

Currents

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January 27 – 31, 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29

Apprentice School Athletics
Men's Basketball vs. Va.
Weslyan

February 10

Bloodmobile Mobile Unit,
B600
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Call 8-8939 for appointment

February 11

Bloodmobile Mobile Unit
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Appointments:
B902 & 903 call 8-4792
B901 & 905 call 8-0308

February 15

Norfolk Admirals vs.
Portland Pirates 7:30 p.m.
Norfolk Admirals special
discount for Northrop
Grumman Newport News
employees. Show company
ID at the Norfolk Scope box
office or any Ticketmaster
outlet and get \$2 off all
seats

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✿ Background investigations

Beginning this year, background investigations are to be performed on all new Northrop Grumman Newport News employees, as well as all leased or contract labor when the contract requires services exceeding 60 days. Call the Investigators office at 380-3606 with any questions.

✿ NNI, Gotar sign five-year agreement to service nuclear power plants

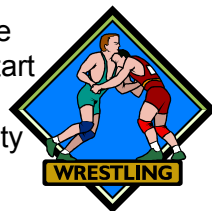
Gotar Technologies, Inc., a manufacturer of biodegradable, environmentally-friendly industrial cleaning products recently approved by the US Navy, has reached an exclusive, five-year agreement with Newport News Industrial Corporation, a subsidiary of Northrop Grumman's Newport News sector. The deal enables Newport News Industrial to promote, market, sell and apply Gotar's chemicals to the nation's 104 nuclear power plants. As part of the agreement, Newport News Industrial will have access to the company's cleaning products in other markets, such as naval maintenance. The license granted to Newport News Industrial to serve as exclusive applicator also includes Northrop Grumman Newport News shipbuilding and Northrop Grumman Ship Systems Ingalls and Avondale shipyards.

✿ Employees exhibiting company values

Customer Satisfaction. People. Integrity. Leadership. Quality. Suppliers. Each of these is integral to how employees and the company conduct daily business. The company wants to highlight employees who have demonstrated a commitment to the Northrop Grumman Newport News values. To view the value statements, go to <http://www.nns.com/news/internal/YardNews.stm> and send a message to mccall_sl@nns.com to share a story about an employee who exemplifies them.

✿ Wrestling invitational

Apprentice School Wrestling is hosting the 23rd annual Builder Invitational with nine teams coming in for an all-day tournament at the gym in building 601. The first round starts at 9 a.m. while the finals start about 4 p.m. Teams include: Apprentice School, UNC Pembroke, McDaniel College, University of Richmond club, Tidewater Community College, Belmont Abbey College, Longwood College club, Southern Virginia University, Radford University club.



✿ Reminder: 2003 employee calendars available

Calendars that were inserted in the November/December Yardlines are still available. To pick up the calendar, stop by the shelves near Communications (B520/1). Also, contact Jennifer Dunn at 0-3558 or Stephanie McCall at 8-4962.



✿ Taking flight after snowfall

When more winter weather blew through the region last week PH3 Michael Cartagena captured a picture of seagulls taking off near the *Ronald Reagan*.



CURRENTS continued

❖ Congratulations Apprentice graduates!

The 115 apprentices in the Class of 2002 celebrated their graduation Friday, January 24 during a ceremony at Heritage High School in Newport News. The graduates include 21 marine designers, five production planners, and 26 trades apprentices who completed the Advanced Shipyard Operations Curriculum. Thirteen apprentices received academic and craftsmanship awards, and 17 apprentices received athletic awards. Shipyard President Tom Schievelbein gave the address. "We often refer to the Apprentice School as a place where we grow our own. And it's true," he said. "We look to our apprentice graduates as future leaders, problem solvers and company ambassadors. You have invested in us and we have invested in you."

Hats off to the academic award winners!



Pictured above from left to right are: Matthew Scott Butler, Franklin Galberth Hughes III, John Mark Tingley and Patrick William Krystyn. They earned the G. Guy Via award, given to the graduate who attains the highest scholastic average in optional, advanced courses. Via was a supervisor of training and was the first supervisor of apprentices when the Apprentice School was formalized in 1919. He headed the school for 31 years.



Pictured above from left to right are Kevin Peter LaLiberty, Franklin Galberth Hughes III, John Mark Tingley, Kimberly Pollard McCord, Jeffrey Lynn Bordeaux and Patrick William Krystyn. They earned the Charles F. Bailey award, presented to the graduate who attains the highest scholastic average in required courses. Bailey started with Newport News shipbuilding in 1891 as chief draftsman on engine work, and served as an engineering director from 1918 until retirement in 1934. He took a personal interest in the Apprentice School and in the apprentices during the formative years of the program.



Pictured above from left to right are Timothy Bryan O'Sullivan, Eben Loren Hoggard, Chad Everette Hinmon Sr. and Peter Anwar Ali. They earned the Niels Christiansen Award, a major award for excellence in craftsmanship. Christiansen began his career at Newport News Shipbuilding in 1896 and had a reputation for being a tremendous craftsman who communicated well with young people. He had four sons who went through the Apprentice School.



Above from left to right are Sandra Rena Zduniak and Floyd Glenn Shelton Jr. who earned the W.R. Phillips Jr. award, which recognizes the marine designer and production planner graduates with the highest "shop" average based on monthly instructor and supervisor evaluations of craft performance. Phillips retired as chairman and chief executive officer of Newport News Shipbuilding after a 46-year career.



Above is Ozzy Osbourne Reynolds who earned the Homer L. Ferguson award. An engraved watch is awarded by the Apprentice School Alumni Association to the graduate who, during apprenticeship, scores the highest average in combined required academic and craft grades. It's given in memory of Ferguson, former chairman of the board of directors and president of the shipyard.

And congratulations to the athletic award winners! For **baseball**: Phillip Brian Bennett and Aaron Lee Strausbaugh.

Men's basketball: Stanley Jerome Bland Jr. and Steven Tremayne Everett. **Women's basketball**: Antoinette Renetta Jackson and Ameiko Perry. **Football**: Dirul-Islam Ibn Burrus, Calvin Donta Chester, Michael Richard Hansen, Jonathan Le Monte Jackson, Bruce Bernard Lawrence Jr., Jermaine Delmar Marrow, James Robert Smith. **Golf**: Anthony Roddy Bryan, Franklin Galberth Hughes III, and Larry Tinsley Smith Jr. **Wrestling**: Michael Richard Hansen.