North Shore Community College graduated its largest class ever, conferring over 1,000 Associate Degrees and Credit Certificates at its 46th Commencement this May.

Dr. Patricia Maguire Mosevery, President of Salem State University was the featured speaker. Prior to coming to Salem State University, she was provost and academic vice president of Suffolk University. Under President Mosevery’s leadership, Salem State received University status and broke ground for a four-story, energy-conscious library and learning commons, expected to be in operation by the end of 2012.

Student Commencement Speaker Jose Martinez is a shining example of the results commitment, determination and perseverance can bring. Jose came to the United States in 1997 from abject poverty in rural Santa Ana, El Salvador. Speaking very little English, he quickly found himself significantly challenged and forced to relearn basic communication skills. He also found that despite his best efforts and hard work, without education his career prospects would be severely limited.

Jose enrolled at NSCC in January 2011 to study marketing and maintained a 4.0 GPA with a heavily accelerated course load, completing his associate degree in just three semesters. In addition to taking six courses each semester, he still found time to work and did a four-month internship in Governor Deval Patrick’s office. His hard work and perfect 4.0 average paid off: Jose was awarded the merit-based Foster Parrodo Scholarship from UMass Boston. This scholarship includes two years of tuition and fees and is awarded each year to only one student from each of the 15 Massachusetts community colleges.

This year’s recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award is NSCC’s own Professor Brenda Clark, a 1968 graduate of the business administration program. Brenda was nominated by one of her former students who noted Brenda’s selfless dedication, commitment and mentoring skills.

After graduating from NSCC, Brenda continued her education at Salem State College for her bachelor’s degree then attended Boston University where she earned a master’s degree in education. Brenda retired from NSCC this year after more than 30 years of teaching in the Office Technology Program. In addition, she has spent over 20 years as an active member of NSCC’s Alumni Association Board.

Matt Garon’s career as a chef has taken him far beyond what he could have imagined just a few short years ago. He has traveled extensively, worked at world class resorts in amazing travel destinations, made a terrific living and enjoyed every minute of it!

Matt started his career working in restaurants on the North Shore then in Boston. He worked at Fenway Park preparing functions for the Red Sox and the players. He had the good fortune of working there in 2004, an exciting year for the Sox with a World Series win, and he was able to enjoy traveling with the team. Juggling a busy full-time work schedule with school was very difficult, but Matt recognized the importance of getting the foundational knowledge if he was to excel in his career. As he was nearing the completion of his degree, an opportunity arose to travel in Singapore.

In order to get the necessary permit to work internationally, he had to complete his degree and have his educational credentials. With a deadline looming to take this opportunity, Matt was guided by NSCC’s Center for Alternative Studies in submitting a portfolio of his work experience. He was able to show that he had established skills and experience in certain areas and was able to receive credit for two of the courses required, enabling him to graduate. Matt said he would not have been able to do it without the help he received from CAS and that this critical point allowed him to take advantage of an opportunity and take a chance, which he describes as “the best thing I ever did”.

Culinary Arts grad enjoys career as an international chef!

Matt Garon, Class of 2008

“The luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity”

~ Roman philosopher Seneca

Ironically, the NSCC class he had the most difficulty with was Internationa1 Cuisine. Despite this, Matt’s career has taken off internationally and he now does independent contract work as well as being the corporate executive chef for Sh nighttime restaurants in Singapore and Thailand, and when he decided recently that he wanted to return to visit family in his native New England, he stepped off the plane with multiple consulting job offers to consider in this area; all covering his housing and insurance costs and offering excellent salaries. He accepted a position consulting in Dagenham for the summer and will return to Thailand in October.

Matt’s expertise in the high-end food service industry goes beyond cooking. He is creative, self-driven and brings a high level of professionalism to his work. He has designed not only menus but entire kitchens; in his consulting work he has taken restaurants on the brink of closing and turned the business around to being an Open Table Diner’s Choice award winner. In one of his consulting projects, he developed a revolutionary computerized system that included kitchen touch screen access to menus and recipes. It was a one-year project that he then combined with a system of random testing of the company’s chefs that tied in with end of year bonuses. The result: excellence in menu and recipe standardization for the resort.

NSCC President Dr. Wayne Burton (left) and this year’s commencement speaker Dr. Patricia Maguire Mosevery, President of Salem State University.

NSCC Professor Brenda Clark ’68 (left) receives the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Alumni Association Board President Judi Gentleman ’96.

• Graduate Jose Martinez delivered an inspiring commencement student speech.

