Early in September President Trump announced plans to rescind President Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. For hundreds of thousands of young people in America, the future became even more uncertain. It is important to remember many of those affected by loss of protections afforded by DACA arrived in this country as babies; some remained unaware of their undocumented status. They studied for tests, shared laughter with best friends, and worked hard to buy birthday gifts for their loved ones, secure in their presence in the United States. In less than six months that stability could be stripped away.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, was created under the Obama Administration to provide protection for undocumented youths, often known as Dreamers. By allowing these young people to register and remain in the US, working and pursuing education, the previous administration made a concerted effort to help these children and adolescents grow into contributing residents of this nation.

In keeping with the attempted rollback of most policies of the previous president, the current one has chosen to focus on this program by getting rid of it altogether. Trump has frequently referred to those who come from neighboring countries as criminals, but during and after his campaign, he promised the Dreamers would be taken care of, saying he wished only to deport bad people who posed a threat. His recent decision to rescind DACA protections—calling for a Congressional vote to decide the Dreamers’ fate—though not surprising, is alarming.

To be considered as a recipient of the program, a person must have no previous criminal history, neither felony nor misdemeanor. Based on the facts that criminals are ineligible to apply and children are generally not held legally accountable for their parents’ choices, the questions are: Why remove children and young adults from perhaps the only country they have ever known? Should we, as an American society, hold these children in contempt for the actions of their parents?

Many who are against the policy believe it negatively affects the economy by stealing jobs from American-born citizens. This fallacy is given weight when key administration officials, such as Attorney General Jeff Sessions, is given weight when key administration officials, such as Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and top officials, such as Attorney General Jeff Sessions, co-founded by Mark Zuckerberg, [found] 91 percent of DACA recipients are employed. According to CNBC, an August “report from FWD.us, a pro-immigration reform group and novelist, may be known best for her novel ‘In the Time of the Butterflies.’

We depend on one another, and we all dare to stand with the world community. DACA’s repeal is not immediate, but six months leave little time to act. We must work to persuade Congress to create a law to replace the DACA executive order. If we believe in America, in the Land of Opportunity, we must protect our neighbors, our classmates, our co-workers—people we’ve come to know, to value, to depend on—who are undocumented. We cannot simply write them off after years studying, working, and living beside them. We depend on one another, and we all dare to dream. That is the way of humanity. For the sake of dreams, for the sake of our future, we must unite.

Christoper Gordon and Alan Khan

¡Celebremos! Let’s Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Kaerlei Ball

Hispanic Heritage Month is an official U.S. observance to recognize the “histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.” The celebration is observed from September 15 – October 15 to coincide with the anniversary of independence of a number of Latin American countries. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of July 2016, people of Hispanic origin make up the largest ethnic or minority group in the country. Hispanics are 17% of the U.S. population.

Among the many trailblazers and icons of Hispanic heritage, we celebrate the following: Joan Baez has been one of our country’s strongest voices for peace, civil rights and social justice since the 1960’s. Of Mexican-American heritage, she is known world-over through her songs of freedom and justice sung in various genres. Baez has stood courageously and marched purposefully with many of our Civil Rights leaders of the past, and she continues her activism today. Mexican-American civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, successfully fought to secure union rights for migrant farm workers. Sylvia Mendez is the child of Puerto Rican and Mexican-American parents. When she was not allowed to attend school in an all-white school district in California, her parents brought suit. The case, settled in 1947, paved the way for the desegregation of public schools in the state. Dolores Huerta has been a civil rights activist since the 1960’s. She fought alongside Cesar Chavez as co-founder of the movement that secured labor rights for farm workers. In 2012, she received the Presidential Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama.

Dr. Ellen Ochoa is a research engineer, former astronaut and the first Hispanic direc- tor of the Johnson Space Center. She became the first Hispanic woman to fly in space and has done so four times.

Fernando Torres, a history professor at the University of California, Berkeley, has received many honors for his work on Hispanic history. He is known for his contributions to the study of works by Olga Segovia and other Latina authors.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Sonia Sotomayor was nominated by President Barack Obama in 2009. The first Justice of Hispanic heritage, Justice Sotomayor was born in New York City to Puerto Rican parents.

