

**Who are We?  
Who are We Becoming?  
Defining the New NVC**



*FALL 2026 Flex Days, August 20th & 21st*

*\*This two-day "All Campus Staff" event will be held in person\**

FALL 2026 Flex Days

August 20, 2026  
DAY 1 - Thursday

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
8:30 – 9:00	Morning Connection Over Coffee & Tea (Optional)	PAC Lobby
9:00 – 9:20	Campus Welcome <i>Flor Martin-Del Campo, Cristine Tapia, and Naomi Chianese</i>	PAC Theater
9:20 – 10:00	President's Welcome	PAC
<b>Theater</b>		
10:00 – 12:00	<b>TEAM BUILDING &amp; Brunch</b> Who are we? Who are we not? Begin the day with a community-building brunch that blends informal networking with guided dialogue. Participants will engage across constituent groups in structured conversations to reflect on NVC's identity and contribute to a shared vision for the future. Feedback gathered will inform ongoing discussions throughout the semester. As the first session in a series, this experience fosters connection, collaboration, and a more inclusive campus culture.	<b>PAC Building</b>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>NVC Faculty Association Meeting</b> <i>John Kincheloe</i> The NVC Faculty Association will be meeting.	<b>PAC Building</b>
	<b>NVC Union of Classified Professionals Meeting</b> <i>Keira Sullivan</i> The NVC Union of Classified Professionals Classified Staff will be meeting.	<b>PAC Building</b>
1:10 – 2:10 (Choose One Workshop)	<b><i>Innovation in Action: Strategic Initiative &amp; Optimization Submission Workshop</i></b> <i>Budget Committee &amp; Planning Committee Co-Chairs: Sean McCann, Jim Reeves,</i> <i>Hope Scott, Robyn Wornall</i>	<b>Room 1637</b>
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	<b>Another look at Napa Valley College Architecture</b> <i>Amanda Badgett</i> This session/walking tour will provide participants with a visual history of the college, from its original campus footprint to successive building campaigns. Included will be discussion of construction materials, the development of green space, and NVC's connection to larger building campaigns of community colleges across the state.	<b>Room 1434</b>
	<b>Rhythm &amp; Collaboration: An Intro to Salsa!</b> <i>Ksenia Kitaeva</i>	<b>PAC-Studio Theater</b>
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**What We Learned: Informing the Next Chapter**

**Room 1431**

*Lisa Nussdorfer, Regina Orozco, Eric Martinez, Naomi Chianese, Tia Madison*

This session invites faculty and staff who have participated in conferences, trainings, or sabbaticals to share key takeaways, innovative strategies, and applied learning in a collaborative, discussion-based setting. Participants will engage in roundtable dialogue across disciplines, exploring how new insights can inform teaching, support student success, and strengthen institutional practices.

**Medical Emergencies-The Basics**

**Room 1760**

*Melissa Datu, Scott Rose, Amber Wade*

Training on NVC emergency operations and protocols, how to respond to choking, bleeding emergencies, and hands-only CPR.

2:20 – 3:50 (Choose One Workshop)

**Behaviors of Concern**

**Room 1760**

*CARE Team: Melissa Datu, Amber Wade, Tyler Downie, Shawna Bynum, Amada Badgett, Marcy Demetro, Bob*

*Harris, Julie Hernandez, Miguel Ramirez* // This session will repeat on day 2

The NVC CARE Team presents an overview on identifying behaviors of concern, how you can help those individuals and the resources available both on and off campus.

**Knit together and Crochet Too (or any needlecraft)**

**Room 1637**

*Lisa Yanover*

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**Bias Education Response Team**

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**The Shifting Grant Landscape for Community Colleges**

**Room 1434**

*Hallam Stevens (Grants Manager)*

This session will provide an overview of types of grants and competitive awards that are available to community colleges in California. A workshop format will be utilized to explore the fundamental elements of how to search for grants, apply for grants, and create successful grant applications.

**Orientation to the Tenured Evaluation process**

**Room 1738**

*Christa Trujillo*

Tenured faculty and their coach will meet with FEC chair, Christa Trujillo, to learn about the evaluation process for tenured faculty.

**Nuventive: Who, What, Where, When, and How**

**Room 834**

*Emery Stafford*

This workshop will offer participants an overview of the Nuventive software utilized for reporting and tracking SLOs, PLOs, and ILOs at NVC.

