining the resources of academia with the knowledge, passion and social capital of communities to do relevant and necessary research for social change," says Comiskey. "I hope to be an individual who both contributes to our understanding of the myriad forces of globalization and an agent that channels these forces for social justice."



Aaron Hillegass '89

"Nerdavana" Cont. from page 6

We've always considered ourselves a global company. Thus, we've never been afraid to make the investments that set us apart from our competitors.

NCAA: What do you believe is the value of a New College degree?

We currently employ three New College alumnae/i, and I would love to hire more. Every spring I call Dr. McDonald to beg for the names of some soon-to-be-graduates with technical ability.

I am always looking for employees who want to spend their lives learning. If you attended New College, you are probably passionate about learning. If you graduated, it is guaranteed.

Also, I look for people who care about more than just short-term, material rewards. It is nice to know someone has spent a few years stewing in a place where the community celebrated scholarship, art, social justice, and environmentalism and disapproved of blatant materialism. If you're interested in a position please send resums to jobs@bignerdranch.com.

NCAA: What are your goals for the future of Big Nerd Ranch?

We will be building our own conference center in a forest near the Atlanta airport.

Big Nerd Ranch has already exceeded all my expectations, but I hope that we will continue to learn and grow, both as individuals and as a company. I hope that our reputation for expertise and integrity continues to spread. I hope that our classes continue to change people's lives.

Spring & Summer Chapter Events



Weren't able to come to these events?

Clear your schedules, because the NCAA and New College's new President Don O'Shea are headed to your area soon! Here are some of the locations we'll be visiting in the fall of 2012 and the spring of 2013. Please be sure we have your updated address on file in order to receive an invite! If you are interested in hosting a chapter event in your area please contact us at ncalum@ncf.edu.

- Atlanta, GA
- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Los Angeles, CA
- New York, NY
- Orlando, FL
- San Francisco, CA
- Tallahassee, FL
- Tampa, FL
- Washington, DC

1. Sarasota Law Networking Reception hosted at the new law office of Altom '90 & Jenn Maglio '89.
2. Miami-Hosts Patricia & Rob Hans '78 pose with Dr. Michalson
3. May New College Night Out-Charlie Lenger '91, Doug Perry '90, Jessica Rogers, Carola Fleener '64, DeeAnn Garey Roy '78, Greg Roy, John Buchanan '72, Barbara Ceo '67, & Sarah Thompson '06
4. Tallahassee-Susan Sapoznikoff '83, Richard Butgereit '91, & Kim McShane '88
5. June New College Night Out-A New College incoming student parent poses with Mike Lasche '76, & Caroline Chambliss '79
6. Miami- Gera Peoples '94, Dr. Michalson, & Sam Skogstad '77

Host a New College Night Out at your favorite local hotspot in the Sarasota-Bradenton area. Contact ncalum@ncf.edu today.

Making an Impact One student at a time

From left to right: New College Foundation Trustee Gardener Sherrill, student Destinie Candis, and Debra Faulk of Wells Fargo Foundation.

New College offers its thanks to the many generous donors who gave scholarship gifts this year, allowing financially struggling students to attend college and providing the funding for students to embark on research and travel around the world.

94% of New College students receive financial aid, merit based scholarships, and/or research and travel grant funding. Donations come from New College alums, local donors, and foundations. Debra Faulk (pictured above) of Wells Fargo Foundation which donated \$10,000 last year to help students living in an 8-county region of Florida's Gulf Coast, says: "Wells Fargo is pleased to support New College. We recognize the importance of providing access to higher education and applaud New College's

pursuit of a diverse and inclusive student body." Wells Fargo has announced their commitment of \$10,000 in scholarship support for the 2012-2013 school year. We thank them for their generosity.

In addition, the Student Research and Travel Grant Program (SRTG) provides grant funding to New College students in support of research and travel associated with their thesis work, tutorials and independent study projects. In the 2011-2012 year alone, 53 students were awarded grants totaling \$37,385.

Proposals are invited from students seeking support for research undertaken with a faculty advisor and for any accompanying travel. A committee of four alumnae/i and three faculty members review all proposals. Those awarded monies must submit a thank you letter to their donor. To remain eligible for future funding, they must also submit a summary of

"Thank you for contributing to help me study at Smolny College in St. Petersburg, Russia. By researching with the faculty and taking advantages of travel opportunities within Russia, I will be able to gather information I will use in my thesis. By funding me, you not only let me graduate as a Russian language and literature major, but you benefit my entire academic future."