This month we also celebrate Naugatuck Valley Community College as a Hispanic Serving Institution. The school was first recog- nized as such in 2015 by the U.S. Department of Education. According to the Office of Institutional Research at NVCC, 31% of our students have identified themselves as Hispanic, up from 27% last academic year. Of course, we are led by author and president of NVCC, Daisy Cooco DeFilippis who traces her roots back to the Dominican Republic. ¡Celebrémos!
Shining a Light

Alyssa Katz

It's normal to feel sad or down every now and then. Depression is different, marked by chemical changes to the brain, and affecting daily life. This common disorder affects millions of people of all ages. As Depression Awareness Month, October is a good time to shine a light on how it affects us.

There are various forms of depression, and multiple treatment options. Typical symptoms include loss of interest in activities, feelings of worthlessness, guilt, and persistent sadness. Depression is often considered a chronic disease, but one does not cause the other, although a history of anxiety disorder is often found in people who are diagnosed with depression. There is no research proving depression is hereditary.

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**EDITORIAL**

Open Letter to CT Lawmakers

How dare you take advantage of me? What gives you the right to squash my future? Don’t you realize that for me and everyone just like me—you people NEED— the future is what you intend to take away? You create a problem and expect me to pay for your mistakes. This situation is completely bull**!**

If I thought you were even remotely interested, I would tell you my story. I am a recent graduate of a community college student. I work hard and have earned my way into a place of high achievement. Instead of being given a second chance by other schools, I didn’t have the kind of money to get noticed. Then I was accepted to a college, and I knew that great schools would pay big bucks to have me. I am the future of Connecticut, and you think I should be thrown away.

Do you honestly think denying intelligent, hard-working, and yes, financially-strapped, individuals a chance to strengthen our state is any kind of solution to the budget crisis? Maybe you should attend a community college, since you clearly don’t know the first thing about a strong educational system. Those of us about to lose the only shred of hope this state has for a better future do not appreciate your failure to be the knee-jerk politician you seem to be.

If my chance to excel is taken away, I can go back to facing the same future as before I came here. You, however, are going to lose your influence and power, simply because you don’t care about the people who keep you in power.

Yes, I am angry, and I know A LOT of equally outraged people, people you forget have a voice. We have the freedom to vote. Despite your best efforts at denial, you must be smart enough to know your tenure as Lords of the Purse Strings is coming to an end. You’d better pray your replacements care enough to improve the water quality of the state you tried to ruin, because you clearly don’t know the first thing about the wonderful state you tried to ruin, because you clearly don’t know the first thing about the wonderful state you tried to ruin. If you intend to take away the future of the people who helped make you a success, then you would better just pray that your replacements have the courage to set you straight.

I am a smart person. I’ve shown I have the ability to work hard, and care about my fellow Connecticutians. Your tax cuts will get you a voice. We have the freedom to vote. Despite your best efforts at denial, you must be smart enough to know your tenure as Lords of the Purse Strings is coming to an end. You’d better pray your replacements care enough to improve the water quality of the state you tried to ruin, because you clearly don’t know the first thing about the wonderful state you tried to ruin. If you intend to take away the future of the people who helped make you a success, then you would better just pray that your replacements have the courage to set you straight.

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Seventy percent of the coral reefs in our oceans have died due to climate change, pollution, and overfishing. These reefs are home to much of the world’s aquatic life. Because cause of the coral die-off, habitat is shrinking, and underwater wildlife is suffering. A local Connecticut conservation group, called Crew 3000, was created to fight for our oceans’ survival. Crew 3000 is a non-profit organization focused on ocean preservation. The Crew was founded in 2010 under its president, Dr. William Zarillo and vice president, Professor Larry Maknis. During the past seven years, Crew 3000 has trained and certified 400 open water divers, and has over 200 members nationwide. Through the Crew’s research and outreach programs, they have created and implemented a successful method to repopulate the oceans’ depleted staghorn coral.

Crew 3000’s coral farm in the Caribbean is partnered with many conservation groups in the Caribbean that have enlisted the group’s aid in creating new coral farms and re-establishing healthy coral into the reefs. The Crew recently finished their latest conservation work in Roatan, one of Honduras’ Caribbean Bay Islands. Citizens of the island had started their own coral restoration project in 2016, but had little success. Twenty-One Crew 3000 members gathered in Roatan this past August to re-stock their original coral fields as well as establish an additional field. The Crew’s observations of the site show stable water temperatures which will be very beneficial for growing coral in the region. Working with Roatan natives, the Crew will collect data for the next nine months. If it goes as planned, they will return to transplant the coral from the farms back into the reefs some-time next year.