**August 21, 2026**

**DAY 2 - Friday**

TIME

LOCATION

8:30 – 9:00 Morning Connection Over Coffee & Tea (Optional)

**Community Room**

9:00 – 10:30 (Choose One Workshop)

**DIVISION MEETINGS (W/Department meeting breakouts)**

Arts and Humanities

**Room 1636**

Career Education & Workforce Development

**Room 1760**

Counseling Division and Learning Communities

**Room 1633**

Health Occupations

**Room 860**

Kinesiology, Athletics, & Dance

**Room 603**

Language and Developmental Studies

**Room 1637**

Mathematics

**Room 1204**

Social Sciences

**Room 1431**

Science and Engineering

**Room 1434**

10:40 – 12:10 (Choose One Workshop)

**Understanding the Gen Z Student**

**Room 1760**

*Claudette Shatto*

This workshop will help faculty, staff, and administrators understand the struggles of today’s students. How are professors tackling this disengagement and working to build connections and essential skills in the classroom? What support do they need from administrators? You’ll learn about the changing role of instructors, shifts in student culture, the rising influence of generative AI in the classroom, and more.

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12:15 – 1:15

**All-Campus Inaugural Lunch hosted by the Office of Academic Affairs**

**Glade**

Join us for a catered lunch as we come together as a community to welcome and meet our new president.

1:25-2:25 (Choose One Workshop)

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**Teaching Dual Enrollment**

*Greg Miraglia, Lisa Gottfried (NVUSD Teacher)*

**Room**

**1434**

This Flex Day workshop is designed for college faculty, counselors, administrators, and coordinators who teach or support dual enrollment. Participants will learn best practices for teaching college courses in a high school setting, aligning academic expectations, supporting diverse learners, and promoting student success while maintaining college-level rigor.

**Campus Services - Print Services, Bookstore textbook adoption software, and other news Room 1436**

*Carollee Cattolica*

Review and feedback on campus printing procedures and the new My Materials tool.

**A2MEND coming to Napa Valley College**

**Room 1760**

*Ryan Smith*

This session will focus on the new learning community, A2MEND. The purpose is to provide the history of A2MEND, its impact on African American Men, and how it will be implemented at NVC.

**Supporting Students with a Trauma-Informed Lens**

**Room 1431**

*Miguel Ramirez (Mentis Program Manager)*

Understanding how trauma impacts the brain and how this may manifest in a student's presentation on campus. What can we as staff do to support the well-being of students while respecting self-determination for each individual.

2:35-3:35 (Choose One Workshop)

**Academic Senate of the Whole Meeting** followed by *COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP CHECK-IN*

**Room 838**

Curriculum Committee

Budget Committee

Distance Education & Technology Committee

Faculty Evaluation Committee

Professional Learning Committee

Scholarship Committee

Student Success Committee

Academic Senate Representatives

**Open Lab - Mandatory Trainings**

**Room 1432**

*// This session will repeat @ 3:45*

*Michelle Bullock*

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3:45-4:45 (Choose One Workshop)

**Guided Lab~ Who Wrote This? Addressing AI-Assisted Cheating with Turnitin Clarity**

**Room 1761**

*Cathy Gillis*

Worried that AI is making it easier for students to bypass authentic writing? This workshop will introduce faculty to Turnitin Clarity, Turnitin's new AI-supported writing and transparency platform designed to provide insight into the student writing process. You will learn how to create Clarity assignments right in Canvas and use settings with a range of options including to what degree students are allowed to use an AI helper (or none at all) adding instructions, rubrics, etc. as you normally do. Participants will also see how these tools can support students in demonstrating and defending their authorship, giving them a clear record of their writing process to validate their work when questions arise. Learn how the platform was implemented in a summer college course, including successes, challenges, and student reactions to writing in an AI-transparent environment.

**Guided Lab~ RSI (Regular and Substantive Interaction)**

**Room 1760**

*Christina Pruitt*

This training clarifies federal and accreditation requirements for Regular and Substantive Interaction in distance education. Participants will examine RSI-related regulations, explore the ACCJC Quality Continuum Rubric for

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Distance Education, and learn about course-ready planning tools to help reduce barriers for students. We will discuss multiple ways that instructors can connect with students and foster active participation that leads to academic success.

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5:30-6:30

### **Wine Tasting** (PLEASE RSVP) Optional

**WEC**

End your flex day experience with an intimate hour with a winemaker. The winemaker will guide us through a lecture/tasting of their family's incredible vintages—wines that have quietly earned a reputation as some of the most sought-after liquid gold in the valley. Please bring four to five of your favorite glasses. Seating, as you can imagine, is incredibly limited. RSVP TBD