Anh Tao Tran-Moseman, a 1988 graduate of NSCC’s Engineering Science Transfer program, is the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus award. She currently lives in Missouri where she is Director of Quality Operations at Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

Anh Tao left South Vietnam in 1983 with her mother and seven siblings to escape political discrimination, leaving behind her father, Colonel Nghia Tran, who was forced to remain in North Vietnam as a prisoner of war. Despite hardships and challenges, Anh Tao excelled in her new country. She and her siblings enrolled in NSCC’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program where she worked so hard, one of her professors said, she was soon tutoring other ESL students in math, chemistry and calculus. She received several scholarships for academic excellence, including NSCC’s prestigious Henry Cabot Lodge Scholarship. Anh Tao and three of her brothers attended NSCC’s Engineering program. Upon graduation, all four siblings transferred to Tufts University where they received competitive merit-based scholarships.

Anh Tao earned both her Bachelor’s Degree and Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering at Tufts, graduating in 1993 with honors. Now married with two children, she has expressed her thanks to NSCC for encouraging her and helping her realize her dream to become a successful American citizen. In addition to academic and career success, Anh Tao is active in her community, volunteering her time to build and repair homes for people in need and teaching Sunday school.

Anh Tao returned from Missouri to the North Shore for NSCC’s commencement, taking time to spend the morning at graduation rehearsal. She congratulated the graduates and encouraged them in their pursuit of higher education and career goals. After the rehearsal Anh Tao attended a luncheon in her honor where she visited with current and former faculty, staff and administration. Anh Tao was thrilled to see Elaine O’Brien, retired Special Programs Coordinator, who remembers her fondly from the ESL program – teaching, supporting and reassuring her in her early days struggling to learn English and the culture of her new country. Anh Tao also enjoyed reconnecting with Dean Nancy Alberto who she “treated like family, helping her with every aspect of her education” and she says she considers Nancy a role model to this day as well as Professor Frank Day, “an exceptional professor who helped me find my passion for chemistry.” Anh Tao said “Throughout the years, these memories will affect me every time I think about them … they are the most dedicated teachers/professors … [and] have touched my life in a big way.”

NSCC is proud to recognize Anh Tao with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for her numerous achievements. She exemplifies the highest standards of hard work, commitment and giving back to others, and demonstrates the success and potential that can be realized with encouragement.
Like Father, Like Son

In 1985, the year Jon Shutt graduated from NSCC’s Engineering Science program, students couldn’t search the internet for information, no one at the college had a cell phone, email was unheard of and the only Tweeting going on was done by birds.

Fast forward to 2010. Jon’s son, 18-year old Benjamin, following in his father’s footsteps, is about to start his first semester in NSCC’s Engineering Science program. With the enormous advances in technology over the past 25 years, students at the college can now Google the internet for information on any subject, at any time, keep up with what’s new with their friends 24/7 via technology and students (as well as many faculty and staff) appear to be physically attached to their cell phones.

Yet, according to Jon, “The technologies we now have are just tools that engineers use. Engineering success is still the result of clear, logical thinking.”

Benjamin is well aware of this fact and knows that he will have to depend mostly on old-fashioned studying in order to succeed in the engineering science program. He is no stranger to hard work and even though he finds both math and chemistry to be challenging, he feels that “if you work at them, you can do them.”

His can-do attitude is just one of the reasons that Benjamin was among eleven local graduating high school seniors, all entering NSCC this fall, that were welcomed into NSCC’s Presidential Scholars program at an orientation luncheon on August 17.

NSCC’s Presidential Scholars program is a unique leadership development program consisting of high school students who have risen to top academic ranks and who provide leadership to others in their schools and communities. Students who apply and are accepted receive a $500 scholarship each semester of participation.

When asked about his experience at NSCC, Jon said, “For me the experience was invaluable. After high school graduation I started at Michigan State University. I was completely lost in such a large school and had no one to help me learn the discipline and habits that I needed for success. I did poorly. I finally moved to Massachusetts and applied at NSCC since it was all I could afford. I soon discovered a completely different atmosphere. With the personal attention I received I soon had my feet on the ground and began to thrive. The class size, access to faculty, campus, etc. all gave me a new sense of accountability and potential for achievement.”

After receiving his associate degree from NSCC, Jon continued on at UMass, Lowell where he earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. He completed his M.B.A. at Salem State and is now a mechanical engineer, working for large defense contractor in the production of advanced technology electronics equipment.

Jon’s advice for his son, “Don’t give up. The work will be hard but it is all a foundation for later whether you use the specifics or not. Once you get the basics, your later education and finally your career can be tailored to your particular strengths and interests. . . . The payoff is later when you show that same persistence with real life challenges.”

Your gift makes a difference.

Scholarships
Over $145,000 in scholarship assistance awarded to deserving students. With your support, we can help more students reach their educational goals and develop our regional economy.

New building/health professions
Changing technology and increasing enrollments require NSCC’s continuous growth to meet the needs of our students. Your donation helps to train this community’s health care professionals of tomorrow.