Crew 3000 is one of the few organizations that take part in coral restoration. They are currently working on restoring staghorn coral reefs in Mexico, Saint Lucia, and Punta Cana in addition to the new coral farm in Roatan.

Much of their success depends on understanding the impact of higher water temperatures on the underwater plant and animal life. This is a constant learning process. The data and information gathered through their research allows better understanding of what is happening in our oceans. To learn more about Crew 3000 and the other environmental organizations they do, check out their website: www.crew3000.org.

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**Operation Sabre Strike**

This NATO collaboration, better known as Operation Sabre Strike, takes place in countries most could not find on a map, let alone name the neighboring countries touching their borders. Latvia, a country on the Baltic Sea, has often been used in the past by the Russian Federation as a strategic location in gaining other territories. Therefore, it is incumbent on European allies to maintain this balance of forces in the region, lest history repeats itself. Aside from the geopolitical reasons, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines build camaraderie amongst themselves and with members of foreign ally forces who may depend upon them in dire circumstances and vice versa. Latvia not only gave diverse military members a versatile training experience, it also gave them an opportunity to come upon a vast and diverse group of people that average person does not get to experience.

For most it was a bizarre occurrence to see the sun does not set in the summer, since the Baltic region lay so close to the North Pole. Others were more humbled to find that there exists a whole world outside of their small towns. It was powerful to discover people living their own lives and striving for the common goals such as pursuit of stability and happiness for their loved ones.

In general, without context, military operation training with the inclusion of foreign forces might carry a hostile stigma. But where history may repeat itself, a military presence as deterrent is appreciated not just on the world stage, but foremost by those living in areas close to where the action may unfold. Operation Sabre Strike’s good intentions provide justifiable reasons for its continuation. So far, since its implementation, the exercise has maintained its record of keeping peace and curtailing threats. On a personal note, this summer’s military-cross training simulation sparked an interest in learning a new language and an appreciation of different cultures. It also allowed me to forge a sense of brotherhood and bonds to rely on in the future.
When not teaching first-year writing students, Assistant Professor of English, Althea Coleman, enjoys hanging out with the likes of Beowulf, Chaucer’s Wife of Bath, and Shakespeare’s King Lear, as well as authors including Blake, Keats, Shelley, Dickens, Wilde and Shaw, when she teaches Brit. Lit. 1 and 2. When her son was a baby, she relied for a time on the generosity of others to make sure she had enough to eat.

As classes begin, students and faculty make long to-do lists in preparation for an educationally fulfilling semester. Many students, however, have an additional basic need beyond books, sound systems and transportation that, if unfilled, can dramatically impact their ability to learn and progress toward their degrees.

According to one recent study, two out of three community college students come to school hungry—and many leave the same way. As is elementary and high school, students suffering “food insecurity”—restricted access to nutritious, safe foods—encounter difficulty learning and succeeding in class.

At schools like NVCC, located in cities where many students live at or near poverty level, the need to ensure everyone has enough food is a pressing issue demanding attention. NVCC Human Services Professor Kathy Leblanc and a group of like-minded people are working to help those students who cannot reliably count on having enough to eat by creating a campus Food Pantry.

The pantry, expected to open this month, in a central location on NVCC’s campus, will provide free food to students in need in a confidential, welcoming environment. The pantry will be staffed by volunteers, both students and others, supplied with food donated by local groups and individuals, and open at least ten to fifteen hours weekly. The space is being donated and furnished by the college.

Students in need will be able to access the pantry by showing their student ID cards and filling out a brief confidentiality waiver. Students can select five to ten items per week to begin, with perhaps more food available as the pantry grows. Available food will generally include non-perishable items to consume on campus or take home to eat after classes. An undertaking like the proposed NVCC Food Pantry requires many helping hands. Community partners, local food pantries, and concerned businesses will be tapped to help supply the pantry, but much needs to come from the campus itself. So what can we do to help?

Faculty can donate food and funds to keep the pantry well-stocked throughout the school year. Additional, interested faculty can become involved in the planning committee by contacting Prof. Leblanc, or they can volunteer some time every week to help staff the Food Pantry.