—Erich Barganier

"During these times of economic duress, the contributions of yourselves and others have been invaluable in alleviating the fiscal burden placed on not only my family, but on those of many close friends. The value you have placed on futhering New College's mission and expanding access to this education has and will continue to have a profound role in enriching the lives of students."

—Joshua Scheible

their experience.

Each year, a reception is held thanking donors for their contributions to scholarships and the SRTG program. We sincerely appreciate the community's support in ensuring all students can attend New College and giving them the freedom to research and travel around the world in support of scholarly work.

For information on how you can support a New College student please contact Jessica Rogers, V.P of Alumnae/i Affairs at jrogers@ncf.edu or 941-487-4900.

"Throughout my life I have been graced with the good will and charity of others. This charity provided my first home with dry milk, basic foods and a bed. This charity purchased school supplies for my first day to elementary school. This charity pushed me to believe that I not only could go to college, but would go to college. So, I sit here today in my New College of Florida dormitory because people like you chose to take part in the charity that has graced my life."

—Michael "Gavin" Dietrich

Did you know?

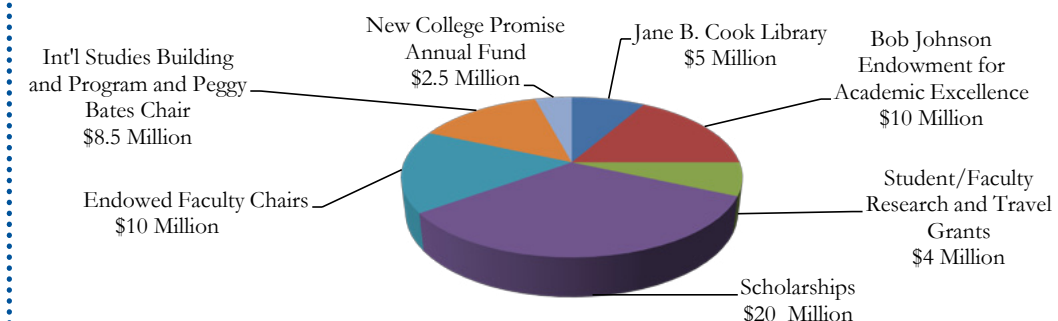
Alums have given a total of \$230,685 during the New College Promise Campaign to fund student scholarships and grants.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generous stipend you have given me for my research at an orphanage in Uganda. I believe my study will not only aid in providing an understanding of the cognitive deficits which are caused by PTSD at the orphanage but will open the door to future research in therapies for children everywhere. There are not enough words to express my gratitude for your generosity."

—Stephanie Larumbe

"I view my marine biology research as a step towards sustainability within the aquaculture and fishing industries, the benefits of which will be experienced by future generations. This grant allows students to dream beyond the limitations of our wallets – limitations which should never be a factor in hindering education."

—Meagan White-Domain



The New College Promise Campaign focus area goals at a glance

Although New College already is one of the nation's most affordable colleges, more than half of our students receive financial aid. The availability of scholarship support is vital to attract and retain highly talented, motivated, and innovative students, including those from a wide variety of backgrounds.

The creation of a named scholarship endowment is a two-fold gift. In the act of honoring or memorializing a member of one's family, a civic leader or a former professor or student within the New College community, the donor is also recognizing and assisting exceptional students. Through this kind of financial support, New College is able to attract and retain a diverse student body of the highest intellectual caliber.

The New College Promise will increase scholarship funds available to students from underrepresented communities, especially first-generation, minority and out of state students.

In addition to endowing scholarships, donors can provide annual tuition, room, and board support for individual students. Donors have the opportunity to meet their scholarship recipient at an annual lunch or dinner and frequently stay in contact with their student during and after graduation.

To endow a single out-of-state scholarship costs \$400,000. To endow a single in-state student scholarship costs \$200,000.

Help us make an impact one student at a time. Make your promise today.

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The Legacy Club

Be among the many alums like Sharon Landesman Ramey '65 and husband Craig Ramey who are including New College in their future plans. Make a legacy gift today for the future of New College's best and brightest students of tomorrow.