Lynn Initiative
NSCC’s Lynn campus is in need of additional space for an ever-increasing student population and expanded programs. Fund raising in this area helps to fund the college’s growth in the dynamic Lynn community, as well as support current educational programs and projects already in place in Lynn. Your gift can directly support the Lynn Initiative and community growth.

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Investing in a Sustainable North Shore

On October 5, 2010 North Shore Community College will officially launch an 18-24 month major gifts campaign, appropriately called “Investing in a Sustainable North Shore.” The kickoff event for the launch will be held at the historic Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, MA from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Attendees will include long-time supporters of the college, many of whom will be recognized for their early generous contributions to the campaign. Also present will be select new friends who will be introduced to NSCC’s academic, economic and social goals. Guests will hear firsthand from successful students and alumni, all of whom chose NSCC as the first step in their academic and professional journeys.

With a goal of raising $2 million, the campaign has three distinct areas of giving. The first priority is to raise $1 million for state-of-the-art equipment for healthcare education and training. The equipment will be housed in the new Health Professions & Student Services Building, being built on the Danvers Campus. This LEED certified, Net Zero, three-story, 58,700 square-foot building will allow NSCC’s Allied Health programs to be consolidated into one facility for the first time. The new building will house Enrollment Services and Student Services offices, including Admissions, Financial Aid, Veterans Services, Disabilities Services, Advising, Counseling, and Orientation. Naming opportunities will be available throughout the building to supporters of the equipment priority.

The second priority is to raise $500,000 for endowed scholarships. Since 1985, the NSCC Foundation has supported more than 2,700 students by awarding over $2 million in merit-based scholarships to help our students pay for increasing educational expenses.

The third campaign priority is known as “The Lynn Initiative.” This priority hopes to raise $500,000 for educational programs and projects already taking place in the city of Lynn. Supporters of The Lynn Initiative will also help fund NSCC’s study and preparation for the expansion of its vibrant Lynn campus.

To learn more about NSCC’s major gifts campaign, call Tatiana Burgos-Espinal at 978-739-5527. Pictured: NSCC’s Director of Facilities Management Rick Reney (left) reviews new building plans and progress during a walk-through with President Wayne Burton and Jan Forstrom, Vice President of Administration and Finance.

NSCC Launches New Degree, Certificate Programs

In September 2010, North Shore Community College launched a new associate degree program in Environmental Studies to help the North Shore workforce prepare for “green” jobs and to provide knowledge on a variety of environmental topics.

The program offers two tracks – Environmental Science and Environmental Awareness. Each track prepares students for a liberal arts associate degree and is one of several NSCC transfer programs which allow students to apply credits earned at NSCC toward a bachelor’s degree and enter any public four-year college and university as a junior. The new Environmental Science track is designed for students planning to transfer into engineering and environmental science fields, while the Environmental Awareness track is for those who want to learn about environmental topics and “green” jobs while enrolled in traditional college majors, such as History, English and Science.

NSCC’s new credit Special Education Certificate offers a one-year training program for students or professionals to continue their education in order to work with children with special needs. Students who earn this certificate can remain at NSCC to earn their associate degree in Early Childhood Education – graduates can then transfer their credits to Fitchburg State College to pursue their bachelor’s degree in Special Education or to Lesley University’s Early Intervention program. For anyone interested in Accounting, NSCC’s new credit certificate offers a one-year program designed for beginners or professionals looking to update their skills. In addition to financial accounting, training includes managerial accounting and taxation.

NSCC President Appointed to Federal Team

NSCC President Wayne Burton is among 15 members appointed to serve on the Committee on Measures of Student Progress (CMS) by US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and the only representative of higher education in Massachusetts. Created under the Higher Education Opportunity Act, the committee will develop recommendations for two-year degree-granting institutions of higher education to comply with the law’s graduation and completion rate disclosure requirements. The committee, comprised of experts in the field of education, will also develop recommendations regarding additional or alternate measures of student success that are comparable alternatives to the completion or graduation rates, taking into account the mission and role of two-year degree-granting higher education institutions.

“These individuals have a diverse background in higher education, and I value their expertise and experience as we move forward on this important issue,” said Duncan.

NSCC Institute for Corporate Training & Technology

Are you a business owner in need of outstanding workforce development and training services? Is your company facing the challenges of doing more with less? NSCC’s ICTT offers existing companies, expanding companies, and new companies training that provides solutions, increases efficiencies, maximizes human capital and equips you to meet your strategic goals.

The ICTT can help develop your workforce by preparing your employees for the ever changing demands of their jobs. The stellar staff at the ICTT are responsive, flexible, and effective – a secret learned by the most forward-thinking companies in our region. When it comes to excellent, targeted, customized training, the first choice is the ICTT at NSCC.

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NSCC Alumni Wanted!

