As the fall 2010 semester is winding down, many of you are preparing for the 2011 spring term by planning and scheduling courses and mapping your way to success, to reach your goal of graduation. For those of you who are graduating, the 2011 spring term brings the opportunity for you to celebrate your successful efforts and begin mapping a new course to success. Wherever you are in the process of building your path of success, know that NOVA will always be there to assist you mapping, navigating and reaching success.

Remember once a NOVA always a NOVA. Our services will always be available to you. NOVA is busy planning not only for spring 2011, but fall 2011 term as well. For spring, Stephen has hired the Spring Peer Leaders who will be serving as Project Managers in the GSD 225S course. They will be assisting learners with their group service learning projects. Sharon Lee is developing an upper-level service learning course that we hope to be able to offer for spring term 2012. Beginning in fall 2011, NOVA is proud to offer, in collaboration with the Housing office, the NOVA Living and Learning Community. Be sure and read the article posted in this edition of the NOVA Star. I wish everyone well and a special congratulations and best wishes to our fall graduates.
Introducing: Spring Peer Leaders...

Congratulations to the spring 2011 Peer Leaders! They will be helping in GSD 225S, a service learning course offered by the NOVA program. The GSD course is also linked with CMS 100, a general education course taught by Ken Southgate. Two courses...one project!
Student Update - Cheyenne Croney

Cheyenne Croney is a sophomore and a very bright star in the NOVA program. She has been on the dean’s list multiple times as well as the President’s list. She has recently taken the title of Co-executive Vice President of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Cheyenne is also in the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and is pursuing a degree in Nursing. She believes NOVA has been extremely helpful in her journey through college. “NOVA has helped me in my achievements because it equipped me with the knowledge and awareness of the many different resources and opportunities here on campus. Through NOVA, I have learned to always TCOB” and to shoot for the stars.”

NOVA Represented at the 5th Annual Kentucky Engagement Conference

On Friday November 19th, three NOVA participants and Stephen J. Haggerty, Assistant Director, traveled to Louisville, KY for the Kentucky Engagement Conference at the beautiful Galt House. Heather Jones, Tori Johnson, and Hannah Phillips (Peer Leader) presented their spring 2010 Service-Learning Leadership project, where they implemented service for the Berea Head Start program. There were many professionals who came by their poster to ask questions and find out more about how the NOVA Program engages its participants in service, leadership development, and academic success. Additionally, Heather Jones served on a panel (moderated by Secretary of State Trey Grayson) in which she and two other undergraduates from different colleges discussed the impact their service had on their personal, professional, and academic success in front of 50-60 professionals!

We are very proud of Heather, Tori, and Hannah for engaging themselves in this incredible professional development event! GO NOVA!

NOVA’s Living Learning Community

The NOVA living learning community will be housed in McGregor in the fall of 2011. Current and new NOVAs will be living and learning together. NOVA students will also be filling the RA positions on the floor.

For more information contact the NOVA Program at 859-622-1047
Congrats to the NOVA fall graduates...

We wish all the fall graduates great success in the future. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

**Fall Graduates 2010:**
- Lisa Bicknell – English
- Lindsay Bryant – Social Work
- Sarah Carr – Elementary Education Teaching
- Keshia Carroll – Sociology
- Cara Cornett – Elementary Education Teaching
- Kendra Dickerson – Environmental Health Science
- Jennifer Lizer – Nursing
- Kelly Parrett – Clinical Laboratory Tech
- Courtney Spradling – Communication Studies
- Michael Staggs – Biology
- Amanda Tate – Psychology

**Congratulations!!!**

“Quote of the month”

Take the “TRY” out and put the “DO” in.

–Stephen
FYI: Links & Dates

Here are a few links and dates that may prove helpful over the next few weeks!

- Final Exam Schedule
- FAFSA Information
- Inclement Weather Schedule
- Tuesdays with the Counseling Center
- EKU Basketball Schedule
- Noel Studio
- Classes resume on January 10th, 2011
- Dorms re-open January 6th, 2011 at 8 a.m.
- TUITION FORUM: Wednesday, December 8 at 4p.m. in Walnut Hall (Keen Johnson)

End of Semester Party!

It's that time in the semester, students are wearing down and school work is taking over. Don’t forget, the NOVA program has something for you to look forward to, an end of snack in celebration of your accomplishments!!

When: Monday, December 13 through Wednesday, December 15. From 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: The student lounge at the Turley House
What: Snacks and apple cider

Check us out on facebook

Come check out the NOVA GSD 101 Fall 2010 facebook page. See what is happening in NOVA. It is a place for new EKU NOVA participants to meet, talk, share, and grow!

GO NOVA!
NOVA MISSION STATEMENT
The NOVA program is a federally-funded TRiO Student Support Services project whose mission is to increase the retention and graduation rates of first generation EKU students.

NOVA VISION STATEMENT
The vision of NOVA is to be a model program of distinction by providing academic, personal and professional development support services.

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