Sharon had this to say about her gift: "I cannot imagine having the wonderful and adventurous life I have had without New College being my educational foundation. I have lived my whole life believing that "in the final analysis each student is responsible for his or her own education." Thank goodness I now realize that my education is also the result of my connections with talented peers and faculty members who created my New College experience." Craig Ramey, father of New College alumna Ann Dwyer Andre '87, (Sharon is the mother) feels he too has now joined the New College community as the proud father of a New College graduate.

If you are interested in learning more about how to make a planned gift please contact VP of Alumnae/i Affairs Jessica Rogers at jrogers@ncf.edu or 941-487-4900.

Invest in your future and ours

Named Book Fund at the New College Library



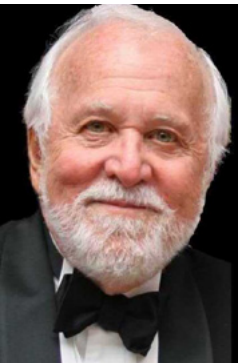
We are pleased to announce a new way to support the Jane Bancroft Cook Library. There has long been a tradition of endowing named book funds at college and university libraries, both public and private. New College is starting its own tradition of creating an endowed book fund. This fun will not only support the purchase of books and electronic resources for the Library's general collection, but may also support the acquisition of numerous other items for special collections. The essence of an endowed fund is that only interest is used to purchase materials, the principal is never touched. Please consider starting a named book fund at the Cook

Library in memory of or in honor of someone, in recognition of an alum or student, or a particular advisor or professor. A minimum donation of \$1,000 is required. These make wonderful gifts and can be added to by anyone throughout the years to come. A plaque listing the Library's named book funds will be prominently displayed in the Cook Library foyer and all book fund participants will receive a free lifetime membership to the New College Library Association.

For more information on how you can support the library, please contact the New College Foundation at 941-487-4800 or foundation@ncf.edu.

Longboat Key Resident George Skestos Appointed to New College Board of Trustees

Longboat Key resident George Skestos has been appointed to the



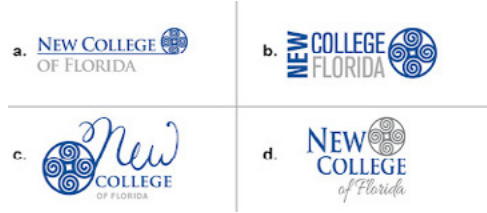
New College of Florida Board of Trustees by the Florida Board of Governors for the State University System. Skestos' term runs through January 6, 2013, completing the

term of J. Robert Peterson, who passed away in March.

Skestos is the founder of Homewood Corp., a residential building company based in Columbus, Ohio. He served on the Ohio State University Board of Trustees for nine years, with a one-year term as president. Skestos also served as chairman of the University East Hospital Board. He is a native of Owosso, MI, and relocated to Longboat Key, FL, in 2000. He earned his bachelor's degree, master's in business administration (MBA), bachelor of laws (LLB) and law degree from the University of Michigan.

Skestos joins a board whose members currently include Bradford Baker, Rick Coe (faculty chair), Audrey Coleman, Robert Johnson, William Johnston, Elaine Keating, Michael Long (student government president), Keith Monda, Mary Ruiz '73, John Saputo, Felice Schulaner '78, and Steven Snyder. To learn more about the New College Board of Trustees please visit our website at <http://ncf.edu/web/ncflorida/bot>

New College Logo Redesign Update



The New College redesign team, consisting of alums, faculty, staff, and students, has now reviewed all of the responses from the survey, which closed on July 11, 2012 along with comments posted on Facebook and the blog. We are grateful for all of the constructive feedback and appreciative of our engaged and passionate New College community.

After a careful analysis of the survey comments, it is clear that while design "A" was the choice of a majority (54%) of respondents, it was the reluctant favorite, and we still have more work to do. We all want a logo that expresses the unique spirit and intellectual rigor of New College. We're not about to compromise that objective.

Because of that, we have decided to step back and take more time to completely integrate your input. In other words, we have heard what you have said, and we are not pursuing any of the four designs you were shown. This is a complex undertaking, and we recognize it's a very big decision. Thank you again for taking the time to be part of the process. We will continue to keep you informed about the process as we move forward.