Want to get involved? NSCC Alumni Mentors wanted! If you can spare a little time to share your professional experience, advice and guidance with an NSCC student or new grad, we’d love to have you join our Alumni Mentor Program! Mentors will be appropriately matched with a student in a structured mentoring program. Initial and periodic meetings will be held on campus with email or contact occurring via phone or online at your convenience. Please consider sharing your experience – a small amount of your time can have a very big impact on someone starting a career! Please contact Sandy Rochon, Alumni Coordinator at srochon@northshore.edu or 978-762-4000 x5481 for more details.
Krakow, Poland or Bruges, Belgium. For further information, contact Matthew Woods, Performing Arts Coordinator, at matwoods@northshore.edu or 781-593-6722.

NSCC Alumni Bulletin Board

What's Your Status?

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/myNSCC.alumni! September marks the launch of our social media communications through Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. "Like" us and be entered for random drawings and fun prizes while keeping in touch with your alma mater! Also look for the NSCC, Veterans Page and other North Shore Community College special interest pages linked to the main NSCC page at www.facebook.com/myNSCC.

Annual Community Halloween Party

Saturday, October 30, 2010, 1:00-3:00 pm at the Lynn gym

Please join us! Volunteers welcome or BRING THE KIDS! For over a decade, NSCC has held a free annual Halloween party as part of National Make A Difference Day, a day when extraordinary deeds are performed by ordinary people. This free party for children under ten and their parents is possible through the participation and donations of NSCC staff, students, alumni and the business community and is a safe, fun way for kids in the community to celebrate Halloween.

Socials, games and activities, face painting, treats and a reptile show. Donations are welcome subject to editor approval. Please send to: Kids Begins

Fun for Kids Begins October 16th

Check out cool Saturday programs for kids and teens:

- filmmaking
- computer game design
- digital photography
- painting gallery
- young science explorers
- no sol, no toll

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NSCC Theater

The North Shore Community College Performing Arts Council (PAC) is pleased to announce its Fall 2010 production. A beloved American classic for the whole family to enjoy! Wealthy merchant, Horace Vandergelder, gets more than he bargained for when he hires irrepressible busybody Dolly Levi, to find him a new wife. Dolly knows that love makes the world go round, but a little money helps pave the way! When Dolly sets out to part the penny-pinching Horace from his purse and bring a blushing of young lovers together, however, complications – and grand adventures – ensue!

Wilder's comic valentine to a bygone era weaves together the time-tested elements of traditional farce – mistaken identities, thwarted young lovers, secret rendezvous – with a lively wit and a merry wisdom that inspired the hit Broadway musical, Hello, Dolly! Performances will take place in the Lynn Campus Gymnasium on Thursday, December 9 through Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm, with an additional 3:00 pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets: $7.00 general admission; $5.00 for students and seniors (with valid id); children under 10 are free! For more information, contact Matthew Woods, Performing Arts Coordinator, at matwoods@northshore.edu or 781-593-6722.

NSCC Alumni Discounts

Don't forget about our alumni benefits including alumni discount vouchers that can be used for noncredit classes or our Kids to College classes! For all alumni benefits see our website or contact Sandy Rochon, Alumni Coordinator at srochon@northshore.edu or 978-762-4000 x5481.

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A Custom Tour To Sorrento

March 18-26, 2011
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A custom tour to one of Italy’s premier vacation resorts – the spectacularly beautiful Sorrento! This tour includes 7 nights at a 4-star hotel within walking distance of the shops and cafes of Sorrento. Inclusive cost of $1,499 for payment by credit card, $1,459 discount rate for payment by cash or check includes air/hotel/meals/tours and tour guides. Performances will take place in the Lynn Campus Gymnasium on Thursday, December 9 through Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm, with an additional 3:00 pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets: $7.00 general admission; $5.00 for students and seniors (with valid id); children under 10 are free! For more information, contact Matthew Woods, Performing Arts Coordinator, at matwoods@northshore.edu or 781-593-6722.

Ciao Italia

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Join NSCC and Durgan Travel on a memorable custom tour to one of Italy’s premier vacation resorts – the spectacularly beautiful Sorrento! This tour includes 7 nights at a 4-star hotel within walking distance of the shops and cafes of Sorrento. Inclusive cost of $1,499 for payment by credit card, $1,459 discount rate for payment by cash or check includes air/hotel/meals/tours and tour guides. Performances will take place in the Lynn Campus Gymnasium on Thursday, December 9 through Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm, with an additional 3:00 pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets: $7.00 general admission; $5.00 for students and seniors (with valid id); children under 10 are free! For more information, contact Matthew Woods, Performing Arts Coordinator, at matwoods@northshore.edu or 781-593-6722.

Noncredit Courses Starting Soon

Check out all Fall 2010 noncredit courses online at our new website: http://community.northshore.edu/downloads/noncredit_fall2010.pdf and watch for the Fall 2010 course catalog coming to your mailbox. Sample courses include:

- LEED Green Associate Prep course
- Personal Fitness Trainer Certification
- Building Analyst Training
- The SHRM Learning System Prep Course
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Central Sterile Processing
- Nail Technician
- Aesthetics