Even more importantly, faculty can get the word out to students about the Food Pantry, so those needing its services feel invited to use it. Faculty can also help identify students at risk of, or actually suffering from, food insecurity. Many faculty, hearing the difficult details of students’ lives, have wanted a substantive way to help. How can students help? Certainly, students will benefit, too, by doing so to create food security for their peers, and to the Food Pantry, and can volunteer to staff it. But students are also in a position to really help their classmates struggling to keep themselves and their families fed. By welcoming their peers’ confidences, they can help create a judgment-free, confidential environment that will be a welcome refuge.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to bring donations of food items to ongoing division and departmental meetings, and students with the means and desire to donate will be able to do so as well. Most needed are canned goods, cooking oil, spices, tuna, rice, beans, pasta, and sauce.

As Professor Leblanc writes in her proposal for opening the NVCC Food Pantry, this service is one small step toward solving the issue of hunger in our community, but it is a most important step because it shows NVCC students their needs are recognized and they have a safe place to turn for help.

A New Navigational Tool

I am more of a dreamer than a planner, but over the years I’ve learned that putting a plan when you set goals is when you need to reach a goal. As I traveled my own convention path through higher education, I experienced how one can plan when working towards a degree.

In fact, if you search issues impacting higher education, you will find many articles addressing the time it takes students to complete their degrees. What were once considered “two-year” or “four year” degrees are now taking students sometimes eight years to complete—if they are completed at all. This is why I’m so excited about Degree Works, the newest tool for students navigating through their NVCC education.

This online tool, accessible through mycmtm, helps students understand the courses and requirements needed to graduate. Through Degree Works, advisors will help students create a plan which clearly lays out which courses to take and how many semesters until they graduate.

Degree Works provides a way to track your progress by inputting all the classes you take to see what your completion time will be. If you sign up for a class that’s not part of your program, it clearly demonstrates the course is not needed for the degree.

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STUDENTS & FACULTY NARCAN TRAINING

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- Overdose Prevention Strategies
- Signs & Symptoms of Overdose
- How to Administer Naloxone
- Good Samaritan Law
- Support Information & Resources

2-hour Events!

FREE * REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Call or e-mail NVCC’s DARC Program
Dr. Sandra Valente
(203) 596-8655
svalente@nv.edu

LOCATION, DATES & TIMES:

WATERBURY
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Kinney Hall Rm. K715
Wednesday 9 am—11 am
October 11, 2017

HOSTED BY:

NVCC’s DARC Program and Recovery Society is hosting this training to increase knowledge of the opioid crisis, develop knowledge on use of NARCAN and promote awareness of the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose and resources for treatment.

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Tamarack Edit Meetings

Tuesdays
2:00 - 3:00, S519
ALL WELCOME!!

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Revolutionary Rhythms
King of Pop

Michael Jackson made a name for himself at a young age, and became one of the most famous and best-selling artists ever. Gone too soon as all great artists are, he is still loved and respected by his fans, and is still incredibly popular.

Surrounded by music his whole life, it showed early on that Michael's talent had surpassed expectations, and it was believed he would have a long singing career ahead of him. His biggest inspiration was James Brown, from whom he adapted a lot of his dancing moves and musical style. Michael started with the Jackson 5, and he and his brothers had hit singles like "I Want You Back," "ABC," and "I'll Be There," but the youngest Jackson had thoughts about going solo.

He wanted to make his own music, and have more creative control, so he went on his own with a new manager. With hits such as "Rock with You," "ABC," and "I'll Be There," but the youngest Jackson had thoughts about going solo. While Jackson's best years were far behind him, Bad received many negative reviews. This was hotly anticipated, but with Thriller on such a high, Bad received many negative reviews. This was the beginning of a long decline for Michael and his career, as he'd already begun multiple surgeries to change his appearance.

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Come And Read And Rhyme With Us!
FACES IN THE CROWD
Scales of Justice

Earl Ormond
I'm Earl Ormond, Program Coordinator of NVCC's Criminal Justice Program; this is the start of my second year at NVCC. Born and raised in Trumbull, I've never left. I've been married for 28 years. My wife and I have four children: three girls, and a boy. So far, three of my kids have attended CT universities. Following twenty-one years of police experience in the Stamford Police Department, Iretired at the rank of Sergeant. Prior to retirement, I attended law school at night. In fact, I went to school in the evenings, while working as a sergeant on the midnight shift. This gives me an understanding of the complicated schedules of many NVCC students.