To read more New College news please visit our website at <http://ncf.edu/news> and be sure to join our email mailing list. Contact us at ncalum@ncf.edu for details.

Tedx Talks Come to New College of Florida



New College is one of several partners with TEDx, an offshoot of TED, the global foundation devoted to "Ideas Worth Spreading." TED started in 1984 bringing together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, and Design. Since then, its scope has become even broader with the creation of TEDx, designed to give communities, organizations and individuals the opportunity to stimulate dialogue through TED-like experiences at the local level. The focus of TEDxSarasota is "Creativity Matters." Why it matters, where it matters, how it matters in the lives of each of us. The organizers say global change is effected because of the creative spark that ignites after learning and discussion.

TEDx Sarasota will be held 12/12/12 at the Asolo Theater and includes all day presentations of 6 - 18 minutes each on creativity. We are hoping several of our professors will present. We are also a marketing partner; New College will be a host site for a TEDx salon on campus, a small intimate event to begin discussion for the larger TEDx December event.

For more information on how you can participate contact Marty Katz, Director of Marketing at mkatz@ncf.edu or 941-487-4743.

60's

Glenda Cimino '64 is living in the exciting cultural milieu of Dublin Ireland. She is working on the outer fringe of independent filmmaking-wrote and directed two shorts, 'Vale Road' and 'Down by the River' and produced/asst directed one last month, 'Temptation,' with an Iranian Director. In 2011 she made a bilingual 48 hour short 'The Box' with a team in Brasov, and went on a spiritual journey to goddess sites in Malta this year. Glenda and her dog Sam recently adopted a border collie, Christine. Glenda's daughter Gaia is living and working in Dublin in holistic therapy. Visitors are welcome.

Elisha Renne '67, a professor in the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan, has been awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for 2012-2013 in honor of past achievement and exceptional promise for the future. She is the author of three books and three co-edited volumes and many scholarly articles. She received her doctorate from New York University and has taught at Princeton University (as a lecturer and Mellon research fellow), Australia National University (Canberra, Australia, as a Mellon research fellow), and Ahmadu Bello University (Zaria, Nigeria, as a Fulbright scholar).

70's

Curtis Worthington '70 published *Literary Charleston and the Lowcountry* with Trinity University Press. With trendy recolonization efforts dipping into the Old South with ever-grow-

ing gusto, *Literary Charleston* offers a new way to visit the best bits of South Carolina. And you don't have to bring your own organic heirloom tomato seeds. Charming and confidential, *Literary Charleston* and the Lowcountry is the first literary anthology of Charleston, South Carolina. It features short fiction, nonfiction, and poetry in a captivating collage of the Holy City. Edgar Allen Poe, Andy Warhol, Henry James, and Padgett Powell, among many others, gather to gossip and gush, with that characteristically well-mannered aplomb of their subject city, about this sophisticated slice of the Old South.

Bill Rosenberg '73 Since he arrived in Texas thirteen years ago, Bill has been working to bring some balance to the political dialog. He now has a voice at the state level to carry on that work. At the 2012 Texas Democratic Convention in Houston, Bill was elected to a two-year term to the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee from his Senatorial District. The SDEC sets the policy and direction of the party and assists in finding and promoting candidates at the local, state, and national levels.

At the convention Bill was also elected to be a delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina this September. He'll be one of 287 Texans who will join with Democrats from across the country to nominate our President, Barack Obama, for a second term. They will also finalize the Democratic Party platform for the years ahead. Bill is looking forward to bringing some Novo Collegiate perspective to the table and continuing to work for more civil and rational discourse in Texas politics.

Tom Dayton '74 has been designing software for the past eight years at NASA's Ames Research Center. The software he's been working on is now certified and deployed in John-

son Space Center's Mission Operations Center for International Space Station mission control. However, the software is a general purpose application that can be adapted for any use, and it has been made an open source and free! <https://sites.google.com/site/openmct/>

Jane Pinzino '76 has accepted an exciting position serving as academic librarian for three institutions: Earlham College, Earlham School of Religion and Bethany Theological Seminary. Jane Marie is moving to Indiana from Sarasota this summer. Jane Marie received a Master of Divinity degree from Duke, a Master of Library Science degree from University of South Florida, and a PhD in Religious Studies from University of Pennsylvania.

