The fall 2010 semester has begun! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning students. Our NOVA Staff is extremely excited to meet with each of you and to assist you in achieving academic success. The hustle and bustle at the beginning of the term can be overwhelming however; we are here to assist you.

NOVA is proud to announce we have been re-funded by the U.S. Department of Education for 1.7 million over the next five years to continue providing quality support services and learning opportunities to assist you in reaching your educational and professional career goals.

NOVA has teamed up with Career Services and the McNair Program to unveil a new Junior/Senior component designed to prepare you for the world of work or Graduate School. Please check with the NOVA staff to learn more about these opportunities.

Please stop by the Turley House and learn more about the new innovative services NOVA has to offer you. The NOVA Team is totally committed to your academic success and we look forward to seeing you. Best wishes for a successful 2010-2011 academic year.

NOVA’s RSO —THE NOVA STARS ARE IN FULL SWING FOR THE FALL SEMESTER!

It’s that time again. School is in full swing and you’re just trying to get adjusted to this brand new year. There are new places, new faces, and new classes, which can be a little scary for anyone. However, to make things a little easier, there is a way you can immerse yourself in friendly and familiar faces while not feeling so overwhelmed. You can do that by joining the NOVA program’s Registered Student Organization, The Nova Stars.

For first year students, the NOVA Stars is a great thing to get involved in because it enables you to meet new people and allows you to get to know the other students in your GSD class. You can make memories, while making lasting friends. That nagging feeling of homesickness that has been plaguing you for the last few weeks will slowly start to fade away.

For returning students, you can join the RSO to feel that connection to the program that you miss! You can meet up with some of your old classmates and not only can you see some old faces, but you get to meet the new NOVAs you’ll be given the chance to get to know the new generation of TCOBers.

By getting involved with the RSO, you will be given the opportunity to do some meaningful community service, as well as participate in some fun social activities. During the last school year, the NOVA Stars went to the McCready Manor, had an ice cream social, and had a friendly little Change War in order to raise money for the organization.

If you want to get involved, contact Malika El-Saadiq, the Membership Coordinator for the RSO. For questions about membership dues, get in touch with the Treasurer, Chasiti Brooks. If you want more details about the events and what the RSO does, you can contact the President, Amanda Stillwell, or the Vice president, Maddie Schuler.

-Chrissy England

NOVA Staff

• Jane Tinsley, Director
• Stephen J. Haggerty, Assistant Director
• Sharon Lee, Retention Specialist
• Valerie Merlin, Office Manager
Student Update

NOVA is moving into the dorms...We have several RA’s from the NOVA program around campus!

- TJ Best: Martin--Outdoor Pursuits Floor
- Glen Smith: Case
- Casey McQueen: GSD 101 floor in Commonwealth
- Jessica Miller: Case
- Holly Grider: 1st Generation floor in Commonwealth

- Congratulations to Laney Miller, the SAEOPP Leadership Scholarship winner!
- Congratulations to Jaden Kilmon the 2010 recipient of the Erika’s Hope Memorial Scholarship with KFA.

NOVAs are also going abroad!

- Jessica Rice - Italy
- Shannon Bruno - Scotland
- Laney Miller - Ireland
- Hannah Phillips - Denmark

Fall Peer Leaders

Left: Chasiti Brooks is a Junior, Psychology major and this is her first year as a Peer Leader. She is also a McNair Scholar! Her learners are: Jazmin Jenkins, Davina Morrison, Carrie Middleton, Ryan Isaacs, Tyler Brown, and Sarah Lindsey.

Right: Amanda Stillwell is a sophomore majoring in Ag. Education. Her learners are Aleana Yocum, LaDonna Daniels, Phillip Hood, Michael Morris, Jarred May, and Ashley Wheeler.

Left: Hannah Phillips is a junior Elementary Education Major and has been a peer leader for three semesters. Her learners this semester are Andrew Mershon, Jennifer Miller, Jordan Sebald, Dylan Hunztinger, and Sammie Jo Wylie.

Right: Chrissy England is a sophomore, English major with an emphasis in creative writing. She plans to get her masters in Library Science. This is her first year as a Peer Leader and her learners are Megan Shearer, Katie Cope, Sarah Tate, Surav Shrestha, and Breanna Ramsey.
Left is Kati Garrison. She is a Psychology major with a minor in Child and Family Studies. This is her last year at EKU but she is super excited to lead her new learners: Kurtis Bolton, Tasha Peoples, Jerrod Turner, Cory Harris, Emily Luttrell, and Sean Mason!