After graduating from law school, I worked as in-house attorney at CT's Amphenol Corporation. Retired from the Stamford PD, I began working at a New York law firm, eventually opening the Southern CT law firm, Ormond Romanov, LLC, in 2010. Although my work schedule is demanding, I find time to follow sports—particularly baseball and football, and I've enjoyed filling the position of umpire. Guitar is another hobby outside school and work.

In 2010, in addition to starting the law firm, I began teaching at Housatonic Community College. I enjoyed being in the classroom and working with students entering the field of Criminal Justice, so when the position of Program Coordinator opened at NVCC, I considered it a good next step. As my second year at NVCC, I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is. I'm most impressed by the work ethic of our students. Many students work while attending school and, although this can be challenging, it helps them understand what hard work is.

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One challenge as Program Coordinator has been making sure I properly advise students. This is an important one. I always try to work with individual students to help them understand their options as well as the different requirements of the major. One goal I have is to continue to grow the program. I also want to make sure our students— and our CJ grad in particular—stays connected with the Greater Waterbury community.

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HSU Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Karlene N. Ball

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Hispanic-Americans have made and will be counted on to continue to make important contributions to our society to ensure its bright future. To honor these contributions, the Hispanic Student Union will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a charla as well as an afternoon of music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Please join us Monday, October 9 at 11:30 am in L501, as we welcome Antonio García-Lozado, Ph.D. to speak on “Shaping the Bright Future of America,” the theme of Hispanic Heritage Month this year. Professor of Hispanic American Literature at CCSU, his work has appeared in publications including Antilopos, Químera, Hispanírica, Revista de Estudios de Literatura Colombiana de la Universidad de Antioquia, Mapocho, and Aleph e Inti. García-Lozado has presented at conferences worldwide, including at the University of Bonn (Germany), the University of Valencia (Spain) and the National University of Colombia. Currently, he is working on two research projects entitled: La vision critica de Europa a través de la literatura latinoamer icana and “Poética de Andrés Bello.”

Also join members of the HSU on Wednesday, October 18 from 12 – 3 pm, in Leever Attrium as we wrap up Hispanic Heritage Month with music and dance. In addition to a local DJ, enjoy music by Marichi Sanc de mi tierra, C.T. This talented group will serenade us with authentic Mexican Mariachi music. That will be followed by Latin dance lessons. Don’t miss it!

For information on the Hispanic Student Union, contact Karlene Ball at kball@nv.edu.

Multicultural Affairs Kicks Off Fall Event

Karlene N. Ball

Naugatuck Valley Multicultural Affairs has planned the first of many events this fall to kick off the academic year 2017-2018.

Please join us on October 4, 2017 from 11:30-1:00 pm in L501 for a lecture, Amusing Masingos on Being Bicultural by a “Dominican-York.”

Bob Himmelstein will discuss how immigration in a small world calls for biculturalism and bilingualism. He will explore linguistic and cultural variables and give comical examples of errors. Bob will speak dearly and personally about the benefits of bilingualism and biculturalism: on being adroit and adaptable, on being able to thrive in each other’s linguistic and cultural realities.

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It Returns

Trevor Lilly

Stephen King’s infamous novel, It, received its second movie adaptation, opening September 8th, the first film in a 2-part series. The new release focused on the children’s perspective of the story, whereas the book and the 1990 miniseries alternated between the main characters’ experiences with the creature, whose main appearance to both kids and adults was as a clown, Pennywise.

The new release of the movie is a very timely one for a number of reasons. The first, and possibly most obvious, is the very recent clown fiasco of 2016 that we are still having a hard time believing actually happened. The nation as a whole is still recovering from the incident, and with Halloween creeping steadily closer, new reports of clown sightings and pranks are already surfacing.

The second reason is that in both the book and film adaptations, the kids find out that it returns every 27 years. And it just so happens that this year marks the 27th anniversary of the original 1980 adaptation starring Tim Curry. Either this was a clever decision on the studio’s part, or there is a deeper force driving the phenomenon to return every 27 years, just as the book describes.

Both the movies and the original book prey on many people’s innate fear of clowns. There are many theories on why this fear exists, but no one has an exact answer. One such theorist, a clinical psychologist by the name of Dr. Dena Rabinowitz, suggests that it is because “We don’t like things that are familiar but then a little bit off. And so, clowns look like people, but there’s an oddity.” She also adds that if clowns are seen only in circuses or child birthday parties where we are familiar with them, then it’s not as scary. But if they are anywhere else, like in the woods, then alarm rises.