Peter Tepley '75 has been recognized in the 2012 "Alabama Super Lawyers" listing, published in Alabama Super Lawyers magazine and in a special supplement to the May 2012 issue of Business Alabama. He is a general litigation attorney at Haskell Slaught-


80's

Peter Arnade '80 was appointed Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities at UH Manoa. Arnade was formerly Professor and Chair of the History Department at California State University, San Marcos. One of the first faculty members hired at CSU San Marcos, he took a leadership role in building an innovative multicultural university over the past two decades. Faculty and program development, diversity in higher education, undergrad-


uate and graduate research, and student-centered teaching are among his priorities. Arnade's administrative experience includes serving as Director of CSU San Marcos' new General Education program (1998-2002) and as Chair of the faculty of Arts & Sciences (2004-2006). He has extensive committee experience, including work in enrollment management, curriculum development, budget and operations, and hiring priorities.

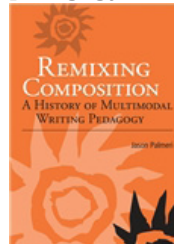
Andrew A. Workman '83 was appointed Provost and Senior VP at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

Wendy Hoon Langen '88 is an Assistant Professor at Barry University, teaching physical diagnosis. Her article "The Evaluation of Physician Assistant Students' History-Taking Abilities Using Actors as Standardized Patients" was recently published in the peer reviewed *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*.

90's

Vicki-Marie Petrick '90 defended dissertation in "History and Civilisations" - specialty "Art History" under the title "Le Corps de Marie Madeleine dans la peinture italienne du XIIIe siècle à Titien" on the 27th of June. She completed her P.h.D. at Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, France.

Deborah Goodwin Bailey '92 will be attending the Clarion Writers' Workshop in San Diego this summer. Clarion is an intensive six-week summer program focused on fundamentals particular to the writing of science fiction and fantasy short stories. Clarion participants are selected from applicants who have the potential for highly successful writing careers and who submit writing samples with an application.

Jason Palmeri '95, recently published a book entitled: "Remixing Composition: A History of Multimodal Writing Pedagogy." While at New College, Jason did his thesis on writing pedagogy, volunteered at the Achievement Center to teach writing, and had an essay published in a collection. Jason was also the first assistant in the Writing Resource Center. He is currently the Asst. Prof at Miami University of Ohio and an expert on multimodal and multimedia composition. To purchase Jason's book please visit this link.


Isabel Thompson '98 will graduate from her Ph.D. program in Mental Health Counseling at the University of Florida on August 11, 2012.

Shannon Dunn '98 Shannon married her partner, Ryan Mackey, in June, and the two are enjoying being back in Florida after moving back from Savannah, Georgia and from considerably less temperate central New York. Shannon is currently the Archaeologist/Cultural Resource Specialist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for the state of Florida, a position that provides opportunities for research and travel at research sites throughout the state. She is happy to have volunteers to join her in the field!

00's

Evan McAvoy '00 just received his MSW from Portland State University. He and his wife Rachel Hosein '01 also recently celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary.

Nicholas J. Outman '01 has joined Hill Ward Henderson as an Associate in the firm's

Corporate & Tax Group. His practice is primarily in the areas of banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, and venture capital and private equity. Prior to joining the firm, Outman worked in the Charlotte, North Carolina office of an international law firm where he focused on banking and financial transactions, including syndicated lending, debtor-in-possession and bankruptcy exit financing, distressed debt trading, and the financing of financial assets.


Holly Herrick '02 has recently been named Associate Artistic Director of the Austin Film Society.

Jerald Lentini '03 was admitted to the Maryland Bar in December after graduating from Georgetown Law last year. He is now working as a writer and researcher for the AFL-CIO's political department in Washington, DC.

Evan Neal '05 and Devin Myers '07 partook in a cross country bike trip from Florida to California. The pair clocked an impressive 3,000 miles during the journey. Below is a photo of Devin, Evan and their travel companions celebrating their safe arrival at their final destination of San Diego, CA.


Tim Shanahan '06 graduated from a master's program at the University of Pennsylvania. Tim has since moved to Shenzhen, China (near Hong Kong) to work for Taurus Education, an educational consulting company.