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**“Support 4 Students” campaign uses superhero theme to help students**

The S4S fund-raising campaign was started in the spring of 2012 and is continuing and going strong this fall. The initial phase of the campaign was student-donor focused, requesting $5 donations through text messaging. The current and final phase of the campaign includes the entire NSCC community and welcomes donations of any amount by check, online credit card donation, text message or cash donation at S4S tables on campus during certain events.

Support 4 Students raises funds for three priorities that directly benefit students: the SHOC (Stop Hunger On Campus) fund which provides cafeteria vouchers for students facing hunger issues at home; the SAVE (Short-term aid for Verifiable Emergencies) Fund, which assists students through either an interest-free loan or a grant to address unexpected financial crises that may force them to drop out of school, and finally, scholarships for North Shore Community College students.

Response to this campaign has been overwhelmingly positive, with donations and participation from NSCC students, faculty, staff and alumni. If you have given to this effort for our students, thank you for your support!

The S4S campaign will be ongoing through early fall and it’s not too late to give. To donate $5 by text message, text the message S4SNSCC to the number 22222. For information regarding donations by check or online see www.northshore.edu/giving/donate. Detailed information about the campaign can be found at www.northshore.edu/s4s.

**NSCC staff members dressed as superheroes to promote Support 4 Students at the annual Fall Fest student event in September. Pictured above from left to right are Alumni Coordinator Sandy Rochon with S4S donors Donna Rosato ’03, student Lisa Tusinski and Director of Development Tatiana Espinal ’92. Lisa’s donation entered her into the weekly raffle and she was one of the lucky winners for that week.**

**“Canines to College” event raises scholarship funds while having a grrrrreat time!**

NSCC held its first ever dog themed event entitled “Canines to College”, on Sunday June 10th outdoors at the Lynn campus. The event, hosted by Channel 5’s Randy Price, was a fun-filled day of friendly dog competitions, demonstrations and vendor booths with merchandise and canine services.

Demonstrations included animal communicator Susan Deren, the Massachusetts State Police K-9 Unit, reiki for dogs, and agility demonstrations by Karen Gorman of Fit-N-Trimm. The scholarship fund-raising event was free to attend but dogs entering competition categories paid a registration fee. Funds raised support Believe in Lynn Scholarships for graduating Lynn high school seniors and other Lynn students transitioning to NSCC.

Fund-raising events and superhero promotion is both a lot of fun and a lot of work behind the scenes, but we never lose sight of the personal stories and individual students who benefit from this work.

Since 2010 the college’s Foundation has raised and awarded over $835,000 in scholarship funds. In October 2010 the NSCC Foundation launched the “Investing in a Sustainable North Shore” Campaign to help raise funds for state-of-the-art health instruction equipment for the Health Professions & Student Services building, then under construction on the Danvers campus. When this beautiful Zero Net Energy, LEED certified building opened its doors in January 2012, it featured some of the best training equipment the NSCC’s Allied Health programs had ever possessed. The Foundation is proud to have contributed $680,000 towards this achievement. Today, the building proudly consolidates the College’s health programs into one facility for the first time in our history.

Also in 2010, the NSCC Foundation launched the Believe in Lynn (BILL) Initiative, the first time we focused on the potential of the City of Lynn, home of our urban campus. BILL raises funds for scholarships for Lynn youth and other Lynn residents transitioning into NSCC, supports college readiness programs with Lynn public schools to prepare students for college level courses and promotes community engagement programs through NSCC’s Public Affairs Office.

**Physical Therapy Assistant, entrepreneur and active community volunteer earns nomination for Distinguished Alumnus Award**

Karen Willis graduated from North Shore Community College’s Physical Therapy Assistant program in 1997. She also holds a bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology from UMass Lowell and a master’s degree in public health from Walden University.

Accomplished in her career and a high achiever in school, Karen was nominated by a fellow NSCC alumna for the North Shore Community College 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of her achievements and contributions to her field and the community. The nomination letter describes Karen as a very worthy and deserving candidate and said she “is committed to helping others who really need it”.

She has worked as a physical therapy assistant and as a clinical liaison for Radius Specialty Hospital. Karen knew from the age of 16 that she wanted to be a physical therapist. She enrolled at UMass with the intention of completing a master’s degree in physical therapy. She completed her B.S. but was unable to get into the PT program—there were 1,000 applicants for the 20 program spots. After two years of unsuccessfully trying to get into the UMass program, she opted to take the PTA program at NSCC instead. “I have never regretted that choice and see not getting into the UMass master’s program as a blessing. Being a PTA has allowed me to have a significant amount of hands-on time with my patients, which would not be the case if I had received a master’s in physical therapy.” Karen has high praise for NSCC’s Physical Therapy Assistant program, recalling that the program prepared her very well and said “the hands-on lab time with my classmates was critical in gaining the knowledge, technique and confidence needed to become a great PTA.”