I recently watched the movie for myself, and being one to usually laugh at horror movies, I was on the edge of my seat for most of it. That being said, I will gladly watch it again the next chance I get, and am already anticipating its second installment, said to come out in 2019. I encourage anyone who dares to join me to see it for yourself. To quote Pennywise: “If you join me, you’ll float too.”
Goin’ Country

Alyssa Katz

County fairs bring communities together to enjoy good food and entertainment. I went to the Bridgewater Fair and the Bethlehem Fair this August and September. It’s fun to see the different events and entertainment, while also browsing the vendor tents, and of course, enjoying some great food.

The 66th Annual Bridgewater Fair was held August 18 - 20. There were many ribbon-awarded contests with baked goods, vegetables, flowers, jams, various hobbies and quilting. These stay on display after judging is completed for all to see and may get inspiration about competing in a competition themselves. My favorite has to be the photography exhibit. It’s cool to see people’s artistic talents; winning a ribbon would most likely convince me to try my hand at photography.

If you’re into rides, most fairs have plenty. If you’re a fair foodie, then there’s plenty to eat. You can also attend a number of events such as tractor pulls, and woodcarving demonstrations. Many vendors offer tchotchke items, cars, and even sheds. This year, a new event was a free-style motor cross show, where riders performed a trick once they rode over a jump—that’s what my parents and I saw as we first walked onto the fairgrounds. If you are interested in competing in any of next year’s contests, such as photography, quilting, or even tractor pull, check their website for participant guidelines. http://www.bridgewaterfair.com/

The 93rd Annual Bethlehem Fair was held September 8 - 10. This fair has more vendors, tents, and contests to participate in and/or view. Like the Bridgewater Fair, there were also musicians on the bandstand, playing country songs and other genres. Plenty of vendors served up tons of food. Something new this year was a Civil War reenactor tent, which was very interesting to see.

Yes, there were animals! Like the Bridgewater Fair, you roam through barns to see cows, chickens, ducks, rabbits, and so on. Some animals were even available for adoption, and an elephant and camel were on hand to offer rides. At one point on Sunday, an announcement was made that a llama had just given birth, so everyone flocked into the barn to see it. This came at a bad time for this reporter, as I was too short to see over the mob and missed seeing the baby.

Attending these fairs with my parents is an enjoyable tradition. There’s something for everyone, and you don’t have to be a country girl/boy to appreciate it. For info on vendors, event schedules, or to participate in contests next year, see their website: http://bethlehem-fair.com/home.html.

SAFE SPACE

We are an open and affirming student club with a threefold mission:

1) to raise awareness about sexual and gender diversity on and beyond campus
2) to provide support for LGBT students and our allies
3) to embrace diversity in all of its forms.

MEETING TIME: Mondays at 2:00 pm

(Contact Nikki for location – see below)

All are welcome!

Club Adviser: Nikki McGary (nmcgary@nv.edu)

FACES IN THE CROWD

With Each Show

Joe Lowndes

Check it out. My name’s Joe and I’m twenty-five years old. I arrived here with one purpose in mind, and that was to further my education in any way possible. NVCC was an affordable, realistic route to take. Prior to coming to NVCC, I had a turbulent high school education. However, I graduated from Kennedy High School in 2012 and what left with me was a new passion. This passion was for theatre and acting.

Upon arriving here at NVCC in the spring of 2013 as a part time student, I immediately jumped into becoming a theatre major and attending acting class. Fast forward to now, I am full time, and I’ve been involved in eight productions here at NVCC. I have found a new piece of myself with each show. Through the theatre program here, I have found love, passion, friendship, determination, and a creative fellowship that all push one another.

Thankfully, I have not had many problems during my time here. I have had fantastic classes, that were simply necessary, and a small speedbump. One speedbump, however, managed to teach me a valuable lesson: failing is an option. The next time, I would like to share a quote with both present and future students alike – “Fail Forward.” You may be told failure is not an option, that failure is the end of the line. However, failure is a part of all our lives. When you experience it, let it push you forward, not pull you back.