Lauren Fields '06 recently published a short story in the collection *Foreign Affairs: Erotic Relations in Exotic Locations*. She also recently signed with Lethe Press for the publication of her queer Sherlock Holmes manuscript entitled "My Dear Watson." Lauren will be attending an MFA program in the fall at Columbia College in Chicago.

Nick Frazier '06 will be entering a PhD program at Rice University for Economics. He graduated last year with a master's degree from the London School of Economics.

Sarah Newberry '06 kicked off the 2012 year by winning the first berth on the U.S. Olympic Development Team. Now she is pleased to announce her official campaign for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Currently ranked as the number one female multihull sailor in the country, Sarah has sailed in, competed through, and survived some of the most challenging weather conditions that the ocean can


offer—and on a boat that travels over 25 miles per hour. Sarah is well on her way to pursuing her goal of a medal at the 2016 Olympics, and she would like you to join her by assisting her in funding her dream. Visit her indogogo page for more information.

Natalie Catasus '07 has left her current post as Assistant Director of the New College Writing Center and will pursue a Masters of Fine Arts degree in creative writing in San Francisco, CA. Natalie is currently working on raising funds for Oyster Kiln Literary Magazine, an annual online magazine she and a few

fellow alums originally created for a writing workshop. Please contact Natalie at natalie.catasus@ncf.edu to find out how you can help. To view the magazine visit: <http://oyster-kiln.com>.

Christine (McCormick) Jamrok '08 married Taylor Jamrock '06 on March 24, 2012 in Oviedo, FL.

Obituaries

Bob Peterson
New College Trustee
Sept. 19, 1923 - March 15, 2012



It is with great sadness that New College of Florida announces the passing of J. Robert "Bob" Peterson, longtime

College and Foundation board member and generous contributor to New College and its students. Peterson died on Thursday, March 15, 2012, of complications following surgery. He was 88 years old.

"I had great personal fondness as well as respect for Bob," said New College President Mike Michalson in recalling a man whose generosity impacted not only the school but countless other arts and education organizations in the Sarasota area. "He was a remarkable man, extremely bright, who had an impressive command of the details of New College life. Although Bob was very no-nonsense, he possessed a very droll wit that he would deploy with uncanny timing. He was 'courtly,' in the best sense of the term, and he will be very greatly missed."

A former general counsel and senior vice president at United Parcel Service (UPS), Peterson and his wife, Lee, relocated to Sarasota in the late 1980s, following Bob's retirement from the shipping giant. Soon thereafter, they discovered that one

of their sons had schizophrenia. Doctors recommended hospitalization, but Bob and Lee disagreed and instead founded the National Alliance of Research in Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD), later renamed the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation. The organization remains the largest donor-supported organization of its kind in the United States.

Peterson began his long association with New College in 1997, when friend and current New College of Florida Board of Trustees Chair Bob Johnson encouraged him to join the board of the New College Foundation. He served on that board from February 1997 until June 2008, when he was named a trustee emeritus of the Foundation. In 2006, Peterson was named to the Board of Trustees of New College of Florida, replacing outgoing member John Cranor. Peterson’s board position was renewed by the Florida Board of Governors in 2008 and currently runs through 2013.

Over the years, Peterson contributed more than \$2.5 million to the College, its faculty and its students, including a charitable remainder trust of \$2.1 million made in 2008. In honor of his generosity, New College named one of its new residence halls in honor of Bob and his wife Lee in that year.

Bob Peterson is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lee M. Peterson, by his daughter Janice and her husband Timothy Radder of Los Angeles, CA, by his son David Peterson of Sarasota, by his son Jeffrey Peterson of Westport, CT and by grandchildren Philip, Annabel and Hunter.

Margaret Mason – Friend
Feb. 6, 1921 - Jun. 12, 2012
(Obituary “Sarasota Herald-Tribune”)



Sen. Bob Johnson with Margaret Mason. Photo credit: Ken Haggerty at Sarasota Herald Tribune. Margaret Edwards Mason of Osprey, Florida, formerly of Worthington, Ohio, passed away June 12, 2012. She was born February 6, 1921 to the late Avarina and Daniel E. Edwards. After graduating as valedictorian of Bexley High School in 1939, she attended The Ohio State University where she was an active Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years Major General Raymond E. Mason, Jr., USA (ret.), and sister Virginia Hecker. An avid golfer, tennis player and traveler, she also gave of her

time and resources to various organizations promoting education, the arts, and humanitarian endeavors.

