

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>Michele Villante, Cristine Tapia, and Naomi Chianese</i>	PAC Theater
9:20 – 10:00	President's Welcome	PAC Theater
10:00 – 12:00	TEAM Building & Brunch: Our Community, Our Opportunity How can Napa Valley College have the greatest possible impact on the community we serve? Following the President's welcome, participants will engage in a facilitated table discussion centered on that key question. Using a community profile highlighting demographic, educational, workforce, and economic trends, participants will explore the opportunities and challenges facing Napa Valley and consider how Napa Valley College's mission, Educational Master Plan, and collective efforts can expand opportunity, strengthen student success, and contribute to the long-term vitality of our community. The session is designed to foster connection, shared understanding, and a meaningful start to the academic year.	PAC/Breakout Rooms
12:00 – 1:00	NVC Faculty Association Meeting <i>John Kincheloe</i> The NVC Faculty Association will be meeting.	PAC Building
	NVC Union of Classified Professionals Meeting <i>Keira Sullivan</i> The NVC Union of Classified Professionals Classified Staff will be meeting.	PAC Building
1:10 – 2:10 (Choose One Workshop)	Innovation in Action: Strategic Initiative & Optimization Submission Workshop <i>Budget Committee & Planning Committee Co-Chairs: Sean McCann, Jim Reeves, Hope Scott, Robyn Wornall</i> This session will focus on the Strategic Initiative and Operational Optimization Proposal Process for the 2027-2028 planning and resource allocation cycle. The session will include information about the submission process as well as an opportunity to begin brainstorming innovative ideas and collaborating with colleagues to prepare a proposal.	Room 1637 <i>**This session will repeat on day 2</i>
	Another look at Napa Valley College Architecture <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.	Room 1434

Rhythm & Collaboration: An Intro to Salsa!

PAC-Studio Theater

Ksenia Kitaeva

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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.

Beyond the Band-Aid: Handling Campus Medical Emergencies

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

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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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The Shifting Grant Landscape for Community Colleges

Room 1434

Hallam Stevens (Grants Manager)

This interactive 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 develop grant ideas and search for funding sources.

Orientation to the Tenured Evaluation process

Room 1738

Christa Trujillo

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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.

4:00 – 5:00 (Optional)

Meet and Greet - Pan-African Collective Affinity Group

Community Room

Dr. Ryan Smith and Dr. Tia Madison

Join us to learn more about the Pan-African Collective Affinity Group and connect with colleagues across campus. The group fosters a supportive and affirming community for Black employees at Napa Valley College through connection, professional growth, and personal development. This session is open to everyone interested in advancing belonging, equity, and inclusion while partnering in the group's mission to build a stronger, more connected campus community.

August 21, 2026

DAY 2 - Friday

TIME

LOCATION

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

PAC Lobby

9:00 – 10:30 (Choose One Workshop)

DIVISION MEETINGS (W/Department meeting breakouts)

Arts and Humanities

Room 838/1636

Career Education & Workforce Development

Room 1760

Counseling Division and Learning Communities

Room 1633

Health Occupations

Room 838/860

Kinesiology, Athletics, & Dance

Room 603

Language and Developmental Studies

Room 838/1637

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

PAC Lobby

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

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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, 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.

OER/ZTC Grant Meeting

Room 1633

Erin Quealy

This meeting is for people who have already completed or are currently working on the recent round of funded ZTC projects. At this meeting we will discuss the timelines for final timecard submittal, how to turn in your authored work, and other administrative issues. The grant period ends in December of 2026.

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

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

Room 838

Curriculum Committee (*Curriculum will meet until 4:45*)

Room 1434

Budget Committee

Room 830

Distance Education & Technology Committee

Room 831

Faculty Evaluation Committee

Room 835

Professional Learning Committee

Room 836

Scholarship Committee

Room 834

Student Success Committee

Room 837

Academic Senate Representatives

Room 860

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 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: Priyanka Dhar French| Director of Winemaking, Napa Wine Company (*A Vines and Voices Series with Women for WineSense*). Please bring four to five of your favorite glasses. Seating, as you can imagine, is incredibly limited. [RSVP](#)