In January of this year, Karen launched her own health care consulting firm. Through her company, K’s Health Kare Konsulting, she offers customized services utilizing her education, training, knowledge and 25+ years of experience. Her personalized services include assisting individuals and families navigating health care services and systems, as well as companies looking to penetrate the highly competitive and rapidly changing health care industry.

Karen’s commitment to excellence both professionally and personally is demonstrated through her dedication to her profession and her extensive community volunteer work. Despite a busy work schedule, Karen serves on the Board of Directors for the Melrose Alliance Against Violence, an organization committed to ending domestic and dating violence. As a domestic violence survivor herself, Karen says that being an advocate for this cause and working for the prevention of domestic violence are extremely important and rewarding to her. She is acutely aware of the need to raise awareness and knows that sharing her experience and knowledge in this area can help others in so many ways. She also serves as a mentor with the Melrose CARES Community Mentoring Program, a youth violence prevention program for middle-school students, and is a member of the Mystic Valley Medical Reserve Corps, a volunteer disaster response medical team.

**October is national domestic violence awareness month.**

The Melrose Alliance Against Violence Annual Walk and Candlelight Vigil is Sunday, October 28th. For details on this 2-mile walk around Eli Pond in Melrose and ways to participate or support this effort go to: http://mava.org/home/mavaa-17th-annual-walk-candlelight-vigil.
NSCC’s Cooperative Education/Internship program pairs current student interns with local businesses, providing employers with part-time staffing while enhancing our students’ education with real-world experience.

The Co-op Ed/Internship is a 3-credit course in which students complete a minimum of 120 hours over the course of the semester, typically 10-15 hours per week, in a work environment related to their program of study and career goals. The students also complete job-related coursework on campus or online.

Some areas of study are:
- Accounting
- Computer Applications
- Computer Networking
- Computer Programming
- Culinary Arts & Food Service
- Executive Administrative Assistant
- Graphic Design
- Hotel Management
- Legal Administrative Assistant
- Management
- Marketing
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Travel, Tourism & Hospitality

NSCC students would love to work with you! For more information on NSCC’s Co-Op Education/Internship program contact program coordinator Matthew Qualter at 978-739-5511 or mqualter@northshore.edu. Throughout the internship we are available to answer questions, ensure your business needs are met, and support the student’s experience.

NSCC student Colleen Bertolino interned during her Digital Graphic Design program at the Wenham Museum. Her work for the Museum included designing and creating a logo and a postcard for their new train exhibit. She also created marketing collateral for summer exhibits and events, and contributed to the implementation of the museum’s marketing plan. Colleen described her experience with the internship program and her assignment at the museum as “a very good working relationship where she really learned a lot and felt very supported.” Colleen said it was extremely helpful to get real world experience applying her skills in Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign, and it also helped tremendously in her self-confidence.

Collee’s site supervisor was Mary Bartholomew, the Wenham Museum’s marketing manager, who said, “Partnersing with NSCC professors and internship coordinators has been an exceptional experience.” Mary feels that “they truly understand our needs... they worked to find the student that was just the right fit. Presenting the best candidates for the position has made the hiring and internship process easy and fun. The staff has been a great support to both the museum and the students involved.” Mary said “The NSCC students may not realize it but they have contributed to the success of the Wenham Museum’s rapid growth over the past six years. The partnership between the museum and the college has helped to make us the premiere family museum on Boston’s North Shore!”

Fund-raising

Tac Policy Institute. BIL also develops workforce development partnerships with Lynn businesses. Since launching the BIL Initiative, the NSCC Foundation has solicited donors through written proposals, one-on-one meetings and events, such as the Canines in College Day to benefit Lynn Scholarship. Since the launch of the initiative, the NSCC Foundation is proud to have secured a total of $145,000 for scholarships and college readiness programs including funds to attract women, minority, and first generation college goers to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). We continue to solicit private and corporate funds in support of Lynn. As the college moves forward with plans to build an addition to the Lynn campus and renovate the existing McGee building, the Believe in Lynn Initiative will play a major role in helping the college fund these projects.

We are fortunate to have so many alumni, individual and corporate donors, faculty and staff, and community partners who contribute to these efforts and support NSCC students in so many ways. We are very grateful for their generous support of the College and NSCC students.

For information on ways to give and different types of scholarships, including named corporate, personal or family scholarships, contact NSCC’s Director of Development Tatiana Espinal at tespinal@northshore.edu or (978) 739-5527.

Want to nominate someone for the North Shore Community College Distinguished Alumnus Award?