Right is Jessica Miller, an Occupational Science major in her second year at EKU. Her learners are: Melissa Coleman, Andrew Nichols, Anthony Proctor, Morgan West, and Rachel York.

Left: Malika El-Saadiq is a sophomore, Elementary Education Major. Here learners are Thailand Nealy, Samuel Long, Megan Fint, Tequilla Allen, and Dominque Bell. "She loves her job as a Peer Leader because I have the most amazing Learners!" Go NOVA!

Right: Maddie Schuler is a sophomore majoring in Education Learning and Behavior Disorders grades P-12 with a concentration in Elementary Education grades P-5 Teaching. Her Learners are George Rothwell, Trevor Jenkins, Brittany Means, Whitney Peters, Meredith Veech, and Angela Rawlins.

Left: Paige Radcliff is a sophomore majoring in Communication. This is her first year as a Peer Leader and her learners are Samantha Parrish, Brittany Marcum, Logan Brown, Jeremy Ray, and Cheyenne Lewis.

Right: Kristin Brown has been a Peer Leader for 2 years and is a sophomore, Forensic Science Major. Her new learners are Josh Moberly, Tara Monchilovich, Vince Foright, Megan Elam, and Starlina Brown!

Left is sophomore, Samantha Estes, a Public Relations major. She is a Peer Leader for the first time this year and will be leading Justin Watkins, Renee Dyehouse, Jessica Logsdon, Tyler Willis, Heather Swanson, and Lynee’ Purnell.

Right is Megan Perrin is a Spanish Elementary Education Major. She is in her second year at EKU and is a Peer Leader for the first time this year! Her learners are Tiffany Woolum, Kimberly Greer, Stori Mason, Alexis Short, and Wayne White.
Want to be new, more intelligent and thoughtful in a world of ideas? This is the aim of the EKU Chautauqua Lectures, which are free and open to everyone! Check out the dates and topics on their website.

Daniel Tosh.0 will be at EKU on November 8th in the Brock Auditorium at 7:30!

Located in the Crabbe Library the Noel Studio is integrating writing, oral communication, and research support in one central space. The Writing Center is also located in the Noel Studio.

Attention: Last day to withdraw with a $50 per credit hour ($150 per 3 hours class) fee is October 29, 2010!!

Please feel free to stop by our friendly office to say “Hi”-- set up an appointment to see your advisor or if you have any questions. Remember to stop by the student lounge on the 3rd floor to relax, watch TV, read a good book or have some quiet time to study.

Now, I would like to introduce my student workers for spring 2010.

BreAnna Morgan, A senior, political science major who has been working with NOVA for 4 semesters.

Megan Girdler, A senior, psychology major who has just started working with NOVA.

Hello from Valerie in the main office

Upcoming Events Around Campus
EKTutoring supports classroom and lifetime learning for EKU students by providing a variety of out-of-class tutoring services in supportive learning environments.

College life is an exciting time filled with opportunities, changes, and challenges. While these challenges offer chances to grow, they can also sometimes feel overwhelming and stressful. When this happens visit Tuesdays with the Counseling Center!

Team News

"It is important to ensure NOVA stays on track with its mission to ensure the NOVA Team works effectively in assisting NOVA students in achieving academic and personal success”.

- Jane Tinsley, Director

Sharon Lee is teaching her first GSO 100 course! Congratulations, Sharon!!

Stephen J. Haggerty is facilitating a co-curricular learning community through the Quality Enhancement Program to assist non-faculty professionals with implementing critical and creative thinking projects within their areas.

Alternative Winter Break 2010: New Orleans and NOVA!

This January, eight NOVA participants will be immersing themselves in the service and experience of New Orleans! From the 2nd to the 8th, these high-achieving Stars will be working with George Gallien (the Director of Multicultural Student Affairs) and Brian Perry (the Assistant Director of Service Initiatives/Student Life) as they learn about the issues facing New Orleans. This is an incredible opportunity, and we are so thankful to George and Brian for giving 8 NOVA stars the chance to shine in the Big Easy!

- Kristin Brown
- Chrissy England
- Kati Garrison
- Meaghan Jenkins
- Tori Johnson
- Megan Perrin
- Jessica Rice
- Amanda Stillwell
Our Mission

The NOVA program is a federally funded TRiO student support services project whose mission is to increase the retention, and the graduation rates of first generation EKU students.