

## African American Celebration dinner planned on campus

Napa Valley College's annual African American Celebration Dinner will be held Thursday, February 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the NVC Associated Student Body and the Umoja Program, it is free and open to the public. This year's theme is "Sankofa, looking at our past to envision our future." The dinner will be a culmination of Black History Month events on campus. Audience members will

enjoy Southern style food by My Homestyle Café from Vallejo, learn from the historical information stations, and enjoy live jazz by Nova Jazz from San Francisco.

The dinner is open to the community. Families are encouraged.

It will be held in the Napa Valley College cafeteria

Call the ASB Office 253-3060 to make reservations and for more information.



Richard Bruns file photo  
Many diners arrived early for the sold-out 2008 African American dinner celebration.

## Oceanographer to speak at Napa Valley College

Oceanographer Scott Cassell will share his plans to a deep ocean transect around the world in a presentation at Napa Valley College. The talk, "27,000 Miles Beneath the Sea," will start at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in Rm. 838. Sponsored by the Science, Mathematics and Engineering Division and GIS Department, it is free and open to the public.

Cassell has done documentaries on the Discovery Channel, History Channel and others. He is a noted authority on the giant Humboldt squid.

In his Underwater Journal article ([www.underwaterjournal.com](http://www.underwaterjournal.com)) Cassell notes that we are a water planet. "And the truth is, the oceans of our earth are not well, which means that we are also not well," he says. He will describe his Undersea Voyager Project, a five-year mission to use human-occupied submersibles to complete a 27,000 miles underwater exploration to search for new life and assess the current conditions of the sea. The effort's other goal, he says, it to provide the next generation with real-life heroes and role models

and to interest youth in science and exploration. Cassell's own fascination with the sea, he says, started when he was 6-years-old and saw the Jules Verne classic film "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

The Undersea Voyager Project made its debut in December at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach and will start in-water this spring.

For more information, contact Dr. Richard Della Valle by email at [rdella@nvc.edu](mailto:rdella@nvc.edu) or call 253-3161.

## March 2 Cal Grant deadline nears



The last in a full series of Cash for College information sessions was held Feb. 21 on campus. It was organized by Financial Aid. Bob Lortz, left, made the opening presentation. It was planned in advance of the March 2 Cal Grant and financial aid priority deadline. Financial aid advisors were available to help with line-by-line assis-

tance to help students complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and Cal Grant GPA verification. Colleges use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for not only Cal Grants but also for scholarships, other grants, work-study and loans. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office or call 253-3020.



Kelly Dunn

# Peruvian Portraits: a photographic installation of images taken in Peru

by Kelly Dunn – February 26-April 18, 2009

Opening reception Thursday, February 26, 4 to 7 p.m.  
Art Center 3700 lobby



In January 2008, on a trip to Peru, I photographed the people I met in the Andes, the Sacred Valley, Cuzco, Puno, the Reed Islands and on the

Amazon River. I was touched by the kindness of the people of Peru. I'm interested in the stories recorded in every face, and in show-

ing the beauty and courage in life that threads us all together.

–KELLY DUNN, 2009

## The world can be your classroom this summer

Free informational meetings have been held and others are planned for Napa Valley College's summer International Education classes.

Now in its 11th year, the French in Paris class is taught by Anne-Marie McEligot. An information meeting will be held in Rm. 811 on the Napa campus from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

The class will be July 1 to Aug. 1, 2009, in Paris with classes at the Sorbonne, optional day excursions and cultural activities. Students can earn five transferrable units. Program space is limited and early applications are advised. For more information, call the instructor Anne-Marie McEligot at 224-3931. She has taught all levels of French at the college and

was a Fulbright Scholar at the Sorbonne. Her graduate work was at Johns Hopkins University.

Additional summer 2009 International Education classes will be Anthropology and Spanish in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, June 15-July 8. Students will live with Mexican families to improve their skills and immerse themselves in Mexican and Maya culture. This three-week program includes tours to the colonial city of Valladolid and excursions to the archaeological sites of Chichen Itzá, Tulum and Cobá. "El Estudiante" is a language school located in the heart of Playa Del Carmen, a bustling resort town on the coast of the Caribbean Sea.

On Feb. 20 an information meeting was held for the Anthropology and Spanish in Playa del Carmen. You can contact the instructors for more information.

Students may register for Anthropology 121 (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology) which is transferrable to CSU or UC and meets the NVC multicultural/gender studies requirement. Students can also register for Anthropology 298 (International Field Studies in Anthropology) which is

also CSU/UC transferrable. Call the instructor Jessica Amato at 707-253-3183 for information on Anthropology. She has lived, traveled and worked in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico for the past eight years, most recently as a Fulbright Scholar in Anthropology and visiting fellow with the U.S. Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange. Dr. Amato has taught anthropology and the archaeology of Mexico at NVC for the past three years.

Call Prof. Maria Villagomez at 253-3178 for information on the summer study abroad Spanish program. Various levels of Spanish classes are offered during this summer program; most are transferrable. Prof. Villagomez has taught Spanish language, culture and literature classes for more than eight years. Her graduate work is in Peninsular and Latin American Literature, Hispanic Culture and Civilization and Spanish Linguistics. She has led International Education trips to Mexico, Costa Rica and Spain.

For more information, see [www.napavalley.edu](http://www.napavalley.edu) and click on "Study Abroad."

## In Memory

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Word was received in December that former NVC student Beau Givens passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. He lived in Sonoma and attended NVC on and off over the last three years. Some of you may remember Beau and his beloved Maltese Ursuline as he studied in the Math Lab or walked around campus. Prior to living in California, Givens had a successful music career in Nashville. He also worked as a paralegal and investigative journalist. He had just received a scholarship to UC Berkeley. He will be missed.

A memorial service was held in December. Donations in his memory may be made to the Monte Melkonian Fund, Inc., Box 291411, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

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