Do you know an NSCC grad who deserves recognition? The Distinguished Alumnus Award nomination form and information are available online at www.northshore.edu/alumni/award/pdf/alumni nominate.pdf or by contacting Alumni Coordinator Sandy Rochon at ni_nomination@northshore.edu or (978) 762-4000 ext 4187, kbabcock@northshore.edu, or Vincent Macone at 978-762-4000 ext 4178, vmacone@northshore.edu.

Clothing Drive for Veterans

NSCC will be holding a “Dress for Success” Clothing drive the week of Veterans Day, 11/13 through 11/16. All new or gently-worn career wear, including shoes, will be collected on campus and delivered to the Court Street Shelter in Boston to be distributed to area homeless veterans seeking employment. For more information contact NSCC Veteran’s Services staff members Kristine Babcock at 978-762-4000 ext 4187, kobabcock@northshore.edu. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events at NSCC!

29th Annual Forum on Tolerance

Understanding one another by sharing human experiences

MANY FAMILIES, ONE FAMILY

A Celebration of Harmony and Humanity

Thursday October 25, 2012 8:00am-2:00pm

Lynn Campus Gynasium 300 Broad Street · Lynn

For further information: Dr. Sheldon Brown, 978-762-4000, ext. 4629

Spooktacular Family Fun- Scaredy Cats Welcome!

For over a decade, North Shore Community College has hosted a Children’s Halloween Party for kids ages 2-10 with games, prizes, treats, a reptile show and performers. The party offers a fun, safe way to celebrate Halloween and generally draws about 250 children.

This year’s party will be on Saturday, October 27th. From 11am to 1pm, come in your costume and all are welcome! The event is free and open to the public. Tickets must be reserved and children must be accompanied by an adult who will remain with them throughout the party. To reserve tickets call the Halloween Party hotline at 978-762-4000 ext. 5534. For more information contact Victoria Pasciuto at 978-762-4000, Ext. 5471 or vpasciut@northshore.edu.
NSCC Launches Fall 2012 Alumni E-News.
Like to get your news online? NSCC will offer the Alumni News as an online newsletter starting this fall. The online version of NSCC’s Alumni News will still feature the same great stories and photos, but now with direct links to sources of more information and program contacts. Stay tuned!

Alumni Resources & Benefits

NSCC can help you sharpen your career skills.

NSCC offers discount vouchers to alumni for noncredit classes.
NSCC can help you prepare for the job you want through short-term, noncredit training programs that lead to high-demand occupations as determined by the Department of Labor.

New Noncredit Classes Start this Fall
Fundamentals of Finance and Accounting for Non-Financial Managers: 10/31
Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide: 10/31
Paranormal Studies: 11/1
Spanish for Health Professionals: 11/1
Drive More Traffic to Your Website: 11/2
Microsoft Project 2010: 11/3
CompTIA Security: 11/5
“ServSafe” Food Sanitation: 11/6
Grant Writing for Non-Profits (New!): 11/7
Weatherization Crew Chief (New!): 11/26
More Information
NSCC Division of Corporate & Community Education
Susan Ryan
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http://community.northshore.edu

NSCC programs for kids and teens.
Starting November 5th, high school students can earn college credit at NSCC.
High school and home-schooled students can get a headstart on their college careers through NSCC’s Dual Enrollment Program. The program eases the transition from high school to college and provides meaningful and challenging academic experiences to qualified students who otherwise may not have access to an early college experience.
More Information
NSCC Dual Enrollment Coordinator
Michele Harris
978-762-4000, x4051
www.northshore.edu/dual

February Fun!
Who says college is just for grown-ups?
Kids and young teens can also have fun this February at NSCC. Start planning now for Kids to College (grades 1-5) and North Shore Academy (grades 6-12).
More Information
NSCC Youth Programs Coordinator
Nancy Tracy
978-236-1232
http://community.northshore.edu

Veterans are especially welcome at North Shore Community College.
Veterans or active duty military personnel looking to enhance job skills or explore training for a post-military career are encouraged to speak with a representative from NSCC’s Veterans Services about exploring their eligibility for educational funding under the post 9/11 GI Bill. Find out about resources available today.

More Information
NSCC Veterans Service Coordinator
Kristine Babcock
978-762-4000, x4187
www.northshore.edu/veterans

NSCC Alumni Insurance Savings
Liberty Mutual offers a discount to NSCC grads through our alumni affinity program. For a free quote to see how much you can save call 1-800-225-8281. Identify yourself as an alum of North Shore Community College and find out about the advantages of the Group Savings Plus offer.

www.northshore.edu/alumni