She was particularly interested in the New College of Florida, the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, the Ringling School of Art and Design, the Florida West Coast Symphony, Friends of the Myakka River, the Sarasota County Women’s Resource Center, United Way, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Mote Marine Laboratory, State College of Florida, Cumberland College, Alice Lloyd College, Hillsdale College, Berea College, University of Rio Grande, The Ohio State University and the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. She attended Church of the Palms.

She was honored to have received The Ohio State University Everett D. Reese Medal, an honorary Doctor of Humanities from Cumberland College, the Columbus Foundation Harrison Sayre Award, the Salvation Army Schoenbaum Humanitarian Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from The Association of Fundraising Professionals.

She is survived by her sons Raymond E. Mason III of Columbus, Michael D. Mason of Asheville, NC, and Bruce R. Mason of West Hollywood, CA and a niece Pamela Galipault of Worthington.

A Celebration of Life and interment will be at a later time.

Ulla Searing – Friend
Oct. 21, 1912 -June 28, 2012
(Obituary from the “Sarasota Herald-Tribune” with edits for length)

Ulla Searing, who will be remembered not only for her millions of dollars in gifts to Sarasota arts and educational institutions over nearly four decades, but for her elegant personal style and her commitment to her friends, died June 28, 2012 at the age of 99.

Sometimes called the “mother of the arts” in Sarasota, Searing’s financial support of the arts and education topped \$25 million. Her gifts included underwriting a new wing and endowing a curatorial position at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of



Photo credit: Wendy Dewhurst at the Sarasota Herald Tribune. Art; establishment of a “fund for academic excellence” at New College of Florida; the largest individual gift ever made to the Ringling College of Art and Design; and even the purchase of

a million-dollar tent for Circus Sarasota. Searing was “a super major benefactor and a game-changer for many of the arts institutions” in Sarasota, said Mark Famiglio [‘72], a longtime friend [and New College alum]. “She really believed in trying to direct much of her wealth during her lifetime,” said Famiglio, who is president of the Sarasota Film Festival.

Searing was known for her signature white gloves and for her adherence to standards of social decorum.

“Some people saw her as fussy and demanding,” said Famiglio. “In reality she was just correct. She wanted people to step up and she wanted them to exercise etiquette and decorum at all times. She was very thoughtful, generous, kind, sensitive and with an incredible wit and this great smirk.”

Although she had made significant philanthropic gifts over the years, her giving accelerated in the last several years of her life. She contributed more than \$9 million to The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, which in 2007 opened the Ulla R. and Arthur F. Searing Wing. Her contributions include a \$4 million bequest to Ringling College for scholarships; a \$2 million gift to New College of Florida; and many others, including a gift to her husband’s alma mater, Lehigh University.

Born in Sweden on Oct. 21, 1912, she was adopted by a single man who ran a tuberculosis hospital and was reared more by nurses and servants than by her father. She emigrated to the United States after World War II and became a U.S. citizen in 1955. Her husband, Arthur, was a financier with AIG. The couple began spending winters on Longboat Key in 1973. Arthur Searing died in 1983; the couple had no children.

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Oscar Lopez: “We need ‘The Honors College’ and I prefer the current logo over the ones presented. I feel like we could do better. Where are some post modern art students with a specialization in computer graphics when you need them...” A reply to the posting of the new New College logo ideas.

Caroline Chambliss: “Thank you Charlie Lenger, Jessica, Sarah, Cindy....Rob...everyone....for a wonderful gathering at Marina Jacks last night. Great to see old friends and meet prospective students and their parents. Look forward to more of these!” A post on the NC Alum facebook wall.

Gilda Dennis “Student Jessica [Loeb] called and was so charming I couldn’t help but make a donation :-) Happy August 12th, Jessica!” In response to the news that phonathon raised \$73,000 this year.

Sarah Kemp: “I was asked to fill out a questionnaire for work about my college. I can promise you that my answers were more interesting than anyone else! Thank you, New College -- and happy easter!” A wall post on the NC Alum facebook.

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