In all honesty, NVCC has been a place for me to thrive and grow as an individual. Regardless if you’re here for one semester or ten, use the time to gain knowledge. In my remaining time, I plan to take in every lesson. Once my time here is spent, I hope to work more as an actor. The goal is to be professional, to become the next Tom Hardy.
So Much to Celebrate!

Tamarack Staff

October 12 – 14, NVCC’s campus will be more exciting than ever as the College celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Join us for continuous streams of literary evenings, with Confluencia filling the Founders Hall Community Room with music, poetry, and inspired conversation. Friday will feature a ribbon-cutting at Founders, as well as faculty and student exhibitions, and a donor thank you event. Saturday, the Founders parking lot will be alive with food, games, and entertainment as NVCC hosts a Community Festival open to the public.

In Tune with New Faculty

Dr. Gil Harel

Gil Harel is excited to assume his responsibilities in NVCC’s Music Department. Professor Harel earned a PhD in Historical Musicology from Brandeis University in 2012, and has spent the past five years serving as faculty at CUNY Baruch College in Manhattan, New York. At Baruch, he taught classes ranging in size from 20 to 110 students, honing his teaching skills and earning the Presidential Excellence Award, Baruch’s most prestigious teaching award. Dr. Harel has also taught at Brandeis University, as well as the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, China.

In initial visits to campus, Harel was “blown away” by the scope of NVCC’s arts program, and at the physical space used for performances. While Baruch offered many advantages for music students, performance opportunities were rather limited. Professor Harel was therefore thrilled to learn he’d have the opportunity to conduct the college chorus, musically direct the show, and do much more. He sees Naugatuck Valley as a unique place where art and music flourish in a fertile environment, where the campus itself functions as a nexus for creativity and expression not only for students, but for the greater community.

This coming semester will feature many exciting projects, including a production of the 2008 rock musical, Next to Normal. Professor Harel calls it a “very intelligent, very cerebral, very relevant,” show, featuring “a top-notch score.” As such, he anticipates the show will attract a wide pool of interested students.

Dr. Harel will also take up the conductor’s baton with the college choir. A pianist and singer himself, he’s particularly eager to work with other singers in the setting of gospel music. As a graduate student, he wrote his dissertation on the choral works of Johann Sebastian Bach; as a performer, he has sung repertoire going back as far as the medieval period. Also a language enthusiast, Professor Harel emphasizes the powerful way choral singing can enhance our learning and understanding of languages.

Another project Dr. Harel has in mind is the creation of an official musical a cappella group. From barbershop quartets to renaissance madrigals, the possibilities in such an ensemble are seemingly endless. Looking forward to working with those who share enthusiasm for teamwork and artistic creativity, Harel extends a warm invitation to the entire campus. “Please consider joining the chorus as we fill the campus with resonating harmony and positivity.”

Fun Festivals and Seasonal Scare

Tamarack Staff

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Rides, games, food, and live music at a Garrett family tradition! Great pumpkin patch, corn maze, and pony rides are always a hit. Social Distancing is required, as are masks, proper face covering, and a minimum of six feet between groups.

Healthy Relationships

Join us in honor of Domestic Violence Month as we discuss healthy relationships, healthy communication, and “fair” fighting with Nikki McGarry & Christine Cocciola-Meyer

Thursday October 12th, 2017 @ 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location L501

Co-sponsored by the Human Services Student Club and the Women’s Center

“The quote, “Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad,” is attributed to British journalist and musician, Miles Kingston. How will you use the knowledge you acquire at NVCC wisely?“
A New World

Elena Frey

My First Year Experience

A Second Year Student

For me, the first year experience course, though a common college staple, was a formality I felt was a waste of time. On the surface, it seemed to be an excuse for everyone newly registered to college to acclimate, alleviate their worries about the system,...

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Perhaps Benjamin Franklin had kinesthetic learners in mind when he said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Whatever your personal learning style, engagement—getting truly involved in the learning process—is one major key to success.

Earth Matters

Barreling Spirals and Wave Trains

Alysia Katz

With Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria creating widespread damage, causing extreme flooding, and costing many lives, powerful storms seem to be the new normal. Though it’s early to tell, Harvey’s extensive damage and damage caused that by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Harvey may even be designated the worst recorded hurricane, and more alarming is the prospect of more powerful storms such as this one in the future. But why? How do these catastrophic storms form? And what makes them so intense?

In Harvey’s case, scientists are calling it not only a natural disaster, but a man-made one as well. Paving and development of wetlands in Houston contributed to massive flooding when rainfall had no chance of being absorbed. Plus, with the rise of CO2 levels, water and air warm, and hurricanes thrive in warm conditions. Temperature can affect the intensity of a hurricane, in the ocean and the air. Generally, hurricanes form in the warm region near the African coast; cyclones and typhoons, they form further north or south as hurricanes. They just form in different oceans and take different paths.

Other water-related natural disasters are tsunamis. These form from undersea activity such as earthquakes or vulca- nic eruptions. While hurricanes expedite much of their energy as they travel across the ocean, tsunamis can cross entire oceans without using much energy. While tsuna- mis may not form and travel through a shallow surface of the open ocean, once they reach more shallow water, they slow in speed, but begin to build. In these areas, it’s best to stay far from the shore line. An earthquake is a warning signal of the tsunami. Also, it’s not just for killer wave; instead, there were hundreds of series of waves, a “wave train”, reaching over ten— even 100—feet high, travelling at around 500 miles per hour.

Not only that, tsunamis act as a vac- uum of sorts, sucking whatever gets hit by the massive waves back into the water. So many lives are lost, and homes and habi- tats are completely destroyed. The tsunami effect also impacts the environment when toxic pollutants are sucked into the sea from the receding wave, killing marine life. Soil contamination also occurs, threatening agriculture, as inland water, like streams and rivers, are contaminated, seeping into ground soil.

We need only look to Puerto Rico or Barbuda to witness the destruction left in Barbuda to witness the destruction left in Harvey’s wake. These monster storms will continue to threaten. There are multiple stories of Jesus interacting with women: sitting at their tables, healing them, and taking their counsel—just one example is the case of Mary Magdalene, who was a member of the circle of the disciples, Jesus’ closest followers. There are psalms about the importance of women in the family and community, calling for their strength and skill to be boast- ed of and praised. I am reminded throughout the Bible that I am important and a mis- terpiece; being created as a jewel in the crown of my God.

Islam is also a misunderstood faith. Muslim women can be some of the most powerful and outspoken of feminists. The Quran, the holy book of the Muslim faith, has many stories such as that of patriarchs of their prophet Mohammed, who speak- edly, own property, and demand respect. Muslims have stories of people think of revelations as Torah and Gospel, and because of that, they are able to be autonomous, because their culture has desexualized them. The misconception of Muslim women are part of the same story. In practice, it sometimes becomes a source of stress for students, emphasizing problems rather than mitigating them.

The answer is to shape the course in a way that explicitly caters to pedagogical level as the phone’s nature makes it a tool for more informal engagement. Their rela- tionship with phones, or the common Tweet or FB page, doesn’t interact informally with those who don’t engage in the online scene in general that not many have the opportunity to make a difference. On the surface, it seems to be an excuse for everyone newly registered to college to acclimate, alleviate their worries about the system,...

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Before It’s Too Late

Tamarack Staff

With the CT State budget still in flux, and proposals threatening further deep cuts to education funds, now is the time for NVCC community members to stand up. If we’re a part of the student body, or a staff or faculty member, each of us has witnessed firsthand the power this institution has to change lives. We need the opportunity to make our voices heard to ensure the quality of services available at NVCC are not further reduced. We are the students, vendors, faculty, and staff who work here. We need the opportunity to make our voices heard to ensure the quality of services available at NVCC are not further reduced. We are the students, vendors, faculty, and staff who work here. We need the opportunity to...
Disaster and Community
September has been a very hectic month, starting with Harvey, then Irma, progressing through Jose, and into Maria. Hurricane season springs up in horrible fashion—followed by the massive earthquake in Mexico—and all the reports, further severe weather is to come. The hurricanes have made some with best estimates running at 6 months before power can be fully restored, let alone permanent housing rebuilt.

The students and faculty who have family in the Caribbean, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida, please know the NVCC is here for you. This is the time for outreach and support. To those not directly impacted by the wild weather, please donate however possible: time and money, kindness and prayers. It goes without saying, I thank you all who have supported, I thank you now.

I also feel called is to open to the studen ts this semester who have decided to grasp the school spirit and join the Student Government Association. Events that enrich the lives of students are only possible through your work and leadership. It is more now than ever when seeing a party or event you helped set up filled with excited students rela king and having a good time during the school year. You are exam plers.

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